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Haley Croke, 9, of Niles, waits on the ice cream cone square for her turn during the life-sized Candyland game Dec. 30 at Niles Public Library.  
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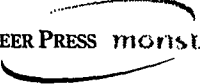
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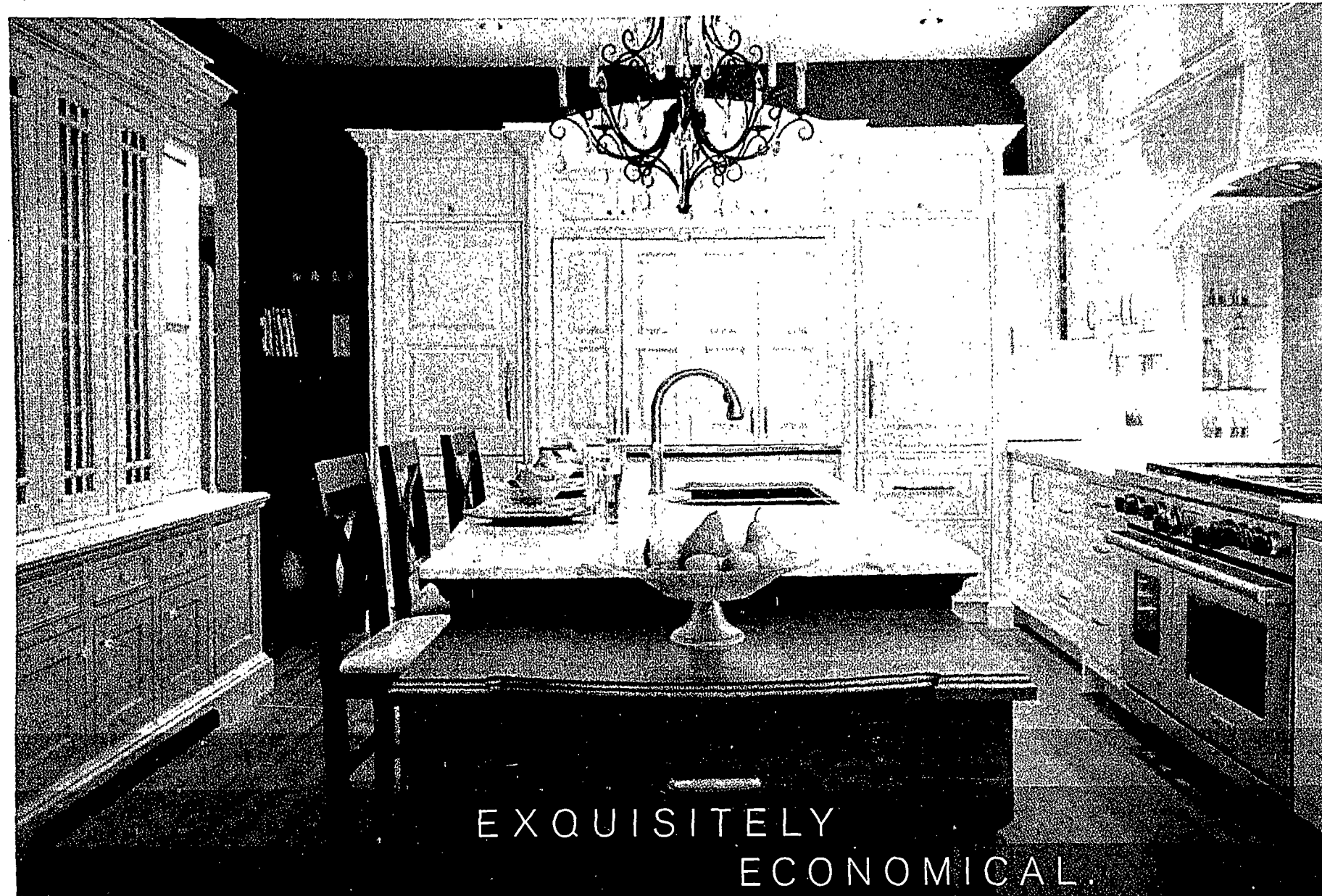
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

## Blase moved to Chicago-area halfway house

Ex-mayor is expected to be freed March 2

By TRACY GRUEN  
 Contributor

Former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase is closer to home after being moved Dec. 23 to a halfway house in the Chicago area.

