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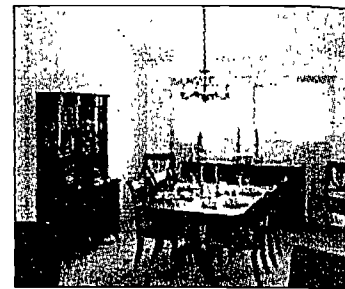
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FITTING FOOTWEAR

Finding soul in the shoe business.

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Home Front

by BlockShopper

House calls

Which local residence sold, and for how much? Turn to Home Front to find out.

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TASTE OF KOREA Guntak Lee performs with LemonSky as they entertain Saturday afternoon at the NIKABA Expo & Festival in Niles. The event included music, Korean food and varied business vendors. PAGE 12 (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)



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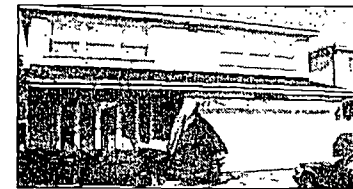
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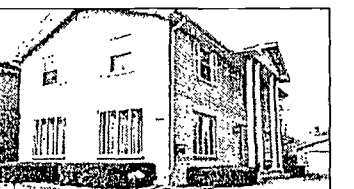
Skokie \$695,000
2 story foyer w/marble flrs. Beautiful hwdw flrs thru out home. Fam/Dr combo
ID#04405227
Phyllis Kouzoukas 773-775-1855



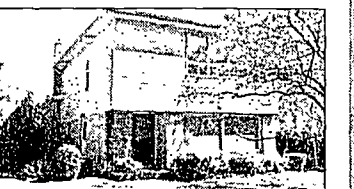
Morton Grove \$584,900
Fabulous 11 room colonial on a forest preserve settin g. 4BR/3.1BA. WBFP.
ID#93109120
Stacy Deemar 847-491-1855



Lincolnwood \$515,000
Spacious picturesque 2 story on 75 x 132 lot with expansive open flr plan.
ID#04405373
Margaret Patterson 773-775-1855



Skokie \$494,900
Spacious 2 story colonial in desirable skokie towers-fairview district.
ID#94409653
George Nicosia 773-775-1855



Skokie \$450,000
Desirable fairview neighborhood! Experience the 4 levels of total living.
ID#94409485
Rebecca Cleal 773-775-1855



Evanston \$429,000
1st time on market in 34 yrs. 1car attchd garage. Terrific opp/Great bones.
ID#03105225
John Creighton 847-491-1855



Evanston \$395,000
2 stry brick bung 3B/2BA/2car. mstr BR/HW flrs/fin Bsmr/patio/excellent loc
ID#03105235
Della Joyce 847-491-1855



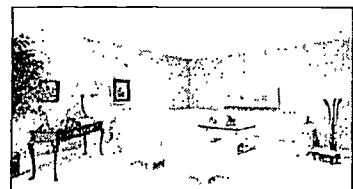
Lincolnwood \$379,990
Lincolnwood estates- traditional brk georgian-spacious home offers 4 bdrms
ID#04405281
Irene Yungerman 773-775-1855



Evanston \$350,000
Cust split 3-4 Bdms/2 bath. FR Attchd gar. Owner will help w/financing.
ID#93109219
Lin Ewing 847-491-1855



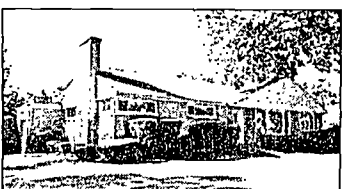
Skokie \$298,500
Fairview south school dist. 50x125 lot. Oak hwdw flrs, inv LR w/wdbrfpl.
ID#04405381
Rebecca Cleal 773-775-1855



Skokie \$295,000
Updt, Spcs 3br/2ba Condo, LR, DR, lrg Kit w/EA, Blncy, In-Unt Lndry, 2c gar
ID#03105134
Della Joyce 847-491-1855



Niles \$289,900
Bring your buyers to this gorgeous updated home w/beautiful landscaping
ID#04405403
Charlene Cannon 773-775-1855



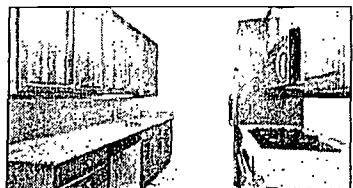
Des Plaines \$274,000
Corner brick ranch near downtown. Din Rm. Fam Rm. Finished BSMT w/fireplace
ID#93109268
Gerry Gibbs 847-491-1855



Niles \$249,900
Lots of living space in this bi-level featuring cath ceilings in liv/din rm
ID#94409515
Diane Staton 773-775-1855



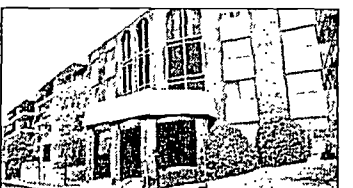
Skokie \$249,000
Spacious & bright condo feat lg LR w private balk. Open kit w maple cabs
ID#94409691
Diane Staton 773-775-1855



Skokie \$205,000
Optima Woods Condo 1BD/1BA. In unit ldy, hardwood floors, private balcony.
ID#03105108
Sheila Doyle 847-491-1855



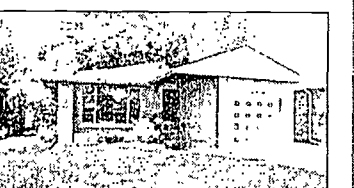
Des Plaines \$205,000
Great value. Townhome w/updated baths. Pergo floors. Fin. Basement 3BD/2BA.
ID#03105166
Sheila Doyle 847-491-1855



Skokie \$129,000
Move to Barcelona! Updated 1-bdrom on the "green, quiet" side. Deeded parking!
ID#03905075
Mary Anne Perrine 847-446-1855



Niles \$119,000
Very clean well-kept 1 bedroom in Highland Towers.
ID#03105167
Steve Klopfer 847-491-1855



Skokie \$99,900
Quality build ranch house w/1 car att. garage. Needs work
ID#04405355
Ivelina Stoyanova 847-823-1855



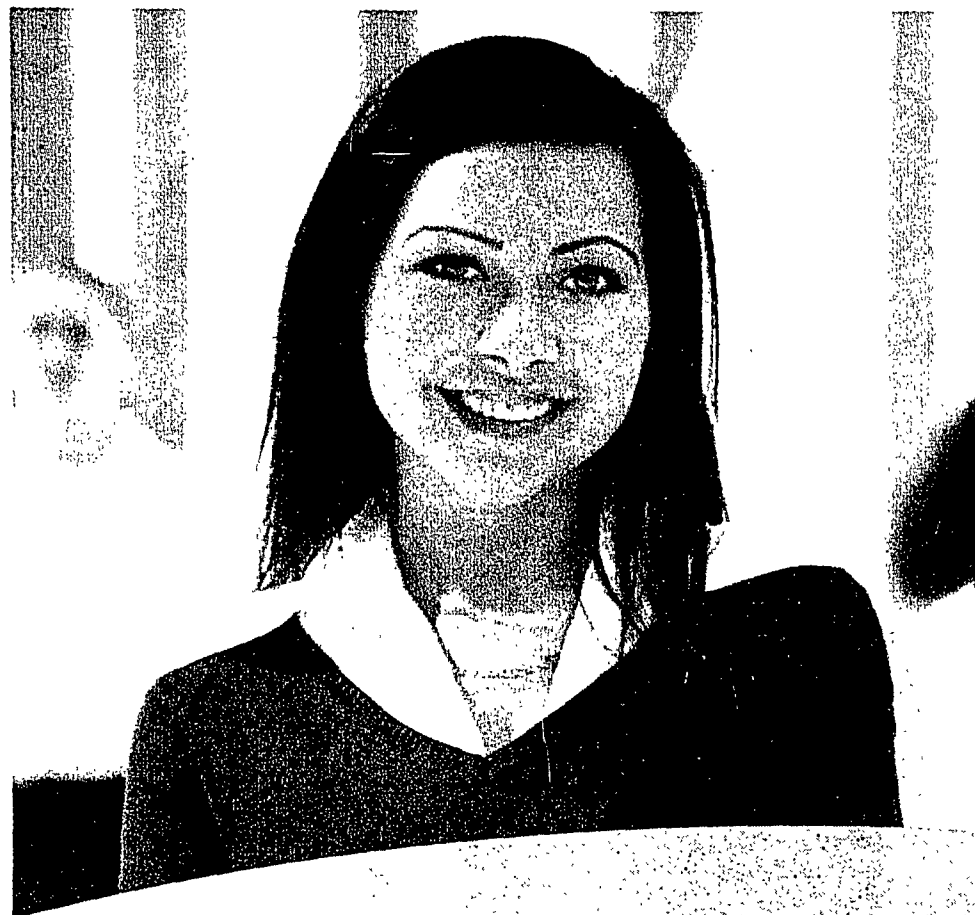
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<p>9855 IRVING PARK RD SCHILLER PARK</p> <p>Exclusive active adult condo bldg, convenient location just east of I-294 and mainline rd and West of river rd. Transportation at door step. On Irving pk rd. Motivated seller willing to go for much less than what they bought for. Beautiful 1 bedroom plus den on the 4th fl. Bright cozy freshly decorated. Lots of sun light and spacious. In unit laundry facility. Well kept just move in condition. \$169,900</p>	<p>71886 HOWLAND EVANSTON</p> <p>Long time owner. Well maintained home. Needs a little TLC but in good condition. Newer furnace & hot water. Vacant and Easy to show. Bring all offers. \$199,000</p>	<p>5309 WAGNER GRACE CHICAGO</p> <p>Excellent condition beautiful brick bungalow in the heart of portage park. 4 Bedrooms/1 full bath & 2 half baths. Large eat-in kit w/ newer appliances and oak cabinets. Formal liv & din rm. Beautiful refinished hwdw flrs throughout 1st & 2nd fl. Remodeled full bath. Newer windows throughout. Finished basement w/1/2 bath. 2 car garage has door for 1 car. Close to metro, CTA blue line & buses. Call today!! \$319,000</p>	<p>9016 TRIPP SKOKIE</p> <p>New 5000+ sq ft contemporary home, built by well known builder who builds to perfection!! This home has everything 5 br 5.1 Bths. Full finished lower level w/2nd kitchen, rec rm. Molds rm. Heated floors & more. Fabulous Kit + brks rm Opens to great room w/pc. 5th br w/private bath 1st & 2nd flr laundry. 3 Car att gar Custom built oak staircase. Too many amenities to list. Must see to appreciate. \$1,179,000</p>	<p>5105 MADISON SKOKIE</p> <p>Large, superbly maintained and meticulously kept Unit in newer madison place. Lovely upgraded Kitchen. Large living rm and dining rm space opening to large balcony. Large bright bedrooms Well appointed baths including a master. Ample closets, separate laundry room w/hall size washer/dryer and extra space for storage. Nicely decorated throughout. Well managed. And financially sound complex. \$280,000</p>	<p>18 MADISON TREE ELMHURST</p> <p>Largest atrium model w/ lots of views. 4 Br Convert to 3 to create a master suite & has a wall of cabs & walk-in. 3 Gutted bths w/stone tile and granite tops. New carpet and tile on all levels. Tasteful neutral decorating! Well maintained 3000+ sq ft full fin basement has bar & ing. pool. In-law huge deck. Convenient plus extra parking. Large award winning club use amenities-incldrs indr & outdr pools, exercise rm & sauna. \$259,500</p>	<p>7111 OAKTON EVANSTON</p> <p>Huge duplex with modern built featuring 4 beds, 3.1 Baths, 2 car garage and 1 parking space. Newly updated eat-in kitchen with the view of the oversized hardwood deck Full finished basement with the potential of breaking down rooms to create an open floor plan and a family room. \$259,000</p>	<p>2040 BIRCHWOOD CHICAGO</p> <p>Completely renovated legal 4 unit building in a desirable rogers park neighborhood, all new kitchens with cherry cabs, new apps and flooring each unit offers 3 bedroom plus a sunroom, formal living rm & dining, updated baths, 3 car brick garage. Brand new porches in the back one of the few buildings in the area that make sense. Positive cash flow. \$489,900</p>	<p>14988 GAROL SKOKIE</p> <p>Nice and quiet townhome just steps to Skokie Swift. Never eat-in kitchen includes all appliances: newer bathrooms, window coverings; shows nice. Interior freshly painted w/decorator colors. Finished lower level rec room; vanity room plus workbench, ample closets and storage. Plenty permit street parking space. Near Skokie Swift and shopping. No assessment fees. INCLUDES HOME WARRANTY \$229,900</p>	<p>1777 ALBTON AVE CHICAGO</p> <p>Legal brick 3-flat on an oversized lot. 2 Bedroom and den units with separate dining rooms. Beautiful remodeled apartments W/ceramic tile baths, new kitchens, hardwood floors and a 2-car garage. Storage in basement. Fully rented. Sold as-is. \$425,000</p>	<p>4906 N KRUGER CHICAGO</p> <p>Luxury new construction! Superb quality 4br/3.5ba & 2.50 garage. 1st floor: eat in kitchen w/cooktop island, 42" walnut cabs, granite ctops, 35 appls. Huge fam rm w/pc & large deck. Hwd floor through. 2nd flr: 3 br, 2 Bths, master bath w/cecl, sep dble steam shower, jets & balcony. Bsmr w/br + rec rm w/pc, full bath w/dbl shower. \$529,900</p>	<p>9251 KOSTNER SKOKIE</p> <p>Wonderful devonshire highlands brick split w/attached direct entry from garage. Spacious L shape living and dining room. White cabinets. Eat-in-kitchen. 3 Family size bedrooms. Lushly landscaped lot. Bright lower level family room. Near school and parks. A pleasure to show \$329,900</p>	<p>735 FLORA GLENVIEW</p> <p>All brk split-level home feat 5 bdms 2 baths and attached 2car garage. All hrdwd floors on main level and bedrm area. Lots of closet space. Walkout door from the lower level current owners spent lots of money to update house to the current level. However house is sold "As Is" condition. No repairs or survey will be provided. Huge corner lot 80' x 100' \$269,900</p>	<p>601 MENMARE CT DES PLAINES</p> <p>The best deal in town! Desirable Kyle more greens finest model, with over 3200 sq ft. Recently remodeled 4 Bed/3.5 Bath, 1st flr dev/bedrm, grand 2 stry foyer, mstr suite has vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets, large mstr bath area w/sap. Sitting area & shower. Large open mchr, new cnts. Prty finished bsmr has full bath & lots of storage. Mature landscpd lot in culdesac street New hvac & much more. Freshly painted inside & out \$569,000</p>	<p>55755 ASHLAND AURORA</p> <p>Attention investors! Good income property. 12 / 2 Bedrooms Very well maintained building. Tenants pay for their own heat, electric, plus each unit has it's own hot water tank! Come & show... \$898,000</p>	<p>5121 N LINDSEY CHICAGO</p> <p>West rogers park, georgian. Well maintained 3 bdrm 1.5 Bth. W/main flr den. Finished basement & 2.5 Car garage. Large living & dining rm. Maple kitchen cabinets. Marble floors in kitchen and entry way. Low-e windows, w/full screen. Tear off roof & gutters-2000. New hot water tank-2003 Garage siding-2005. Dryer-2007. Seller motivated. Not a foreclosure or short sale!! \$359,900</p>	<p>713 WESTERN AVE CHICAGO</p> <p>West Rogers Park 3 story mixed use building with 2 storefronts and 6 apartments. Six 2 bedroom and two 1 bedroom All units have individual heat and electric paid by the tenants no gas in the building at all. Building features new windows, balcony, full basement and 6 parking spaces. Excellent opportunity for investor or owner occupier. \$859,900</p>	<p>505 LAKE SHORE CHICAGO</p> <p>Executive-suite layout... At lake point tower! Rarely available "East-wing" and "higher-floor" Unit #2308. With breathtaking views of lake, may-pick, beach & boats! "Must-see to believe" Exc. Amenities... All within bldg! Health-club, indoor/outdoor pools, 24-hr security. In town unique 2.5 Acre park, grocery/cleaner & more! Large Unit... Conceptual 1br! Call for details. Lots of closets/storage! Low mntny-fee. \$318,500</p>	<p>230 DODGE EVANSTON</p> <p>Short sale! Negotiation with the bank already started. Great split level townhome. New windows recently replaced and new cabinets in kitchen. This end unit has a finished lower level with laundry area. One parking space and plenty of street parking. Close to schools and transportation. Bang your offer. Subject to bank approval. \$170,000</p>	<p>45 KINGSBURY CHICAGO</p> <p>Best location in ever north! Walk to all the hot spots that the ever north area has to offer & instant access to highways! Lowest priced full 1bed/1.1bath in building! Master suite has w/closet, master bath! Private 10x6 balcony with fantastic view! Building has 24hr doorman, workout room & is located across from mver walk park. Parking 30k & must be purchased. Make an offer. All reasonable offers listened to! \$223,000</p>	<p>Elizabeth Lindsay 574-630-6460</p>	<p>Jim Kontos 630-327-9136</p>
<p>Elena Dan</p>	<p>Ashraf Memon</p>	<p>Harris Ali</p>	<p>Dan Florian</p>	<p>Sylvana Menolascino</p>	<p>Elena Dan</p>	<p>David Braun</p>	<p>John Dias</p>	<p>Sam Trakas</p>	<p>Peter Kontos</p>	<p>Anthony Davidson</p>											
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NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Woman charged with running house of prostitution

On Friday members of the Niles Police Department Investigations Division arrested 40-year-old Elena Rouei, of 2530 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, and charged her with prostitution and keeping a place of prostitution. Acting on complaints of prostitution occurring in a condominium at 9074 Terrace Drive,

in Niles, investigators conducted surveillance during a period of several months, police reported. During that time investigators saw women, including Rouei, and numerous men coming and going from the condo in a pattern consistent with prostitution, police said. Investigators also learned that Rouei had a

prior conviction for prostitution in 2008. Interviews with men visiting the building confirmed Rouei was running an unlicensed massage parlor in the condominium and was engaging in sexual acts for money, police said. On Friday an undercover Niles officer was able to make an appointment with Rouei for a mas-

sage, which led to her arrest at the Niles condo. Once inside the condo investigators found the residential unit was set up as a massage parlor with two massage tables, stacks of towels and an array of wigs and lingerie. Investigating officers found no evidence that anyone actually lived in the unit, which is owned by

Rouei. Rouei was processed and charged with one felony count of prostitution and a misdemeanor charge of keeping a place of prostitution. Rouei was released on her own recognizance by Judge Marcia Orr. Her return court date is set for Friday at the 2nd District court in Skokie.
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VILLAGE OF NILES

Despite debt, finances stable for Park District

By ALEX MCLEESE
Contributor

Though the Niles Park District has recently undertaken many capital projects, acquiring a substantial amount of debt, Park District Finance Director Tom Elenz said finances are healthy.

At its meeting last week the Park District Board of Commissioners approved an audit for the past fiscal year, which ended Dec. 31. The total revenue for all funds was \$9.3 million, while expenses were \$8.9 million, leaving a budget surplus of \$384,405. The Park District did not raise the amount of taxes it levies, as it has not for several years.

"We're proud that we're not passing on a tax increase to offset an inefficient operation," said Elenz. "In today's climate, it's a testament that we're trying to save the community money."

The Park District also maintained its A1 bond rating with Moody's, which allows it to pay a lower interest rate on its debt. The amounts borrowed for capital projects like the Golf View Recreation Center and the Oasis Fun Center add up to \$16.5 million. The interest on that principal amount is \$7 million, creating a total burden of \$23.56 million, to be paid in increments until 2025. For fiscal year 2009 the district's \$8.9 million in expenditures included \$2.1 million in payment on its debt.

Elenz said he believes that revenue increases and cost reductions can keep the district's finances in good shape, mentioning increasing revenues at Oasis Fun Cen-

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Tom Elenz

ter and this summer's successful camps. But, he added, revenue from more expensive sports like hockey and tennis are down. On the expense side Elenz said that the closure of the Iceland Pool has saved the district about \$75,000, while a new insurance provider for 2009 saved the district another \$70,000.

If the economy does not improve Elenz said cuts would have to be made to both salaries and capital projects.

"Salary and benefits are two of the biggest expenses we have in running a park district," he said. "And capital projects may be put on hold. We cut back on capital projects this year drastically compared to previous years."

But Elenz does not foresee major problems ahead. "We're in good shape financially going forward, and we'll make sure our revenues outpace our expenditures," he said. "We have had the luxury, for the last 10 years, to be able to do that."



Ball drop A helicopter drops golf balls on the driving range during the Niles Chamber of Commerce golf outing, at the Old Orchard Country Club, in Mount Prospect, on July 21. The "Helicopter Drop" is a fund-raiser in which members of the Chamber purchase a golf ball and hope their ball is dropped the closest to the hole. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

LINCOLNWOOD ART GALLERY

Park Ridge airplane artist displays model box originals

By PAT KROCHMAL
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Thomas A. Morgan captures aircraft in the wild blue yonder in a way that only an avid lover of aviation can.

An exhibit of Morgan's artworks at the Art Gallery in Village Hall, titled "Aviation Art Show," opened July

15 with a reception in the gallery, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave. The reception allowed Morgan, a Park Ridge resident, to talk about his historical-accurate renderings of aircraft, and provide others interested in the subject an opportunity to meet him.

"I'm really surprised at the interest. Airplane art? I guess I didn't think it had

much desirability. But I will never be to old to change an opinion," Morgan said.

Morgan, 81, was born in Chatham, a small town in southwestern Ontario. While serving five years in the Royal Canadian Air Force, he met "a real advertising commercial artist" who learned that Morgan had been interested in

drawing and painting all of his life.

"It was he who suggested that I get to an art school as quick as possible. So when I was discharged, our family moved to Chicago, where I attended and graduated from the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts," Morgan said.

"We stayed, became citizens and are now rooted in the country," he added. "And am I glad."

Morgan said he always had been interested in "anything about aviation" for as long as he could remember. So while he worked as a studio artist, then as an advertising agency's senior art director, he also worked at acquiring his private pilot license.

That provided him with the experience to orient an aircraft in relation to sky and ground in his paintings, he said.

But Morgan's career as a serious aviation artist really took off after he won an award for painting a Trans Canada DC-8.

That also allowed him to start a long association with the plastic model industry, including box top art for

companies such as Monogram, Lindberg, Hawk and Comet Models.

"My original model box paintings have become serious collector's items and are now in great demand," Morgan said.

"During my career, I painted over 200 paintings for this industry alone, and my work has been published in "Aviation: A History Through Art," "Monogram Models," "Box Top Air Power" and "World Book Encyclopedia," he added.

Other aviation clients have included Gates Learjet, Falcon Jet Corporation, Piper Aircraft Corporation, as well as numerous private corporations.

"As a kid, I built model airplanes like they were going out of style. All the kids in my neighborhood did. We used to buy these kits, build them and hang them from our ceilings," Morgan said.

He never imagined then that he would be in such demand by the major model builders one day that he would have to sign his work differently for each company, since employees were not allowed to work for the

competition.

Morgan signed his last name in bold letters for Monogram; with his initials, "TM," in script for Hawk; and with a "T.A.M." in Roman letters for Lindberg.

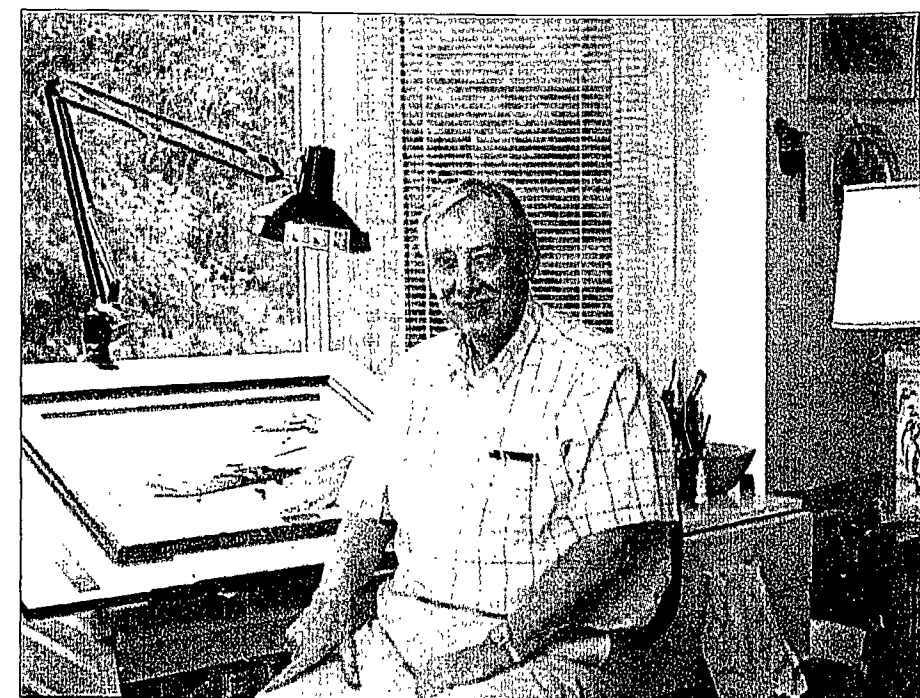
He works in gouache (a water-based medium) and casein (milk-based), and uses a giclée (ink-jet) print process to reproduce his artwork. The method involves taking a digital photo and putting it on a 35 mm slide, which allows the image to be blown up to even 20 feet without losing any resolution, Morgan said.

"The image can be put on canvas, board, anything and if you hang the reproduction side-by-side with the original, you can't tell them apart," he added.

Morgan spends as long as two months researching and creating his artwork, and reproductions sell for anywhere from \$300 for a small one to \$800 for larger ones, which run about 20 by 30 inches.

However, none of the art being exhibited at the show will be for sale. These are keepers with which he does

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Aviation artist Thomas A. Morgan with a print of his painting "No Man Left Behind" in his home studio in Park Ridge. Morgan's paintings and box top art are on exhibit at the Lincolnwood Village Art Gallery through Aug. 30. (Shauna Bittle/for STM)

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University Dermatology

Dr. Dimitropoulos received his medical degree from Rush University. He completed his Dermatology residency in 2005 at the University of Michigan as well as additional training in the Melanoma Multidisciplinary Clinic. Dr. Dimitropoulos followed his residency with a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Rush University, completed in 2006. Dr. Dimitropoulos is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Dr. Brown is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. He completed his internship at the University of Chicago Hospitals and his Dermatology residency in 1999 at Rush University Medical Center. He completed a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri, in 2000. Dr. Brown is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

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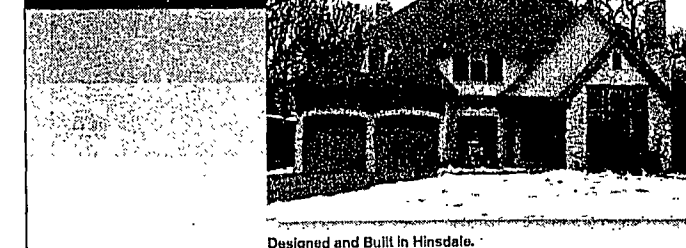
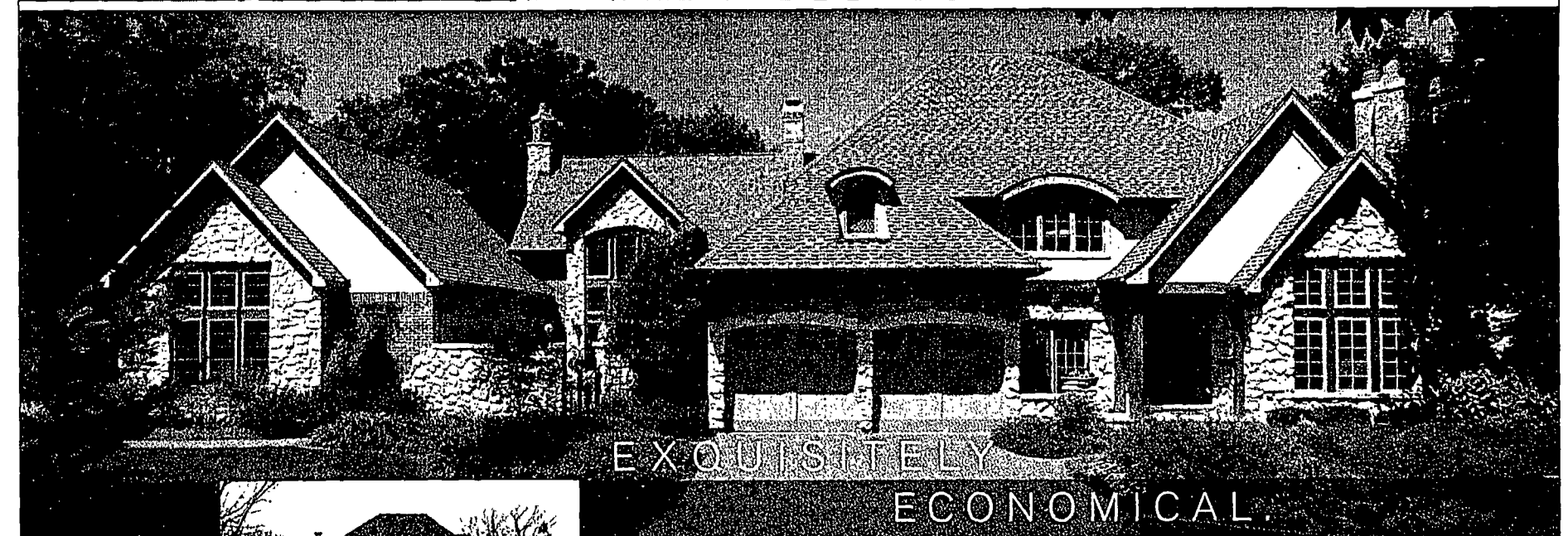
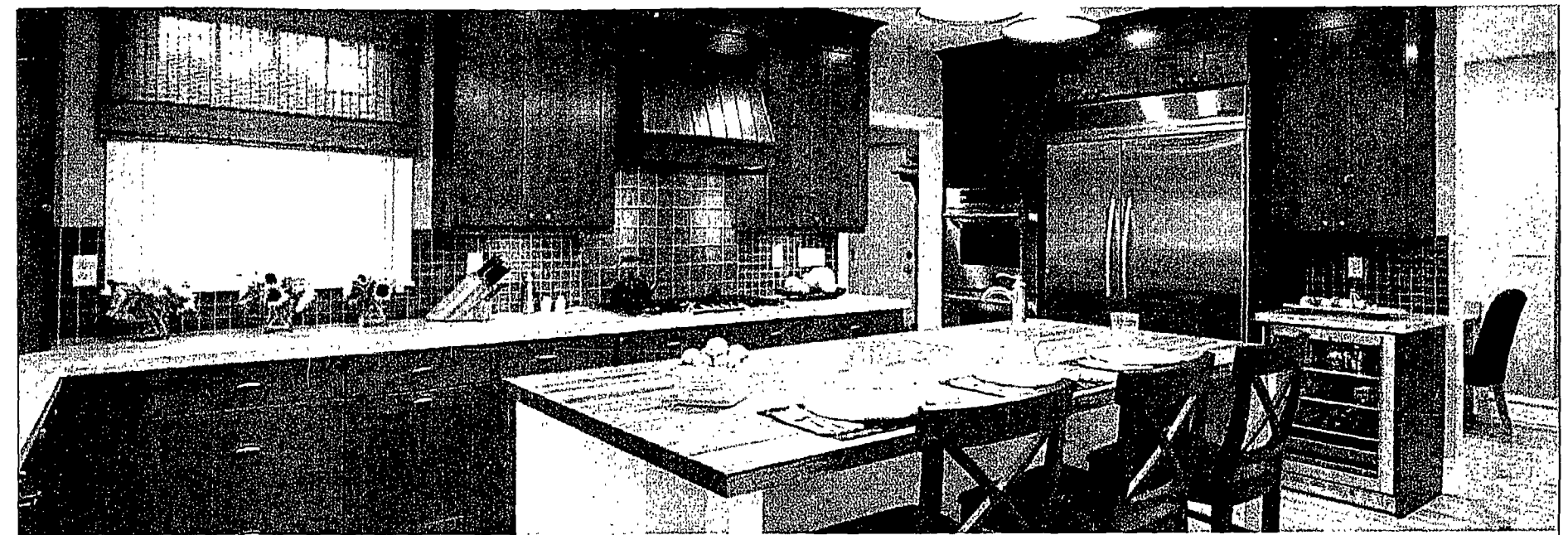
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RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER

Cardinal on hand to dedicate \$80 million addition

By CRAIG A. WHITNEY
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The new Northwest Wing at Resurrection Medical Center received its blessing July 22 by Chicago's Archbishop.

His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., led a 90-minute service in the hospital's conference center to celebrate Mass and to bless the new \$80 million Patient Care Addition.

After the processional hymn, "Gather Us In," Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki gave the welcome and presentation of symbolic gifts.

"About 57 years ago, (Samuel) Cardinal Stritch blessed the new ministry and the first buildings in Resurrection Hospital," Wolowicki said. "And so it is a real honor for us today to have with us our current shepherd and leader of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Cardinal George, to preside over this liturgy and to celebrate with us our commitment to serve the health care needs of this community and to bless this beautiful new addition."

With the help of representatives from the hospital and Resurrection High School, Wolowicki presented symbolic gifts in gratitude. Those gifts were a photo of a stained glass image of St. Mary Magdalene; an artist's rendering of the new building; a set of blueprints; a binder containing the names of those involved with the building's planning, design and construction; an artist's rendering of the healing garden; plus offerings of flowers, trees, water and grass, which represent the healing art themes of each floor in the new wing.

During her closing remarks, Resurrection Health Care President and Chief Executive Officer Sandra Bruce spoke of the caregivers.

"I believe that our new patient tower is going to en-



Francis Cardinal George was at Resurrection Medical Center July 22 to celebrate Mass and bless its new \$80 million Patient Care Addition. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)



Francis Cardinal George speaks July 22 during a blessing of Resurrection Medical Center's new \$80 million Patient Care Addition. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

able our caregivers to really do their best," she said. "I think it will be a place of realized potential. I think it will be a place of high touch. But a place where we connect people to each other and to technology in a very effective, human and spiritual way. So I salute all of you who brought it about."

State Rep. Michael McAuliffe reflected on the April

2008 groundbreaking and looked forward to taking a tour of the new wing.

"It seems like a lot longer than two years ago when I was here for the dedication and we were throwing some dirt," he said. "I look forward to taking a walk through, seeing the tour. Especially because I live so close in this area — I live in Oriole Park — this will be

great for all my constituents to come to and get their health care.

"I'm especially proud of Cardinal Francis George and appreciate that he comes out here and shows his strength to Sister Donna and the whole staff for a great hospital. I look forward to going on the tour and seeing how comforting it is."



Francis Cardinal George blesses Resurrection Medical Center's new wing July 22. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

BUSINESS

Pasta D'Arte owner true to family's restaurant roots

By CRAIG A. WHITNEY
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The restaurant business is in Mark Giannini's blood.

Giannini, the owner and chef of Pasta D'Arte in Norwood Park, learned the family business at an early age. His brother is also in the restaurant business.

Born in 1979, he moved with his family to Norridge in 1980. A 1997 Ridgewood High School graduate, Giannini still calls Norridge his home with his wife, Agnes, daughter, Angelina, and another child due in December. His brother, John, owns Nonna Silvia in Park Ridge.

Giannini said he got his start at 8 years old. In order to keep him out of trouble, his mother, Angela, used to take him to work with her at his uncle Tony Barbanente's restaurant, Via Veneto.