Blase started serving a year-and-a-day sentence the past April at a federal prison camp in Duluth, Minn. He pleaded guilty to corruption charges that he had received hundreds of thousands of dollars in kickbacks through an insurance agency.

"We utilize halfway houses to bridge prison life and community life," said Chris Burke, spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Burke referred to the move as a "routine transfer," and said the bureau sends most of its inmates to halfway houses.

Blase is still expected to be released March 2, according to Burke.

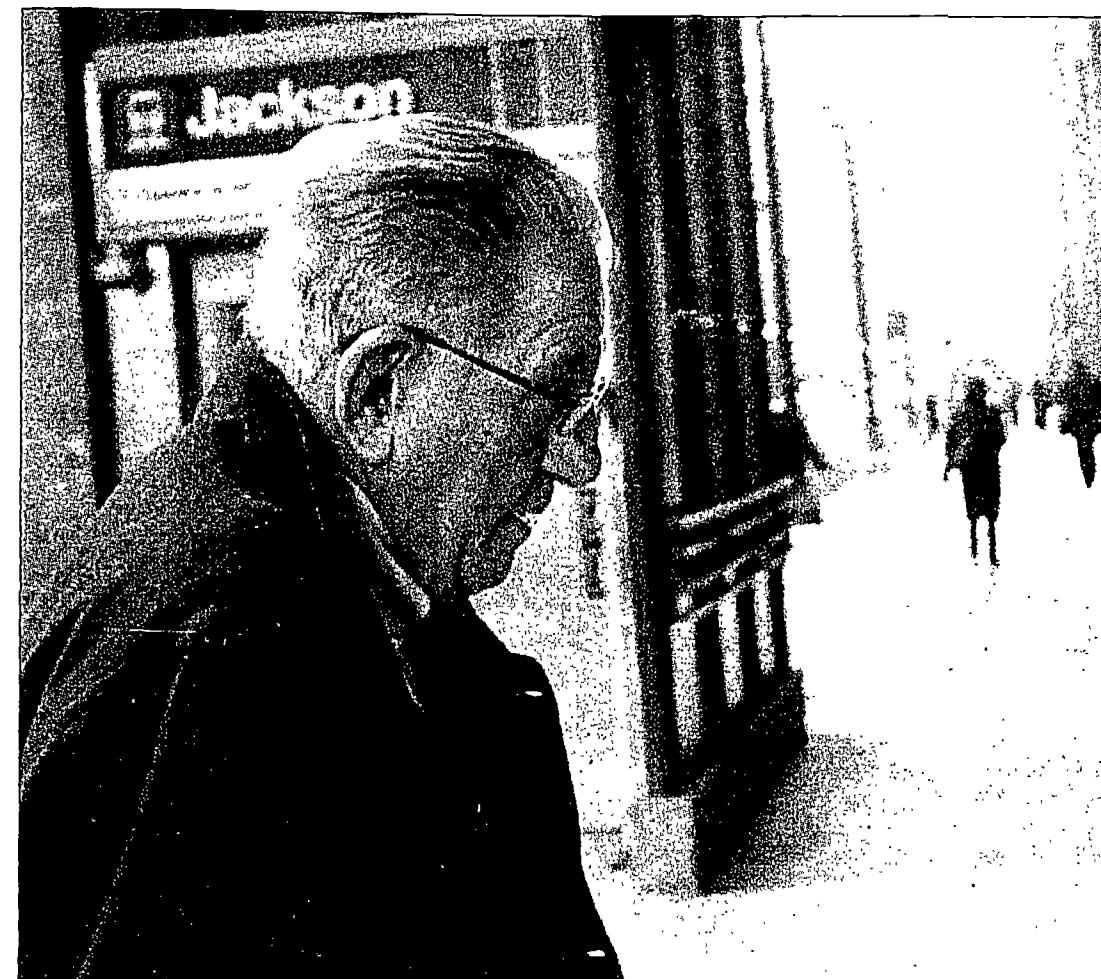
The halfway house does not have fences or barbed wire, but the inmates must follow the rules, such as a curfew.

"They're still accounted for just like regular inmates," Burke said.

The decision regarding when to transfer inmates to halfway houses is based on a variety of factors, such as what they're in prison for, their adjustment during their incarceration and safety to themselves and to members of the community.

Burke said the bureau generally does not release information regarding the specific location of the halfway houses that individual inmates are sent to.

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Nicholas Blase enters the Dirksen Federal courthouse in Chicago Jan. 29, 2010, for sentencing after pleading guilty to mail fraud and filing a false tax return in a plea agreement in October 2008. He was sentenced to a year in prison and on Dec. 23 was moved to a halfway house. | Allen Kaleta-for Sun-Times Media

VILLAGE BOARD

## Newcomers face incumbent slate

By TRACY GRUEN  
 Contributor

A pair of newcomers will face a slate of incumbents in the April election, all vying for seats on the Niles Village Board of Trustees.

Incumbents Joe LoVerde, Al Weel and Chris Hanusiak, all members of the United For Better Government Party, are running against Rosemary Palicki for a four-year term. Incumbent Jim Hynes, also a member of the slate, is up against new candidate

Mary Marusek for the two-year term.

LoVerde was elected to the village board in 2007. He has been active in Niles for more than 35 years. He previously worked with the family-owned construction company in Niles and in 1997 he became the executive director of the Niles Park District. Before 2007 he served as a commissioner on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board. He said he feels strongly about accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Weel was sworn in as a village trustee in spring 2009 and has lived in Niles for 16 years. He is the senior vice president of North Shore Community Bank and Trust in Chicago and has a banking background of more than 25 years. For eight years Weel served on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board, and recently was the chairman of the Zoning Board. He has also served on the school board and athletic board at St. John Brebeuf, and as vice president, president and past

president of the Notre Dame High School Athletic Club. His goal is to deliver high-quality services to the community while being fiscally responsible.

Hanusiak was sworn in as a village trustee in January 2010. He has served on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board, and has been active in creating ethics policies for the village. He served in the Navy, and later was employed as a software programmer and

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Niles businessman elected to BBB Board of Directors

Brian LaPelusa, vice president of LaPelusa Home Improvement, Inc., in Niles, has been elected to a one-year position as a member of the Board of Directors with the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois, according to a news release.

As member of the board LaPelusa will help guide the Better Business Bureau in its mission of advancing marketplace trust and promoting ethical business practices.

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**Square route** Katie Hsiao, 6, of Lincolnwood, lands on the final square to win at life-sized Candyland on Dec. 30 at Niles Public Library. | Joel Lerner-Sun-Times Media



Mark Ciechelski, 8, of Niles, rejoices in his advancement. | Joel Lerner-Sun-Times Media



Dominik Olech, 10, of Chicago, rejoices over his sweet Candyland victory. | Joel Lerner-Sun-Times Media

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**LAST WEEK**

**TOP WEB STORIES**

**1. Year's top story: Ex-mayor sentenced to year and a day**

After more than a year's worth of delays, the former mayor of Niles, Nicholas Blase, 81, who ran the village for 47 years before retiring amid scandal in 2008, was sentenced Jan. 29 to serve one year and one day in federal prison for corruption charges to which he'd pleaded guilty.

**2. Students hear stories, send packages to troops**

It was an emotional day at Children's Learning World Montessori School in Niles when the father of three students who was home for Thanksgiving from Afghanistan came to talk with the elementary school kids.

**3. Get into the Christmas spirit of Poland**

"Poland probably has more carols than any country in the world."

**4. Year's No. 2 story: Blase Plaza keeps its name**

Following a sometimes emotional 45-minute discussion during the Sept. 28 Niles village board meeting, Mayor Robert Callero broke a 3-3 tie over whether to tear down the large wooden Blase Plaza sign outside the municipal offices.

**5. Lawsuit: Woman drowns in Niles spa**

A Niles spa and its manager are being sued by the sister of a woman who drowned in its hot tub last month.