"They thought it was kind of funny," he said. "I'm a little kid working. But they told me what to do and I caught on pretty quick. They started me drying silverware, drying the spots off the glasses and after that it was making salads, garnishes, doing any kitchen prep work."

Giannini said one of his favorite tasks was chopping garlic.

"Nobody wants to chop garlic," he said. "It's so strong. I love to chop it because I wanted to make it as minced as possible with the knife, so I was just the best one to do the job."

He said he'd chop parsley, tomatoes and mushrooms as well.

"I was pretty much doing all the preparation and I loved to do it as a kid," Giannini said. "It's what I really loved to do."

Giannini graduated to line cook and eventually ran the cooking line. At 16, he busied tables, managed the floor and greeted patrons as a host.

Celebrating the restaurant's eight-year anniversary Oct. 1, Giannini said the atmosphere is what he loves most about Pasta D'Arte.

"We're not really upscale, but we are trendy," he said. "People feel very comfortable. I spend so much time here at this restaurant that I had to portray some comfortable atmosphere kind of like you were stepping into my home. That along with my staff, who's been with me for so long."



Head chef Mark Giannini (left) and chef Luis Martinez create the evening's orders July 21 at Giannini's restaurant, Pasta D'Arte. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

Giannini said his staff has been with him since Pasta D'Arte's opening.

"I think that Pasta D'Arte is a well-oiled machine," he said. "Because I know that everybody knows what I'm working for and they believe in me and they believe in the restaurant and we believe all in the cause together. That's what makes us, I think, a restaurant that would be one to remember. A true destination."

Giannini said he has customers traveling from all over: Park Ridge, Norridge, Niles, Edgebrook and Lincolnwood, as well as local patrons.

Like other businesses, Giannini said his restaurant was affected by the economic downturn.

"I believe that my restaurant peaked in 2007," he said. "Around the demographic area, we had a lot of mortgage companies that all went out of business. A lot of banks that used to order from me and no longer do and I think that is due to the economic recession."

Giannini said the restaurant relied heavily on those companies for its lunch business.

"Since then, my lunch business has declined (about) 80 percent,"



Chef Mark Giannini speaks Italian July 21 to customers Piero Di Crescenzo (left) and Gianluca Di Meo of Abruzzo, Italy, at his restaurant, Pasta D'Arte. The guests were from the same village as Giannini's father and did not speak English, but Giannini recognized their dialect and was able to take their order and strike up a conversation. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

he said. "We used to get these nice, big orders from mortgage companies and banks and we don't get them anymore — that's the bottom line. It's nothing I've done, I know that. I'm behind that kitchen all the time."

Giannini said his dinner business has suffered as well.

"All of our regulars that we've

had throughout the years still return to us," he said. "A lot of the regulars that we did see on a consistent basis that we haven't seen in a while actually start seeing coming back."

He said he pretty much hears the same response from those customers. Because of a loss of a job, they had to eliminate going

out to dinner.

"Has it affected us? It has," Giannini said.

He said 2008 was a terrible year, but 2009 was a little bit better.

"And I think 2010 is going to be better than 2009," he said.

Pasta D'Arte is at 6311 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Go to www.pastadarte.com.

GOLF MILL SHOPPING CENTER

Business expo offers Niles taste of Korea

By ALEX MCLEESE
Contributor

In the shadow of Golf Mill Shopping Center's JCPenney, a city of glistening white tents stretched from an American-style carnival's merry-go-round, past vendors who had traveled all the way from Korea to

sell goods such as teas and health products, past a store selling a Korean brand of cowboy hats, to a stage where young Korean men were rapping.

This was not purely traditional or new Korea, not purely Korean or mainstream, and many non-Koreans mingled in the crowd.

It was distinctly suburban, a mixture that perhaps could only happen in the northwestern suburbs of Chicago, and in particular Niles, now known as a hub for the Korean community.

The white tents were booths for the 58 vendors who took part in the Northern Illinois Korean Ameri-

can Business Association Expo & Fest on Saturday and Sunday. NIKABA was founded last year.

"There are two big supermarkets in Niles: Assi Plaza and H Mart. Also, there are many wholesalers in the Niles area owned by Koreans, and Jinny Beauty Supply is in Niles," said NIKABA President Young Kim. "Most of the Korean community moved from Chicago to the northwestern suburbs, about 150,000 Koreans, and we thought we needed an organization to help each other, especially for business owners, to connect with government."

Kim said there are 700 Korean business owners in the Niles area, making it a "hot spot" in the community and a logical place to hold the NIKABA Expo & Fest.

Suburban ideal

Kim said Koreans have been moving to suburbs like Niles for several reasons. In the 1970s and 1980s Koreans settled in Chicago along Lawrence Avenue. But they have grown tired of Chicago's struggling schools and security.

"Koreans are looking for good schools," he said. "And the location is really good, with transportation and big shopping malls and big-box stores like Walmart."

Kee Chang, a resident of Burr Ridge and the presi-



Thomas Cha enjoys an ear of sweet corn while taking a break from working at the Korean American Association of Chicago's booth at the NIKABA Expo & Festival on Saturday. The NIKABA (Northern Illinois Korean Business Association) Expo & Festival was held by at Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles over the weekend. The event included music, Korean food and various business vendors. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

dent of the Korean-American Association of Chicago, echoed Kim's explanation of the Korean migration. He said the parking is easier and the schools are better. He added that the Korean community is not losing its center, and is still cohesive. He predicted the younger generation of Koreans growing up in the suburbs will want to stay in the area, and he called for many more festivals in the suburbs.

Village supportive

Kim said the village of Niles has welcomed the influx of Koreans and helped

NIKABA put on its festival. "Niles helped to get the site, the barricade and the police support," he said. "The mayor always attends our ceremonies, and we had a meeting in the last few months with village officials on how to work together. In addition, the Niles Chamber of Commerce advised us on how to raise funds to get the show done."

Niles Village Manager George Van Geem commended NIKABA.

"They are making it easier for Korean businesses

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People explore the various businesses during the NIKABA Expo & Festival on Saturday in Niles. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

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to locate in Niles, and they understand the local business climate and business regulations," he said. "The stores absolutely help our economy, and I encourage residents to shop at all our stores."

Van Geem said the village tries to cooperate in return: "With a certain button, you can translate our Web site into 60 languages," he said.

Sean Park, owner of the Crescent Bakery at Assi Plaza, 8901 N. Milwaukee Ave., said despite the fact that his business is struggling because of the general recession, he is happy with both NIKABA's Expo & Fest and the Niles government. He said the festival provides effective publicity and the government has helped him out as much as it reasonably can. Park said that he believes Koreans should become more integrated into the political life of suburbs like Niles, and

said he was pleased to see that non-Korean businesses like Wyndham Glenview Suites and Papa John's pizza had booths at the festival.

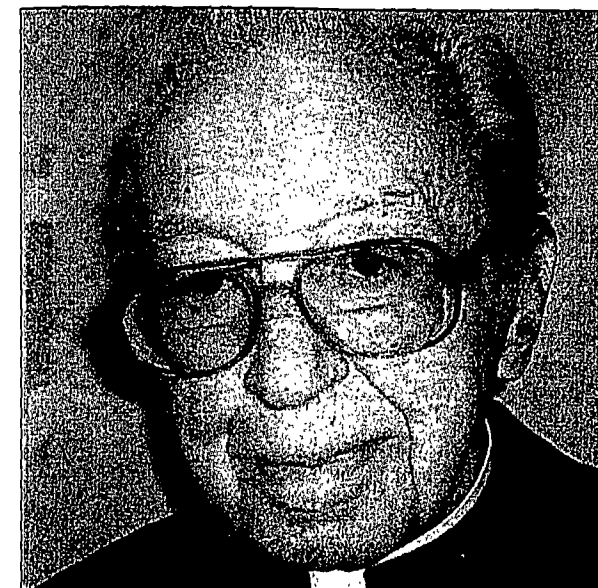
Going mainstream

In future years NIKABA hopes to win sponsorships from major companies, include vendors from a greater number of Asian ethnic groups and appeal to a wider audience. At this year's festival more than half of the participants were Asian.

"We're trying to invite all ethnic groups, including the Chinese and Vietnamese," Kim said. "We would like to play all together, and show that the northwest suburban area has so many minorities, living together."

Kim hopes for attendance beyond Asians, too. "We want to expand our Asian-American festival to the mainstream, and are probably going to ask for the mainstream to participate," Kim said.

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The Rev. Martin Borowczyk

THE REV. MARTIN BOROWCZYK

Pastor served at two local parishes

The Rev. Martin Borowczyk, pastor emeritus of St. Constance Parish on Chicago's Northwest Side, died Saturday at St. Benedict Home, in Niles, where he was residing, according to a news release. He was 93 years old and had been a priest for 68 years.

Borowczyk was born in Cicero and graduated from St. Mary's School there and from Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained by Archbishop Samuel Stritch (later Samuel Cardinal Stritch) in 1942 and began his first assignment as assistant pastor at St. Turibius Parish near Midway Airport, where he served for six years.

From 1946 to 1955 he was a member of the Polish Mission Band, and also served the residents of Rosary Hill Center in Justice, where he resided. From 1955 to 1961, Borowczyk served in two parishes on Chicago's Northwest Side, St. Ferdinand (1955-58) and St. Sylvester (1958-61) before taking on assignments in the western suburbs. During his tenure at St. Sylvester, Borowczyk taught modern languages

at Mundelein Seminary. From 1961 to 1967 Borowczyk was the assistant pastor at St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs, and for a year following that he was the assistant pastor at St. Eulalia in Maywood. For seven months between April 1968 and November 1969, Borowczyk served twice at St. Symphorosia Parish as temporary assistant pastor, and also at St. Valentine Parish in Cicero, which is now closed. From 1967 to 1969, he was a member of the Personnel Board of the Archdiocese.

Borowczyk was named pastor of St. Constance Parish in late-1969 and served as pastor there for 19 years until his retirement from active ministry in 1987.

Visitation for Borowczyk was Tuesday at St. Constance Church, 5843 W. Strong St., Chicago. Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, was the main celebrant at a funeral Mass for Borowczyk on Wednesday at St. Constance. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice.

Borowczyk is survived by his sister, Therese Wojcik, two sisters-in-law, Josephine and Marie, and many nieces and nephews.

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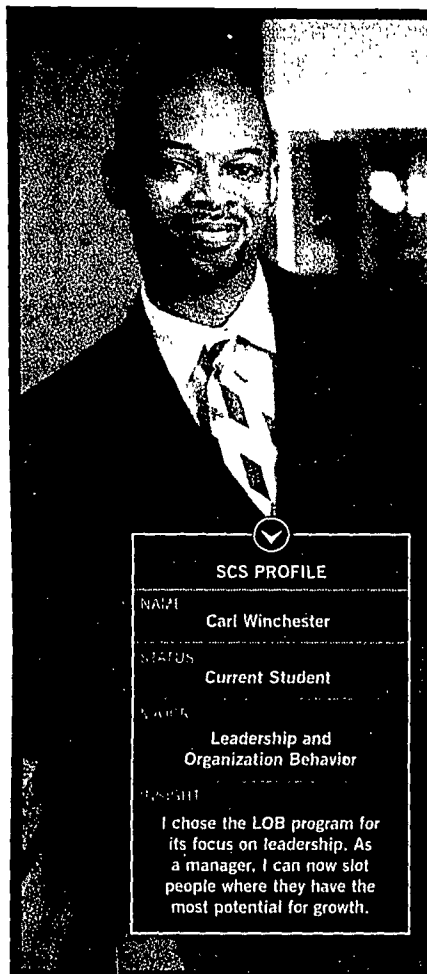
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not want to part.

"Even now I'm always looking at the sky and what it does to light and color. And traveling with the (U.S.) Air Force provides an opportunity to see the people at work, the equipment they fly and how they maintain it. Just the smell of an aircraft hangar — dang!" he added.

Morgan, a longtime member of the American Society of Aviation Artists, the United States Air Force Art Program and the Midwest Society of Aviation Artists, flew a lot until an austerity program instituted because of the challenging economy cut down his miles, though he traveled only with a scheduled assignment or military need.

"I have been a contributing artist to the U.S. Art Program since 1982. This is a volunteer group of artists whose paintings are donated to the United States Air

Force archives as an artistic record of current and historic Air Force activity," Morgan said.

"We deploy to various local or overseas bases to experience a particular exercise which is necessary in order to produce an accurate portrayal of the mission. I am proud to be a part of this group of dedicated men and women who are recording aviation history for future generations," he added.

The artwork he will show is to include "No Man Left Behind" depicting a combat helicopter rescuing a trooper in the Far East.

"The Flight of No Returns," which also will be on display, shows an F-15 taking off on a night mission the first day of Operation Desert Storm. It is so titled because the pilot was shot down that night and held as a prisoner of war in Iraq, though he has since been freed.

"It was the squadron commander's aircraft, so when I painted it, I asked the Air Force to send the original

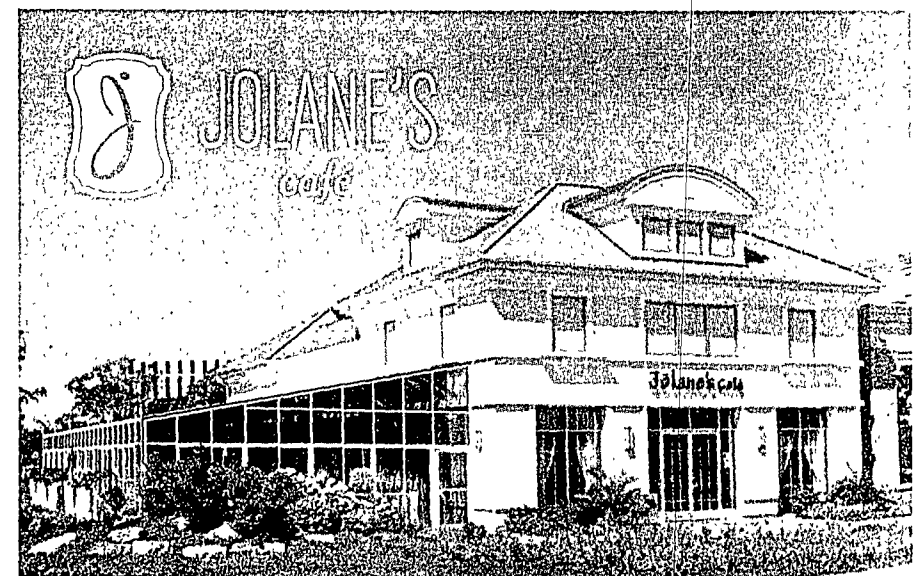
painting to the squadron, so they can say the airplane came home," Morgan said. He also will show a painting of the two young men in flight who chased the bombers that attacked Pearl Harbor.

"I hope everyone who comes will enjoy it. It is not meant to glorify war — it's historical. My paintings are colorful, with a lot of shoot-em-up smoke and fire. But the people who flew these planes deserve the best. I can't emphasize enough the regard I have for our military today," he added.

In fact, Morgan said there isn't much that makes him happier than hearing young Air Force or Navy aviators say: "Wow! You did that painting? I used to build that model when I was a kid. That was the reason I became a pilot!"

The show, which is free, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 30.

For more information about his art, contact Morgan by e-mail at tmavart@comquest.net.

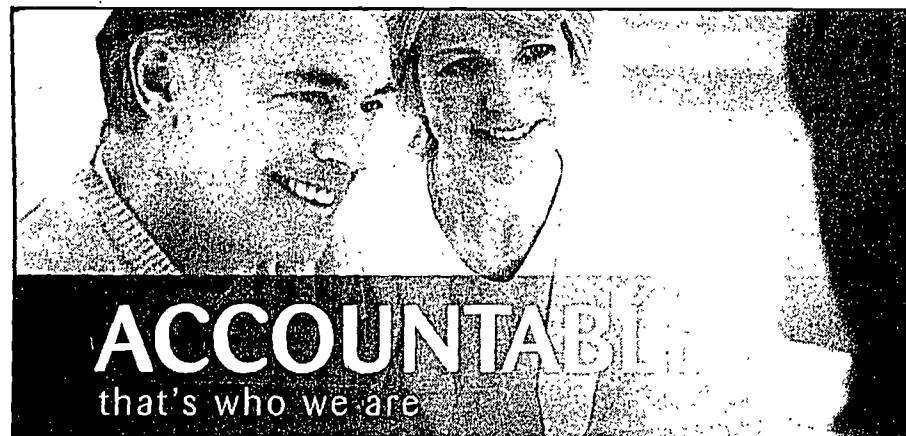


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MATHER'S - MORE THAN A CAFE

Cosmetics queen made it up as she went along

By PATRICK BUTLER
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Back when she was an awkward young girl with acne, Marilyn Miglin vowed that if she ever learned to feel good about herself, she'd help as many women as she could to do the same. "That's still my mission,"

the former model, dancer and world-renowned beauty expert told a recent luncheon at Mather's — More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., where she was interviewed by "Wild Chicago" creator and talk-show host Ben Hollis.

Since opening her first store in 1963, partly because

she couldn't find the beauty aids she needed here in Chicago, Miglin has not only built a cosmetics empire but is a founding member of the University of Illinois Craniofacial Center and has a burn and disfigurement unit named in her honor at the Raoul Wallenberg Pediatric Hospital in Jerusalem. More

recently the University of Illinois Medical School gave her their Best Face Forward Humanitarian Award.

But in the end it's all about every woman being all she can be, said Miglin, noting that females have 10,000 pheromones designed to draw positive attention.

While men were wearing

cosmetics in Egypt long before women took up the practice, it was women like Cleopatra who made it an art, if not a form of political science, she explained.

"If you were my guest in ancient Egypt, I would have had my ladies put a beeswax cone over your head and enveloped you in my mesmerizing oils so you'd be under my spell," she smiled.

And not because anyone wanted to hide their body odor. "That came later," said Miglin, noting that the Egyptians were probably the cleanest people of the ancient world, taking an average of nine baths a day.

It wasn't until the 18th century that people like Madame DuBarry (who once boasted she hadn't bathed in a year and could prove it) started using perfumes, she added.

Today it's a matter of enhancing one's attributes to best advantage, said Miglin, recalling that being tall for her age helped her get her first job when she was 11.

"I lied about my age then, and I lie about it now," she laughed.

Of course persistence and making the most of one's opportunities didn't hurt either, Miglin agreed.

Her interest in show business forced her to learn sec-

retarial skills so she could get jobs at dancing and modeling schools, which in turn led to spots as a Chez Paree Adorable and on Jimmy Durante's traveling dance troupe.

Realizing she couldn't dance forever, Miglin eventually got fashion-modeling gigs at Marshall Field's, but only after being turned down several times because she "walked like a duck."

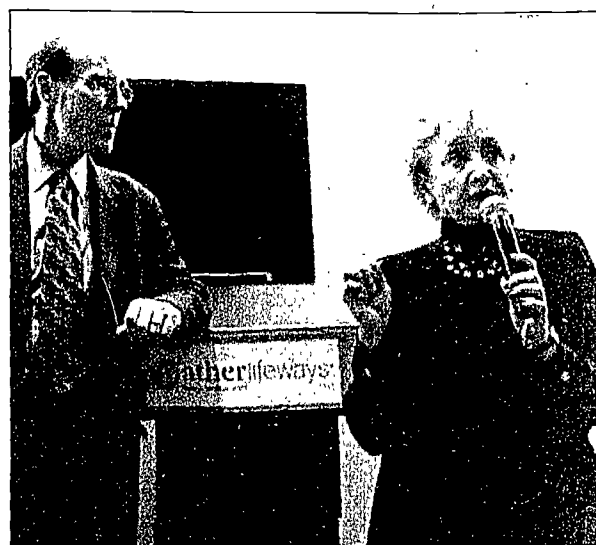
"I didn't walk like a duck. I walked like a dancer, a ballerina," said Miglin, who reinvented herself by working her way through modeling school teaching fencing, a skill she picked up at Northwestern University because she had to take a physical-education course and "hated gym."

Without secretarial training she'd never have gotten into dancing; without dancing, she'd never have evolved to fashion modeling. And if the cosmetics she and her fellow models needed had been readily available in Chicago she'd probably never have created a successful cosmetics business.

Her career advice to young girls?

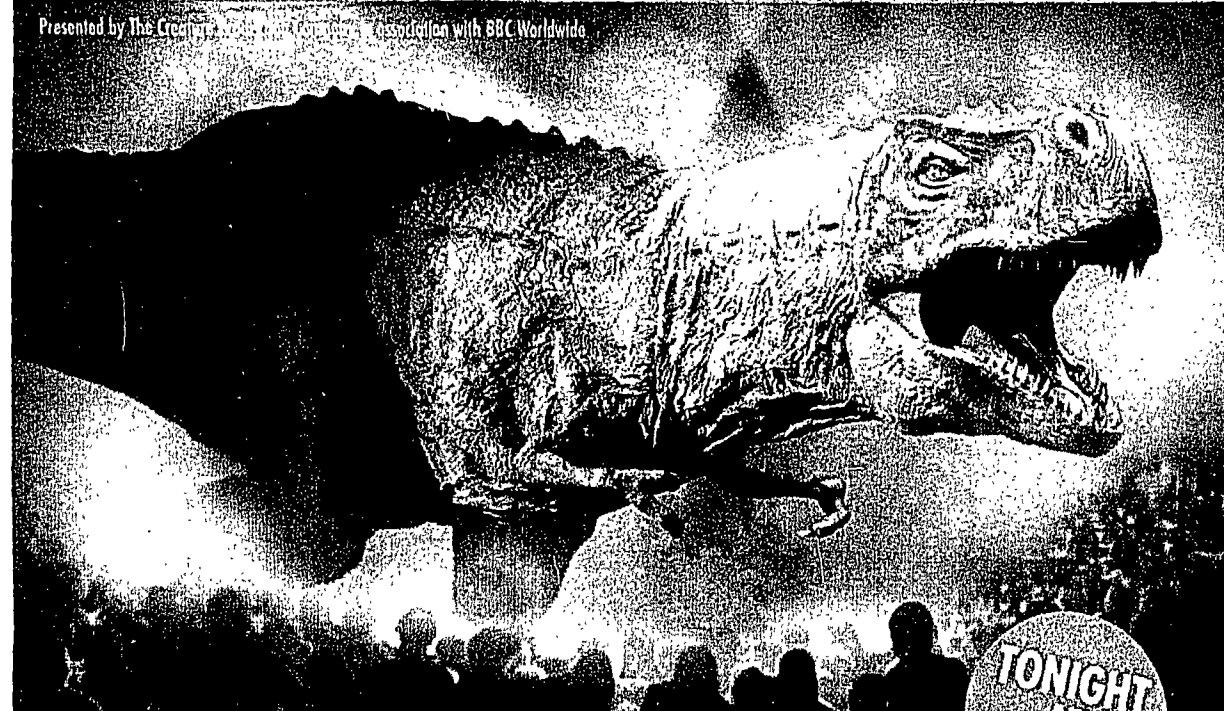
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Fashion and beauty maven Marilyn Miglin speaks to an audience July 21 while being interviewed by Ben Hollis, from WTTW's "Wild Chicago," for an audience at Mather's - More Than a Cafe in Chicago. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

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3630 N Harlem Ave. Apt 313, Parkway Bank & Trust Co Ttee to Juneva E Mecisamente, \$240,000, June 29

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3649 N Plainfield Ave., Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Maria Kormas, \$233,000, June 22
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6954 W Belmont Ave., North Star Trust Co Trustee to Magdale-na Ballarin Leszek J Ballarin, \$507,000, June 22
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8350 W Addison St. Apt 107, Michael A Giamarusti to Joanne Murawski, \$152,000, June 25
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5321 N Delphia Ave. Apt 221, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Mirosława Woroniecka, \$90,000, June 22
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8707 W Summerdale Ave. Apt 1s, Tomasz Gustaw to Paul Bortnik Wiesława Bortnik, \$65,000, June 24
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1408 S Washington Ave., Philip J Ganka to Darren A Drapp Barbara L Kane, \$434,000, June 28
1502 W Talcott Road, Frederick J Otto to Mark O Lyons, \$225,500, June 30
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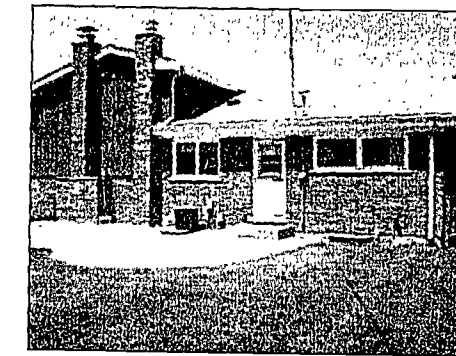
Built in 1966, this 1,500-square-foot tri-level home includes a sub-basement with ample storage space.

The kitchen has vinyl flooring, modern appliances, including a double oven, and an eating area.

The family room has a floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace, and the combined living and dining rooms have vaulted ceilings.

On the second level there's a carpeted master bathroom with a walk-in closet and a bathroom, along with two other bedrooms. The backyard has a patio, and there's an attached two-car garage at the end of the driveway. Courtland, Overhill and Oriole parks are all within eight blocks.

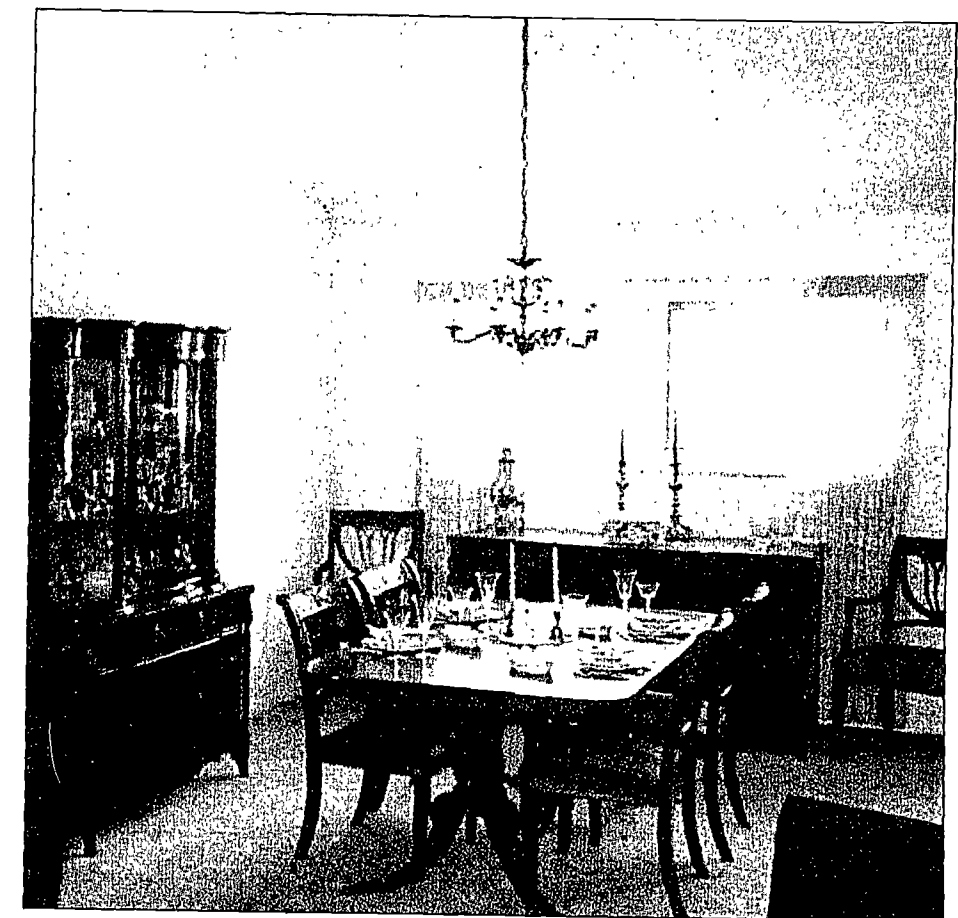
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Behind this tri-level home, which was built in 1966, is a backyard with patio.

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The living and dining rooms have vaulted ceilings. The home also has a sub-basement.

DATA POINT
NILES REAL ESTATE BY THE NUMBERS

\$1,898

The median property tax at Terrace Square, the largest condo or town-home development in Niles.

Electrician sells in Morton Grove

By Rob Biedermann
An electrician with his own contracting firm has sold a 4,900-square-foot home in west Morton Grove. Avram Zdrentan and Gabriela Zdrentan sold the five-bedroom, six-bath home at 9811 Oak Park Ave. for \$620,000 on June 18.

They paid \$302,000 for the property in February 2006 and rebuilt the home the next year. The property sold for \$276,000 in 2005. Avram Zdrentan has operated D&A Electric, which is based in Skokie. He opened the firm in 2005.

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Chicago: Edison Park	2.41%	\$280,000	8.46%	130	11
Chicago: Forest Glen	3.02%	\$305,000	21.43%	14	3
Chicago: Norwood Park	2.62%	\$270,000	8.19%	232	19
Des Plaines	3.79%	\$174,500	22.53%	892	201
Evanston	3.72%	\$275,000	11.02%	744	82
Glenview	3.56%	\$380,000	11.56%	588	68
Lincolnwood	3.59%	\$300,500	18.37%	147	27
Morton Grove	2.98%	\$248,500	15.08%	252	38
Niles	2.66%	\$225,000	18.33%	311	57
Park Ridge	2.66%	\$225,000	18.33%	311	57
Skokie	2.94%	\$246,500	20.62%	650	134
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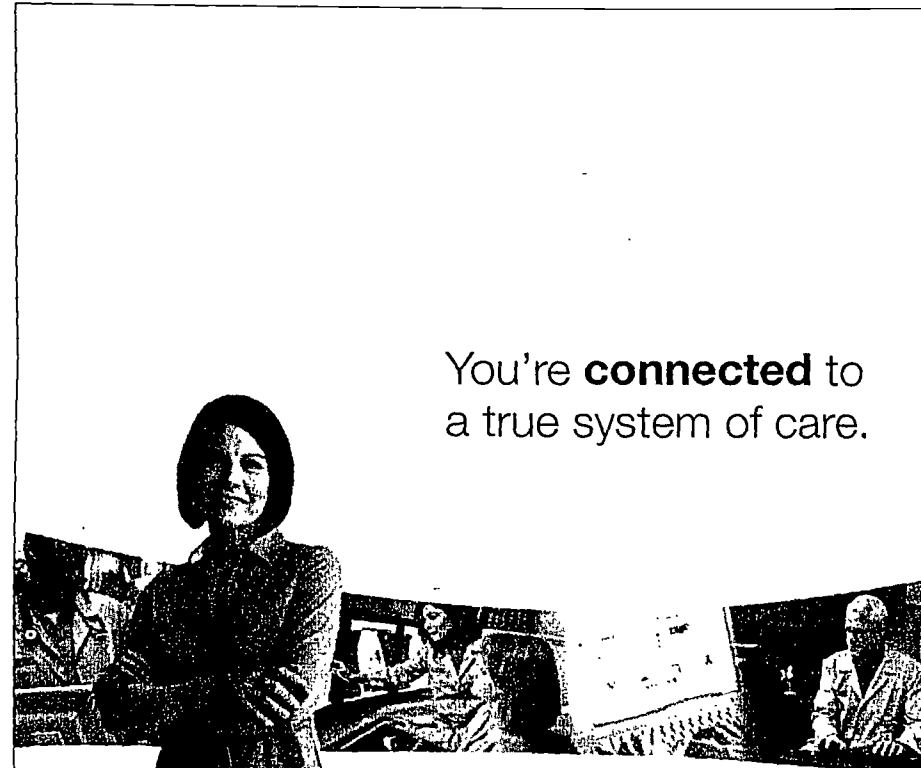
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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

West Nile virus found in Norwood Park mosquitos

By **PATRICK BUTLER**
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City health officials are urging "common-sense precautions" in the wake of recent discoveries of West Nile virus-infected mosquitos in traps in Norwood Park and two other North-west Side communities, Dunning and O'Hare.

While no human cases of the virus have been reported anywhere in Illinois so far this year, Chicago health officials warn: "That could change quickly in the weeks ahead."

According to Dr. Bechara Choucair, Chicago Department of Public Health commissioner, the key to controlling the virus is reaching the population of the common mosquito, which lays its eggs in containers of standing water like plastic wading pools, birdbaths and gutters.

"This makes it extremely important individual Chicagoans get involved,

look around their yards and neighborhoods, and identify and eliminate sources of standing water. We need this vigilance to continue all summer and into the fall," Choucair said.

Health department officials are asking local residents to help by:

■ getting rid of water that has been standing more than four days.

■ overturning wheelbarrows and plastic wading pools when not in use.

■ cleaning and chlorinating swimming pools and keeping water from collecting on pool covers.

■ removing items that may hold water, including buckets, cans, old tires, cups and saucers placed under flower pots.

■ changing water in birdbaths and pets' water bowls every three or four days.

■ keeping grass and bushes trimmed, and filling in low spots on lawns.

■ making sure all screens on doors and windows are tight-fitting and free of holes

and tears.

■ encouraging neighbors to take precautions on their properties.

Residents are also urged to use insect repellent, limit outdoor activity after dark and wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing at night.

According to the CDPH, West Nile Virus infection can cause West Nile fever, characterized by fever, muscle aches, rash and headaches. It can sometimes be a serious illness, with lingering weakness and fatigue lasting several weeks. More severe West Nile illness is less common, but can include meningitis (inflammation of the membrane surrounding the brain) and encephalitis (inflammation and swelling of the brain itself).

Human infections occur when people are bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus, health department officials said. On average only about two in 10 people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will become ill.

PEOPLE & PROMOTIONS

Dr. Henry (Hank) Thiele has been named chief technology officer for Maine Township High School District 207.

The Board of Education formally approved on July 12 an updated job description that expands on the responsibilities Thiele has handled since joining the district as director of technology in 2007.

As chief technology officer, Thiele, who in recent years has planned and directed exhaustive steps to update and integrate cutting-edge technology into the district's classroom instruction, will

take on additional duties in the area of managing the district's information technology and data processing functions.

Thiele earned his doctoral degree from Roosevelt University and taught and served as technology coordinator at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates prior to joining District 207.

Army National Guard Spec. Sarah A. Sherry has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values,

physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Sherry graduated in 2004 from Niles West High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from Monmouth College. She is the daughter of Bonnie Sherry, of Niles.

HONOR ROLL

Resurrection College Prep High School has named its fourth-quarter honor students. Students from Niles who were recognized in-

clude:
First Honors — **Danielle Babich, Therese Casey, Kristina Getty, Sarah Gross, Jennifer Johann, Anmarie Ma-**

honey, Mary Topp.
Second Honors — **Alexandra Aguirre, Sofia Lyskanowski, Giovanna Mule, Diana Ziemba.**

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

BATTERY

Trevor Knight, 26, of 130 Stanley Ave., Park Ridge, was charged July 22 with

felony aggravated battery, resisting a police officer and driving under the influence of alcohol. He was stopped after making an illegal turn from Harlem Avenue left onto Howard Street. When offered an alcohol breath test he allegedly struck the police officer in the face with his open right hand. He then ran away but was caught by two police offi-

cers. He allegedly resisted arrest but was finally restrained with handcuffs. Later he was revealed to have a blood alcohol content of .203. His first court date was Friday.

ASSAULT

Emad Awshana, 34, of 7861 N. Nordica Ave., was charged July 17 with unlawful use of a weapon and ag-

gravated assault. He allegedly ran after his brother, who owed him money, with two kitchen knives, and had to be placed at gunpoint by a police officer. His court date is Aug. 13.

Massimiliano Mammana, 36, of 8143 W. Elizabeth Ave., was charged July 21 with aggravated assault, possession of a firearm and

reckless conduct. A victim was found in the middle of Elizabeth with a lump on the head and a bloody nose as a result of avoiding shots fired from a shotgun that was linked to Mammana, police said. The suspect's court date is Aug. 27.

ALCOHOL

Ever Machado, 23, of 8861

Cumberland Ave., was charged July 20 with felony driving under the influence of alcohol. He was pulled over at McDonald's, 8460 Dempster St., after allegedly running through stop signs and making squealing turns, and his blood alcohol content was found to be .109. His court date is Aug. 18.

POLICE BLOTTER

MAINE TOWNSHIP

National Night Out returns

Maine Township will hold its annual National Night Out Against Crime from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at Dee Park, at Dee Road and Emerson Street, in unincorporated Maine Township.

Families from unincorporated Maine Township and surrounding areas are invited to attend.

The event will feature a guest speaker, demonstrations, exhibits, family entertainment, children's games, raffles and prizes for chil-

dren. There will also be information tables set up by the township, the Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, Maine Township Neighborhood Watch, Maine Township Emergency Management Agency and local officials.

The evening will conclude with a flashlight walk through the neighborhood with Cook County Sheriff's Police. National Night Out is sponsored by Maine Township, the Cook Coun-

ty Sheriff's Department, Golf Maine Park District and North Maine Fire Department. This year's theme is "Hugs Not Drugs" and event coordinators are Maine Township Trustees Susan Moylan Krey and Laura Morask.

National Night Out is held annually by communities across the country with an emphasis on crime prevention, police-community partnerships and neighborhood unity.

NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Join Citizens Police Academy

By **ALEX MCLEESE**
Contributor

Beginning in September the Niles Police Department will offer a 10-week Citizens Police Academy to give people an opportunity to learn how the department operates.

The Police Department intends to give citizens a better understanding of how law enforcement works, and to encourage closer relationships with police offi-

cers. "In doing this we hope that as citizens who work, live and play in Niles, you will help us to reduce crime and help us to solve problems and issues in our village," the department said in a press release.

Curriculum topics and activities include the history of policing, patrol procedures, terrorism, evidence, criminal investigations, the use of force, weapons instruction, a ride-along, traf-

fic enforcement and gang awareness.

The Citizens Police Academy is open to Niles residents and owners or employees of businesses within the village of Niles who are at least 21 years old. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 13, and the class may fill up in advance.

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1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



Under Hamburglar's dark curse



CHERYL O'DONOVAN
 VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

In the waiting room, toddlers read Golden Books at a lil' bitsy table. In that same confined space, my two gladiators squish into miniature fairytale chairs, shove and pinch each other. On a flat screen TV, an anguished actress speaks, wears a doctor's white coat. Around her neck is a

Fisher Price stethoscope. "Fast food and packaged snacks are converted into waste inside your child's body. Obesity is highly influenced by the decisions YOU make." "Mom, can we go to Portillo's for lunch?" "Shhh," I hiss. The other parents condemn me with their eyes, give their children tofu juice and beets they grew in their backyard. My youngest perks. "Mom, when are you going to sign us up for paintball?" "Yeah," my teenager cracks. "You know. Loot, pillage, burn." "Jason, come sit by Mommy." Using their bodies as shields, the

couple clutch their young. I improvise, I think. Occupy them. Before the beet-growers stage a pre-emptive strike with alphabet blocks. We hear our name. Hallelujah. We are ushered into an exam room. "So you're here for a camp physical, huh?" The nurse weighs and measures. My man-sized kid is almost 6 feet. She glances downward. "Famous Footwear sells big sizes." "Do they?" I brighten. "I can't find size 13s." "That's where the Kongs shop when King needs new shoes." The doctor arrives, eyes crinkling with amusement. He banters with the kids, then addresses my oldest.

"Do you get exercise?" "No." "Do you have a balanced diet?" My son shakes his head. "Meat and chips." "Couldn't he lie? Just once? The Hamburglar cursed us to this darkness, to craving fast food. We must drive a stake through his cholesterol-clogged heart." Post-medical exam, my kids think we're hitting a drive-through window. "Mom, where are we going?" "A fresh fruit stand." I see beets. Happiness. My arteries burst into applause. My children groan.

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Opinion

GUEST ESSAY

Can Blase apologists usher in ethical era?

By Joy Mason
 Contributor

This letter is in response to your news article, and subsequent editorials and letters about the name on Blase Plaza. I think that Cathy Spadoni's analogy to the "good father" who was philandering each week was quite apt.

When Mayor Blase was first indicted, I was shocked and struggled to explain what was happening to my sons. But since then I have spoken to many longtime Niles residents who told me of their experience with Mayor Blase and his unique way to solving the problems and conflicts of the residents and business owners.

Trustee Andrew Przybylo says he does not understand "why people are so embarrassed that Nick Blase served this village." Let me explain. For 50 years this man used his position to extort money from the citizens and business owners of Niles. Federal prosecutors were able to prove this because there was a paper trail from the insurance he forced business owners to buy from his friend, who gave him \$471,000 in kickbacks. Then he denied it and said he'd prove his innocence; then he took a deal with the federal prosecutors so he'd only spend one year and one day in jail.

I recall that when local school districts would have a referendum to raise money on the tax base, he would hire buses to take Niles nursing home residents to the polling place to vote "no." These folks

don't have children in Niles schools or own property in Niles. Why was he so concerned about older people? Because they vote! He was simply preserving his job that had so many perks.

When I heard how long this corruption had occurred, I immediately wondered if all the trustees should be thrown out for fear they were complicit and compliant with the Blase agenda. But it's worse! Some are cozy with Blase. So cozy that as he sits in federal prison they don't understand why the people of Niles want to turn the page and put the Blase legacy behind us and rename the plaza for the public servants of Niles who truly gave their all, their lives, without lining their pockets with graft.

While I do sympathize with the family, friends and colleagues of Nick Blase for the heartbreaking disappointment they must have felt as they watched this man fall, they also must be wondering about all the wonderful gifts they received from Blase over the years. Were they purchased with ill-begotten money? By accepting his gifts, am I part of this scheme? All citizens of Niles will watch how the village trustees vote on this and upcoming issues. Will they do the right thing by the people of Niles? Or will they protect their friend's legacy? Do they really want to create a new era of ethics in government and turn the page on our past, corrupt history? We shall see.

— Joy Mason is a Niles resident.



Joseph's brothers plan their "repulsive crime" to rid themselves of their father's favorite son and his colorful coat. (Photo courtesy of Lisa Haring)

DES PLAINES

Footlighters Theatre Company puts on 'Technicolor Dreamcoat'

Footlighters Theatre Company will stage "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," through Aug. 8 at Prairie Lakes Community Theater, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines.

The family-friendly story, universal themes of sibling rivalry, jealousy and forgiveness — as well as catchy musical productions — have made "Joseph" one of the most popular of the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice collaborations, a news release stated. "Joseph," based on the "coat of many colors" story from the Book of Genesis, in the Hebrew Bible, has been performed by more than 20,000 professional and community theater companies across the world since its inception in 1968, as a 15-minute school show.

The musical has very little spoken dialogue; it is sung by an energetic cast, with plenty of Las Vegas-style glitz, performing catchy, eclectic songs, including "Any Dream Will Do," "Close Every Door," "Go, Go, Go Joseph," and various bits of country, calypso, reggae and Elvis Presley-style rock 'n' roll. "With great humor, just the right amount of camp and some tongue-in-cheek drama, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' is the most fun audiences will have at the theater this year," the release boasted. Directed by Michael McGuire, with musical direction by Marcie Selvaggio-Mattis, set design by Christopher R. McGuire

and choreography by Liz Yerkovich, "Joseph" features a cast of 62 performers, including a kids chorus of 28 young singers and dancers, and more than two-dozen veteran Footlighters players. As Joseph, Pete Almeida leads the cast, which includes Megan Soberski and Meghan Warren as the Narrators, Jack Rasof as Jacob, Randy Lechelt as Reuben, Bud Jones as Potiphar and Erik Morrissey as the Pharaoh.

They sing the story of the favorite son of Jacob, resented by his envious brothers for their father's excessive attention. Joseph's fate sours when his brothers sell him into slavery and he eventually finds himself in jail. But Joseph's favorable interpretation of the Pharaoh's troubling dreams win him the admiration of the all-powerful leader, and soon Joseph is named the No. 2 man in Egypt. Years later Joseph's now-starving brothers arrive in Egypt and ask him for assistance. When he realizes they do not recognize him Joseph gives his brothers a sound scaring, but eventually grants them all they desire and reunites the family. Tickets are on sale at the Prairie Lakes Box Office. The show runs Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 8 p.m. through Aug. 8. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$11 for seniors and students. For more information and group ticket sales call (847) 391-5711 or go to www.desplainesparks.org.

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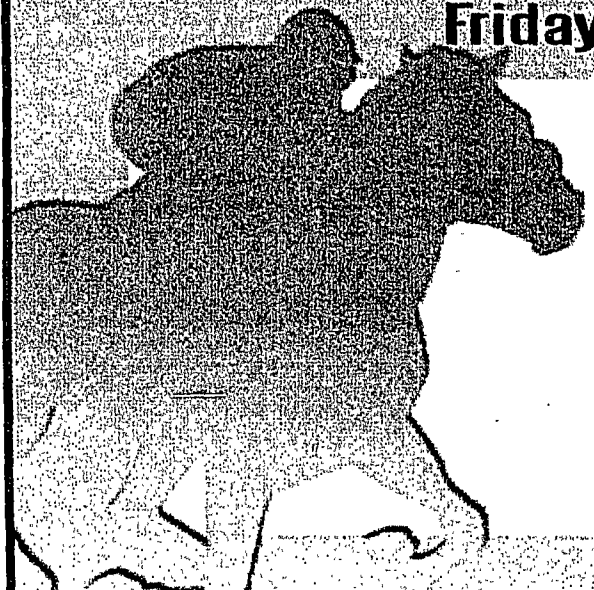
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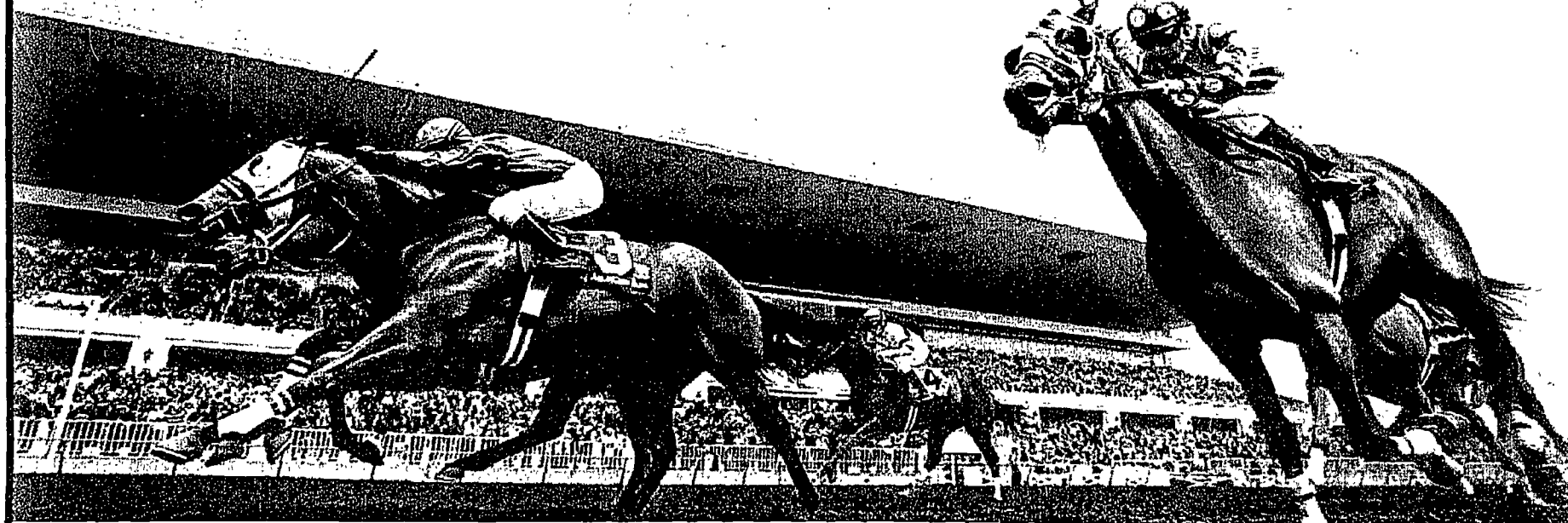
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. Lincolnwood Fest, July 29-Aug. 1 at Proesel Park, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave. The free event features food, live music, carnival rides, children's activities, car shows and more. Entertainment includes Reely Dan (Steely Dan tribute band) at 8 p.m. Thursday; Think Floyd, USA (Pink Floyd tribute band) at 9 p.m. Friday; Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater at 8 p.m. Saturday; and American English (Beatles tribute band) at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.lincolnwood-fest.com.

2. "Not Wanted on the Voyage," 8 p.m. July 29-31 and Aug. 5-6; 2 p.m. Aug. 1, 7-8 in Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$10-\$30. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

3. Des Plaines Park District Community Concert Band performs at 8 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, Lee Street from Howard to Touhy Avenue, Des Plaines.

4. Walking with Dinosaurs: The Arena Spectacular, July 29-Aug. 1 at Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets: \$19.50, \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50. Parking is \$11. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000.

Professor convenes 'Battle of the Sexes'

'Battle of the Sexes: Win, Lose or Draw' Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Oakton Ave., Skokie, Mondays, Aug. 2-30. "Communication to Procreation?" 9:30-11 a.m. Aug. 2; "Taming of the Shrew: Shakespeare Retold," 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 9; "The Taming of the Shrew" (different focus), 1:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 9; "Kiss Me Kate," 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 16; "Adam's Rib Revisited," 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 23; "Kramer vs. Kramer," 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 30. \$15, \$60 for series. (847) 635-1414; www.oakton.edu.

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

A stimulating war of words will be waged at Oakton Community College in August. "Battle of the Sexes: Win, Lose or Draw" is the brainchild of Beverly Friend of Lincolnwood, an Oakton emeritus professor who has created fascinating lecture/discussion programs for the school's Emeritus Program for several summers.

Friend launches the series on Aug. 2 with "Communication to Procreation?"

"I'm looking at two things," Friend said. "Are there (gender) differences? And what has been done to bridge the gap between the differences?"

One of Friend's sources will be *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* by author John Gray.

Friend admitted, "As the mother of two daughters, I didn't know there were differences until I got a grandson. I always thought that boys and girls were treated differently. I remember asking a neighbor with a child the same age as mine, 'Are you buying your son trucks because he's a boy or are you buying him trucks



"Adam's Rib"



Beverly Friend



"Kramer vs. Kramer"

because he really likes trucks?"

Friend reported that because the series is designed for seniors (although everyone is welcome), "I'm looking hard at love after divorce and widowhood, how do you get back in?"

Friend will also present the Aug. 23 session "Adam's Rib Revisited," based on the 1949 Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy film. After showing the film, Friend will discuss

the relationship of the two characters and whether the film is pertinent today.

Tricia Kessie, who teaches at Oakton, will speak about "The Taming of the Shrew" twice on Aug. 9, with different focuses. Herbert Grinell will address "Kiss Me Kate," the musical based on "The Taming of the

Shrew," in his Aug. 16 talk.

The closing session, "Kramer vs. Kramer" on Aug. 30, will be presented by Ralla Klepak, noted divorce attorney and child advocate. The 1979 film, starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep, is about a man who learns to care for his son when his wife takes off to "find herself,"

and then fights in court to keep the boy when she returns to claim him.

For a decade, starting in 1970, Klepak traveled the United States serving on a commission dealing with the status of women, and trying unsuccessfully to get the Equal Rights Amendment passed.

The year that the film was released, Klepak said, "I was exploring my own boundary lines — my own transcendence from the classic female to a career woman, and how to juggle that with a family, relationships and so on."

Klepak noted that when Friend asked her to speak, "I seemed to recall that this is a movie about a very acrimonious divorce and this child that was caught in the middle." On reviewing it, she realized it was about a lot more than that.

"When I watched the movie the second time, I got angry," Klepak admitted. "What kind of a mother walks out on her child and says, 'I'm leaving you. Goodbye. It's your turn to take care of the kid'?"

"What I later determined is that it was an incredible, cutting-edge movie because we were forced to look at our evolving gender roles at a time when we weren't even aware we were doing that."

During the discussion, based on her long legal career, Klepak said, "I'm going to do a lot of talking about what really happens in divorces and transitioning between houses, parental sharing and how devastating it is for children."

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Canines and felines set aside their ongoing war to fight a rogue cat supervillain (voice of Bette Midler) with her own plans to take over the world. (82 min.) Rated PG for animal action and humor.

CHARLIE ST. CLOUD

A young man (Zac Efron) overcome by grief and guilt after the death of his little brother, takes a job as the caretaker at the cemetery where he was buried. Burr Steers ("It Again") directed the drama. Rated PG-13 for language including some sexual references, an intense accident scene and some sensuality.

COUNTDOWN TO ZERO

A documentary tracing the atomic bomb from its invention to the present, nine nations having become nuclear powers. Directed by Lucy Walker ("Devil's Playground") Rated PG for thematic material, images of destruction and incidental smoking.

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS

A rising executive (Paul Rudd) finds the perfect guest (Steve Carell) for a monthly event his boss calls a "dinner for idiots," with bonuses to be had for the winners. Jay Roach ("Meet the Fockers") directed the remake of the French comedy "The Dinner Game." Rated PG-13 for sequences of crude and sexual content, some partial nudity and language.

STILL PLAYING

RAMONA AND BEEZUS

It's wholesome, wholesome, wholesome for the entire family, but don't hold that against "Ramona and Beezus." It's not saccharine sweet, room is made for sadness, bruised feelings and real-life anxieties - and it's more fun than you might expect. Eleven-year-old Joey King is delightful as Beverly Cleary's mostly inadvertent trouble-making heroine Ramona, caught between Little Miss Perfect big sister Beezus (Disney actress Selena Gomez) and an adorable baby sister. She also has to cope with some big-time adult problems such as Dad (John Corbett) of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding") losing his job and her favorite aunt, Bea (Ginnifer Goodwin of HBO's "Big Love"), being thrown into a tizzy by the arrival of the twinkly-eyed high-school boyfriend (Josh Duhamel) who dumped her long ago. "Ramona and Beezus" has tree-lined suburban street cred to spare, but Cleary's brand of idyllic childhood isn't di-

vorced from reality. Something dire even happens to the family cat. (BI) (104 min.) Rated G.

SALT

A CIA operative (Angelina Jolie) goes on the run and attempts to clear her name after a Russian defector accuses her of being a double agent. Phillip Noyce ("Patriot Games") directed the action thriller. (100 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action.

INCEPTION

Characters spend a lot of time sleeping in this movie, but not because things are dull. Occasionally confusing, yes, but never dull. This spectacularly complex, cerebral summer blockbuster from writer/director Christopher "The Dark Knight" Nolan, may not tie up apparent loose ends with the mathematical precision of his brilliant "Memento" (though it will probably take multiple viewings to be sure). It's also emotionally tepid and it disappoints, just a bit, in the final moments. But this is still a must-see - a welcome challenge compared to the spoon-fed plots of standard-issue formulaic products. Nolan begins with a formula: One Last Big Job for a weary, homesick corporate espionage super-thief (Leonardo DiCaprio) with a guilty secret, who steals secrets from dreaming mega-executives; but he plays mind-bogglingly original variations on that theme. Cobb (DiCaprio) and his team of shared dreamers (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page and Tom Hardy) play fast and loose with reality as a matter of course, but the climactic Big Caper, which involves planting a new idea in someone's mind instead of merely uncovering a secret, requires navigation of a dream within a dream within a dream and subconscious suggestion amounting to deep Freudian psychotherapy in a hostile subconscious with their lives at stake. Never fear: "Inception" pulls its weight as purely entertaining popcorn, with no shortage of shootouts, car chases, explosions, etc. (in addition to a wealth of fantastic imagery), but it gives you something else to chew on as well. (BI) (148 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout.

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

You may have seen it all before in other incarnations, permutations and combinations (even incantations), but "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" still casts a mean, audience-pleasing spell. Mega-producer Jerry Bruckheimer, director Jon Turteltaub and star Nicolas Cage, who previously teamed up for 2004's "National

FILM CLIPS

"Treasure" (and its sequel), top themselves in this family-friendly, fantasy/adventure comedy. Cage plays Merlin's former apprentice, who has been searching centuries to find Merlin's successor, the only one who can protect the world from the all-powerful evil enchantress Morgana. Naturally, the future supreme master of wizardry turns out to be a nervous, socially awkward, apparently weak-kidneyed NYU physics nerd (Jay Baruchel) - who's not at all happy about the situation. The complicated plot moves along briskly and smoothly, never taking itself too seriously, the magical action starts early and grows increasingly spectacular, right up to the gollywhomping finale and, best of all, everyone on the screen seems to be having a really good time. (BI) (111 min.) Rated PG for fantasy action violence, some mild rude humor and brief language.

DESPICABLE ME

This animated charmer about a dastardly super-villain reformed by the love of three little orphan girls is basically for the kiddies, but it does have a few fun moments for parents who decide to keep them company. The despicable Dr. Gru (Steve Carell, who does a fractured Hungarian accent and a cartoon version of his silly-dance), who is exceedingly evil, but not exceedingly successful, has a new plan to establish himself as king of the really bad guys: Using a shrink ray to steal the moon and hold it for ransom. Unfortunately, he needs our three little heroines to help him heist the ray gun from his nerdy young evil competitor Vector (Jason Segel), but finds it hard to resist their near-criminal cuteness. Most of the jokes cater to the target audience (instead of a dart gun, Gru's evil assistant Dr. Nefario delivers a kind of gun that sounds like dart and makes little children laugh heartily); ditto for the in-your-face 3-D effects. If you look sharp, though, you'll find little items like the Bank of Evil sign that reads "Formerly Lehman Brothers." (BI) (95 min.) Rated PG for rude humor and mild action.

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT

Writer/director Lisa Cholodenko's very modern, very unconventional, yet still very authentic and thoroughly satisfying family comedy of sorts was a big hit at this year's Sundance festival and for good reason: It's smart, funny, sexy, painful, touching, true to life (as they may know it in Southern California) and sneakily provocative in the way it presents a lesbian couple encountering - lo and behold - the same sort of challenges that might confront any pair of old-marrieds with kids.



"Charlie St. Cloud"

With slight variations, of course. Annette Bening and Julianne Moore are both at their best as Nic and Jules, unwillingly brought into contact with the sperm donor (Mark Ruffalo, also at the top of his game) who sired their teenage son and daughter from a distance. The kids track down the decidedly hetero, motorcycle-riding, laid-back California-style nice guy Paul ("Right on; I love lesbians") and bring him into the family circle, resulting in tumultuous complications. Despite its subject matter, "Kids" easily could have been directed by Ron Howard and its mainstream accessibility serves it well - expect Oscar nominations, especially for Bening. Accessibility also does little to dilute its observations about the relationships between gays and straights (a little more acrimony here would have been welcome, actually), men and women, and parents and kids. Best of all, "Kids" has something worthwhile to say about the relative value of old, comfortable relationships and passionate new love, with conclusions that might not be surprising, but still feel dead-on. (BI) (104 min.) Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, language and some teen alcohol and drug use.

LA MISSION

A tough-guy ex-con (Benjamin Bratt) has a hard time coming to terms with his son's homosexuality. Written and directed by Peter Bratt. (117 min.) Rated R for language, some violence and sexual content.

PREDATORS

A mercenary (Adrien Brody) leads a group of elite warriors who have been assembled on an alien planet as prey for a merciless alien race. Robert Rodriguez ("Planet Terror") produced the latest chapter in the "Predators" saga, directed by Nimrod Antal ("Vacancy"). (107 min.) Rated R.

THE LAST AIRBENDER

After a century of war among the forces of Air, Earth, Fire and Water, a young warrior (Noah Ringer) with supernatural powers is the only hope for peace. M. Night Shyamalan ("The Happening") wrote and directed this live-action adaptation of the animated TV series. (103 min.) Rated PG for fantasy action violence.

- Reviews by Bruce Ingram

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park.org. July 30: Party In The Park with The Associates. Aug. 6: The Cavern Beat (Beatles tribute band). Aug. 13: Soda (all-ages rock show). Golf Mill Shopping Center, Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, will host a free concert by the Nerverly Brothers at 7 p.m. Aug. 13 on a stage at the parking area outside the main entrance to the food court. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. The first 150 concertgoers to visit the Courtesy Table at the main entrance inside the food court will receive a free 50th anniversary camp chair (limit one per family). For information, visit www.golfmill.com or call (847) 699-1070. Norridge Park District concerts will be held at 4631 N. Overhill at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call (708) 457-1244. July 29: Rhythm Rockets (swing). Aug. 5: Barefoot Hawaiians. The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony performs at 8 p.m. Fridays at Hodges Park, located at the intersection of Vine, Main and Courtland in Park Ridge. For information, call (847) 604-0026 or visit www.prfas.org. July 30: Taste of Tchaikovsky. Aug. 6: Brian Patti Big Band (Artie Shaw centennial celebration). Skokie's Backlot Bash features main stage entertainment Aug. 27-29 along Oakton Street between Lincoln and

Laramie, sponsored by the Skokie Park District. Call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.BacklotBash.com. Starlight Concert Series is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Daves Park, Sheridan Road at Church Street. Rain site is Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Call (847) 448-8058 after 4 p.m. for rain site updates. Aug. 3: Front of House. Aug. 10: Singing in the Abbey. Aug. 17: Del Castillo. "Lunch on the Lake" outdoor concert series, held at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays on Northwestern University's Evanston campus, on Norris Center's east lawn, 1999 Campus Drive. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to "1999," a food court on the ground floor of Norris Center. Free admission. Barbecued lunches prepared outdoors by chefs from nu-Cuisine, weather permitting, will be available for purchase. Aug. 3: Pop-rock indie artist Jacob Vanags. Aug. 5: Jazz pianist Monika Herzig. Carillon Concert Series at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake-Cook Road, Glencoe, at 7 p.m. Mondays. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. Aug. 2: Richard M. Watson. Aug. 9: Charles Dairay. Aug. 16: David Maker. Aug. 23: Tin-Shi Tam. Aug. 30: Wylie Crawford. Sept. 6: James M. Brown. Music on the Esplanade, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake-Cook Road, Glencoe. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. Aug. 3: 1969 ('60s classics). Aug. 10: Mr. Myers (Calypso). Aug. 17: Route 66. Aug. 24: Morry Sochat & the Special 20s (Chicago blues). Aug. 31: Fernandez and Kimball. Hot Summer Nights Music Series, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake-Cook Road, Glencoe. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. July 29: Aloha Lives. Aug. 5: The Boils. Aug. 12: Loose Change And Friends (American). Aug. 19: Be-a-ba do Samba. Aug. 26: Big City Swing with The Flatcats. Sept. 2: Alma de Tango.

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AFTER.LIFE

Maybe she's dead; maybe she's alive. Maybe you're awake, but most likely you're asleep during this artsy, somnambulist horror thriller. The emphasis is on chills instead of gore as an unhappy elementary school teacher (Christina Ricci, mostly unclothed) wakes up on a slab after a car crash only to have her kindly funeral director (Liam Neeson) inform her that she is deceased. First-time director Agnieszka Wojtowicz-Vosloo, working from a script she co-wrote with her husband, keeps us guessing about whether or not Neeson is a psychopathic serial killer or a genuine spirit guide. Unfortunately, there's so little substance to the story (apart from the notion that most people are basically walking around dead while nominally alive) that it's hard to maintain interest in either possibility for long. This one would have worked much better as a vignette on a back-in-the-day TV chiller omnibus like "Night Gallery." (BI) Rated R for nudity, disturbing images, language and brief sexuality.



"Kick-Ass"

book semi-parody. Hit-Girl more or less steals the show from dorky high-school kid Dave, the nominal main character who decides to transform himself into a crime-fighter and gets much, much more trouble (and pain) than he bargained for. Especially when he blunders into a vengeful war being waged by Hit-Girl and her equally deadly dad Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) against a particularly nasty mob boss (Mark Strong). "Kick-Ass," adapted from a best-selling series written by red-hot comic book author Mark Millar, offers as much opportunity for irony as it does for straightforward action. And director Matthew Vaughn ("Layer Cake") has taken full advantage of every opportunity for twisted humor and genuine action thrills. (BI) Rated R for strong brutal violence throughout, pervasive language, sexual content, nudity and some drug use — some involving children.

RECENT RELEASES

CLASH OF THE TITANS

Not 100 percent unrelentingly bad, but pretty close. In this remake of

special effects master Ray Harryhausen's final sword-and-sorcery epic, "Avatar" hero Sam Worthington stars as the demi-god Perseus, butting heads with his father Zeus (Liam Neeson in glittery disco-ball armor) while opposing Hades (Ralph Fiennes) in his evil plan to unleash hell on Earth. The special effects are weak and the overlay of 3-D is even weaker. (BI) Rated PG-13 for fantasy action violence, some frightening images and brief sensuality.

SOUL POWER

An ultra-funky time capsule documenting one of the great concert events of the '70s — a three-day music festival attached to the 1974 title fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. The cinema-verite approach is slow at times, but vintage performances from the likes of James Brown, The Spinners, Bill Withers, Miriam Makeba, The Crusaders, Celia Cruz, The Fania All-Stars and B.B. King make it all worthwhile. (BI) Rated PG-13 for some thematic elements and brief strong language.

DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD: SEASON THREE

Ten episodes of the History Channel series devoted to red-letter days such as the Gunfight at the OK Corral, Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast and the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. (BBC/Warner)

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Four early World War II-era dramas from the great Japanese director: "Sanshiro Sugata," "Sanshiro Sugata Part Two," "The Most Beautiful," and "Men Who Tread on the Tiger's Tail." (Criterion Collection)

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Fatum Brothers taking big band to the next level

Fatum Brothers' Jazz Orchestra
Album release party for "Here to Stay!"
8 p.m. July 30, Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$15-\$25. (847) 677-7761; www.skokie theatre.com.

By J.T. MORAND
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The Fatum brothers are continuing to promote big band music this summer, but not by playing the numerous shows they played last summer. John and Michael, the twin 20-year-old jazz musicians from Wilmette, took on recording an album of nine original songs with their 16-member band, The Fatum Brothers' Jazz Orchestra.

An album release party for "Here to Stay!" will be held July 30 at the Skokie Theatre, where the band has been playing monthly shows. After that, they'll head to California to tour for two weeks in support of the album, which is their first.

The Fatums are excited to play the new, original songs, which were written by Levi Saelua, who attends the Eastman School of Music in New York with drummer John Fatum. Saelua is a Downbeat Award-winning composer and sax player.

Playing the same songs repeatedly last summer left the orchestra feeling spent. Sometimes they'd play two gigs a week, which averaged 100 people per show.

"Last summer was performance suicide," trumpet player Michael Fatum said, laughing. "This summer we wanted to do new music."

But, recording the album required some work. The brothers first had to get members of the jazz orchestra together for six rehearsals with Saelua, which was difficult because each musician has a different schedule. Some substitutions had to be made. "We used some different

Members of The Fatum Brothers' Jazz Orchestra are hosting a release party for their first CD on July 30 at the Skokie Theatre.

players we hadn't used before," John Fatum said. Then, the band spent two grueling eight-hour days recording the album in June.

"We tried to have a more refined concert schedule," Michael Fatum said. They played one song from "Here to Stay!" live at a recent concert, and the Fatums said it went over well.

"It's a very diverse album," John Fatum said. "It's big band with a nod forward to Levi's own sound and a new interpretation of modern big band."

The brothers both like the song "Romance Me," which they said is soulful with a beautiful melody. "It's slow and very bluesy with some group improvisation," John Fatum said. Michael Fatum said the album shows off the skill of every player; either with a solo or some featured moment. "It shows how deep we are as a band," he said. It's also an example of being in a big band as a labor of love, he added. It's hard to pay 16 members, so they don't get much, and sometimes nothing at all. The Fatums are holding a fundraising event online to offset the cost of their California tour. Their goal is to raise \$3,500 by Aug. 2, and they're taking pledges at www.fatumjazzorchestra.com. They can't wait to debut all the songs at the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, which will be followed with a performance at the Wilmette Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 after they return from California. "The July 30 show is the pinnacle of everything we've been doing this summer," Michael Fatum said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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"Louis Slotin Sonata," Sept. 10-Oct. 24 at A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells, Chicago. At 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 1946, Louis Slotin's hand slipped - a small, practically insignificant blunder, except that Slotin was the chief bomb builder at Los Alamos, and at that fateful moment he held in his hands a plutonium bomb core. With a structure inspired by classical music's sonata allegro form, "Louis Slotin Sonata" traces the true story of a brilliant scientist's last nine days, as his body and mind gradually succumbed to the chaos wreaked by radiation. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$30; \$15 for previews. Sept. 10-12. Call (312) 943-8722 or visit www.aredorchildtheatre.org.

"Million Dollar Quartet," a new musical inspired by the 1956 recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley, through Jan. 2, 2011, at the Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Performances are on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, through Sept. 12, at 2

p.m. and 5 p.m. From Sept. 19-Jan. 2, Sunday performances are at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$77.50. For information, call (773) 935-6100 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

"Moon Over Buffalo," through Aug. 1 at the Center for the Performing Arts at Wood Dale Junior High School, 655 N. Wood Dale, Curtin is at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20; \$12 for children. Call (630) 860-2975, ext. 25.

"Not Wanted on the Voyage," 8 p.m. July 29-31 and Aug. 5-6; 2 p.m. Aug. 1, 7-8 in Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Secrets lie just beneath the surface in a darkly funny, modern reimagining of the Great Flood. Tickets: \$30; \$27 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

"Nothin' But The Blues," through Aug. 29 at Black Ensemble Theatre, 4520 N. Beacon St., Chicago. Performances at 8 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$45. Discounts available for students, seniors and groups. For tickets, call (773) 769-4451 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, visit www.BlackEnsembleTheater.org.

"Oleanna," by David Mamet, Sept. 16-Oct. 31 at American Theater Company, 1909 W. Byron St., Chicago. Tickets: \$35-\$40; \$30 for previews. Sept. 16-19. Call (773) 409-4125 or visit www.atcweb.org. "A Parallelogram," through Aug. 29 at Steppenwolf Theatre Company's Downstairs Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago. Bee is a young woman who believes she has the uncanny ability to

see the future, and maybe even alter it. With the click of a television remote, she becomes bent on reinventing her own destiny - and possibly the world's. Curtin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays (Sunday evening performances through Aug. 15 only), with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. and Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m. Aug. 11, 18 and 25. Tickets: \$20-\$70. Call (312) 335-1650 or visit www.steppenwolf.org.

"The Real Inspector Hound," Aug. 14-Sept. 18 at Signal Ensemble Theatre, 1802 W. Berenice Ave., Chicago. Curtin at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for students and senior citizens; \$10 for previews, at 8 p.m. Aug. 14 and 7 p.m. Aug. 15. Call (773) 347-1350 or visit www.signalensemble.com.

"Reeler Madness: The Musical," presented by ensemble13 July 30-Aug. 7 at the Athenaeum Theatre Studio 3, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago. Curtin at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15; \$10 students and seniors. Appropriate for ages 16+ or by parental discretion. ensemble13 was founded in 2008 by artistic director Clayton Fox with a group of alumni from Niles North High School. Call (773) 935-6860.

"Rock of Ages," Sept. 21-Oct. 3 at the Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe, Chicago. It's 1987 on the Sunset Strip. When a small-town girl meets a big-city dreamer in L.A.'s legendary rock club, they fall in love to the greatest hits of the '80s. Tickets: \$18-\$85. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.broadwaylnchicago.com.