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**EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# Teens charged in alleged cyberbullying incident

**Phony page on Facebook said to be used to harass girl, 13**

By **JENNIFER JOHNSON**  
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Two Emerson Middle School students have been charged by Park Ridge Po-

lice with harassment in an alleged case of cyberbullying against a female classmate.

The 13- and 14-year-old girls, both of Park Ridge, were charged Dec. 23 under a local ordinance and are scheduled to appear before the Park Ridge Peer Jury, police said.

According to police the girls are accused of setting up a page on the social-networking site, Facebook, that

included offensive and derogatory statements about a 13-year-old girl. Requests to "friend" the page were then sent out to more than 80 classmates, said Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen.

The father of the 13-year-old victim contacted police after learning about the site, Jogmen said. Two Park Ridge detectives interviewed about 10 Emerson Middle School students before identifying the two girls who were allegedly responsible for the Facebook page.

Jogmen said detectives spent more than 15 hours on the case, and he called it a "pretty substantial investigation."

For the past several years, Emerson, in cooperation with the Niles Police Department, has held seminars for parents on the topic of cyberbullying and how to protect their children online.



Katarzyna Figura holds baby Isabella while big siblings Michelle, 9, and Michael, 7, look on. | Photo courtesy of Tomasz Figura

**ADVOCATE LUTHERAN GENERAL**

# Meet Isabella, first baby born at Park Ridge hospital in 2011

By **JENNIFER JOHNSON**  
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Tomasz and Katarzyna Figura, of Glenview, welcomed the new year with a brand new addition to their family of four.

Baby Isabella Figura entered the world at 2:18 a.m. Jan. 1, making her the first baby of 2011 to be born at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Isabella's parents weren't even thinking they might have a New Year's Day baby.

"My due date was Jan. 6," Katarzyna said, explaining that she had just been to the doctor a few days before and everything seemed to be going as planned.

"We are just happy she's OK, that she's healthy," Katarzyna said when asked how it felt to be a mother to one of the first babies born in the Chicago area in 2011.

Isabella, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, joins big sister Michelle, 9, and big brother Michael, 7.

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Isabella Figura, daughter of Tomasz and Katarzyna Figura, of Glenview, was the first baby of 2011 born at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. | Photo courtesy of Tomasz Figura



**Toy drive** The Polish National Alliance held its annual toy drive for needy children. A large decorated carton stood in the lobby of the Home Office for donations by PNA employees and guests who entered the building. The PNA affiliates, the two PNA Bank locations (Niles and South Pulaski Avenue in Chicago) and the Polish Daily News also participated in the toy drive with drop-off boxes in their buildings. On Dec. 14, eight large boxes containing more than 200 donated toys, games, stuffed animals and books were delivered to Loyola Hospital in Maywood and to a Salvation Army location on the North Side of Chicago. Delivering the gifts to Loyola Hospital were (from left) Joan Oskorep, executive secretary to Vice President Paul Odrobina, and Megan Gray.

**MAINE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

**Annual Orchestras dance show returns Friday**

Maine South High School's Orchestras Dance Company will present its annual show at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the school's auditorium, 1111 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge.

Tickets are \$7 and will be sold at the door.

The show, entitled "Heartbreaker," will showcase a variety of dance styles such as jazz, hip-hop, modern, and lyrical. "The choreography is done primarily by current Orchestras members and the com-

pany has been working on the show since early-September.

"For the limited time the company has to work to get the show together, I feel we always produce a fantastic opportunity for the community to enjoy a night of dance theater," Or-

chestras sponsor Amelia Faulstick said.

Maine South Orchestras has offered a performance opportunity to local middle schools and a group of middle school students will be joining South dancers for a portion of the performance.