"Romeo and Juliet," Sept. 15-Nov. 21 in the Courtyard Theater at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$44-\$75. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit www.chicagoshaakes.com.

Shakespeare in the Park, sponsored by the Ridgeville Park District, features the Kalaakara Theatre Group presenting "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. July 30 and 7 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 1 on the hill by the playground adjacent to the RPD Community House, 908 Seward St., Evanston. For more information, visit www.RPDsummer.org.

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

"Shrek the Musical," through Sept. 5 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Tickets: \$25-\$90. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.broadwaylnchicago.com. "Silk Road Theatre Project's Al Kasida Staged Reading Series presents Michael Najjar's new play, "Tailb," at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14 and 2 p.m. Aug. 15 at The Historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 W. Washington St., Chicago. Free. Reservations strongly recommended; call (312) 857-1234, ext. 201, or e-mail boxoffice@srtproject.org. For information, visit www.srtproject.org.

"Speed-the-Plow," by David Mamet, Sept. 9-Oct. 31 at American Theater Company, 1909 W. Byron St., Chicago. Tickets: \$35-\$40; \$30 for previews. Sept. 9-11. Call (773) 409-4125 or visit www.atcweb.org.

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"Theories of the Sun," presented by Sideshow Theatre Company Sept. 5-Oct. 3 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont, Chicago. Curtin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$10 for previews, at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5, 7 and 8, \$15 student and industry tickets are available for select Thursday and Sunday performances. Visit www.theaterwit.org or call (773) 975-8150.

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

"The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet," presented by Two Pence Shakespeare through Aug. 21 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Two Pence Shakespeare's inaugural production is set in Italy between the two world wars, exploring the realities of life after combat. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Tickets: \$20

(half-price rush tickets available at the door); \$15 for seniors; \$10 for veterans, students and industry members. For tickets, call (312) 488-1128 or visit www.brownpaperartickets.com. For information, visit www.twopenceshakepeare.org.

"Wuthering Heights," Sept. 20-Oct. 31 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 4 p.m. Sundays. Previews at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and 17; 8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 18; and 4 p.m. Sept. 12 and 19. Tickets: \$32-\$35; \$27 seniors; \$20 students; \$20 for previews. Call (773) 761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m. July 29-30 and Aug. 5-6; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 31; 2 p.m. Aug. 1 and 8; and 10 a.m. Aug. 7 in Northwestern University's Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$25; \$22 for senior citizens; \$10 for full-time students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

CLASSICAL

Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall, 78 E. Washington St. (at Michigan Avenue), Chicago, Aug. 2, 12:15-1 p.m.: Quintet Attacca performs as part of The Chicago Chamber Musicians' free First Monday series. The program includes "Tangram," written by Quintet Attacca bassoonist Collin Anderson; Robert Muczynski's Quintet for Winds, Op. 45; and Maurice Ravel's "Le Tombeau de Couperin."

Chicago Folks Operetta will present "Arizona Lady," the last operetta written by Hungarian composer Emmerich Kálmán, at 7:30 p.m. July 29-31 and 2 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 1 in the North Theater at The Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. The operetta will be performed in English, fully staged with a small orchestra. Tickets: \$30; \$25 for seniors and groups of 10 or more. Visit www.chicagofolksoperetta.org.

"Faust," by Charles Gounod, will be presented by da Corneo Opera at 4 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Church of St. Hilary, California and Bryn Mawr avenues, Chicago. Maestro Enrique Patrón de Rueda of Mexico will lead the da Corneo Opera Orchestra and Chorus. The opera will be sung in French with English subtitles. Tickets reserved in advance are \$35; \$30 for seniors. At the door, tickets are \$38; \$33 for seniors. Student tickets are \$15 for full-time students (25 and under with valid ID). For more information, call (847) 662-2694 or visit www.dacorneo.org.

Grant Park Music Festival, featuring the Grant Park Orchestra and Grant Park Chorus, led by principal conductor Carlos Kálmán, will present its 76th season of classical music concerts at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, through Aug. 21. All Grant Park Music Festival performances are free. Open lawn and pavilion seating are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call (312) 742-7638 or visit www.grantparkmusicfestival.com. July 30, 6:30 p.m.: Grant Park Orchestra, Hannu Lintu, guest conductor, and Markus Groh, piano. The program includes Stravinsky,

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. Oct. 29: Shakira. Tickets are \$9.50, \$39.50, \$69.50, \$99.50, \$149.50.

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. Wednesdays: J.W. Williams Blues Band with Patricia Scott. Thursdays: The Shirley Johnson Blues Band, July 30-31; The Shirley Johnson Blues Band, Aug. 3. The Shirley Johnson Blues Band with Laretha Weathersby, Aug. 6-7; Charlie Love Blues Band with Patricia Scott, Aug. 10, 24; Charlie Love Blues Band with Dimeira, Aug. 13; Linsey Alexander Blues Band with Patricia Scott, Aug. 14; Tenry Johns Blues Band with Claudette, Aug. 20-21; Grana! Louise & the Troublemakers, Aug. 27-28; J.W. Williams Blues Band with Patricia Scott, Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.bluesbar.com. Music from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., unless noted otherwise. July 30: Alternative Theory, July 31: Julia Huff.

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. Aug. 7, 10 p.m.: The Bluegrass Advocates. Aug. 21, 10 p.m.: The Holy Hour House Band. Chicago Theater, 175 N. State St., Chicago. (312) 462-6300. www.thechicagotheatre.com. Aug. 7, 8 p.m.: Melissa Etheridge. \$38, \$58, \$78, \$103. Aug. 21: The Black Crowes. "Say Goodnight to the Bad Guys" 2010 Tour.

"The Fairy's Kiss": Liszt: Concerto No. 2, A major; and Tchaikovsky: Capriccio Italien, op. 45. July 31, 7:30 p.m.: "From Huapango to Danzon: Mexican Classical Music." Grant Park Orchestra, Enrique Barrios, guest conductor.

The Musical Offering presents an All-Chopin recital at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 at SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Sophie Webber, cellist, and pianist Nicholas Troy and Rick Ferguson will perform Chopin's Op. 65 Sonata for Cello and Piano in G Minor, as well as several piano works, including the Op. 23 Ballade in G Minor and Op. 17 Mazurkas. Tickets are \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door; \$8/\$10 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.evanstonSPACE.com or call Rick Ferguson, (847) 866-6260.

National High School Music Institute, part of Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music, presents its Gala Finale Concert at 2 p.m. July 30 in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Admission is free. S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonSPACE.com. (847) 492-8860. Sept. 21, 8 p.m.: Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers, with pianist Reiko Uchida. The program includes works by Beethoven, Debussy, Gershwin, Wagner and others. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$35 for reserved table seating.

\$38, \$53. Sept. 11, 8 p.m.: The Dukes of September Rhythm Revue: Donald Fagen, Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs. \$153, \$128, \$78, \$58. Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Jackson Browne with David Lindley Tour. \$45, \$65, \$85. Oct. 2, 8 p.m.: Louis CK: Word. \$30, \$40. Oct. 13-14, 8 p.m.: Drake: The Light Dreams and Nightmares Tour. \$40.50, \$50.50, \$76. Nov. 13, 8 p.m.: Chris Botti. \$29.50, \$48.50, \$58.50, \$65. Dec. 11, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Straight No Chaser. \$27.50, \$37.50, \$47.50.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org. Aug. 14: Whiskey Bucket Blues Review with Charlie Rossiter, Henry Berry and Jack Rossiter-Munley, following 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up; all genres, all acoustic). Admission is \$5.

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 5464 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 928-9900. www.gibsonssteakhouse.com. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp Trio.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 282-7035. www.ihcare.com/montrose_room. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover, unless noted otherwise. July 30: Legendary Rock Stars, Aug. 6: Voodoo Kings, Aug. 13: The Hue, Aug. 20: Trippin' Billies, Aug. 27: Selective Recall.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Summer Irish Music Concert Series - July 30, 8 p.m.: Davey Arthur and Fionnuala Gill, \$15. Aug. 11, 8 p.m.: Tommy Sands, \$15. Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m.: The High Kings, \$15.

Jamm'n' at the Zoo, an outdoor concert series, will be held on the South Lawn at Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark St., Chicago. Gates open to ticket holders at 6 p.m. (zoo members with tickets can enter 15 minutes early to stake out premium seating). The South Lawn provides open seating, and guests are encouraged to bring blankets, coolers, outside food and drinks are not permitted. Advance tickets are \$23. Visit www.jpzoo.org or (312) 742-2283. Aug. 27: Guster.

Jazzin' at the Shedd, a summer concert series held Wednesday nights, June 23-Sept. 1, on the North Terrace of the Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. The concerts coincide with Chicago's regular fireworks display over Lake Michigan. During Jazzin' at the Shedd, the Oceanarium, Wild Reef and Polar Play Zone are open until 8 p.m. and the original galleries are open until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$12; \$10 for children ages 3 to 11. Food and beverages are available for purchase. For information, call (312) 692-3373 or visit www.shedd Aquarium.org. Aug. 4: Detour Jazzfunk (urban jazz), Aug. 11: The Greg Duncan Quintet, Aug. 18: Chicago OGD (smooth jazz and jazz standards), Aug. 25: Petra Van Nuis, Sept. 1: Detour Jazzfunk (urban jazz).

The Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project: "A Celebration of Stephen Schwartz," 8 p.m. Aug. 7 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The evening celebrates the legacy of America's legendary songwriter Johnny Mercer by honoring

Tony Award-winning composer Stephen Schwartz ("Wicked," "Godspell," "Pippin"). The program features performances from Schwartz's landmark shows, along with classic Mercer tunes, by Broadway star Shoshana Bean, Tony-nominated composer and lyricist Craig Carnelia, Grammy Award-nominated composer and lyricist Andrew Lippa and Grammy Award-winning Nashville singer and songwriter Lari White, as well as young songwriters from the Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project. Tickets: \$10-\$40. For information, call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

Lincoln Restaurant, Lincoln Avenue and Irving Park Road, Chicago. Mondays, 7 p.m.: The Windy City Jammers play golden oldies. For information, call (847) 208-6055.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. July 29, 7:30 p.m.: National High School Music Institute Jazz Combos will perform. Admission is free.

Proseal Park, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, July 31: Blues by Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater at 8 p.m. and Lonnie Brooks at 9:30 p.m. Free admission. Visit www.lincolnwoodfest.com. 02. 1625 Hinman Ave., Evanston. www.quincerestaurant.net. 02Nite live jazz performance series - artists perform sets at 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. and admission is free with a two-drink minimum. Aug. 5: Vocalist Typhanie Monique and guitarist Neal Alger, Aug. 19: Jazz pianist Joan Hickey and bass player John Tate, Sept. 2: Jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis and jazz guitarist Andy Brown, Sept. 16: Jazz pianist and vocalist Steve Rashid with guitarist and mandolin player Don Stierberg.

Ruthie Foster (folk/blues), \$17/\$20. Oct. 7: Maria Muldaur. \$20/\$25. Oct. 9: Willy Porter with the Carpe Diem String Quartet (folk). \$25/\$30. Oct. 10: Guitar Master with Eric Johnson, Andy McKee and Peppino D'Agostino. \$35/\$40. Oct. 16: Chuck Porter (alt country). \$12/\$15. Oct. 19: Guitarist Leo Kottke (Americana). \$35/\$40. Oct. 20: Al Stewart. \$17/\$20. Oct. 22: Tyrone Wells (pop/rock). \$15/\$18. Oct. 27: Marshall Crenshaw, \$17/\$20. Oct. 29: The Subdudes (rock/Americana). \$30/\$35.

"Sweet and Hot: The Songs of Harold Arlen," presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre through Aug. 15 at No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago (Rogers Park). Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. \$25. Optional dinner package, \$45. For information, visit www.theoubique.org or call (800) 595-4849.

As You Like It Gallery, 825-B Chicago Ave., second floor, Evanston. (847) 864-3101. www.asyoulikeitsalon.net. Through October: "Coalescence," featuring interior landscapes on paper and canvas by Evanston artist Patt Murray.

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By **LEE A. LITAS**
Dining Columnist

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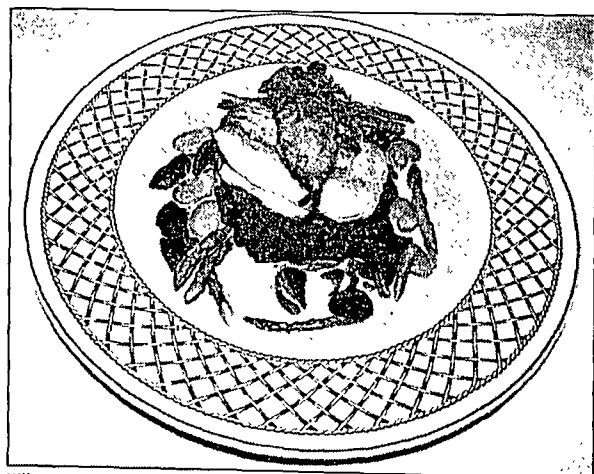
Well, the poundage of butter is gone, as are the cigars; the tone is streamlined and focused on the modern palate with an eye toward food allergies and waistlines, but you can't get away from it: Classic French is classic French, and if that means that you have to endure the constant presence of your waiter skillfully clearing your table of every last speck with his trusty stainless steel crumb sweeper, so be it.

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Server Sergio Angel serves up summer corn soup with fried leeks and lobster chunks at Restaurant Michael in Winnetka. (Photo by Lee A. Litas)



Wild Alaskan halibut filet comes served over roasted beet risotto, fava beans and morel cream at Restaurant Michael. (Photo by Lee A. Litas)

Now comes time for the plats principaux (main courses), and here is where you are truly spoiled for choice. To ease the selection Michael's offers three-course fixed-price (\$48) or four-course fixed-price (\$55) options, a seven-course chef's tasting menu (\$69) or a la carte ordering.

Named Chef of the Year in 2007 by the International Wine and Food Society of Chicago, Lachowicz strives to heed to every taste.

An inspired beginning is his two preparations of foie gras with candied huckleberries, which pairs a foie

small on the plate but pack quite a wallop when it comes to satiating you to bursting. A prime example is the sauteed filet of wild Alaskan halibut whose meatiness can rival that of any steak. It is served stacked atop roasted beet risotto and surrounded by a morel mushroom cream sauce rich with nutty-flavored fava beans and crunchy asparagus tips (\$30).

While meat dishes abound, the duo of roast baby lamb chops with osso bucco-filled jumbo ravioli is just the right combination of protein and carbs. It is served over al dente brown butter Brussels sprouts leaves and an exotic mushroom and confit fig ragout (\$30).

And for dessert, the choices get even tougher. Try the melt-in-your-mouth Tahitian vanilla creme brulee paired with panna cotta covered in lavender-scented berries (\$10).

At the end of each meal Lachowicz always sends out his homemade chocolate truffles with his compliments. Viva la France!

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ern Groceries." Chicago-based photographer Stephanie Dean presents a series of still life photographs focusing on the way food is packaged and consumed.

Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. www.evanstonartcenter.org. (847) 475-5300. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Through Aug. 15: "Scene@Evanston Art Center." the EAC members show.

Morton Grove Public Library. 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. (847) 965-4220. Aug. 1-30: Exhibit of Tarzan and Prince Valiant artwork by Hal Foster. Noyes Cultural Arts Center Gallery, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 448-8260. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. Through Sept. 9: "Brush & Needle," watercolors by John Macsai and fabrics by Gerry Macsai. In Gallery 2. Through Sept. 9: "A Sense of Place: Rural Indiana Narratives," photographs by Kay Westhues. In Gallery 1.

Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Through Aug. 26: "Sculpture Invasion 2010," a juried exhibition featuring more than 40 works by members of Chicago Sculpture International. The exhibit presents numerous large outdoor sculptures throughout the Oakton Sculpture Park, which includes more than 20 permanent works. Smaller sculptures and maquettes will be displayed indoors at the Koehnline Museum of Art. For information, call Nathan Harpaz. (847) 635-2633, or visit www.oakton.edu/museum.

Perspective Group and Photography Gallery, 1315-1/2B Chicago Ave., Evanston, a not-for-profit, community-oriented cooperative whose purpose is to promote photography as fine art. Gallery hours are noon-6 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays; noon-8 p.m. Fridays; and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Through July 31: "Recent Photographs," works by Faigle Tanner and Peter Nussbaum. Aug. 6-29: "Worked Images," photographs by Paul Clark and William Bridges. Clark's photographs are concerned with the transformation that occurs when small parcels are viewed through the material that comprises the barrier. "Work: An Intimate Portrait," by Bridges, is a documentary exploration of people engaging in routine activities on their jobs. An opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 7.

Seniors Action Service, 1123 Emerson Suite 200, Evanston. (847) 864-7274. www.SeniorsActionService.org. Through July 30: "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," with paintings by Clara Foreman of Skokie and Deely Zbaraz of Glenview. Simply Chicago Art, 1318 Oakton St., Evanston. (847) 864-0716. www.simply-chicagoart.com. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Through Aug. 1: Paintings by Joe Steiner and "Impressionist Landscapes in Fabric," quilts by Shelley Brucar. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

(847) 673-7774. www.skokiepubliclibrary.org. Through July 30: "Exploration 2010," the 24th annual Chicago Calligraphy Collective exhibit. The juried show features the best calligraphic art from Chicago Calligraphy Collective members.

Spex, 2000 Central St., Evanston. (847) 864-0300. www.spexchicago.com. Through Aug. 5: "Art+Vision" exhibit, featuring painting and photography by Erin Kaya.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

The Rising Stars Theatre Company will hold auditions by appointment for its fall musical, "Hairspray," from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 22 and 7-9 p.m. Aug. 23 at 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Seeking a large cast of adults and teens, ages 14 and up, of all ethnic backgrounds. All teens should have strong dance skills. Prepare 32 bars of a song in the style of the show. Songs from the show are welcome but not necessary. Accompanist provided; bring sheet music in your key. Be prepared to dance. E-mail director@risingstars.org or call (773) 736-2490 after Aug. 1 for an audition appointment. Walk-ins welcome, but will be seen as time permits. There is no pay. Performances are Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 6-21, at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. For information, visit www.risingstars.org.

SINGERS

Petite Opera Productions seeks northwest suburban area children, ages 8-14, to play the starring Gingerbread children's chorus in its November production of "Hansel and Gretel" in Park Ridge. The chorus is split into two soprano lines, and sings in harmony. Both boys and girls should have good soprano voices, be able to sustain their vocal part against a harmony line, be able to learn music quickly, and be 5'5" tall or under at the time of the production. Ability to read music is a plus. Auditions will be held in Park Ridge, by appointment only, from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 21. For the audition, each child should prepare the specific section of the Gingerbread chorus selection provided on the company website at www.petiteopera.org. Click on the Auditions link at the top of the page to download the PDF print music file and MP3 recordings for the high voice and low voice part. To request an appointment, call (847) 553-4442 or e-mail petiteopera@gmail.com.

The Evanston Symphony Festival Chorus, Sue Young, director, is now recruiting for its sixth annual "An Evanston Symphony Christmas" concert, to be held Dec. 5. Rehearsals are held in Evanston and will begin in October. Interested singers may contact Cathy Carr at cathy.carr@carconsulting.net or the ESO at www.evanstonsymphony.org.

Chicago Metro men's chorus rehearses at 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Sokol Community Center, 4855 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. New members welcome. Call (847) 208-6055 or visit chicagometrochorus.com.

Skokie Concert Choir seeks male and female singers at any level of choral experience. No auditions are held. The choir performs a variety of music, from classical to Broadway, and performs two concerts annually, under the direction of Candice Crane, with accompanist Adrian Metzger. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, September through June, at Old Orchard Junior High School, 9310 Kenton Ave., Skokie. Visit www.skokiechoir.org or call (847) 674-3219.

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DANCERS

The Chicago Bulls will hold auditions for its female dance team, the Luvabulls, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 15 at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Auditions for the 25-member team are open to dancers ages 21 years and older. The dancers are scheduled to perform at all Chicago Bulls home games and will have the opportunity to appear and perform at numerous other events including banquets, corporate parties, conventions, promotional events, trade shows and charity events. Additionally, the Luvabulls perform internationally in such places as Holland, England, France, Costa Rica, Japan, Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. Applications are due by Aug. 9.

ARTISTS

The Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College invites women artists to submit work for a juried exhibition set to run Oct. 21-Nov. 6. Deadline for entries is Sept. 1. There is no entry fee. "No Place Like Home: Examining Changing Landscapes in Our Lives" focuses on the places people call home and how that relates to personal identity. Works should adhere to the theme of how the concept of home shapes individual and shared experiences. Download the full prospectus at www.oakton.edu/newsevents/events/WGS_art_entry.pdf. The exhibition is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies at Oakton, in cooperation with the museum. Artists may submit only one original work for consideration. Works must be submitted on a compact disc as JPEG images with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. The CD must be labeled with the artist's name, title of the work and medium. The CD also

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

Artists and crafts artists are invited to jury to participate in the 20th annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure II, to be presented by American Society of Artists Sept. 18 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, Park Ridge. Potential exhibitors should submit four images representative of their work, one of their display set-up, first/last name, address, and daytime telephone number. Resume/show listing helpful. Send e-mail to Asoartists@aol.com or mail to American Society of Artists, P.O. Box 1326, Palatine IL 60078. For information, call (847) 991-4748 or visit www.americansocietyofartists.org.

St. Eugene Church, Foster and Canfield, Chicago, is seeking crafters for its craft, rummage and bake sale, to be held Oct. 9. Tables are \$20. For an application, call (708) 583-9359.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Be The Next Dorothy talent search

competition, open to singers and actors between the ages of 16-21, will be held Aug. 14-15 at Northbrook Court in Northbrook. Contestants will vie to be cast in the musical, "WIZARD," which opens at New York City's Jazz at Lincoln Center in December 2010. Auditions on Aug. 14 are open to the first 400 contestants. Doors open at 6 a.m. Registration will occur from 8-10:30 a.m., with auditions starting at 11 a.m. Callbacks will be held Aug. 15, followed by the announcement of the local winner later that afternoon. For complete rules and registration, visit www.wizardmusical.com.

The Kiwanis Club of Evanston seeks entries for its annual Faces of Evanston photography contest, open to professional and amateur photographers. This year's contest theme is "Legacy." While the photos all should reflect Evanston, participants do not need to live in the city. Cash prizes of \$250 for first prize, \$100 for second prize and \$50 for third prize. Photographers can enter by submitting their photos on a CD. In print or online. There is a \$5 fee for each photo submitted. Entry deadline is Aug. 31. For a complete set of rules, visit www.evanstonkiwanis.org or call Stamatia Blanas, (847) 475-4544.

BENEFITS

Nelarusky benefit concert, organized by Evanston teen Lauren McClusky, will be held at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago. As the offi-

cialist soloists and orchestras. Those auditioners are encouraged to sing a prepared piece of their choice, and bring three copies of the music. Auditioners without a prepared piece will be asked to sing a familiar song provided at the audition. A pianist will be provided for accompaniment. Auditioners will also be asked to vocalize and sight-read an unfamiliar piece. Membership dues are \$100 per year. Rehearsals will be held from 7-10 p.m. Mondays in Palatine, beginning Aug. 23, and also on Tuesdays and Thursdays of concert weeks. Performances in November, December and April take place in the Divine Word Chapel in Techney (near Northbrook). The May performances will be in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, College of Lake County, in Grayslake. For an audition appointment, e-mail cms.information@gmail.com or call (877) 825-5267.

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cial pre-show of Lollapalooza, this all-ages benefit concert for Special Olympics Illinois will feature the music of Lollapalooza act The Constellations, Denver-based Churchill, Chicago bands Fair Herald, Your Villain My Hero, DJ Million S Mano, and special guests. \$13. Call (773) 938-1212 or visit www.nelarusky.com.

CHILD'S PLAY

Jodi Koplin's Jigglejammer classes, for children ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents, feature guitar, percussion instruments and puppets to introduce children to music. Ongoing classes available in Northbrook and Park Ridge. Call (847) 236-9235 or visit www.jigglejamproductions.com. Kids' Fun Fest will be held from noon-4 p.m. Aug. 14 in Center Court at Golf Mill Shopping Center, Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue, Niles. The event features a magician, stilt walker, juggler, face painters, and a Radio Disney AM1300 Road Crew party with music, games, prizes and more. Free. For information, visit www.golffmill.com or call (847) 699-1070. Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview. (847) 832-6600. www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-noon Mondays; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Special members-only hours

from 9-9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission prices through June 30 are \$7.50; \$6.50 for senior citizens; free for children under 1. Beginning July 1, admission is \$8.50; \$7.50 for senior citizens; free for children under 1. Through Sept. 26: "Smokey Bear and Woody Owl: Home Sweet Home," an interactive attraction designed for children ages birth to 8. Smokey and Woody, the United States Forest Service's most well-known mascots, will encourage families to spend time together outdoors, and inspire children to discover and care for the natural resources that sustain our world. Elements of the exhibit include "At Home in the Urban Forest," "The Itsy Bitsy Spider Rain Garden," "A Happy, Healthy House," "Would You Believe It Comes From a Tree?" and "At Home in the Great Forest." July 29: Music Day, with Karen Banks-Lubicz concerts at 10 and 11 a.m.; Mindy Hester & the Time Outs concerts at 1, 2 and 3 p.m.; and stonetime with Curious George and the Man in the Yellow Hat from 3-3:45 p.m. July 30: Grand Celebration, with a cake and ice cream party from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Suggested donation is \$5 adults; \$2.50 senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. Kids Craft Mornings are offered from 11 a.m.-noon. Museum staffers and volunteers lead informal workshops where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects and engage in other hands-on activities related to

native culture. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the museum. Kids Craft Workshops are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary. July 31: Warrior shields. Aug. 7: Northwest Coast masks. Aug. 14: Talking feathers. Aug. 21: Dream catchers. Aug. 28: God's eyes. Sept. 4: Northwest Coast rattles. Sept. 11: Mini-tips. Sept. 18: Baskets. Sept. 25: Fetish bracelets. Niles Public Library District, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. Mondays, 11 a.m.: Babytime, for children ages 2 and under, accompanied by an adult. The continuous year-round drop-in program includes stories, songs, fingerplays and playtime. Thursdays, 10 a.m.: Rise & Shine Storytime for children ages 2-6, accompanied by an adult. Aug. 3, 3 p.m.: Life-Size Candyland for grades 2 and up. Aug. 4, 2 p.m.: Mix Your Own Media Mashup for teens. Bring music, words, photos and videos on CD or USB device. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. Aug. 28, 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.: The Wiggles' "Wiggly Circus Live!" Tour. Tickets: \$15-\$85. Take Two Children's Theater offers summer camps at the North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. 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 or visit www.skokiechildrenstheater.com.

COMEDY

Gorilla Tango Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. (773) 598-4549. www.gorillatango.com. Through Sept. 3, 11 p.m. Fridays: Christophe the Insultor, the alter ego of comedian Christopher Buehlman. \$10. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Aug. 6, 8 p.m.: The Edge Comedy Club, featuring North Shore standup comedians. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.

DANCE

Ballroom Chicago.com Sunday Afternoon Dance, Aug. 22 at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Ave., Franklin Park. Lesson from 2-2:30 p.m.; open dancing from 2:30-5:30 p.m. \$12 per person. For information, call (847) 757-2227 or e-mail at bob@ballroom-chicago.com. Bococo Cultural Center and Café, 1823 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-8164. www.bococo.org. "Milonga Cielo" Argentine tango class meets from 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, with tango parlor dancing starting at 9 p.m. Instructors Marco Mambello and Ana Savitzky specialize in teaching beginners using the classic tango salon style with elements of contemporary tango, Tango Nuevo, and also traditional and romantic Tango Milonguero. Free-will donations accepted. Brian Patti Orchestra presents a 10-piece ballroom dance band from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays at Mango Mexican Restaurant, 8743 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. \$5 cover. Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance, the national organization representing amateur ballroom dancers. Lesson begins at 7:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:15-11 p.m. Admission: \$8 members; \$10 nonmembers; \$6 for students with ID. Dance music for all swing, Latin and ballroom dances. Partners not required - singles welcome. Beginning dancers encouraged. For information, call (847) 577-9014 or visit www.usadancechicago.org. Aug. 14: "Dance Buenos Aires," featuring the Argentine tango, at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park. Chicago Human Rhythm Project presents "Rhythm World" at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4, 5 and 7 on the MCA Stage at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$30; \$25 for Rhythm World participants and MCA members. For information, visit www.chicagotap.org or call (312) 397-4010. The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, 1306 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. (312) 369-8330. www.colum.edu/dancecenter. July 29-31, 8 p.m.: The A.W.A.R.D. Show! 2010 Chicago, featuring the work of 12 contemporary choreographers. The preliminary evenings feature the work of four choreographers per night. Each dance piece is 12-15 minutes of a completed work, excerpt or work-in-progress. After each performance, an artist and audience discussion takes

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TOURS & OUTINGS

Art Encounter, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 328-9222. www.artencounter.org. October 2010: Art Travel to Berlin to visit Art Forum Berlin, opera, private collections, museums, Potsdam, Sanssouci Palace and more. Call for details. "Evanston Women's History Walking Tour," presented by the Evanston History Center from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 7, starting at the Dawes House, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston. \$15 per person, \$10 for EHC members, payable day

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WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

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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. July 29-30, 7 p.m.; July 31, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Aug. 1, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.: Walking with Dinosaurs: The Arena Spectacular. Tickets: \$79.50, \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50. Parking is \$11. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679.

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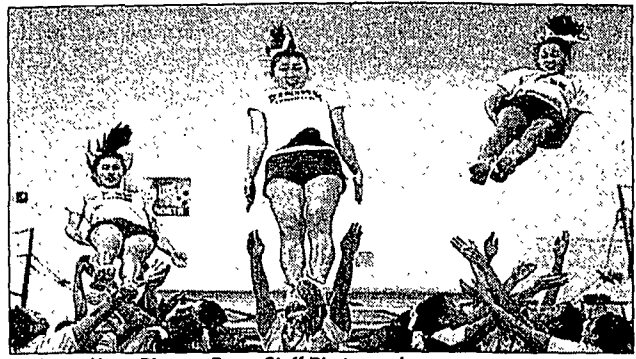
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8 p.m. July 30, 2 and 8 p.m. July 31, 2 p.m. Aug. 1, 8 p.m. Aug. 5, 8 p.m. Aug. 6, 2 and 8 p.m. Aug. 7, at Athenaeum Theater, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago. \$10-\$15. (773) 935-6860, www.ensemble113 or www.ticketmaster.com.

By J.T. MORAND
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Ensemble113, the group of Niles North High School graduates who started the theater company, is branching out in its third year.

The group is taking on its first musical, "Reefer Madness," by Dan Studney and Kevin Murphy, which they'll perform outside the northern suburbs, and using actors who didn't go to Niles North.

In their first year, members put on "Election Day," by Jason Tobiesen. Last year, ensemble113 put on two original plays, "The Best Medicine" and "Brought to Life."

Artistic Director Clayton Fox said those three plays were challenging in their own ways. In order to develop, he added, ensemble113 has to continue to challenge themselves.

Putting on a musical provides several challenges, including assembling an orchestra, paying the orchestra, choreographing dance numbers and buying the musical rights.

Fox said striking a balance between the acting and the music is also challenging.

"I'm happy with the music we got, but it took a while to make it an equal focus," he said.

"There are a lot more elements to cover, between actors and musicians," added director Corey Lubowich. "But, it's just another way of telling a story."

They didn't choose to do "Reefer Madness, the Musical" based on the 1936 movie of the same name about the effects of marijuana, just because it was challenging. They chose to do the musical, which includes zombies and Jesus Christ, because it's funny and timely. In it, a lecturer, played by Fox, tells a story, based on information gleaned from newspapers, about what happens to a teenage couple who try marijuana, which causes their lives to spiral out of control.

"It's in line with the kind of material we enjoy — comedy. Smart comedy," Fox said. "There's something edgy about it. We wanted to do something that reflects our age."

Fox points out that states are considering decriminalizing marijuana, but not without resistance.

"The taboo of marijuana is still relevant today," he said.

Putting on challenging shows has gained ensemble113 some notoriety. What started originally as a group of theater kids who graduated from Niles North in 2008, now



Elyse Pancheri, Katy Jacob, Joe Boersma, Kim Grossman and Martin Hanna rehearse their roles as characters being confronted by their demons in "Reefer Madness, the Musical," being put on by ensemble113. (Photo by Lynn Orman Weiss)

includes young actors from other suburbs. For example, the female lead in "Reefer Madness," Mary Lane, is played by Amy Stricker, of Northbrook, and Sally, a mother who pawns her child for pot money, is played by Elyse Pancheri, of Wilmette.

"It's an important stage of our development — finding other artists to work with us," Lubowich said.

Ensemble113 is also branching out geographically. Instead of putting on the show in the suburbs, they're putting on "Reefer Madness, the

Musical" at the Athenaeum Theater in Chicago. Running a production smoothly is one of the lessons the group learned from experience, and the Athenaeum space will help with that. Size, equipment and cost were important considerations, which suburban theaters couldn't match this summer.

"We couldn't find one to accommodate the needs for this musical," Fox said. "We're hoping that it will be a positive experience for our audience, coming into the city to see us in that context." Comment: pioneerlocal.com



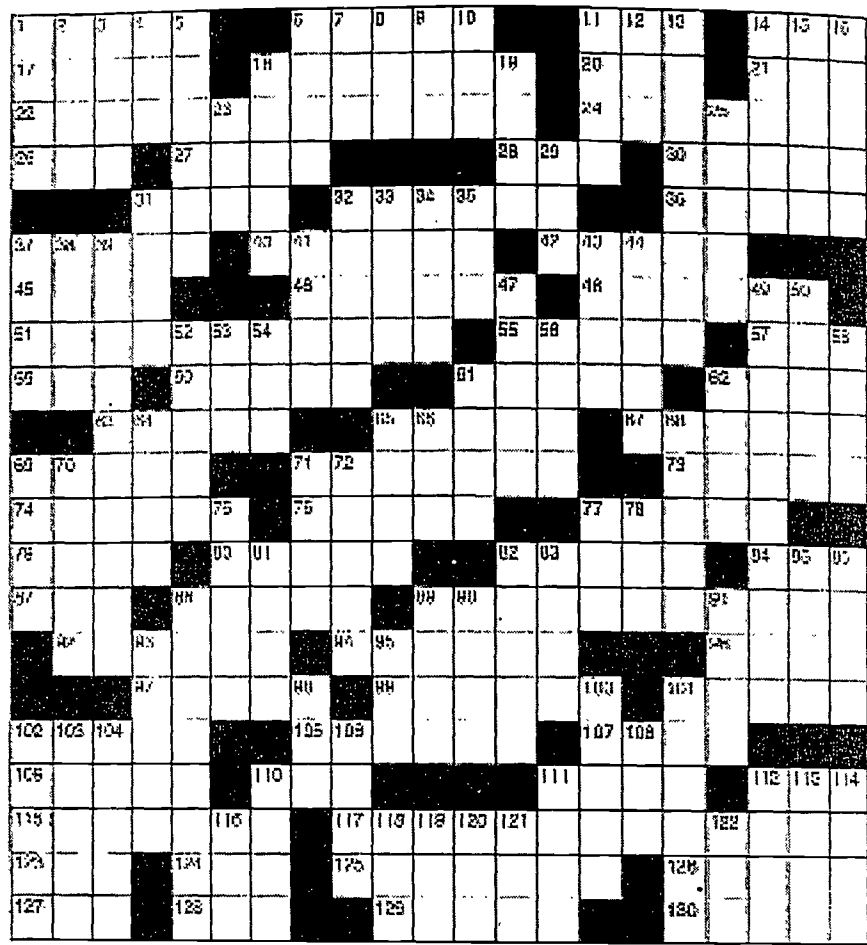
Amy Stricker and Will Aaron rehearse their roles as teenagers Mary Lane and Jimmy Harper, whose lives spiral downward after smoking marijuana in "Reefer Madness, the Musical." (Photo by Lynn Orman Weiss)

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For the week of Aug. 2 — Aug. 8

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, and then talk about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines, and a good time for reinforcing the bonds between partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where - sorry to say - your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face some reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Even a family-loving person like you sometimes can feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence, and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date, and add more breaks to your work schedule.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old Chinese saying that the spoken word is silver, but the unspoken gold could well apply here.

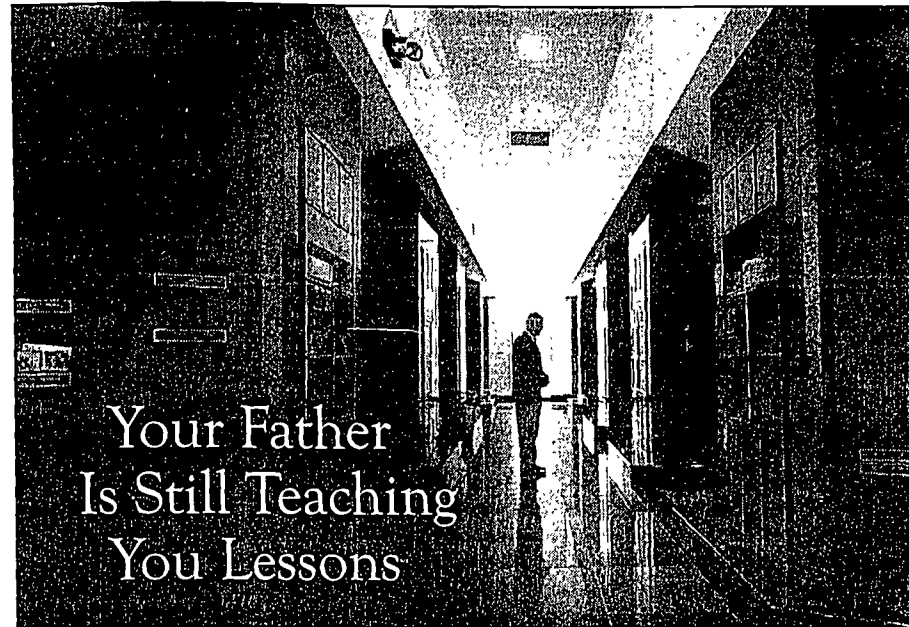
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some facts could emerge to shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn also might help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, and worry about procedure and protocol later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health-care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

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Luxury buyers put 2011 M on their dance cards

BY JEFF TAYLOR
SearchChicago-Autos Contributor

The previous generation Infiniti M sedan was a luxury car on the outside looking in. The shindig was going full bore with Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar, BMW and Audi having a great time mingling with luxury car buyers, but the previous Infiniti M was not part of the festivities.

For 2011 Infiniti worked hard to secure an invitation for the M sedans. On sale now, the M sedans offer two party favors: M37 (V-6) and M56 (V-8) with standard rear-wheel drive or optional all-wheel drive. I tested these versions recently at a new model introduction and I have to say Infiniti is now part of the "in" crowd.

The M line begins with a base price of \$46,250 (M37 RWD) and tops out at \$60,050 (M56x AWD) before options are added.

For 2011 I have to say that Infiniti designers really crafted a new exterior design that is more expressive, appealing and luxurious than the previous model. The new M design features the signature

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2011 INFINITI M

ENGINE: 330-horsepower 3.7-liter V-6 (M37); 420-horsepower 5.6-liter V-8 (M56)

TRANSMISSION: seven-speed automatic

DRIVETRAIN: rear-wheel drive

FUEL ECONOMY: 18 city/26 highway (M37); 16 city/25 highway (M56)

BASE PRICE: \$46,250 (M37); \$57,550 (M56)

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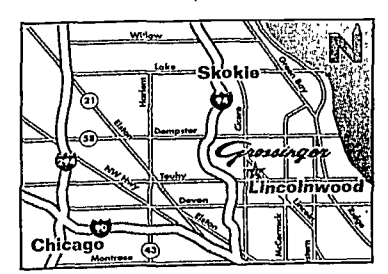
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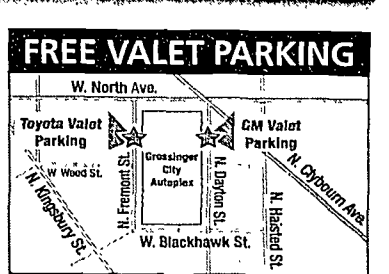
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New 2011 Infiniti M joins the 'in' crowd

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For 2011 the M wheelbase of 114.2 inches remains the same as last year's model, however width has been expanded by 1.5 inches (72.6 inches), length increases marginally by 0.6-inch (194.7 inches) and overall height drops by 0.3-inch (59.1 inches).

Inside, the M's interior has taken a big leap forward with a renewed emphasis on luxury and not sport. Infiniti has liberally fitted the interior with high-quality wood trim, supple leather and soft-touch pieces and reduced the heavy plastic content of the previous model. A high-tech instrument panel features Fine Vision electroluminescent gauges, and a center-mounted LCD screen dominates the dash with supporting controls arranged below. The screen features great graphics and it is easy to navigate through. Overall the design is fresh, rich looking and has a high level of fit and finish.

Some of the standard technology features on the 2011 M include Bluetooth hands-free phone system, HomeLink universal transceiver, Infiniti intelligent key with illuminated push button ignition and rearview monitor. The intelligent key remembers the last used climate control, audio and navigation settings. An entry/exit assist system for the driver's seat and steering wheel, heated front seats, sequential welcome lighting illuminated entry system and dual-zone automatic temperature help round out the M's passenger pampering.

Some of the available options I was able to experience included a next-generation Infiniti hard drive navigation system, Bose studio surround premium audio system, and intelligent cruise control (full-speed range).

Infiniti provided us with comparative models and after a little evaluation I concluded that the M's seating, interior layout and level of luxury was on par with the rest of the party. Drivers and front passengers have plenty of shoulder and headroom — even with the power moon roof. A wide center console steals some legroom, but dual front-passenger 10-way power seat adjustment helps. Rear seat comfort and legroom is fine for two outboard passengers, but the center seat rider loses precious legroom due to drive shaft intrusion. The sloping roofline and

smaller windows conspire to enclose rear passengers.

The word "blistering" best describes the power increases Infiniti worked into the two M versions. The M37 features a high-revving 330-horsepower 3.7-liter V-6 engine — a 9 percent increase over 2010. Not enough for you? Well then step right up to the M56 with a mighty 420-horsepower 5.6-liter V-8 — a 95-horsepower increase over last year. Torque for the M56 is way up, increasing 24 percent to 417 pound-feet at 4,400 rpm.

Both the M37 and M56 engines are backed with an advanced seven-speed automatic transmission offering a manual-shift mode, optional paddle shifters and rev-matching. This is an ultra smooth unit; the paddle shifters were responsive and thankfully did not exhibit a "light switch" feeling while flipping through the gears.

Infiniti's drive mode selector is a sophisticated four-mode driver-selectable control for throttle and transmission mapping that helps optimize vehicle performance. The selector also adjusts the four-wheel active steer settings when buyers opt for the sport package (\$3,650). Active trace control adjusts engine torque and the control of braking at each of the four wheels to help enhance cornering performance.

An eco pedal provides driver feedback to help to drivers maximize fuel economy. On that subject, the M37 checks in with Environmental Protection Agency numbers of 18 mpg city and 26 mpg highway — increases of 1 mpg over last year. As you would expect, the EPA numbers for the more powerful M56 are lower, but they are respectable at 16 mpg city and 25 mpg highway — an increase of 4 mpg highway over the previous model.

The driving experience begins in the rear, where the M rolls the power off. All-wheel drive is available on both the M37 and M56. The M sedans use an advanced front midship platform, which Infiniti designed to set the engine behind the front axle to create a more favorable front-to-rear weight balance. The previous generation's independent double-wishbone design in front and multilink independent system in the rear is carried over from the previous generation along with the front and rear stabilizer bars. Infiniti revised the rear suspension geometry and the ride is a little firmer with

less give this time around.

Infiniti adds a high level of technology to the driving experience with lane departure warning and lane departure prevention systems, distance control assist, intelligent brake assist with forward collision warning and front pre-crash seat belts.

On the curvy roads Infiniti mapped out for the program I was able to open up the M37 and spirited M56. Both cars return a very satisfying driving experience — crisp, controlled and responsive — wrapped with a high level of luxury and passenger pampering.

The 2011 Infiniti M37 and M56 sedans will not dethrone the BMW 5 Series or Jaguar XF, but they will run with the Audi A6, Mercedes E-Class competitors and stay ahead of the Lincoln MKS and upstart Hyundai Genesis.

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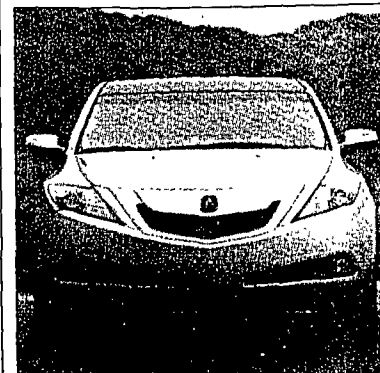
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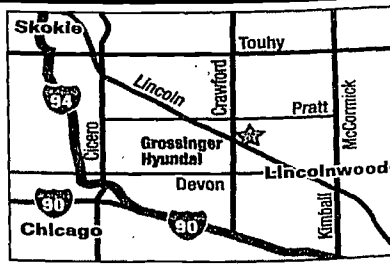
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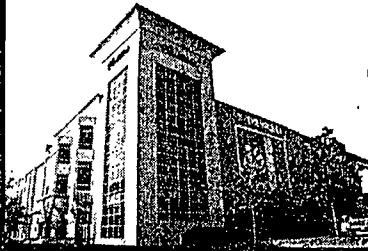
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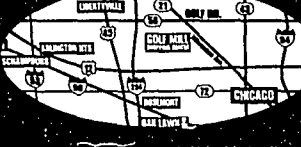
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ROCK CREEK DEVELOPMENT

How buyers want it

Ground broken for semi-custom homes at Henning Estates

After the recent completion of two decorated models, ground is being broken for three new ranch homes for families at Henning Estates. Located in a peaceful conservation setting just west of Huntley, Rock Creek Development's semi-custom ranch homes are base priced from the \$360,000s (including home site) and provide 1,800 to 2,260 square feet of stair-free living space.

For maximum privacy and environmental conservation, all of the homes are set on one-third acre home sites and none of them back up against another home. Each homeowner will enjoy private views of woods, tall grass prairies and ponds or wetlands.

"We are thrilled to death to be building three of our luxury ranch



The 2,260-square-foot South Haven, priced at \$396,900, is one of three new semi-custom homes under construction at Henning Estates near Huntley.

homes for lucky homeowners over the next few months," said Ryan VanLue, president of Rock Creek Homes. "We see this as a validation that even in these tough economic times, the right home at the right price point with the right mix of luxury amenities like granite counter tops or hardwood flooring is all that is necessary to convince families to sign on the dotted line."

Scheduled to be delivered to the happy homeowners in September, construction is progressing smoothly on Rock Creek's South Haven plan, a 2,260-square-foot ranch home with optional three-car side-load garage. With a base price of \$396,900, the semicustom home will feature a brick and stone exterior, two bedrooms, two full baths, large family room with volume ceiling, for-

mal dining room, stately living room or den, kitchen filled with hardwood cabinets and a full basement.

Per the customer's request, the luxurious South Haven model will feature a custom fireplace in a dramatic family room, site-finished hardwood flooring, a formal dining room, 9-foot first-floor ceilings,

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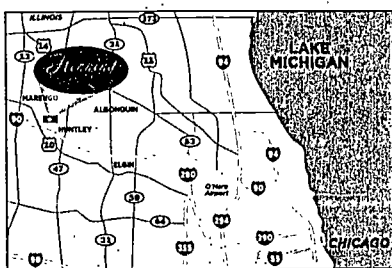
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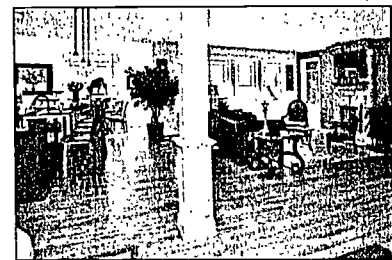
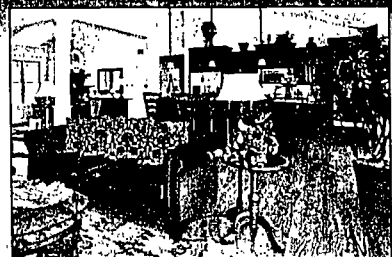


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Lakeshore East residents donate to support of local charities

Residents of Lakeshore East, the emerging neighborhood rising on the New East Side, have donated hundreds of pounds of food, books, hygienic products and pet supplies to needy Chicago charities in the past six months.

Lakeshore East developer Macellan Development Group recently joined a network of organizations supporting Bin Donated, a charity pick-up service specializing in collecting and distributing a variety of goods ranging from toys to cell phones for the homeless, displaced, disadvantaged and those seeking shelter from abuse.

In addition to participation by

residents of seven condo and rental towers already completed at Lakeshore East, residents of several properties managed by NNP Residential, a property management affiliate of Macellan, are participating in the Bin Donated program. Those properties include the R&D condo building at 659 W. Randolph, Jefferson Towers condos at 200 N. Jefferson and 2555 N. Clark St. rental building.

The Bin Donated network is also supported by property management firms, office buildings, private corporations, schools and places of worship. Collectively they represent more than 20 residential buildings with more

than 8,700 residential units. "Our goal is to make it easy and cost-efficient for anyone to donate everyday household items and distribute them to the thousands of people who can use them and need those most," explains Judson Kinnucan, founder and CEO of Bin Donated. "It allows us to deliver thousands of dollars worth of high-quality items at no cost. And it is also an environmentally-friendly service."

Among the diverse organizations being supported by Bin Donated are the Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation; House of the Good Shepherd; Lincoln Park Community Shelter; Open Books; St. Ignatius Church;

Working in the Schools (WITS); Chicago Public Schools; Interfaith House; The Night Ministry; Southwest Chicago PADS; StreetWise and YMCA of Chicago.

Among the items collected to date that Bin Donated observes are "Gone for Good" are 2,826 lbs. of books, 2,319 lbs. of hygiene products, 1,500 book totes, 905 lbs. of food, 524 lbs. of school supplies and 282 lbs. of pet supplies.

"There was no question in our mind that the residents of Lakeshore East and properties managed by NNP would wholeheartedly support Bin Donated," said Macellan co-CEO Joel Car-

lins. "These are people who care about the health and well-being of those less fortunate than themselves and also recognize this as an eco-friendly activity and the result has supported our conviction."

Lakeshore East spans 28 acres, believed to be the largest parcel of downtown land under development in a major U.S. city. This \$4 billion mixed-use development incorporates all the elements of a traditional city community.

Residential development at Lakeshore East currently includes seven completed and occupied condominium and rental buildings with more than 3,000

residences. The first phase of The Parklomes at Lakeshore East, an enclave of 25 gracious townhomes, is also under construction. A diverse retail component of the community already includes a Fifth Third Bank facility, Café RoM gourmet coffee shop and a full-service CVS pharmacy. Roundy's will anchor the 105,000 square-foot Village Market, now under construction, with a 505,000-square-foot Mariano Fresh Market.

For additional information on Bin Donated, visit the Web site, www.bindonated.org, or contact Judson Kinnucan at judson@bindonated.org or call 312-532-8937.

Get a custom closet on a do-it-yourself budget

Both fashion and budget-conscious Americans alike are taking better care of their clothing and other possessions, starting with how they store them.

But if you haven't been reading today's most popular home and style magazines, sneaking a peak inside your neighbor's closets, or house-hunting lately, you might not have noticed: Closets have evolved from clumsy and non-functional to downright fabulous.

Or maybe you've envied the spacious, custom closets characteristic of luxury homes, but haven't had thousands of dollars to plunk down on a professional closet makeover.

In either case, you probably need a closet solution. That's why manufacturers of closet organization systems have been busy developing new, do-it-yourself home storage solutions ranging from low-end, rack-and-wire plug-ins to handsome furniture-style systems in white or wood-toned melamine and even solid wood.

Where to start creating a custom closet on a do-it-yourself budget? First, determine your skill level. Do you need a professional? Probably not. Many closet systems can be installed in a weekend by anyone of average skill level. Some brands offer Web sites with pre-existing templates and online design tools that make closet planning

easy.

Next, measure your space. Determine the width, height and depth and write them down. Is your closet a reach-in, walk-in, or are you creating it from freestanding space? Have high ceilings? Add a shelf to store items overhead.

When planning, consider designating 50 percent of your closet space for low-hanging clothes, 25 percent for longer clothes, and 25 percent for drawers and shelves. Then, take inventory of your stuff and make adjustments to meet your personal needs.

Use a tower unit to separate his space from hers and incorporate shelves and drawers. Use part racks to organize 12 pairs of pants in a compact space while keeping them smooth and pressed.

Use shelves for organizing folded sweaters so they keep their proper form. Raise shoes off the floor. Look for shoe cubbies that comfortably hold two shoes, not just one. Shoe cubbies are also ideal for stowing away evening bags, belts and other personal items. For more information, visit www.homeoptionsstorage.com.

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Closet organizer systems can clean up a mess and turn the closet into a stylish place to "visit" when dressing. ARACONTENT PHOTO



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 - Berkeley**
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 - Broadview**
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761 Weldner Rd: Cygan, Robert J & Wolowicz, Carolyn M; \$153,500
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450 N 5th Ave: Joseph, Joseph K & Jacob, Mimimol; \$275,000
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7139 W Niles Ave: Gibbs, Steven; \$188,000
9098 W Terrace Dr 2D: Niemiec, Elzbieta; \$93,000
6884 W Touhy Ave 6884C: Banas, Maria; \$103,000
 - Northbrook**
2175 Brentwood Rd: Isola, Kimborly A; \$426,000
33 Court Of Cobblestone: Yoon, Suk Young & Leo, Kyung Ju; \$352,500
1831 Mission Hills Rd 110: Sherwood, David; \$195,000
3085 Pheasant Creek Dr 317: Gumbinger, Nicholas J & Weinsheimer, Margaret; \$170,000
3250 Prestwick Ln: Bartos, Sara J & Walsh, Daniel J; \$365,000
 - Northlake**
468 N Prater Ave: Sorenson, Mary B; \$79,000
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3600 Illinois Rd: Zhou, Bin & Lu, Zhi; \$485,000
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Chic outdoor furniture defies the weather

Tired of making that mad dash to deck, patio or porch at the first clap of thunder? That Herculean effort to salvage outdoor furnishings and cushions from a dreaching summer downpour is — put bluntly — an inconvenient pain.

Such is life in the Chicago area, where outdoor living means meeting the challenges of blistering sun, torrential rains and bone-chilling winters. Or does it?

UnCovered: The Upholstered Garden, is a chic new collection of fully upholstered furniture for outdoor use that conquers the outer limits of home design. Boldly refusing to allow any combination of weather conditions to steal its righteous thunder. Created by Newton, N.C.-based Lee Industries, UnCovered combines beauty and function, introducing an entire new standard for outdoor living. The furniture is unmistakable in its mission bring indoor beauty and comfort to the outdoors.

Simple, understated and well thought out by a manufacturer known for its quality, style and love of the environment, UnCovered is unique and entirely unlike other types of "weather proof" furniture made of plastic, iron or treated wood.

For the customer seeking more than just patio furniture, Honquest Furniture for Living has assembled a Lee's UnCovered showcase — actually a sun porch — within the showroom at 1455 S. Barrington Road in Barrington.

"Summers are so short here in the Chicago area that we all crave the relaxation the season promises," said Honquest upholstery buyer Roberta Ohlrich. "UnCovered by Lee offers our customers the style and comfort of an indoor upholstered piece that's appropriate for virtually any outdoor living environment. And its sleek, clean, contemporary lines appeal to a wide range of shoppers."

Ohlrich considers UnCovered appropriate to most comfortably furnish an area for luxurious daytime sun lounging. Yet she says it is versatile enough to readily transform into an elegant retreat for entertaining and dining under the stars.

Sturdy and inviting armchairs, sofas and dining chair frames are made of sustainable birch plywood assembled with waterproof adhesive stainless steel staples and fasteners. Seat decks and foundations for cushions and pillows are open weave fabric, which allow for drainage.

Honquest features a wide range of washable, fade-resistant fabrics by Sunbrella (specifically made to withstand the elements out of doors), which are available for use with UnCovered furniture.

UnCovered has yet another obstacle. Its designs offer more than enough style and comfort to come indoors, a move some customers are choosing.

Honquest Furniture for Living, 1455 S. Barrington Road, Barrington, is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily except Thursday, when it's open until 8 p.m., and Sundays, when hours are noon to 5 p.m.

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Commuters find perfect location and price at The Crossings

Neatly hidden within an established neighborhood in the town of Morton Grove is an oasis of luxury and a commuter's dream. Just steps from the Metra, The Crossings at Morton Grove is quickly becoming the hottest new rowhome community for buyers searching for all the luxuries of a new home at a great price and with a perfect location.

Exceptionally priced from \$299,995, The Crossings at Morton Grove is an enclave of 64 charming new rowhomes by Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes. Situated just steps from the Morton Grove Metra station, residents can walk out their front door and be at the train station in five minutes.

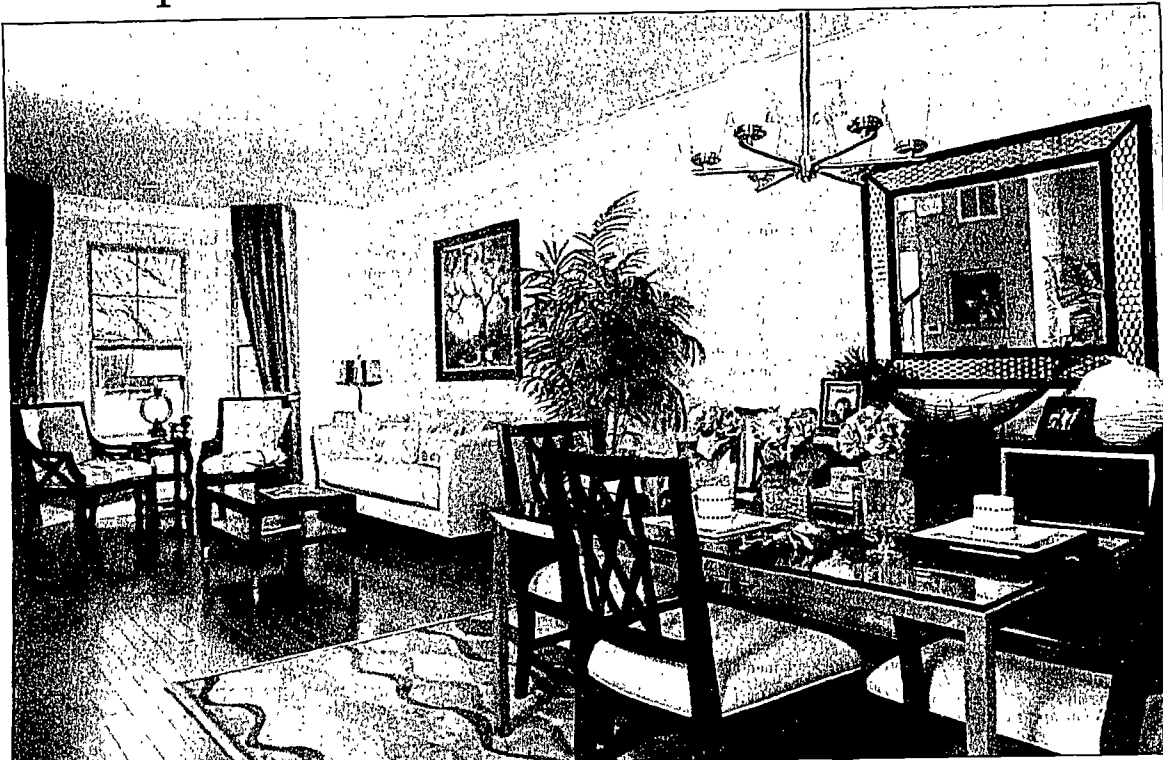
"To find newly constructed rowhomes in such an ideal location is incredibly rare," said Brian Wulfestieg, Senior Project Manager for Toll Brothers. "And, we are just 17 minutes from O'Hare airport, which is also a big draw."

Buyers are equally impressed with the luxurious features included in each rowhome such as granite countertops, 42-inch maple kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors, Kohler plumbing fixtures, whirlpool Gold stainless steel appliances in the kitchen, a washer and dryer, 9-foot first-floor and second-floor ceilings, a rooftop deck, two-car attached garage, full basement and a sodded yard with automatic irrigation systems.

Another draw is the easy low-maintenance lifestyle with lawn care and snow removal provided by the homeowners association.

"With personal time at such a premium these days, we are finding that more and more buyers want a look and leave lifestyle so their down time is spent doing what they love," said Wulfestieg.

Wulfestieg also said they have seen "a swift uptick in



Shown are the living room and dining room of the model home at The Crossings at Morton Grove.

sales" and the new construction activity underway certainly indicates that.

"We just opened a new building due to the demand and we are nearly 70% sold out," says Wulfestieg.

The historic mortgage rates now available are also playing a part in the community's recent sales activity.

"The combination of unbe-

lievable rates and affordable housing prices has created a perfect storm and buyers are moving on it," said Wulfestieg. "With these rates, a monthly payment to buy a new rowhome is often lower than the rent on a downtown apartment."

At \$299,995, the popular Oakton home design is selling fast and only a few remain including one ready for quick occupancy

this fall. Other completed rowhomes are also available for those that need to move soon. And for those buyers wanting to take advantage of pre-construction pricing, a new building offering the Webster home design has just been released for sale.

From the street, these rowhomes are stunning. The stately brick exteriors are highlighted by two-story bay and arched windows, decorative decks, limestone accents, and gabled roofs.

Even though Morton Grove is so close to the city, the town offers an array of year-round recreational opportunities. Lake Michigan is only 15 minutes away, offering boating and other water sports. Several lo-

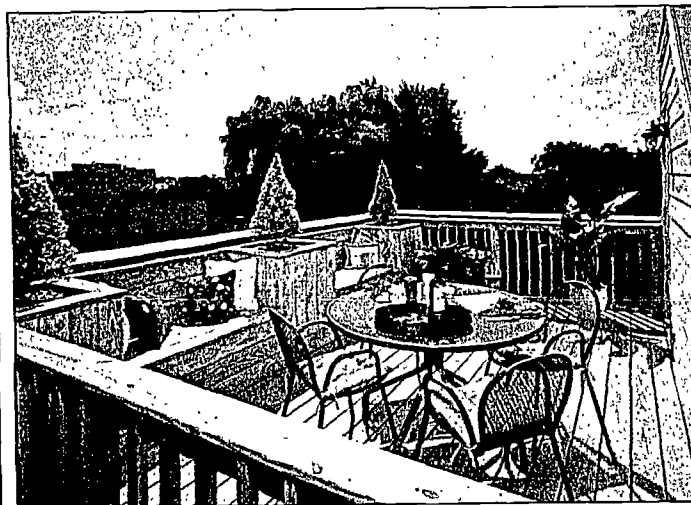
cal and state parks are nearby, including Harrer Park & St. Paul's Woods Forest Preserve, providing swimming, hiking, and picnicking for the entire family. The North Branch Bike Trail is close by and perfect for a morning bike ride or evening walk.

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Even though Morton Grove is so close to the city, the town offers an array of year-round recreational opportunities. Lake Michigan is only 15 minutes away, offering boating and other water sports. Several lo-



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How health care legislation may impact future sale of luxury homes

Hundreds of future luxury home sellers on Chicago's Gold Coast or in affluent North Shore suburbs could be slapped with hefty new Medicare tax to help pay for the Obama Administration's health reform package, real estate experts warn.

The health care legislation will impose a 3.8 percent Medicare tax for some high-income households that have "net investment income," warns the National Association of Realtors.

Such investment income likely would include interest payments, dividends, annuities, royalties, rents, and capital gains on the sale of luxury private residences, analysts say.

Effective in 2013, the Health Insurance payroll tax applies to households with adjusted gross income of more than \$250,000, \$200,000 for individuals.

As most homeowners know, one of the primary benefits of selling your home is that a significant portion of any profit — \$250,000 for a single taxpayer and \$500,000 for a married taxpayer who files jointly — is completely tax free if you've lived in the home two out of the last five years.

That is still true. However, the new Medicare tax will be



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collected on the profit above that exemption amount for taxpayers in certain brackets.

Therefore, if a single taxpayer earns more than \$200,000, or a married couple earns above \$250,000, they are subject to the new 3.8 percent tax on the profit above that exemption amount starting in 2013.

Real estate experts say luxury homeowners in Chicago's Gold Coast and Lincoln Park neighborhoods and in North Shore suburbs who sell after 2012 could get hit with this tax.

"This new real estate tax now opens the door for future heavier taxation at the federal level," said Lincoln Park Realtor Sara Benson of Benson Stanley Realty. "It runs counter to the fundamental rights of homeownership."

How much will the new tax cost a Lincoln Park hom-

owner who sells his or her home in 2013?

Let's say a single homeowner purchased a single-family home in Lincoln Park in 1998 for \$1 million and put in \$100,000 in improvements. That taxpayer's home might now be worth \$2 million (which is not unusual for someone who purchased prior to the big run-up prices experienced between 1997 and 2006).

If that taxpayer sells the house for \$2 million in 2013, only \$250,000 of the profit will be tax free. The homeowner also will be allowed to deduct the improvements, so the net capital gain subject to the new Medicare tax in this example would be \$650,000. Based on the 3.8 percent tax rate, the Medicare tax would

be a hefty \$24,700.

The home sales transaction also would be subject to an Illinois real estate transfer tax of \$1 per thousand dollars of the sale price, and a Cook County transfer tax of 50 cents per thousand dollars of price. The city of Chicago charges the seller a transfer tax of \$3 per thousand dollars of the sale price and would add another \$9,000 to this luxury home seller's tax bite.

The Medicare tax on the same house would be \$15,200 on a married couple because \$500,000 of the profit will be tax free, and seller the also would be allowed to deduct the improvements. The transfer tax would remain \$9,000.

So, it is important for long-term luxury homeowners to carefully plan the sale of their home. If you have significant appreciation in your property, and are above those income limits, you may want to "cash out" between now and 2012 to save 3.8 percent, tax experts advise.

Today's rock-bottom interest rates are another reason to consider selling a luxury home now. Buyers have more purchasing power than they've had in years thanks to historical low interest rates, although jumbo mortgage rates are higher than conforming-loan rates.

Even though real estate prices are depressed, it also may be a good time to sell investment real estate. Many investors are already aware

that capital gains tax rates for most brackets are due to increase to 20 percent in 2011 from the current 15 percent. Sellers and buyers in Illinois, Cook County and Chicago also would be subject to transfer taxes on investment real estate.

Of course, there are ways to delay these capital gains taxes. Many investors will consider pursuing 1031 tax-deferred exchanges. But if you're hoping to liquidate some of your real estate holdings, experts advise that 2010 may be the year to do it.