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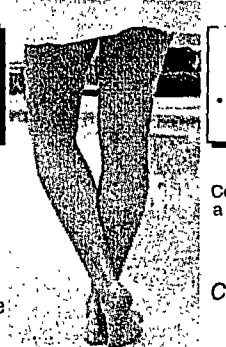
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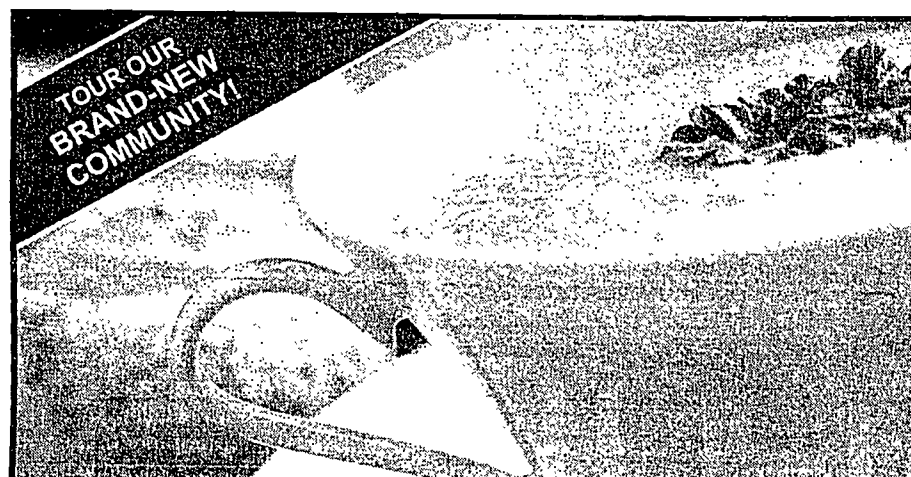
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## Business

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"We are very pleased to have Brian with his extensive business knowledge and experience on our board," said Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "His experience in working with companies and individuals will greatly assist us in creating a community of trustworthy businesses that both consumers and businesses throughout northern Illinois can rely on."

In the release, LaPelusa stated: "I'm honored to be selected by the Better Business Bureau to help it assist both consumers and businesses as a member of its Board of Directors."

He noted: "Ethical business operations has always been the highest priority in my business. I'm pleased I can take lessons I've learned to continue to help others in the northern Illinois business arena."

## Village

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database administrator. He is the founder of Royal Kitchen and Bathroom Cabinets in Niles. He is also involved in scouting at St. Juliana Parish, a member of the Niles VFW Post No. 7712, president of the Niles Friends of the Library and a member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce. "We want to see more openness. We're making progress as we're going forward," said Hanusiak, who noted that the village is now holding open budget meetings that they didn't hold previously and is working on an ethics plan. Hanusiak said they want to offer the best services while maintaining a low tax rate.

Rosemary Palicki has lived in Niles for 34 years. She is retired and was the dean of Students at St. Ignatius College Prep school. Palicki served on the St. John Brebeuf council and school board for about 12 years. She also volunteers for Meals on

Wheels. Palicki has been active with various past issues in the village; she circulated petitions across the community regarding the off-track betting facility in Niles because she felt it was very important for residents to have input on the issue. Palicki feels there should be more diversity and different points of view on the board, and she said believes in creative thinking to maintain the tax base and address the pension issue.

Mary Marusek is retired and formerly served as a Niles parks commissioner. She served as treasurer on the Park Board and is familiar with municipal funds and expenditures and budgets. She was also a member of the League of Women Voters and a representative on the M-NASR (Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation) board. She said she believes it is crucial for the village to have control over its finances and establish trust with its residents. She said feels it's important to maintain services for the many seniors and families living in Niles.