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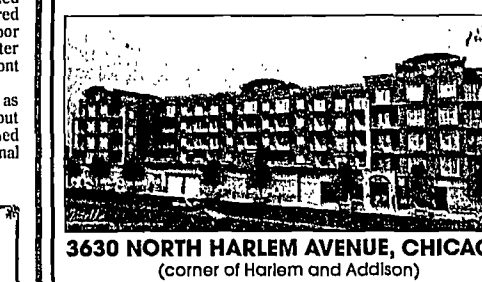
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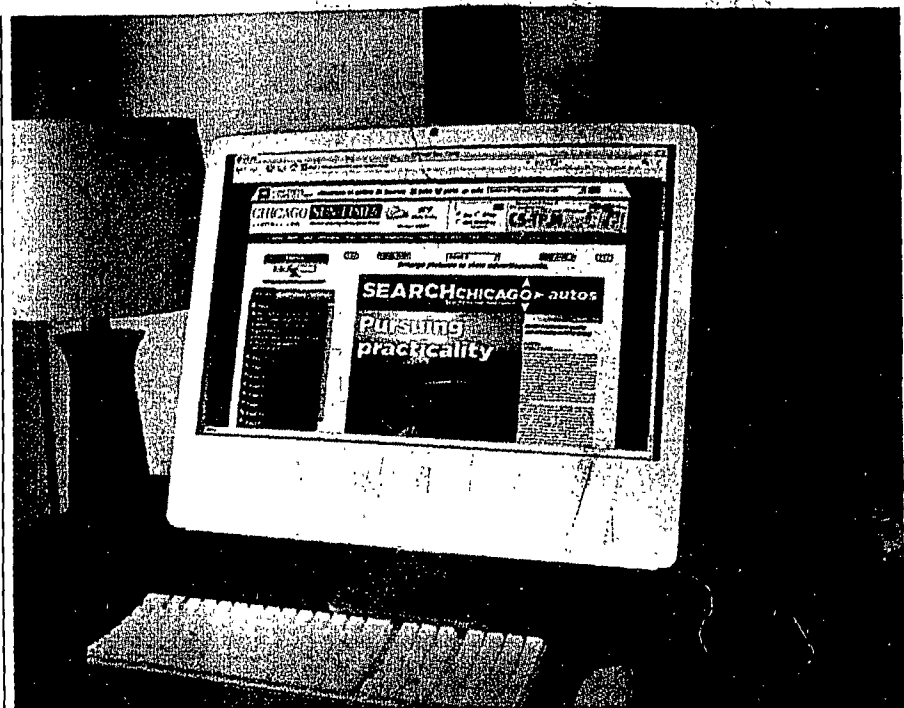
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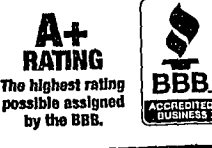
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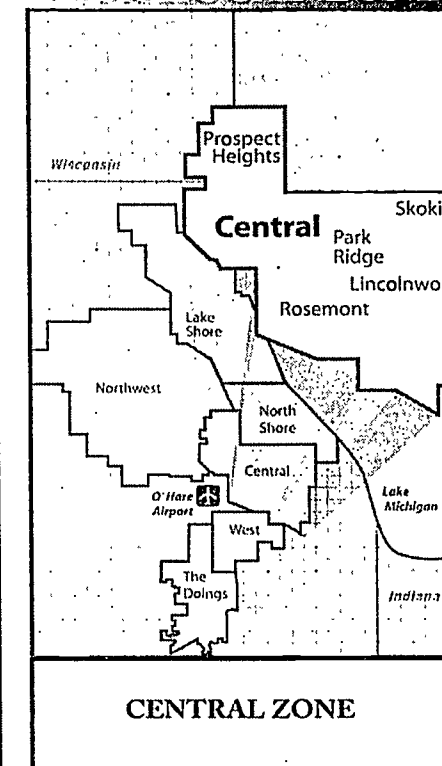
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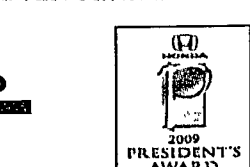
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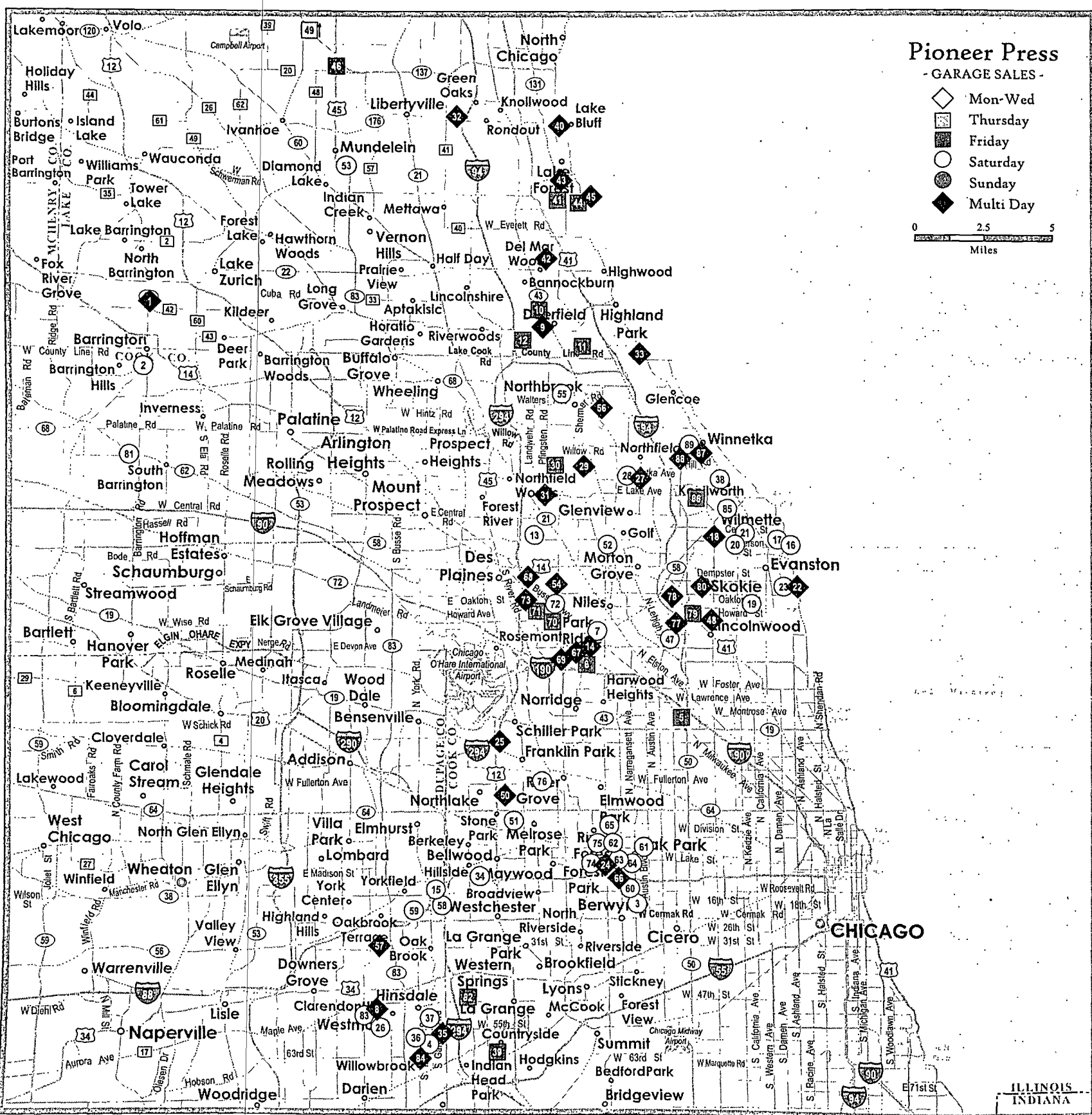
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Garage Sale Guide

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Garage Sale Guide



	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
BARRINGTON				
1 25633 W. Drake	9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm	
2 740 Lill St			9am to 3pm	
BERWYN				
3 1245 S. Scoville			9am to 6pm	9am to 4pm
BURR RIDGE				
4 6265 Wildwood Lane			9am to 3pm	
CHICAGO				
5 4947 W. PENSACOLA		9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm	
6 6335 N. Oriole		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
7 6826 N Osceola (Edison Park)			8am to 3pm	
CLARENDON HILLS				
8 103 Iroquois Dr.		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
DEERFIELD				
9 1047 Sheridan Ave		9am to 4pm	9am to 3pm	
10 1131 Camille Ave		7am to 4pm		
11 365 Carriage Way (Kings Cove)		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
12 510 Wilmot Rd			8am to 3pm	
DESPLAINES				
13 9821 Blanco Ter.			9am to 3pm	
EDISON PARK				
14 7622 West Devon		9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
ELMHURST				
15 15W260 Fillmore St			8am to 3pm	
EVANSTON				
16 2106 Orrington Ave			10am to 2pm	
17 2123 Sherman Avenue.			9am to 2pm	
18 2215 Crawford		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
19 235 Brown Ave			10am to 4pm	
20 25 Salem Lane			8am to 3pm	
21 2503 Payne St			9am to 2pm	
22 747 Michigan Ave		8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	
EVANSTON				
23 748 Hinman			9am to 4pm	
FOREST PARK				
24 419 Elgin Ave		8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	
FRANKLIN PARK				
25 10256 McNerry Dr		8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	
GINA				
26 418 Ruby St			9am to 2pm	
GLENVIEW				
27 1021 Linden Lane		10am to 5pm	10am to 4pm	
28 1919 Sunset Ridge Rd			10am to 3pm	10am to 3pm
29 2213 Butterfly Lane		9am to 5pm	10am to 6pm	
30 3409 Winnetka Rd.		8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	
31 3811 Lindenwood Lane			9am to 3pm	
GREEN OAKS				
32 38900 Forest Lake Lane		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
HIGHLAND PARK				
33 774 Stonegate Drive			10am to 4pm	10am to 4pm
HILLSDALE				
34 4500 Frontage Rd			8am to 3pm	
HINSDALE				
35 5596 S. Oak		10am to 3pm	9am to 1pm	
36 5701 S. Monroe			8am to 2pm	
37 629 S. Washington St			8am to 3pm	
KENILWORTH				
38 712 Kent Road			8am to 1pm	
LAGRANGE				
39 920 W. 62nd Street		8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	
LAKE BLUFF				
40 116 E Prospect		9am to 3pm	9am to 12pm	

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
LAKE FOREST				
41 111 E. Orwentia		8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	
42 1885 Millburne Rd		8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	
43 455 N Oakwood Ave		9am to 2pm	9am to 2pm	
44 765 Highview Terrace		9am to 2pm		
45 930 N Ringwood Rd			9am to 2pm	9am to 2pm
LIBERTYVILLE				
46 1950 North Highway 45		9am to 9pm	9am to 3pm	
LINCOLNWOOD				
47 6643 Ramona			9am to 5pm	
48 7231 N Keystone			10am to 4pm	10am to 4pm
LINDENHURST				
49 2119 Wilchwood Lane	8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	
MELROSE PARK				
50 10137 W Mclean Ave		8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	
51 1605 N. 31st Ave			10:30am to 2:30pm	10:30am to 2:30pm
MORTON GROVE				
52 9409 Marlon			8am to 3pm	
MUNDELEIN				
53 615 Diamond Pointe Dr			9am to 4pm	
NILES				
54 8639 W. Normal		9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm	
NORTHBROOK				
55 1035 Western Ave			8am to 3pm	
56 1430 Lee Rd			10am to 3pm	10am to 3pm
OAK BROOK				
57 20 Cambridge		8am to 5pm	8am to 5pm	
58 739 Forest Glen Lane			9am to 4pm	
59 900 Red Fox Ln			9am to 3pm	
OAK PARK				
60 1153 S Scoville			9am to 3pm	
61 146 N. Taylor			7:30am to Noon	
62 238 Forest Ave			8am to 2pm	
63 325 South Grove			8am to 1pm	
64 422 S. Scoville			8am to 2pm	
65 803 N. Belleforte			8am to 2pm	
66 917 S. Grove			9am to 2pm	10am to 2pm
PARK RIDGE				
67 1325 S Ashland Ave		8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	
68 1507 N Good Ave		8:30am to 4pm	8:30am to 4pm	
69 1632 S. Clifton	8:30am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
70 217 N Home		8am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
71 2309 Cherry			9am to 4pm	
72 528 N. Broadway			8am to 4pm	
73 700 Forestview Ave		9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
RIVER FOREST				
74 17 Ashland				
75 607 Montoe			8am to 12pm	
RIVER GROVE				
76 2431 Elm St			10am to 2pm	
SKOKIE				
77 5139 Lunt			9am to 4pm	10am to 3pm
78 5200 Galitz			9am to 4pm	
79 7423 N Kenton Ave		9am to 4pm	7:30am to 7:30am	10am to 4pm
80 8231 Lowell		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
SOUTH BARRINGTON				
81 7 Deveau Ct			7am to 4pm	
WESTERN SPRINGS				
82 4544 Grand Ave		8am to 1pm		
WESTMONT				
83 25 N. Cass Ave			8am to 2pm	
WILLOWBROOK				
84 431 Creekside Ct		10am to 3pm	10am to 3pm	
WILMETTE				
85 1622 Wilmette Avenue			9am to 3pm	
86 2609 Marian Lane		12pm to 5pm	8am to 4pm	
WINNETKA				
87 1028 Cherry St.		8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	
88 1211 Willow Rd		10am to 4pm	10am to 4pm	
89 555 Glendale Ave.			9am to 2pm	

PROBATE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
 In the matter of the estate of
 Michael Bodnar
 Deceased
 Case No. 10 P 3508
PUBLICATION NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given of the
 death of Michael Bodnar, of
 Chicago, IL. Letters of office
 were issued on July 15, 2010 to
 Michael Bodnar, 32311 Laker
 wood Drive, West Chicago, IL
 60185, whose attorney is Cary
 A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd, Suite
 407, Arlington Hts, IL 60005.
 847-577-0030.
 Claims against the estate
 may be filed in the office of
 the Clerk of the Circuit Court
 in Room 1202, Richard
 J. Cook Center, Chicago, Illi-
 nois 60602, or with the repre-
 sentative, on or before
 January 22, 2011, which
 date is not less than 6 months
 from the date of the first pub-
 lication of this notice and any
 claim not filed within that pe-
 riod is barred. Copies of any
 claim filed with the clerk
 must be mailed or delivered
 to the representative and to
 the attorney within 10 days af-
 ter the date of filing.
 /s/ Michael Bodnar
 (Representative)
 Cary A. Lind
 (Attorney)
 Pub: 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/10
 (1784837) C

PUBLIC NOTICES
NOTICE OE VONSHIRE
PARK PLAYGROUND
FOLLOW UP PUBLIC
HEARING
 The Skokie Park District
 invites you to review modifi-
 cations as a result of pub-
 lic input from the previous
 meeting held on July 14,
 2010.
 Date: Wednesday, August
 4, 2010
 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Devonshire
 Cultural Center
 4400 Greenwood Street
 Skokie, IL 60077
 Contact person: Mike
 Rea
 847-929-7802 or
 MRea@skokieparkdistrict
 .org
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1785778) C

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given by the
 Board of Education School
 District 73.5, County of Cook,
 State of Illinois, that a tenta-
 tive budget for said School
 District for the fiscal year be-
 ginning July 1, 2010 and en-
 ding June 30, 2011 is on file
 and conveniently available for
 public inspection at the Skokie
 School District 73.5, Super-
 intendent's Office, 8000 East
 Prairie Road, Skokie, IL 60076,
 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00
 p.m. each Monday through
 Friday on or after August 4,
 2010. In addition, the tenta-
 tive budget will be posted on
 the District's Web site
 http://www.s73.org and
 available for public inspec-
 tion at the Skokie Public Li-
 brary, 2217 Oakton Street, Skokie,
 Illinois, further given that a
 Public Hearing will be held at
 7:00 p.m. on the 14th day of
 September 2010 at Elizabeth
 Meyer School, 8100 Tripp, in
 the Skokie School District.
 /s/ Karen Barr, Secretary
 District 73.5, Board of Education
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1786062) C

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORINANCE 2010-4
ORINANCE AUTHORIZ-
ING LEVY OF AN ADDI-
TIONAL TAX FOR THE
MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS
AND ALTERATION OF THE
LIBRARY BUILDING AND
EQUIPMENT
 WHEREAS, Section 35-5 of
 the Public Library District
 No. 71, Cook County, Illinois,
 authorizes the levy of an addi-
 tional tax of .02% of the value
 of all taxable property in the
 District, as equalized or
 assessed by the Department
 of Revenue, for the mainte-
 nance, repairs and altera-
 tions of the library building
 and equipment;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that the Board of
 Trustees of the Public Li-
 brary District, Cook County,
 Illinois, that it hereby deter-
 mines to levy an addi-
 tional tax of .02% of the value
 of all taxable property in the
 District, as equalized or as-
 sessed by the Department of
 Revenue, for the mainte-
 nance, repairs and altera-
 tions of the library building
 and equipment;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that within fifteen
 (15) days after adoption of
 this Ordinance, the Secretary
 shall publish it at least once
 in one or more newspapers
 published in the District, or if
 no newspaper is published there-
 in, then in one or more news-
 papers with a general circula-
 tion in the District;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that if no petition is
 filed with the Board of Li-
 brary Trustees by August 15,
 2010, thirty (30) days after the
 aforesaid publication, the
 Board shall then proceed
 with the levy of said addi-
 tional tax. However, if within
 the thirty (30) day period a peti-
 tion is filed with the Board of
 Library Trustees, signed by
 electors of the State of Illinois
 in number to 31% or more of
 the electors, (being 10% or
 more of the registered voters
 of the Library District) in the
 Library District, asking that
 the question of levying such a
 tax be submitted to the elec-
 tors of the District, the ques-
 tion shall be submitted at the
 next regular election, Novem-
 ber 2, 2010. If a majority of
 votes cast upon the ques-
 tion is in favor thereof, the
 Board of Library Trustees
 may levy the additional tax.
 The Secretary of the District
 shall prepare a petition and
 publish it in the District
 on or before August 5, 2010,
 and August 5, 2010, as provided by law.
 ADOPTED this 15th day of
 July, 2010, pursuant to a roll
 call vote as follows:
 Village Clerk
 Approved by me this 15th day of July, 2010,
 Mayor, Village of Skokie
 Pub: 7/29, 8/5/10 (1785424) C

PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAMBERS, RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER, 6101 CANTON AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CASES:
CASE 1527
 Requesting a variation from Section 12-4-2-D of Ordinance 07-07 (Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code):
 Required Requested Variation
 Front Yard 20' 7.5'. 12.5'
 (Corner Lot)
 The parcel is located in the R1 Single Family Residence District and is commonly known as 7548 Emerson St. The petitioner is Isor Davydov.
CASE 1528
 Requesting a variation from Section 12-7-3-I of Ordinance 07-07 (Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code):
 Required Requested Variation
 Off-street 50 35 15
 Parking Spaces
 The parcel is located in the M2 General Manufacturing District and is commonly known as 7900 Nogle Ave. The petitioner is 7900 Nogle LLC, c/o Cook Financial.
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1785399) C2s

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at 7:00PM, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:
 Property Address: 6747 North Lincoln Avenue
 Property P.I.N.: 10-33-300-025-0000
 Applicant: Doyle Signs on Behalf of Caroline Grossinger, Property Owner
 Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for a total of five wall signs for a property with three street frontages. More specifically the applicant requests relief to permit four wall signs on one elevation. The maximum number of wall signs is limited to one sign per street frontage per building elevation. Also requested is special sign consideration for a proposed pylon sign. The applicant seeks relief to permit the proposed pylon sign to be located closer to the Lincoln Avenue lot line than the minimum ten feet.
 At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application.
 Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting, fixing the time and place of its reconvening.
 All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "interested party," with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing, must file an appearance form with the Village of Lincolnwood no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Appearance forms are available in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.
 This is not a "notice to appear." It is an invitation to all interested persons to submit oral or written comments concerning this application. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-673-7402.
 Dated: July 22, 2010
 Village Clerk
 Village of Lincolnwood
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1785591) C

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at 7:00PM, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:
 Property Address: 6801 North Cicero Avenue
 Property P.I.N.: 10-34-121-026-0000
 Applicant: James T. Zorn, on Behalf of Henry Rashid, Property Owner
 Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for a total of three wall signs for a property with two street frontages. More specifically the applicant requests relief to permit two canopy signs and one wall sign on the principal building. Also included in the sign package under consideration is a replacement of the ground sign face with electronic numbers. The existing sign is located less than the required ten feet from the exterior property lines.
 At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application.
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 Property Address: 6750 North Lincoln Avenue
 Property P.I.N.: 10-34-405-010-0000
 Applicant: William Chase, QT Signs, on Behalf of Caroline Grossinger, Property Owner
 Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for a total of three wall signs for a property with two street frontages. More specifically the applicant requests relief to permit two canopy signs and one wall sign on the principal building. Also included in the sign package under consideration is a replacement of the ground sign face with electronic numbers. The existing sign is located less than the required ten feet from the exterior property lines.
 At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application.
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 Dated: July 22, 2010
 Village Clerk
 Village of Lincolnwood
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1785591) C

PUBLIC NOTICES
LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Niles Elementary School District No. 71, Cook County, Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District Office, located at 6901 W. Oakton Street, Niles, Illinois 60714, after 9:00 a.m., July 21st, 2010. Notice is hereby further given that a public hearing on said budget is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) on the 21st day of September, 2010 at the Clarence E. Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton Street, Niles, Illinois 60714. In said Niles Elementary School District No. 71.
 Mary Krueser
 Secretary, Board of Education
 Amy Krupp
 Superintendent
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1785371) C

ORINANCE 2010-4
ORINANCE AUTHORIZ-
ING LEVY OF AN ADDI-
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MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS
AND ALTERATION OF THE
LIBRARY BUILDING AND
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 WHEREAS, Section 35-5 of
 the Public Library District
 No. 71, Cook County, Illinois,
 authorizes the levy of an addi-
 tional tax of .02% of the value
 of all taxable property in the
 District, as equalized or
 assessed by the Department
 of Revenue, for the mainte-
 nance, repairs and altera-
 tions of the library building
 and equipment;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that the Board of
 Trustees of the Public Li-
 brary District, Cook County,
 Illinois, that it hereby deter-
 mines to levy an addi-
 tional tax of .02% of the value
 of all taxable property in the
 District, as equalized or as-
 sessed by the Department of
 Revenue, for the mainte-
 nance, repairs and altera-
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 and equipment;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that within fifteen
 (15) days after adoption of
 this Ordinance, the Secretary
 shall publish it at least once
 in one or more newspapers
 published in the District, or if
 no newspaper is published there-
 in, then in one or more news-
 papers with a general circula-
 tion in the District;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that if no petition is
 filed with the Board of Li-
 brary Trustees by August 15,
 2010, thirty (30) days after the
 aforesaid publication, the
 Board shall then proceed
 with the levy of said addi-
 tional tax. However, if within
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 Library Trustees, signed by
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 in number to 31% or more of
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 votes cast upon the ques-
 tion is in favor thereof, the
 Board of Library Trustees
 may levy the additional tax.
 The Secretary of the District
 shall prepare a petition and
 publish it in the District
 on or before August 5, 2010,
 and August 5, 2010, as provided by law.
 ADOPTED this 15th day of
 July, 2010, pursuant to a roll
 call vote as follows:
 Village Clerk
 Approved by me this 15th day of July, 2010,
 Mayor, Village of Skokie
 Pub: 7/29, 8/5/10 (1785424) C

THIS ORINANCE MAY BE CITED AS VILLAGE ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-7-P-3772 AN ORINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 8122 LINCOLN AVENUE, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES
 WHEREAS, the subject property, located at 8122 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, is owned by the Village of Skokie, Illinois, and is situated in the subdivision of the south 105 acres of the southeast 1/4 of section 21, township 41 north, range 12 east of the third principal meridian, in Cook County, Illinois; P.I.N.: 10-21-409-007-0000 & 10-21-409-019-0000 commonly known as 8122 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois; and the subject property is located within the Village of Skokie and within the Downtown TIF District 90-1, a Tax Increment Financing Allocation District of the Village of Skokie, Illinois;
 WHEREAS, the Village of Skokie is desirous of purchasing the Subject Property in the amount of \$340,000, to be used for public purposes;
 WHEREAS, the purchase price will be paid from funds out of the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District 90-1 and
 WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel and Village Manager recommended the following to the Mayor and Board of Trustees:
 (i) that the Village be authorized to acquire title to and own, the Subject Property commonly known as 8122 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, to be utilized for a public purpose;
 (ii) that the Real Estate Contract attached hereto and marked Exhibit "1", for the purchase of 8122 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, be approved substantially in the form attached, subject to changes approved by the Village Manager, or designee, and the Corporation Counsel of the Village of Skokie;
 (iii) that the Village Manager be authorized to execute the Real Estate Contract marked as Exhibit "1", on behalf of the Village of Skokie;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois:
 Section 1: That the above stated recitals to this Ordinance are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if fully set forth herein.
 Section 2: That the Subject Property, legally described above, with the common address of 8122 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, is located within the Village of Skokie and within the Downtown TIF District 90-1, Tax Increment Financing Allocation District of the Village of Skokie.
 Section 3: That the acquisition of the fee simple title to the Subject Property is necessary to serve the public purposes and objectives of the Downtown TIF District.
 Section 4: That the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois hereby authorize the Village of Skokie to purchase and acquire the Subject Property to be utilized for a public purpose.
 Section 5: That the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois hereby authorize the Village Manager to execute the real estate contract for the Subject Property, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "1", and hereby made a part of this Ordinance, substantially in the form attached, or as changed with the approval of the Village Manager, or designee, and the Corporation Counsel of the Village of Skokie.
 Section 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form and in the Skokie Review on July 29, 2010 and August 5, 2010, as provided by law.
 ADOPTED this 19th day of July, 2010.
 Ayes: (Bromberg, Lorge, Perrillo, Roberts, Shah, Sutker, Van Dusen)
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Attested and filed in my office this 20th day of July, 2010 and published in the Skokie Review according to law on July 29, 2010 and August 5, 2010.
 Village Clerk
 Approved by me this 19th day of July, 2010,
 Mayor, Village of Skokie
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 Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District Office, located at 4400 Greenwood Street, Skokie, Illinois, after 9:00 a.m., on the 29th day of July, 2010.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the 21st day of September, 2010, in the Educational Center of 4400 North Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, in this School District.
 Dated this 20th day of July, 2010.
 Board of Education of School District No. 68
 in the County of Cook of the State of Illinois
 /s/ Beth L. Millard, Secretary
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1786195) C

PREVAILING WAGE RATES
 The Morton Grove Park District has adopted Ordinance 2010-2 establishing prevailing wage rates for construction projects to be the same as those in Cook County, as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor. Anyone wishing to inspect the ordinance or obtain a copy of the current prevailing wage rate may do so at the Administration Office, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053, M-F, 9am-5pm.
 Pub: 7/29/10 (1785074) C

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
 In the matter of the estate of
 Michael Bodnar
 Deceased
 Case No. 10 P 3508
PUBLICATION NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given of the
 death of Michael Bodnar, of
 Chicago, IL. Letters of office
 were issued on July 15, 2010 to
 Michael Bodnar, 32311 Laker
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 in Room 1202, Richard
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 ter the date of filing.
 /s/ Michael Bodnar
 (Representative)
 Cary A. Lind
 (Attorney)
 Pub: 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/10
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ORINANCE 2010-4
ORINANCE AUTHORIZ-
ING LEVY OF AN ADDI-
TIONAL TAX FOR THE
MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS
AND ALTERATION OF THE
LIBRARY BUILDING AND
EQUIPMENT
 WHEREAS, Section 35-5 of
 the Public Library District
 No. 71, Cook County, Illinois,
 authorizes the levy of an addi-
 tional tax of .02% of the value
 of all taxable property in the
 District, as equalized or
 assessed by the Department
 of Revenue, for the mainte-
 nance, repairs and altera-
 tions of the library building
 and equipment;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that the Board of
 Trustees of the Public Li-
 brary District, Cook County,
 Illinois, that it hereby deter-
 mines to levy an addi-
 tional tax of .02% of the value
 of all taxable property in the
 District, as equalized or as-
 sessed by the Department of
 Revenue, for the mainte-
 nance, repairs and altera-
 tions of the library building
 and equipment;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that within fifteen
 (15) days after adoption of
 this Ordinance, the Secretary
 shall publish it at least once
 in one or more newspapers
 published in the District, or if
 no newspaper is published there-
 in, then in one or more news-
 papers with a general circula-
 tion in the District;
 BE IT FURTHER OR-
 DAINED that if no petition is
 filed with the Board of Li-
 brary Trustees by August 15,
 2010, thirty (30) days after the
 aforesaid publication, the
 Board shall then proceed
 with the levy of said addi-
 tional tax. However, if within
 the thirty (30) day period a peti-
 tion is filed with the Board of
 Library Trustees, signed by
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 in number to 31% or more of
 the electors, (being 10% or
 more of the registered voters
 of the Library District) in the
 Library District, asking that
 the question of levying such a
 tax be submitted to the elec-
 tors of the District, the ques-
 tion shall be submitted at the
 next regular election, Novem-
 ber 2, 2010. If a majority of
 votes cast upon the ques-
 tion is in favor thereof, the
 Board of Library Trustees
 may levy the additional tax.
 The Secretary of the District
 shall prepare a petition and
 publish it in the District
 on or before August 5, 2010,
 and August 5, 2010, as provided by law.
 ADOPTED this 15th day of
 July, 2010, pursuant to a roll
 call vote as follows:
 Village Clerk
 Approved by me this 15th day of July, 2010,
 Mayor, Village of Skokie
 Pub: 7/29, 8/5/10 (1785424) C

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at 7:00PM, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:
 Property Address: 6801 North Cicero Avenue
 Property P.I.N.: 10-34-121-026-0000
 Applicant: James T. Zorn, on Behalf of Henry Rashid, Property Owner
 Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for a total of three wall signs for a property with two street frontages. More specifically the applicant requests relief to permit two canopy signs and one wall sign on the principal building. Also included in the sign package under consideration is a replacement of the ground sign face with electronic numbers. The existing sign is located less than the required ten feet from the exterior property lines.
 At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application.
 Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting, fixing the time and place of its reconvening.
 All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "interested party," with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing, must file an appearance form with the Village of Lincolnwood no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Appearance forms are available in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.
 This is not a "notice to appear." It is an invitation to all interested persons to submit oral or written comments concerning this application. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-673-7402.
 Dated: July 22, 2010
 Village Clerk
 Village of Lincolnwood
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 Property Address: 6750 North Lincoln Avenue
 Property P.I.N.: 10-34-405-010-0000
 Applicant: William Chase, QT Signs, on Behalf of Caroline Grossinger, Property Owner
 Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for a total of three wall signs for a property with two street frontages. More specifically the applicant requests relief to permit two canopy signs and one wall sign on the principal building. Also included in the sign package under consideration is a replacement of the ground sign face with electronic numbers. The existing sign is located less than the required ten feet from the exterior property lines.
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 Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting, fixing the time and place of its reconvening.
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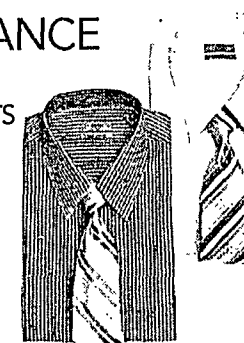
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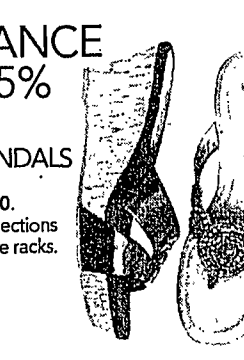
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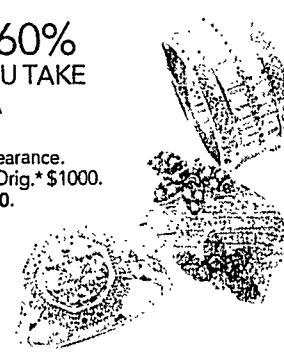
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Wedding gift charge leaves progeny



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: I recently ordered a wedding gift online from Macy's that was on a special sale and is back-ordered until October. I paid using a debit card, and at that time, I was "charged" the full amount of \$144.45.

A week later, I checked my bank statement and saw an additional charge of \$144.45. I called Macy's and was told it was an error — a duplicate charge — and they would contact my bank to make the correction.

This never happened. It was just the reverse. The next week, my bank statement listed the amount of

\$298.90 as pending charges for Macy's.

Macy's told me I was going to be charged the amount of \$144.45 each week until the order shipped, and, at that time, all extra charges would be dropped — meaning hundreds of dollars were being "held" until the order is shipped. The representative told me they were doing this based on federal law.

After a lengthy conversation that went nowhere, and waiting for hours for the supervisor to return my call, I'm turning to The Fixer:

I understand holding the \$144.90 to ensure that the money will be there when the item is shipped, but to place additional holds on a weekly basis is highly suspicious.

Barbara Bettis

Dear Barbara: Our first thought was that someone must've pressed the wrong button on the cash register

because it defies logic that they'd keep adding \$144 to the hold each week until October (at which point, they would have something like \$2,000 of your money tied up).

You also told us that, after you complained about the hold again, someone else in customer service cancelled your order entirely.

We took your story to Macy's communications department, which was able to get it to the right person. Soon after, you got a call from a Macy's executive who apologized and said this should have been corrected a lot sooner. He made sure all the holds on your account were removed and reinstated your order.

And then he did something to really make this right: He promised to pick up the tab.

Dear Fixer: I had an MRI on Sept. 4, 2009. The procedure was pre-ap-

proved, but for some reason the hospital hasn't been paid.

I have called my insurer, BlueCross BlueShield, many times. BlueCross did send a check to me in March for the amount. But then they asked me not to cash the check or send it to the hospital. The outstanding bill is almost \$3,000.

When I talk to the insurance company's representative, I am told that it is an internal problem on their part, and I should not worry. But this is a big worry to my husband and I, as we always pay our bills on time and it is unnerving to have the hospital calling us every month about this outstanding bill.

Sharon Ashby

Dear Sharon: Apparently this was a glitch with their system, not anything personal. The good news is as soon as we brought it to the attention of BlueCross BlueShield, they looked into it and apologized for the delay.

They've now paid their \$2,401 portion of the hospital bill, leaving you with a balance of \$373.

Costly lesson

This week's Costly Lesson is another diet pill saga. Not the acai berry scam of last year, but something similar:

It happened to Felecia of Merrillville, Ind., who ordered the pills last December. By the time she came to her senses and decided to cancel her order, the diet pill people had already debited a shipping and handling charge of \$9.99 and another charge of \$54 from her bank account.

"I was told that I cancelled my order too late and I could only receive \$25 back," Felecia wrote The Fixer.

She's still waiting for the \$25, and even if she gets it, the diet pill people made off with more than that.

That's how these schemes work: They have a "no-risk trial period" that is difficult to meet, because

the clock starts ticking before you even receive the product. Or they make you call a special number to cancel and the line is always busy.

The company gets your credit or debit card when you first sign up, to pay for the shipping and handling charges. But they also have fine print that says you've committed to receiving additional monthly shipments, and they use your card number to pay for those.

If you scream loud and long enough, some of these companies will let you get out of your "subscription," but at that point they've already made a pile of money off you. Multiply that times thousands of consumers and you can see why these schemes are profitable.

Thanks to contributor
Jon Seidel.

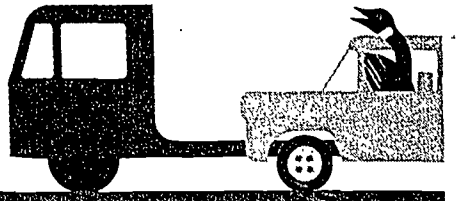
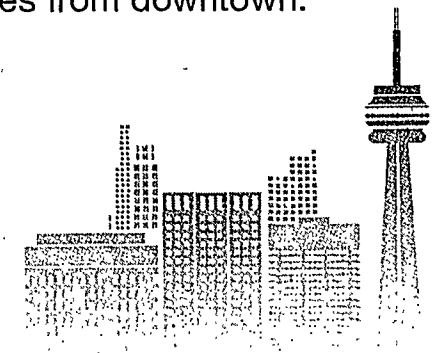
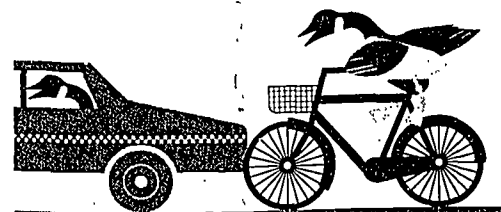
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St. John Brebeuf preschoolers learn about spring

At St. John Brebeuf Preschool, the children had great fun learning about the flowers, birds and insects that they began to see outside this spring.

Local flowers were the first spring topic. Several visits to SJB's Meditation Garden encouraged the children to investigate the flowers blooming in our area.

The children followed observation with hearing books about plants and studying accurate silk models of local flowers. Models were built of paper to help learn about native flowers.

The spotting of daffodils, tulips and irises were often reported at opening circle.

Making up pots of artificial flowers and watching seeds germinate in the dirt-filled media box was a daily experience.

The children were also proud of the sunflower and pumpkin plants they each started from seed and brought home. And they loved dancing in the magical garden at the end of each class.

Birds were the next spring topic. Observing local birds at the school's outdoor feeders and reading about them in books, both fiction and non-fiction, led to building accurate models of birds with bits of torn paper.

Playing with the school's Audubon Society's collection of stuffed birds with accurate calls inspired the children to really look at and listen to the birds around their homes and report their observations to the class each morning.

The children spotted cardinals, robins, blue jays, sparrows, mourning doves

and goldfinches. The children loved taking their paper birds to the "Bird Café" they prepared at the science table and serving them seeds, insects, spiders, worms, nectar, sap, grains, fruits and nuts.

Soaring, gliding and flying to the beautiful song "Birds" was an ending experience each day of class.

As an adjunct to these two studies, the children became interested in worms, as they were mentioned as food for robins and helpers in the garden.

A week was also spent reading about and handling night crawlers in the classroom as well as observing them in our outdoor gardens and on the sidewalks after a hard rain.

We finished our spring studies with observations, stories and projects on insects.

Butterflies are of special interest to the children so we observed our caterpillars as they metamorphosed into butterflies. Handling them as butterflies is a high point in the study.

St. John Brebeuf is accepting registrations for the 2010-11 school year. The school offers a five-morning pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds with the option of extending the day until 3:15 p.m. whenever needed. This is a new option for this year.

The school also offers a traditional three-day class for the 4-year-olds in the afternoon. For 3-year-olds, we offer a class three mornings a week.

Call the school at (847) 966-3266 for more information, or go to www.sjb-school.org.



ABOVE: St. John Brebeuf preschool students learn about the flowers, birds and insects that emerge in spring.



LEFT: St. John Brebeuf School hosts its annual Family Fun Fest this spring. Preschoolers at the school learned about the flowers, birds and insects that they began to see outside in spring.

CAMPUS

Nina L. Tiberi of Niles graduated magna cum laude from Bradley University.

Jogin Jose and Jason Bang of Niles were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Natalie Norberg of Niles earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Gustavus Adolphus College.

Andrew M. Bishop of Niles placed on the dean's list for

the spring semester at Clarke College.

Olivia B. Engel of Niles earned dean's list status for the spring semester at Iowa State University.

Earning academic honors for the spring semester at Purdue University were Niles students **Filipp Volgach, Tricia A. Adreani and Esther K. Park.**

Alyssa M. Milazzo of Niles was included on the dean's list for the spring semester at Bradley University.

Placing on the dean's list

for the spring term at Marquette University were Niles students **Martin Gembis, Lisa Heiderman, Colleen Kearns and Joseph Mahoney.**

Daniel S. Borkowski and Mathew D. Dikeman of Niles earned dean's list status for the spring term at Western Illinois University.

Earning bachelors degrees at Marquette University were Niles students **Lisa Heiderman** (nursing), **Christopher Langio** (physics) and **Vincenzo Mule** (criminology and law studies).

SCHOOLS DIGEST

RESURRECTION

Several Resurrection College Prep High School students donated a total of 585 hours of service during the week of June 28-July 2 as volunteer counselors at Camp Invention, a week-long science camp for grammar school students. One hundred and eleven students in grades 1-6 attended Camp Invention at Resurrection College Prep High School.

The following local Resur-

rection students were volunteer counselors for Camp Invention — From the Northwest Side of Chicago: **Dawn Bangert, Jessica Choate, Rebecca Cozzo, Brittany Galiardo, Jennifer Janiga, Rachel Kalkirtz, Alexandria Muscolino, Kristina Muscolino, Jennifer Muszczynski, Lauren Neja, Angie Ruiz, Britney Shifka, Jasmine Simmons, Christina Torres;** from Park Ridge: **Jennifer Pavel and Hannah Zver.**

Resurrection students are

not required to perform service hours, but students have the opportunity to participate in volunteer activities throughout the school year and summer months. Service clubs at Resurrection include Key Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, and the Diakonia Service Honor Society. Students also perform service as Student Ambassadors with the Campus Ministry as retreat leaders and liturgical ministers.

How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress

Week ending July 23

Major bills voted in the Senate

Jobless Benefits: Voting 59-39, senators sent the House a \$34 billion deficit-spending bill (HR 4213, below) to provide jobless checks through November for persons out of work six months or longer, with payments available retroactively to June 2 in a lump sum. A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Roland Burris: Yes**

Small-Business Credit: Senators voted, 60-37, to end GOP blockage of a taxpayer-backed lending plan to help small businesses expand. A yes vote backed a bill (HR 5297) extending \$30 billion in Treasury loans to local banks that they would then leverage into \$300 billion in business loans. **Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Roland Burris: Yes**

Major bills voted in the House

1. Jobless Checks: Members approved, 272-152, extended benefits until Nov. 30 for long-term jobless people, at a cost of \$34 billion in red ink. A yes vote was to send HR 4213 to President Obama with arguments that Congress has always used deficit spending to fund extended jobless payments.

2. Tariff Reductions: Members voted, 378-43, to grow the economy by reducing tariffs on thousands of imported parts and materials used by U.S. manufacturers. A yes vote was to send HR 4380 to the Senate over arguments that some of the tariff cuts are the same as congressional earmarks.

3. Wind Insurance: Voting 228-183, members set rules for debating a bill adding windstorm coverage to National Flood Insurance in up to 20,000 communities where flood policies are required by law. The bill remains in debate. A yes vote was to advance HR 1264.

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Bobby Rush, D-1st	Y	Y	Y	Deby Halvorson, D-11th	Y	Y	N
Jesse Jackson Jr., D-2nd	Y	Y	Y	Jerry Costello, D-12th	Y	Y	NV
Dan Lipinski, D-3rd	Y	Y	Y	Judy Biggert, R-13th	Y	Y	N
Luis Guterrez, D-4th	Y	Y	Y	Bill Foster, D-14th	Y	Y	Y
Mike Quigley, D-5th	Y	Y	Y	Timothy Johnson, R-15th	Y	Y	Y
Peter Roskam, R-6th	N	N	N	Donald Manzullo, R-16th	Y	Y	Y
Danny Davis, D-7th	Y	Y	Y	Philip Hare, D-17th	Y	Y	Y
Melissa Bean, D-8th	Y	Y	Y	Aaron Schock, R-18th	N	Y	Y
Jan Schakowsky, D-9th	Y	Y	Y	John Shimkus, R-19th	N	Y	N
Mark Kirk, R-10th	N	Y	N				

Key votes ahead

In the week of July 26, the House will take up fiscal 2011 appropriations for the departments of Transportation, Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development. The Senate will debate a campaign-finance disclosure bill and supplemental appropriations for war and domestic programs this year.

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Go fish!

Time to dine Swedish — Arrival plays ABBA

By SARA BURROWS
Contributor

A nice piece of fish — cod perhaps, herring or salmon — is just the thing to set a Swedish tone for the July 30 concert by Arrival, a Swedish tribute band playing the music of ABBA at Ravinia.

If you can find one, lightly sauté a fresh herring, serve it with mashed potatoes. "I remember eating that," said Asa Anden of Hinsdale. "That used to be and still is a very traditional dish."

Though she's lived in Hinsdale since 2001, where she co-owns Stockholm Objects, a store selling Swedish-designed sport clothing, accessories and home décor,

Anden was born and grew up in Uppsala, an ancient university town just north of Stockholm.

To be authentically Swedish, she says, you must cook that fish yourself. "I think people cook a lot more at home there than they do here," she said. "They don't just heat up something."

Cold fish

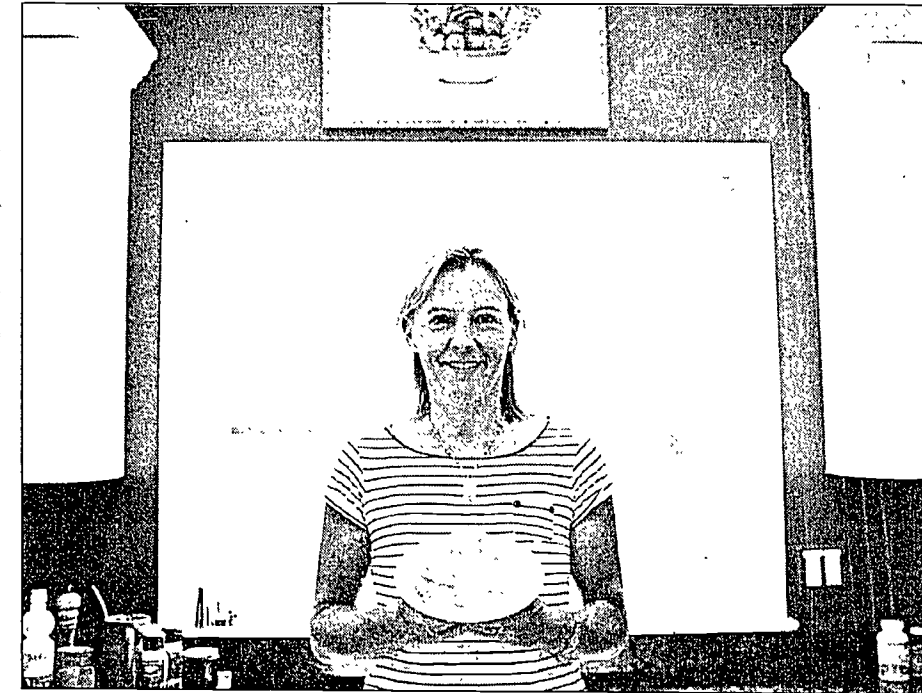
One dish she's missed most here is baked salmon. It begins with a whole fish, something that American stores don't have readily available. "You cook it in the oven in foil," Anden explained. "Then you let it cool, and you eat it cold, with mayonnaise maybe. That's very Swedish. It's very summer, part of a

cold buffet or smorgasbord."

Or you can buy salmon to make gravlax, salmon cured for several days in a dry marinade. But again, said Anden, "People make it, they don't buy it. You marinate it for a couple of days, then you eat it."

While fish, pork and potatoes are the traditional mainstays of Swedish cuisine, the favorites vary from season to season and region to region. In the north of Sweden, for instance, reindeer meat is more easily available, though these days "it is a delicacy," said Karin Moen Abercrombie, executive director of the Swedish American Museum in Chicago.

Also in the north, Aber-



Asa Anden holds a plate of salmon, a popular fish in Sweden. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

crombie added, they eat *lefse*, a bread common in Norway. "It's a very thin, soft bread. They eat it with butter and Swedish syrup," she said.

Rye rules

More common across Sweden are the many kinds of yeast-raised rye breads, chewy-soft in the center with a hearty crust. "It's more rustic," Anden said. And more flavorful. "You have 10 or 15 kinds to choose from. You can have bread with lingonberries, flax seed. So many things that give the bread more flavor and color."

When it's available, Swedes enjoy a green, leafy vegetable called mangold, that's rather like spinach. It's good in salad, or as a colorful base for a piece of salmon. "We eat it a lot with fish," said Anden.

Living in the U.S., Anden has also missed fruit gardens. Apple, pear and

plum trees, black and red currant bushes and rhubarb plants are a cherished Swedish tradition. "If you live in a suburb and you have an older house, you have a fruit garden," said Anden. "I don't see that here."

Swedish meatballs?

But she has seen those famous meatballs and pancakes Americans call "Swedish." But are they? "Yes, we really eat them," said Anden. Meatballs may show up on the average household menu once every week or so.

And pancakes? "They're never breakfast things. Never, never," she said. In fact a good Swedish breakfast is a savory rye bread, cheese, and yogurt or a thinner, drinkable version of yogurt, more like kefir or buttermilk.

Those cheeses, generally

hard cheeses, and cultured-milk drinks, which come in greater varieties in Sweden and with far less sugar, are also on the list of things Anden misses.

The pancakes, however, will show up as part of an evening meal, traditionally on Thursdays. "First you have pea soup, made with yellow peas. Then you have the pancakes afterward," said Anden. "But you don't eat them with lingonberries. That's an American thing. We have them with strawberries or apple-sauce."

So when do we get our lingonberries?

Another meal, another pancake. It's called an oven pancake, made from a recipe like that of traditional Swedish pancakes, but baked. "Those you eat with bacon or ham," said Anden, "and those you eat with lingonberries." *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

McKenna honored at Night of Dreams event

Businessman and civic leader Andy McKenna Jr. of Chicago was this year's honoree at Night of Dreams 2010, HAVE Dreams' 13th annual benefit held May 8 at Chicago's Drake Hotel, in recognition of his contributions and initiatives to help Chicago's underserved citizens (Helping Autistic Voices Emerge).

The Honorable Richard M. Daley served as honorary dinner chair. Four hundred

guests attended the event which featured celebrity guest auctioneers George Wendt and Robert Smigel who conducted the Dreams of a Lifetime live auction as their much loved "Da Bears" characters from "Saturday Night Live."

Three Park Ridge residents were also part of the evening's program. HAVE Dreams Board Member Peggy Lucchesi spoke at the dinner, sharing her personal journey and experiences raising her son, Liam, and

as one of the founding members of HAVE Dreams. Liam then shared the podium with his mother to introduce Dr. Bennett Leventhal who presented Andy McKenna, Jr. with the Night of Dreams 2010 Honoree Award.

HAVE Dreams participant Maddie Halston later took the podium to share her story about meeting Drew Barrymore last year backstage at a "Saturday Night Live" taping. She publicly thanked and introduced Robert Smigel for arranging this

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once-in-lifetime opportunity to meet her favorite movie star.

More than \$450,000 in revenue was raised from this year's event and a matching challenge grant gift from the McCormick Foundation, awarded to Have Dreams to support a major expansion initiative.

Funds raised will support program expansion, vocational and transitional programming family services and training initiatives provided by this nationally re-

garded local non-profit that provides intensive programs for children, teens and young adults with autism, as well as resources for their families. Proceeds will also provide critically needed training programs for area professionals who work with and educate children with autism.

Among the lead sponsors for this year's Night of Dreams event were the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation, Daniel and Julie Aronson, Bartlit Beck Her-

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HAVE Dreams, which maintains a home base site in Park Ridge, is launching a new program satellite site in Evanston at 2020 Dempster St. Generous support for this expansion initiative was funded, in part, by the McCormick Foundation and through Night of Dreams 2010 proceeds.

For more information, visit www.havedreams.org or call (847) 685-0250.

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The Kevin Dennis Family Benefit will be held from 4 p.m.-midnight Aug. 28 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. Mr. Dennis, of Edison Park, died Aug. 8, 2009 as a result of an undetectable heart condition at the age of 31. He leaves behind his wife, Laura (Tully), and sons, Jack, age 4,

and Quinn, age 2. Mrs. Dennis grew up in Edgebrook, where her parents still reside. The event will raise money for Kevin's sons' education and will include a silent auction, raffles, and live performances by the Larkin and Moran Brothers and more. For more information and to purchase tickets or advertisement or well-wish messages for the ad book, to make monetary donations and donations to the auction, visit www.rememberingkev.com.

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The Korean War Veterans Association, Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Hennmueller, (773) 774-9671. **Chiachchieroni Italian-language dinner group** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. The next meeting will be Aug. 12. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: chiachchieroni@yahoo.com.

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Gravlax is a thinly sliced salmon marinated in dill, salt, sugar and pepper, and cured for a couple of days or more. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

evenly over the fish. Lay dill weed on top of that. Fold long dill stems over, or snip off.

Wrap the prepared fish tightly in the plastic wrap.

Remove stray bones, and for every pound of salmon you use, prepare the salmon fillets. Thoroughly mix salt, sugar and pepper in a bowl. Lay salmon fillet, skin side down, on a piece of plastic wrap cut three to four times the length of the fish.

Spread the dry mix

Have any Converse All Stars in Tiffany blue?

By IRV LEAVITT
ileavitt@pioneerlocal.com

As I tied young Nicholas Chapman's lizard-motif shoe, I kept one eye on the laces and the other on his melting grape snow cone, which was on the point of overflowing as he casually licked the still-frozen middle.

Looking deeply and meaningfully into his 5-year-old, chocolate-brown eyes, I told him, "Nick, I want you to drink off that stuff now."

He obediently sipped about half a tablespoon, grinned proudly, and returned the battered cone to rest position.

I started counting. One. The left leg of my white shorts was grafted. Two. The right leg. Three. Split the difference.

Under my breath, I recited Steve Martin's magnificent pre-battle speech from "Roxanne": "Your shoes! I really like your shoes! But as much as I like, and admire, your shoes ... I really wouldn't want to be IN your shoes ... at this particular point in time."

But then, his mom handed me her credit card. And somehow, even though it would never be my money, I

felt much better.

I was in the middle of my Unemployee day as a shoe salesman at the Vose-Sanders Bootery in Winnetka, on the first day of the village's annual sidewalk sale. The occasion exempted the male employees from wearing their usual shirts and ties, and the manner of doing business in the charmingly old-fashioned shoe store was otherwise significantly altered.

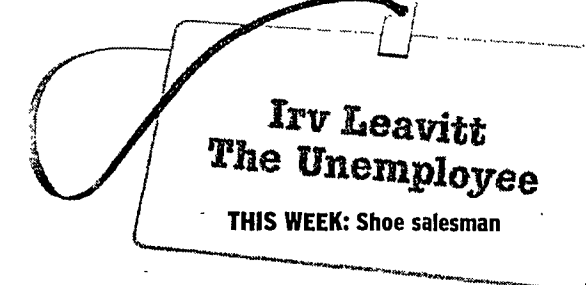
Before opening, boss Rick Sanders and I hauled two tables and two racks full of shoes to the sidewalk.

"Do we have to stay out here all the time to keep people from stealing the shoes?" I asked Sanders.

"I wouldn't worry too



Vose-Sanders Bootery's Rick Sanders posted handwritten signs to help Irv Leavitt, above, navigate the back room.



A Pioneer Press reporter tries someone else's job for a day

PLACE: Vose-Sanders Bootery, 837 Elm St., Winnetka and 1924 Central St., Evanston

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Our writer checks the shoe fit of Anna Semple, 13 months, as Anna checks the camera.

much," he said, looking at me funny. "If they want to steal one shoe out of a pair, I guess they're welcome to it."

Ah. If the customers like

a shoe, they bring it in, and we find them the mate from the storeroom.

I knew that.

"We usually give a lot more service than we will

today," Sanders said. "Sit 'em and fit 'em and all that."

For me, however, the shoe-mate-finding was challenging enough, even though Sanders had taped up paper signs on the storage shelves with arrows and the words BOYS, GIRLS, MENS and WOMENS, with my shortcomings in mind.

Early on, I handed him a pair of white Nikes, and he told me, Better take another look.

One shoe had a big white Swoosh on the side and the other a big bright blue Swoosh.

"You might want to consider reading the different names of the shoes on the boxes," he suggested.

Mike Hill, of Sterling, Ill., dropped in for some discounted Docksidlers, and told us in passing that as a young Winnetkan, he had worked in the store in the late 1950s when Sanders' dad owned it.

Hill remembered the old X-ray machine used for measuring feet, a common tool in shoe stores of the day.

"We used to put our feet in there and wiggle our toes," he said fondly.

First steps

One of the high points of my day came after I moved in on the sale of Vera Zhurakhovska, a keyboard virtuoso from Russia who splits her week between piano lessons and shoemongering.

I inveigled myself because I wanted to sell Wilmette's Debra Semple the first pair of real shoes for her daughter Anna, 13 months. I tried out several styles I found in Anna's size 3 1/2 in the back room, and a few in the big basement storeroom. After the better part of an hour, we settled on a \$15 Italian pink-and-white polka dot number that had been on one of the tables outside from the beginning.

That left 14 shoe boxes in disarray on the floor to repack and return to the shelves.

"I think you need drink," noted Zhurakhovska.

Not long after, a North Carolina woman dropped in with her family, and handed me five little shoes for matches. I asked Kelly McHugh, Rick Sanders' niece, for some help finding the mates, and she wound up elbowing me out as I had Zhurakhovska.

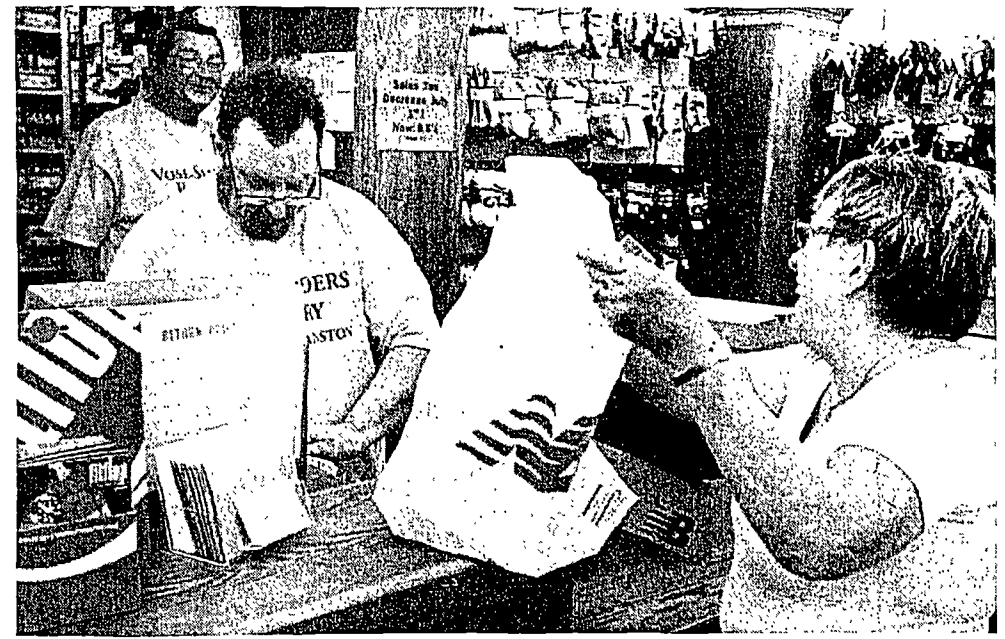
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Where are those size 7 Tsukihoshis? CHECK OUT THE PHOTO GALLERY AND VIDEO AT: www.pioneerlocal.com/unemployee



Leavitt discovers that somebody whose mother claimed they wore a 6 has grown since last measured.



Awaiting good feet.

Leavitt checks his paperwork seriously as Vose-Sanders Bootery owner Rick Sanders jokes with long-time customer Joanie White of Winnetka over Leavitt's shoulder.

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The difference was that McHugh sold Laura Reed eight pairs of shoes.

I didn't follow her entire rap. But it seemed to have a lot to do with asking the woman questions about her needs.

Those questions may or may not have included, "You would want some stylish shoes you could slip into

easily if your house was on fire, right?"

I wouldn't worry too much about Reed getting less than a good deal. She walked out of the store with eight pairs of big-name shoes for \$170, plus tax.

Sharp as shoe leather

Through the day, I actually sold something to most people I talked to, but that was probably because the prices were low enough that

I wasn't a factor.

I did, however, unsuccessfully try to sell three different women on the same pair of red Italian flats, discounted to \$25 from \$80. The third one sneaked off while I wasn't looking.

I realized later that for the first two hours, I forgot to offer anybody a bag. I also forgot to hand most people one of those little sockettes you put on bare feet before you try on shoes, despite

having a pocket full of them.

But instead of yelling at me, Sanders treated me kindly, like an idiot son.

I, however, did not treat all of his employees with the same kindness.

I noticed everyone was taking turns outside helping customers, and since it was exceeding 90 degrees, the air-conditioned store started looking better and better to me. So I told salesman

Lance Steinberg — one of the nicest people I've ever met — that he was absolutely the best at dealing with people on the sidewalk — which he actually is — and that he should stay out there all the time.

And he actually did, for about an hour, probably because he worried I would emerge from the store and immediately stroke out.

Every time he came in for a minute, I told him how

much we needed him outside.

Finally, I stopped him at the door.

"No, no, Lance. Gotta go back," I insisted. "We need ya."

"I just had to check ..." he said. "... Oh, man, it's killin' me!"

So I went out and got a little sun.

I think he was giggling behind my back, though.

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Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Drozd at (224) 628-4009 or d.drozd@com-cast.net.

The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920. **Niles Chapter Toastmasters** meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6410 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

Community

Participants in HAVE Dreams Summer Transition Program are running a Car Wash from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 29 (at 940 Busse Highway. Cost is \$4 per car. The HAVE Dreams Summer Transition Program is an introduction to the work place. HAVE Dreams is a non-profit organization that aspires to help children and young adults with autism improve their abilities to learn, function independently, and socialize so that they may realize their full potential and develop into contributing members of their communities. Contact Andrea Johnson at (847) 685-0250 or

ajohnsen@havedreams.org. **Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, presents "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race" running through Jan. 2. The exhibition examines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with physicians, psychiatrists, and other medical professionals, used science to help legitimize persecution, murder and, ultimately, genocide. It chronicles the Nazi campaign, from 1933 to 1945, to "cleanse" German society of individuals viewed as biological threats to the nation's "health." The objects, photographs, documents and historic film on display provoke reflection on the continuing attraction of biological utopias. This exhibition was produced by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Admission is free with museum admission. For hours and admission prices, call (847) 967-4889 or visit www:il-holocaustmuseum.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will host its annual Wine Fest, a one-of-a-kind extravaganza of food and wine at Chicago's oldest home, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 11. This year's theme is "Everyday Wines." Guests can meander through the spectacular grounds of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House and enjoy unlimited tastings, food and entertainment. The event also will feature a silent auction and the opportunity to purchase "Instant Wine Cellar" raffle tickets to start or complement a current collection. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased online at www.norwood-

parkhistoricalsociety.org or by calling (773) 631-6633. Street parking is available, and guests also can take the Union Pacific/Northwest line of the Metra and exit at Norwood Park or the CTA's Blue Line (Harlem Avenue stop).

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others.

Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only

gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

Crafts

The Parents Club of Guerin College Preparatory High School is seeking crafters for its annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 30 throughout the first floor of the school, at 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. Admission is \$2; children under 12 free (strollers are not permitted). Refreshments are also available for purchase. To receive an application form, call (708) 453-6233. Crafters can also download an application from www.guerinprep.org. Deadline for participation is Oct. 15; entry fee is \$60.

Wright College is seeking artists and crafters for its indoor annual Craft Fair on Sept. 12 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. Wright's Center for Lifelong Learning sponsors the fair, which runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tables will be assigned on a "first-applied-for, first-assigned" basis. Tables range from \$65 to \$100. Admission and parking are free. Contact Gail Toribio at (773) 481-8805. Also, a vendor application is available at wright.ccc.edu.

Fitness Center

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

Mike Ijjan and the Niles Family Fitness Center present a highly instructional, highly competitive basketball program. The camp will address proper shooting mechanics, ball-handling, play-making skills, rebounding, defensive fundamentals, and offensive principles. The focus of the clinic is to enhance both knowledge and performance while providing an opportunity for players to compete. Players will participate in 1-on-1, 3-on-3, and 5-on-5 tournaments, as well as various jumping and shooting competitions. Fee includes a T-shirt. Basketball #3 is 1-4 p.m. July 26 to 30. Fees for all programs are \$205; members: \$220, nonmembers.

Camptastic 2010 - The Niles Family Fitness Center's summer camp activities for ages 6-11 include sports, outdoor games, field trips and more. Camp is held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays, through Aug. 13. Extended camp hours are 8-9 a.m., \$5 per day; or 3-5 p.m., \$10 per day. Camp session fees: full-time, one week session, \$128 per member, \$166, nonmember; part-time: 3 days per week (parent's choice), \$86, member, \$111, nonmember. Those who pay in full for all nine weeks for Camptastic 2010 receive one free week.

Camp Little - Ages 2-5, camp hours, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Lunch n' Fun, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., runs to Aug. 13. Campers will enjoy a day filled with games, gym, arts and crafts, outside time snacks and more. Throughout

the summer there will be special events including field trips to Culver Park and Splash Splash Fun Days. Campers need to bring a backpack to camp everyday with a change of clothes. Camper does not need to be pot-trained to attend Camp Little. Choose 1, 2, or 3 days per week: Monday, Wednesday and/or Fridays.

Private swimming lessons are offered for individuals of any age who prefer one-on-one or smaller group instruction. Cost for private lessons are \$20, members; \$25, nonmembers. Semi-Private lessons are \$13 and \$16, respectively per person. Call (847) 588-8413.

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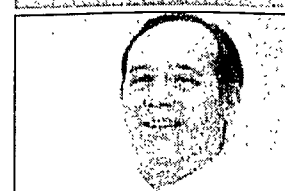
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Maybe the Cubs really are cursed



RANDY BLASER

Lou Piniella was supposed to take the Cubs to the next level:

In the end, the stumbling, bumbling and not-so-lovable losers have brought Sweet Lou down to their humiliating level of baseball. Poor Lou.

I remember the first time I saw Piniella. It must have been 1970, the year after he won the American League Rookie of the Year award with the Kansas City Royals, an expansion team. He was on the field at old Comiskey Park early, doing all sorts of stretching exercises.

He was among the best players on a team that lost 97 games, but the White Sox were worse with 106

losses. I remember thinking, "Why couldn't we get a guy like Piniella?"

The next time I saw Lou was 1978 at Fenway Park. He hit a triple and a homer to help the Yankees beat the Red Sox in that historic season. He still impressed as a good ballplayer, a lifetime .291 hitter.

I followed Piniella as he managed the Yankees, Mariners and Reds and considered him a very good manager. One of the best of the current stock of managers.

Naturally, when the Cubs picked him up four years ago, I thought it was a great move. So did everyone else.

But over the last year, I've seen an excellent baseball man reduced to a laughingstock as he struggled to deal with the Cubs' continuing woes and cavalcade of comedy.

I feel sorry for Lou because he manages a team for people who are quite delusional.

The Cubs are not a very

good team. They don't play fundamental baseball very well and have players who have "issues" — head cases we used to call them.

Yet people think the Cubs should be good, if only Piniella could get the right combination of aging stars, rookies and nut jobs to play together.

But it seems to me that although he's tried to do everything, nothing works. The team is just not very good.

I used to think this idea of a Cubs curse was just some crazy excuse fans used to explain why their team doesn't play very well. It couldn't possibly be the players, or all the day games, or that ancient ruin of a baseball field fans think is a shrine.

But now that I've seen Piniella, a baseball man who has been a winner his entire baseball career, brought low by this team and organization, I'm beginning to believe it.

Who's buying Christmas in July?



PAUL SASSONE

Broiling, steamy, fiery, stinging, sticky, burning, sweaty, boiling, melting, swampy.

When you read these words, what comes to mind?

Right: Christmas. What? You're not thinking about Christmas?

That's funny. Because a lot of merchants are.

Many retailers, such as Toys-R-Us, Target and Sears have launched Christmas in July campaigns.

By creating such a campaign it might appear that merchants are trying to fool us into thinking it's Christmas time.

Playing Christmas music, putting up Christmas lights. Ho, ho, ho. 'Tis the season. But tisn't.

The brown grass and brown outs tell us pretty plainly that it is summer. Merchants know that. And they know we know that.

No, there is Christmas in July because merchants are worried. They are worried because we are worried.

They are worried that we aren't spending enough. And we are worried because we don't have any money to spend, what with the recession and unemployment and the fear of unemployment.

So, merchants ask themselves how to get people who don't have money to spend money?

The answer is: Christmas. In good times and in bad, people will send what money they have — and what money they don't have — to buy Christmas presents for those they love. It's

one of human beings' more endearing qualities.

It is this willingness to approach beggary each Christmas that retailers count on to make their year profitable.

So, if Christmas in December works, why not Christmas in July?

Why not indeed? And why not Thanksgiving in May? Sell a lot more turkeys.

How about Easter in September? Good for candy sales.

And who says a person can have only one birthday a year?

They say less can be more. But then, just think of how much more more can be.

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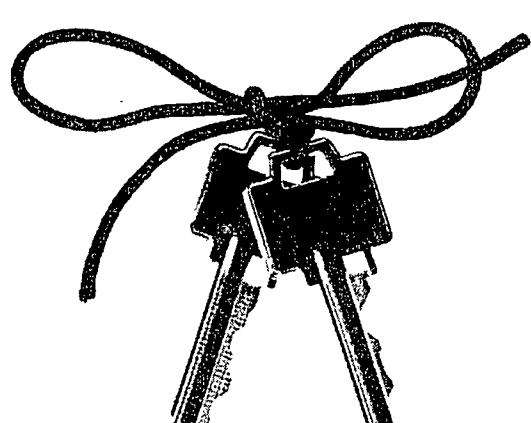
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Food Drives

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

Fundraisers

For a second consecutive year, canine companions are invited to join in the fight against cancer at the American Cancer Society's Bark For Life. The event will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Sears Centre Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates, and includes a one-mile walk, canine contests and entertaining activities for dogs and owners alike. The fund-raiser honors the life-long love, support, and compassion dogs provide to cancer patients and their families during times of both struggle and joy. Canines also hold roles as therapy and service dogs. Owners can register online or at the event; registration is \$25 in advance or \$35, the day of the event. Each participant is

encouraged to have a minimum fund-raising goal of \$100. "Dog Lovers" who raise at least \$100 will receive a Bark For Life bandana; "Golden Bones" with at least \$250 in pledges will receive a bandana and a commemorative T-shirt; and "Wonder Dogs" who raise \$500 or more will receive a T-shirt and a Bark For Life leash. Proceeds will aid the American Cancer Society's support services for local patients and their families, as well as cancer research programs, community education and advocacy initiatives. Bark For Life is one of 13 canine Relay For Life events scheduled throughout Illinois in July and August. Contact the American Cancer Society, (847) 368-1166 or visit www.barkforlifefund.com.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc., 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed, or buys a gift card from the company - and also asks for the Lutheran General discount - will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AlMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.like-new-autospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the homepage with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not

valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program. **The Knights of Columbus Council 4338** is conducting a Wheelchairs for the Needy campaign. The public is invited to help others by providing donations for a wheelchair. For as little as \$75, the needy can gain their mobility with a new wheelchair. Donations may be sent to: Wheelchairs for Needy, c/o KC Council 4338, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

Health

The US 100 International Summit, Symposium and 20th Anniversary Celebration for men and their families battling prostate cancer is scheduled for Aug. 20-21 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont. A pre-symposium, "Advocacy Summit, Moving Beyond the Confusion About Prostate Cancer Screening and Treatment," will be from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dr. Damon Arnold, director, Illinois Department of Public Health, will kick off the first of nine sessions on Friday at 2:50 p.m. Registration and information is at <http://www.us100.org/2010symposium> or 1-800-808-7866.

Women age 35 and older are invited to participate in a national research study of the Hologic, Inc. to-mosynthesis 3-D mammography system. The study is conducted at the Advocate Lutheran General Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. This is the only site in the Chicago/land area selected to conduct this multicenter clinical trial. The principal investigator for the study at this site is Dr. Sarah

Friedewald, section chief, breast imaging and co-medical director of the Caldwell Breast Center at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. The study is being done to see how breast to-mosynthesis mammography, a 3-D imaging exam, compares to a conventional digital 2-D mammography exam. Women ages 35 and older who are planning to have a routine mammogram may be eligible to participate in this research study. Participants will have additional 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional views taken of the breast. The study will take about 15-30 minutes, which includes the time it takes to read and complete a consent form. If interested in participating in the research study, call HealthAdvisor, 1-800-323-8622 and mention Code BW35. There is no cost to study participants.

Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

A local dialysis clinic, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fres-

enius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott Ave., Chicago, will offer the following health programs. Advance registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available. **Ongoing programs** - *Moms In Motion*: Prenatal and postpartum moms are invited to participate in this land/water exercise program offered Mondays and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Club Res Fitness Center. Fee: \$5/class. Call (773) 990-5600 for more information. *Yoga*: All levels are welcome. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:10-10:30 a.m. at Resurrection Medical Center. Fee: \$8/class or \$75 for a 10 class punch card. Call the Health Management Department at (773) 792-5022, for details.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m.-noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.

Kids

Attention all youth 12-19 years of age. Golf Mill Shopping Center needs singers, musicians and dancers, plus variety performers like animal acts, jugglers, magicians, comedians, and performance artists for Golf Mill's Got Talent. This two-day event starts Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m., with registration and

auditions for youth age 12-19, followed by finals at noon Aug. 21. The first-place winner will take home a Shopping Spree valued at \$500. Prizes provided by JCPenney, Kohl's and Target will be given to first-, second- and third-place winners. Teens are to register in Center Court beginning at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 17. On Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. Kiara Rivera, first-place winner of 2008 Teen Idol at the Mill will kick-off finals for 30 Talented Teens at the Mill. All finalists will receive a free backpack, courtesy of Body Central and special savings at JCPenney from Aug. 17 to 21. (847) 699-1070 or visit www.golmill.com.

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.

Summer Reading Club continues through July 30: games prizes and fun programs to keep kids motivated during the summer.

Movies - "Dear John." (PG) at 2 p.m. Aug. 7.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis - *Babylime*, 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. *Rise & Shine Storytime*, 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more. Youth programs, registration required - *Life-Size Candyland* for second-graders and older, 3 p.m. Aug. 3. Come play this game, where "children" are the pieces.

Teen Programs - *Mix Your own Media Mashup*, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 4: Get tips on recording great images and sound, make your own mashup. Bring music, words, photos and videos on CD or USB device to make your own creation.

Computer classes - Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003: 10:15-11:45 a.m. Aug. 3, a beginner's session featuring basics of creating documents in Word 2003. Introduction to Excel, 10:15-11:45 a.m. Aug. 5: Beginner's session, learning the basics about spreadsheets and workbooks, formatting cells and using simple formulas.

Maine Township

Maine Township's popular annual Community Garage Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 25 in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Space reservations will be accepted beginning Aug. 2. Reservations with payment will be accepted until Sept. 20, but spaces are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces are 8-feet by 16-feet and cost only \$20 each. Net proceeds from the event benefit the MaineStay Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry. Residents can also make a donation of cash or merchandise. Merchandise for resale will not be accepted for drop-off at Town Hall until Sept. 20. Donated merchandise will be sold by Township staff. Donation checks should be made payable to: "Maine Township Adventure Camp" or "Maine Township Food Pantry." Call

Marie Worobec, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 270, or see www.maintownship.com. **Maine Township's FISH** (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken, (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Sleppek, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. 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 Resident and nonresident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2010-11 is still being accepted. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon for 3- and 4-year-old classes. Registration is accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District offers a "Learn to Swim" lesson program this summer designed for children of all levels and abilities, beginning at preschool age. Adult Lessons, Private Lessons, Parent & Tot Lessons, and Pre-School Swim are also available. Lessons are taught at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Call the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633.

Stay cool this summer at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Full season hours have begun: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

A wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth-grade kids are offered which include full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey, and ice skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., to plan an exciting summer for a child. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts and crafts, sports, and more. Most camps are under way. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2009, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays or Wednesdays/Fridays, from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District introduces a new camp called School's Out Sport Camp. The camp will be available on five school holidays. The main emphasis of the camp is to provide safe, fun-

filled days of playing and learning sports. Campers should bring a sack lunch and beverage. Camp takes place at Grennan Heights on Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day and Pulaski Day. Fees are: residents, \$36; nonresidents, \$45 per day. Call (847) 967-1529.

Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

Golf Maine Registrations being taken for: **Hot Shots Sports**: Hot Shots Sports and the Golf Maine Park District have joined together to bring various sports classes and clinics; offering baseball, basketball and soccer classes. Stop by the Feldman or Dee Park Recreation Centers for more information.

Preschool ... where learning is fun - Early registration is important to ensure space for the fall 2010 semester. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4-years-old by Sept. 1, 2010.

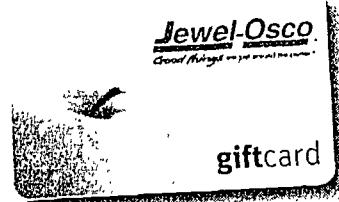
Adult & Youth Ballet: Classes available for all skill levels from novice to an experienced dancer. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Call (847) 297-3000, Ext. 34. **Cricket** - Dee Park now has a cricket pitch that will be ready for use this spring; call the park district for rental fees or availability.

The Golf Maine Park District offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or

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phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com/. Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000.

Religion

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles, will hold its closing Jubilee Year Mass, celebrated by Francis Cardinal George, at 5 p.m. Aug. 14. A reception in a tent on the parish grounds will follow Mass. All are welcome. Call the Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550.

Theology on Tap for young adults ages 20-40 continues at 7:30 p.m. in Paluch Hall of Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave., Niles. Aug. 2: Vince Lacey, "You Are So Not in Control! Failing Strategies for the Young Adult Years." Call (847) 823-2550.

Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian-education hour at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Child-care services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call (847) 966-8145.

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or go to www.ehnt.org.

Reunions

The Emerson Junior High School Class of 1980 is holding a 30-year class reunion at 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at Morton's The Steakhouse, 9525 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont. Emerson alumni as well as Maine East and Maine South High School alumni from 1984 and surrounding years are welcome. Cost is \$25/person, payable at the door. To RSVP, visit www.emerson80.com or contact Charles Meliodosian, (312) 772-2331.

Lane Technical High School Class of 1960 will hold its 50th reunion at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the White Eagle Restaurant, 6845 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Cost of \$60 includes dinner, open bar, dancing and entertainment. Contact Ralph Gohnick at (847) 459-3198. E-mail: ralphandjudig@msn.com for additional information.

The Maine South Class of 1970 will hold its 40th reunion from 6:30 p.m.-midnight Sept. 18 at Schaumburg Golf

Club-Chandler's Restaurant, 401 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg. Cost of \$60 includes dinner, open bar, music. Call (847) 825-0707 or e-mail Maine-South1970@att.net. See www.Maine-South1970.com.

The next St. Robert Bellarmine all-class reunion will be held Sept. 18. Alumni are invited to a 5 p.m. Mass in the church followed by an open house at the school. Alumni and their families will be able to tour classrooms, visit with teachers, past and present principals, pastors, classmates and friends. More details will be posted on the Alumni Reunion page of the school Web site, www.srb-chicago.org, as they are available. Alumni can send their current contact information by downloading an Alumni Info Card from the Web site or by sending an e-mail to srbalumni@yahoo.com.

The 1966 Class of Ridgewood High School is planning a reunion and looking for graduates. Anyone with information concerning alumni is asked to e-mail haydelju@comcast.net or call (217) 352-7254.

Alumni from Taft High School Class of 1970 are sought for a 40th class reunion Sept. 25 at the LaGrange Country Club featuring Dick Biondi. Visit 1970taftreunion.com.

Elmwood Park High School Class of 1970 plans a 40th reunion from 6-11 p.m. Oct. 2 at Russell's Barbecue Restaurant, 1621 N. Thatcher Ave., Elmwood Park. Cost is \$30 per person for all-inclusive buffet dinner. Send checks to: Christine Cowan, P.O. Box 1662, Deerfield, IL 60015, by Sept. 1. Contact Christine Thomas Cowan, ct-cowan@sbcglobal.net, or Janice Ryden Deaton, dealon_janice@yahoo.com.

Niles East High School Class of 1960 is holding a 50-year reunion Oct. 1-3 at the Lincolnshire Marriott. See www.niles1960.com.

St. John Brebeuf School in Niles is looking for graduates from the class of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at Iryder@sjbschool.org.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail Iryder@sjbschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

Maine Seniors

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

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

Maine Township, in cooperation with

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

Senior Center

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

Seniors

The North Shore Senior Center has initiated a new Home Delivered Meals Program that serves seniors throughout the north and northwest suburban communities. For those who qualify, it means a hot, healthy lunch delivered every Monday through Friday. The program has attracted a range of volunteer drivers but more are needed. To receive lunches, Maine Township residents must be qualified by NSSC's Social Services Department. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per lunch, although participants can contribute more. The actual cost is \$7. No one is refused service if they cannot afford it. For qualification information, call (847) 784-6040.

Golf Mill Shopping Center is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township MainStreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

CJE SeniorLife is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors, 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency. Additional supportive services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available. For an application and tour of Robineau, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.

The North Shore Senior Center, located in Northfield, is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors living in Maine Township. Deliveries are made during weekdays. For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact Maura Rogan at (847) 784-6052 or e-mail mrogan@nssc.org.

Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes

and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

Support

Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview - Grief support groups provide a confidential, supportive environment for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Groups typically meet for 8 weeks and are offered at no charge. Partners Always: Life after Loss: 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4 to Sept. 22, or 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 11 to Oct. 6. Hope and Healing: Grief Support for Adults: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4 to Sept. 22. Drop-in Support Group: 10:30 a.m.-noon, first and third Fridays of each month. Call (847) 556-1777.

REFF Organization - In July, the Craft Family Training Programs is moving to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Serenity Center, 29 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. It soon will include anger management and life skills motivation. In September, REFF will begin a new Grief Support program for families who have experienced losing a loved one related to addiction.

Younger Widowed Support Group is an ongoing support group for younger widowed persons who are 55 years of age or younger. It meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month: Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 14 and 28 at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge; \$5 per session. Call (847) 882-8884 or visit www.rainbowhospice.org.

Families Anonymous is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge in Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a non-professional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

Community Reinforcement and Family Training Groups provide education on early intervention, tools for motivation and self-care techniques for families as they learn new ways to approach a loved one who misuses, abuses or has addictive behaviors from 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Serenity Center, 29 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Fee is \$35 per group. Open registration required; contact Barbara DeHart, (708) 536-8775 or e-mail refnews4u@gmail.com.

NorthShore Hospice will sponsor the following Grief Support Groups: **Soul Mates**, is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. **Legacy** is an ongoing support

group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org.

Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 West Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call 800-932-8677.

MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momclubofnorthernchicago> or e-mail chicagomomclub@gmail.com.

One Hope United, formerly Kids

Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit www.onehopeunited.org.

A new Alzheimer's Support Group meets every first Tuesday of each month at the office of Home Instead Senior Care, 8816 Bronx Ave., Skokie. Call the facilitator at (847) 673-1250 or e-mail Stephanie_Smart_at_ssmart@homeinstead.com or visit www.homeinstead.com/383.

The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery, which opened in 2006, is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as: job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence or other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its "Family Support Group" for families of individ-

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uals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Nessel Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-2252.

The local TOPS Club chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871 to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms G952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

An Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the Nessel Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nessel

Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

The Neptune Society, the largest independent cremation company in the nation based in Des Plaines, is bringing comforting teddy bears to Chicago area children who are hurt, frightened or alone. The Neptune Society Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person whose death care is handled by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge and local fire departments to be given to a child in need.

The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowaen@lesturnerals.org.

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

The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets from 3-

4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

Holding Onto Hope is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets from 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

Weight No More, a friendly weight-loss support group, is welcoming new members. Discussions include weight-loss tips, recipes, contests and helpful ideas to help you reach your goal. Meetings are 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fridays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, lower level (elevator acces-

sible). Weigh-ins are 9:15-9:30 a.m., meetings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 per month. Call (847) 679-4229.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly from 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday. **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group** for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month.

The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required. **The Us Too! Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for

teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. Call Health Management, (773) 792-5022.

Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7866.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet from 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

Northwest Suburban Interstitial Cys-

titis/Painful Bladder Syndrome Support Group of Illinois meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Conference Room 1064. E-mail: bzarnikow@aol.com to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

An area Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's Disease meets at 10:30 a.m. every second Saturday at Central Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jessi Lenth, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509.

Queen of All Saints hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Ionia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060. Additional meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

Teen Center

The Niles Youth Council is a group of teens from sixth through 12th grade who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to check them out. Call (847) 375-8949. The Teen Center is located at 373 Golf Mill Center in Niles.

The Teen Center is working with the

Niles Senior Center to find teenagers willing to help senior citizens with leaf raking, snow shoveling and general yard work while earning money. Complete the Niles Teen Job Connection form available on the center Web site and return it to Mark at the center. Information will be shared with the director of the center and contacts will be made with residents in need of services.

Register your bike through the Niles Teen Center or Niles Police Department. Every year the Niles Police Department accumulates a number of lost or stolen bikes and is forced to sell them at an auction because their owners cannot be identified. By registering your bike, you are issued a Village of Niles Police Department sticker and your bicycle's information is

entered into a national database allowing the Police Department to re-connect you if it is ever lost or stolen.

Volunteers
Individuals who have few hours to spare are urged to join the Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe Team of Volunteers. Avenues is looking for friendly, hard-working men and women to help staff at the Thrift Shoppe, 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Volunteers receive a discount. No experience is needed. All proceeds from the Thrift Shoppe help Avenues continue valuable programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Contact the

store manager, Michael Frustini, (847) 292-0870, Ext. 771.
The Men's and Women's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is looking for new members. The community-based philanthropic and social organization raises funds for the hospital through a variety of events, including an annual golf outing, glove sale and concert. The organization's donations have assisted the hospital in expanding programs, purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment, and pursuing research and education initiatives. Yearly dues are \$35. Call (847) 723-6105.

Many individuals have found themselves laid off or unable to find employment. Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care would like to respond by helping professionals stay current

with their job skills (or gain experience if recently graduated) by offering professional volunteer opportunities. Possible opportunities include positions in medical records, human resources administration, community outreach, finance, marketing and admissions/customer service. Volunteers must have a willingness to make use of their professional skills and a positive attitude allowing them to take on a great deal of responsibility. Training and seminars for professional and personal development will be provided. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (847) 685-9900, Ext. 3128, or rparr@rainbowhospice.org. Visit www.rainbowhospice.org
Junior Achievement of Chicago is a nonprofit organization focused on inspiring and preparing young people

to succeed in the global economy. Volunteers from businesses are trained and given materials to go into a classroom and teach students from kindergarten through high school about financial literacy and entrepreneurship-work readiness skills. Partnerships have been formed with some teachers at Niles North, Central and West High Schools for JA programs this school year. Volunteers are needed. Each program consists of five visits to the classroom for about 45-50 minutes each. If interested call Kristin Goodwin, operations manager, Junior Achievement of Chicago, (708) 456-1400, Ext. 245, e-mail kgoodwin@jachicago.org or go to www.jachicago.org.
The Men's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has recent-

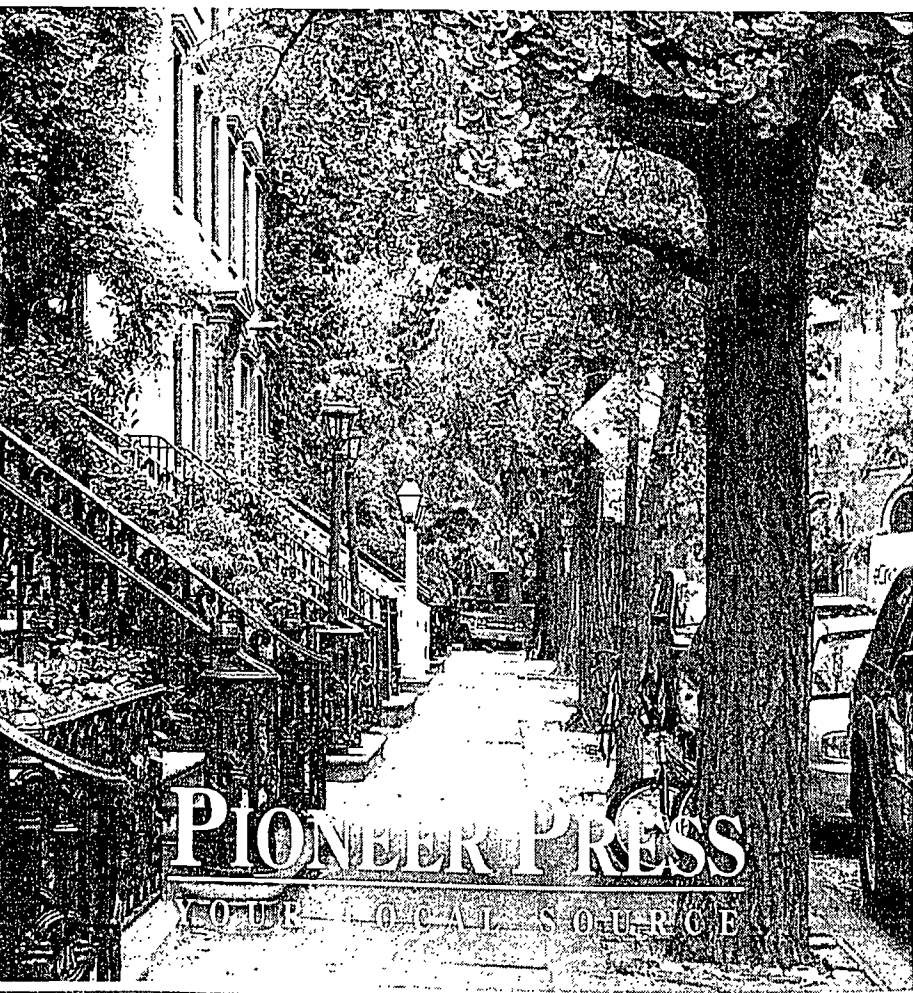
ly expanded its role and membership base in the community and adopted a new name to reflect that change: The Men's and Women's Association of Lutheran General Hospital. The change will allow the nonprofit organization to sponsor more events, encourage greater participation in annual activities, such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

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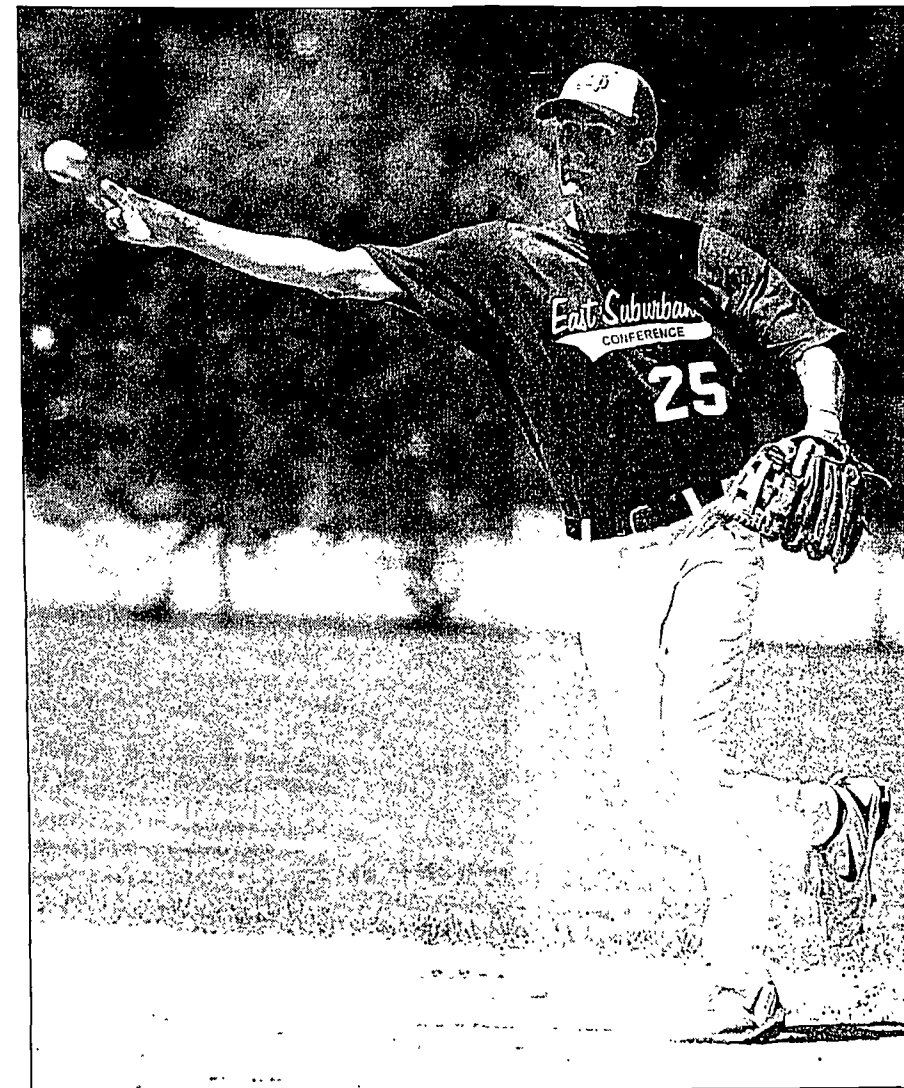
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BASEBALL - When the summer baseball season began last month, Notre Dame players quickly realized some important folks were missing from their clubhouse.

Though the team returned a fair amount of talent from the squad that went 26-10 in the spring, the Dons were without recent graduates like Sammy Bungum, Matt Moser, Phil Kerber and Christian Rivera.

"The first day the guys were looking around and the first thing that came to mind was how weird it was without Sammy (Bungum's) personality and Christian Rivera joking in the clubhouse," ND assistant coach Dominic Catalano said. "But that lasted about an hour, and then the (seniors) stepped up and said, 'They are gone, and they took over.'"

Catalano said incoming seniors like Jeff Von Moser, Jaek Wietlispaech and Mark Angelini assumed the leadership role, eventually helping guide the team to a 19-5 spring record, which in-



Notre Dame's Jeff Von Moser, who participated last month in the Stevenson Showcase, this summer shifted from second base to shortstop for the Dons. (Jerry Daltege/for STM)

cluded a No. 1 seed in the Palatine Regional of the IHSCA Summer League Tournament.

The summer run came to an end on July 20, when Maine South defeated the Dons 7-4 in a regional quar-

terfinal. ND had ousted Buffalo Grove 2-1 in the previous day's second-round contest.

Among the summer's highlights, Catalano listed performances in two tournaments that included mostly American Legion teams. The Dons won at Evanston and reached the final at Rockford, but was rained out.

He noted that the summer was more about getting in work, rather than monitoring results on the field.

The 36-player team regularly held practices in the afternoon before games. Then, once the games were in progress, half the players worked on fundamentals on another field.

"It was a successful summer, record-wise. But I'm just proud of the kids and the way they worked before game time," Catalano said. "They did a ton of work, and it was in 95-degree heat almost every day. I couldn't complain about the effort this summer."

Next spring, the ND squad will include a group of talented seniors who captured the ESCC sophomore title in 2009. Some of the class of 2011 joined the varsity last spring, while others made cameo appearances and waited for their opportunity this summer.

"There is a confidence level with these guys," Catalano said. "As sophomores, they won conference. As juniors, they ac-

cepted their role. Some played and some didn't, but they have come out and led. They are not big talkers, but they lead by example."

In a revamped left side of the infield, Von Moser shifted from second base to shortstop, while Wietlispaech, an all-conference designated hitter this past spring, moved to third. Senior Cody Niedenbaech also played third base after missing much of the spring with an injury.

Returning catcher Anthony Pope was solid behind the plate, and Catalano called senior Alex Babusei a "pleasant surprise" in center field.

"Babusei took over for (Matt) Moran in center and did a great job on defense and offense," he said. "There are not a lot of guys who can do what he can do tracking down balls."

On the mound, the team was led by Angelini, Niedenbaech and juniors Tony Mareelino and Matt Walsh. Junior Charlie Jergler also is expected to be a top pitcher next spring, though he had other commitments during the summer.

Junior infielder Keenan Connelly is another player Catalano said exceeded expectations, playing good defense and collecting some clutch hits.

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Maine East softball one more job for Hernandez

By MATT HARNESSE
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SOFTBALL - Emiliano Hernandez is too invested in Maine East's progress on the softball field to walk away.

When head coach Mike Bender left the post to become the school's athletic director, he asked Hernandez, an assistant, about taking over the Demons. Hernandez, who also is the head

wrestling coach and a football assistant, couldn't refuse.

"The program's going up and we didn't want to see it go backwards," Hernandez said. "It was a logical choice for me to step in. We want to see the program to continue to go forward."

The Demons won 11 games this past spring, nearly doubling the previous two seasons combined. They still

have much room for improvement, which is why the job attracted Hernandez.

"Mike and I never really talked about," Hernandez said. "When the job was posted, me and some of the other coaches talked about keeping consistency."

Hernandez could be considered the face of Maine East athletics. The 1979 MEHS graduate arguably is the best wrestler the

school's ever produced. He was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame in 2009.

His senior year, he won the 126-pound Class AA championship and helped the Demons to 10th place as a team. He later wrestled at North Idaho Junior College before transferring to Division-I Washington State.

Hernandez was among the best lightweights at both schools.

He then returned to Maine East, where he's spent his entire professional career. He's been the wrestling coach for 15 seasons, but also coached sports such as gymnastics.

"We had some great athletic teams when I was in high school," he said. "I wanted to come back and rebuild that tradition. I really

like being here and coaching."

Although he's been coaching at Maine East for more than two decades, Hernandez shows no signs of slowing down after becoming a head coach in two sports and coaching in all three seasons.

"Growing up I was always encouraged to do a lot of different sports," he said. "I have kept it going."

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Niles North's Gabe Dwyer drills a line drive during the Vikings' summer league game against New Trier. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

Vikings hate to see summer season come to sudden end

Morton Grove Legion exits in playoffs

By DAN SHALIN
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BASEBALL - The Niles North summer league baseball team may have lost its first game in the IHSBCA tournament.

But in its 8-5 defeat at Lake Forest on July 19, the Vikings once again showed a fighting spirit that was present for much of the summer.

"We were behind 7-1 at one point, but we didn't quit and we kind of battled back," said North head coach Ron Zagorski, an assistant during the regular season. "We were young and inexperienced, but our kids would battle."

The coach said occasionally it took a deficit before his players had the right approach at the plate.

"At times, we were not aggressive enough with our at-bats," he said. "Once we got behind, the kids seemed

to pick it up, be more aggressive with their approach and many times we got back into ballgames."

Zagorski pointed out that his team, missing a handful of seniors who played Legion and travel ball, dropped lopsided decisions just once or twice during the summer.

The playoffs got off to a rough start for North (9-14-1) when staff ace Joe Markus was hit in the hand with a line drive. The senior, who led the team with four victories, was forced to leave the game.

Junior Clark Fox delivered a big hit and junior Gabe Dwyer and sophomore Gabe Dwyer also knocked in runs.

After struggling early in the campaign, the Vikings found their groove toward the end of the summer season. A 4-1-1 stretch included a tie with New Trier.

Senior Mike Wilson was the team's catalyst at the top of the batting order. He led the squad in runs and played solid defensively in the outfield.

Dwyer also enjoyed a strong summer and Zagors-

ki said the sophomore had a chance to be the team's starting catcher next spring.

"He's capable of playing on the varsity level defensively right now. As his bat gets stronger and he takes care of business (in the weight room) over the winter, he'll be ready to play for us," Zagorski said.

Junior Blake Oatt was the team's best defensive outfielder, according to Zagorski. Sophomores Danny Ammer and Matt McTague also turned some heads in recent weeks, though the coach said he was not willing to print their names on the 2011 varsity roster just yet.

Morton Grove Legion

The Mustangs (12-20-1) saw their season come to an end after going 1-2 in last week's double-elimination county playoffs.

Morton Grove was knocked out by Glenview, which beat the Mustangs 5-4 July 22. Sam Cattau started on the hill for Morton Grove, going seven innings, giving up two earned runs, surrendering six hits, walk-

ing five and striking out three.

Offensively, Keenan Kelly was 3-for-4 with an RBI, Brett Schuetz was 2-for-5 with an RBI and Andrew Bouleanu doubled and scored.

A day earlier, the Mustangs held on for a 13-9 win over Mount Prospect after leading 13-1. Cattau (3-for-4, 2 RBI), Jimmy Frankos (3-for-5, 2 RBI) and Tim Reichert (2-for-4, RBI) led the attack. John Granato earned the victory.

Elk Grove defeated Morton Grove 12-2 in the July 20 playoff opener. Cattau and Keenan Kelly knocked in MG's runs.

Head coach Ed Toledo said he was proud of the Mustangs' effort during a summer when the team often was limited to nine or 10 players because of injuries and other absences.

"Outside of maybe the first two weeks of the season, I don't think we ever had a full roster," he said. "I think we ended on a high note, even though we were pretty much working on fumes. From that standpoint, I think we did a great job."

Niles North believes it can continue to climb

Double-digit wins once again possible

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BOYS BASKETBALL - The Glenn Olson era at Niles North entered its second season this summer, and the head coach has been pleased with the progress thus far. But he's hardly satisfied.

Olson's first Vikings team went 12-15 last winter, a clear improvement over the 3-23 mark the squad recorded before his arrival.

The climb is expected to continue in 2010-11 as North returns several experienced players, including New Mexico-recruit Abdel Nader.

"This school has not had a lot of double-digit-win seasons recently," Olson said. "We have put in the time to build ourselves up. But we have to take this program to a different level. We have a lot of guys back. But they know that we need to do more. They know they can do more."

The Vikings capped a summer full of workouts and games in early July, and Olson said there were fewer glitches this offseason.

"No doubt about it," said the former Maine East head coach. "It's never as smooth as you would like, but there was a huge difference from Year One to Year Two. Everybody feels a lot better and more comfortable."

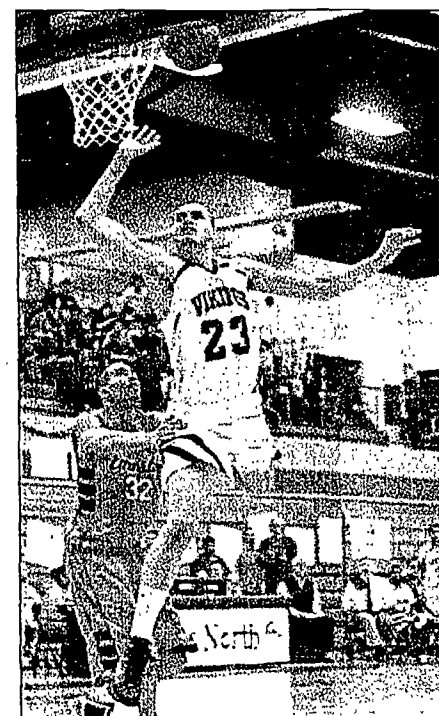
North played nearly 50 games, participating in a league at Loyola Academy, taking part in a shootout at Buffalo Grove, co-hosting a weekly event with Niles West and competing in a mini-league at York High.

Olson said the Vikings won plenty of games, and listed victories over Naperville North and Notre Dame among the highlights. He also said there were games where his team simply had no legs left after playing its preferred up-tempo style all day.

At times, North was shorthanded as Nader and sophomore guard Malaichi Nix honored AAU commitments, while senior Sam Sharples had football workouts.

The coach raved about the squad's depth and said it's not a one or two-man team. But there is no doubt the Vikings will rely heavily on the 6-foot-7 Nader, who verbally committed to Steve Alford's New Mexico squad in April.

Nader had transferred from Maine East before last season and took some time adjusting as go-to guy for his new team. He battled a wrist injury for much of the campaign, but ended up averaging an impressive 20.4 points and six rebounds per game. "There was a lot going on and a lot I had



Niles North senior Abdel Nader (23), who signed with New Mexico last spring, will be opponents' focus of attention when the Vikings resume play in the CSL North. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

to deal with during the season. But now I have a clear head and everything is better," Nader said. "(Lately) I've been in the gym every day, improving and playing hard."

Olson said Nader has continued to get better and hoped to see him play at a "ridiculously high level" this season.

"He's handling the ball much better, breaking guys down off the dribble. He's tightened up his handle (of the ball). He's getting to the rim," the coach said. "(Nader) is getting so much attention (from defenses), but he's making that pass. He'll score a lot next year, but he'll distribute the ball. He's becoming a complete player."

Nix, a sophomore point guard, has begun to assert himself offensively, Olson said.

Senior Andre Shaw, who stands 6-3, will provide some height on a smallish team. Seniors like Sharples, Montreal Sykes, Orlando Adams, Diego Marin, Jovan Williams, juniors Mychael Henley and Ali Rafiq, and sophomore Avery Wells add to the Vikings' deep skills.

While not blessed with a ton of pure shooters, the group has improved on the perimeter this summer. Rebounding is another area of concern; fitness is not.

"I think we're shooting the ball better. But we still can get better in that department," Olson said. "We have to rebound with great consistency and we're improving there. We're going to be in real good shape."

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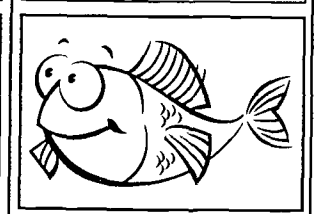
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Wolves one win from summer league final

Season ends with record of 17-4

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BASEBALL - Niles West's summer league season ended the same way as its spring season, with a play-off loss to Maine South.

That was one of the few similarities between the two. After going 16-16 and struggling for consistency in the spring, the Wolves finished 17-4 for the summer and head into the spring of 2011 with bushels of optimism.

"We had a great summer," said head coach Garry Gustafson, who was able to look past his team's 12-0 defeat to Maine South in the June 21 Palatine Regional semifinal. "We made the regional semis and were two wins away from the state finals. Our pitching staff was solidified and offensively we hit up and down (the lineup). We did

some good things the entire summer."

West opened its postseason on July 19 with an 8-7 win over Lane Tech. Nick Wheeler started and picked up the victory after walking one and striking out four over 6 2/3 innings. The Wolves jumped to a 8-3 lead, as Jason Meger batted 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs, Kyle Colletta was 2-for-4 with a run, Eric Stojanoff drove in two runs and Ryan Olen added two hits, an RBI and a run.

The following day, West scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Fremd 9-8. NW actually led 7-0 before the Vikings took the lead 8-7. In the seventh, West's Harry Smyrniotes singled and scored the tying run on Colletta's single. Meger then delivered the game-winning hit.

Meger (3-for-4, 2 RBI), Olen (2-for-3, 3 runs), Colletta (2-for-3, RBI) and Stojanoff (RBI) were the hitting stars. Evan Athanasiou picked up the victory in relief.

Gustafson said he was

pleased this summer with his team's performance on the mound and is excited about his pitching staff.

"We don't have the stopper or ace that we need. But we have six or seven good arms that can give us innings," he said.

The rotation should include the senior Wheeler, junior Meger and senior Kenny Blanchard. Athanasiou, a junior, Colletta, Olen and junior Max Markoff also gave the Wolves quality innings.

Much of the Wolves batting order also appears set. Athanasiou is expected to lead off, while sophomore shortstop Colletta will hit second. Olen, who missed the second half of his junior spring season with an injury, will bat third. Meger will be the clean-up man, Blanchard will bat fifth and Stojanoff and Jake Zuckerman should split time at catcher and in the sixth spot. Senior outfielders Smyrniotes and Wheeler could be key bats in the bottom third of the order.

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Niles West first baseman Max Markoff reaches for a throw as Maine South base runner John Fabiano ducks out of the way last week during the summer league playoffs at Palatine High School. (Buzz Orr/Staff Photographer)

Maine East gets good news on starting pitcher

By MATT HARNESSE
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BASEBALL - Maybe one of the best outcomes of last week's summer tournament playoffs was the news that Tyler Glowacki's arm was not broken.

The Maine East right-handed pitcher was struck in the forearm by a batted ball and was forced to leave the game. But X-rays showed only a bruise and no broken bones.

"We were happy about that," said rookie coach Ron Clark, whose team ended the summer July 19 with a 6-2 loss to Highland Park in the tournament opener at the Palatine Regional.

Glowacki figures big into Clark's plans for next spring. The junior is one of three primary starters the Demons used this summer.

He was joined on the staff by junior twins Andrew and junior Corey Evans. Clark's hoping that threesome will

comprise the top of the rotation in 2011.

"They all pitched the bulk of the innings and they had some ups and downs. But mostly ups," Clark said. "They all proved to be quality starters. All three can throw three pitches for strikes. I am happy with how they progressed."

None of the three pitched much for the Demons this past spring. In fact, Evans didn't pitch at all.

"I wanted to experiment

with him this summer," Clark said of the emerging three-year starter. "I wanted to see what he could do. He's a competitive kid, and any time you have that attitude in a pitcher is great. No matter what the score or situation, he's going to compete. You can't put a price tag on that."

All three also play in the infield. With Evans at shortstop, Tyler and Andrew can man any of the other infield positions.

"I like that flexibility," the coach said of the twin brothers. "Any moving around doesn't bother them too much. They do well in most every spot."

Other pitchers Clark looked at this summer were senior Rushi Shah and sophomore Greg Davis. Both are left-handers and worked out of the bullpen.

"I like the potential there," Clark said.

Despite not winning many games this summer —

Clark watched the Demons grow into a better team. He likes the way they worked hard on and off the field.

"I didn't really know what to expect coming in," said Clark, who last coached baseball in 2008. "The work ethic was really pleasantly surprising. They want to learn and get better. When you do that, good things happen."

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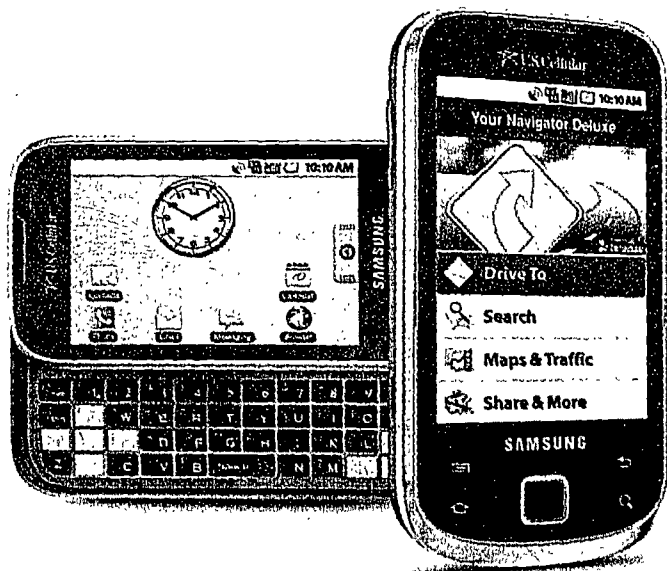
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