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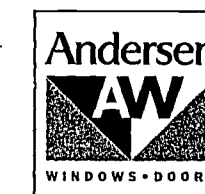
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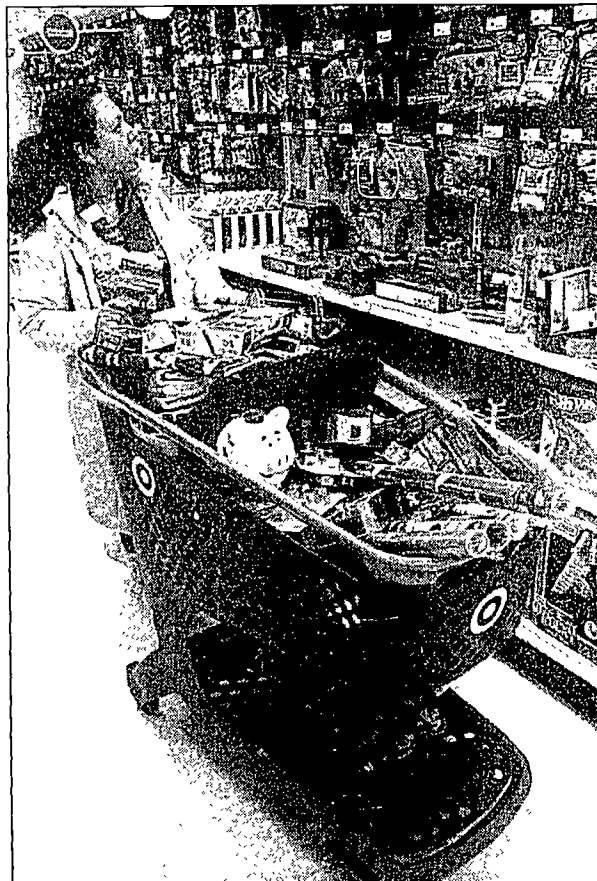
On Dec. 26, shoppers lined up at local retail stores to return gifts they didn't want and to take advantage of bargains on ones that they did.



Shoppers scour the bargain boxes at Golf Mill Shopping Center. | Allen Kaleta-for Sun-Times Media



Patience is the word of choice as shoppers line up to return items at Kohl's department store at Golf Mill Shopping Center on the day after Christmas. | Allen Kaleta-for Sun-Times Media



Customers search the aisles for bargains the day after Christmas at the Target store at Golf Mill Shopping Center Dec. 26. | Allen Kaleta-for Sun-Times Media



Midnight Mass The St. John Brebeuf choir sings during Midnight Mass on Christmas Day. | Jeff Krage-for Sun-Times Media



Allena Healy, 10, of Niles, was part of the St. John Brebeuf procession during Midnight Mass on Christmas Day. | Jeff Krage-for Sun-Times Media

## Resolve to be careful out there



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

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**Dear Readers:** The year 2010 was a good one here at Fixer Headquarters, especially in October, when a sticky health insurance fix finally put us over the \$1 million mark — of how much money we've saved Chicago-area consumers. But there was no time to rest, as stories of missing luggage, messed-up mortgages and overinflated satellite TV bills kept coming. We love fixing your problems. We also like preventing them. In that spirit, we present The Fixer's 2011 New Year's Resolutions (once again,

with a huge assist from Steve J. Bernas, president and chief executive officer of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois, who wants you all to remember to check bbb.org before doing business).

So let's lift high our mugs of leftover eggnog and recite these vows:

- I will not cash or deposit a check from a lottery or sweepstakes company that claims I've won. If I never entered, how could I have won?
- I won't cash a check from a supposed "mystery shopping" employer because The Fixer has told me it's fake. (The alleged shopping assignment always ends with the victim being asked to wire some funds. After that, the original check turns out to be bad, and the bank goes after the victim for the missing money.)
- I will not respond to e-mails, text messages or

phone calls asking for my personal information, credit card information and bank account numbers — even if it's supposedly from the IRS or a major bank — because come on, I'm not stupid!

■ If my business gets a call from a company asking to renew our yellow pages listing, I won't agree until I check it out. Ditto for reorders of copier toner.

■ If I unhappily own a timeshare, I won't agree to pay an up-front fee to unload it on a salesperson who claims there's a "hot market." There's no hot market. And even if there was, I'd be a fool to pay anything in advance of a sale.

■ The same goes for advance-fee loans. If someone asks me for a fee before I get a loan, it's a scam, plain and simple.

■ If I buy a car this year, I'll remember that there is no automatic right to cancel. The three-day "cooling-off" period for contracts is for

door-to-door and off-premises transactions and in Illinois, for health club and dating service contracts. Not for cars.

■ I won't buy a used car without first driving it, having it inspected and getting a Carfax report to learn its history.

■ I will not sign up for "free trials" of products like acai berry diet pills or colonic cleansers. They aren't free if the company has my credit card number and will charge me for a subscription each month.

■ I will read fine print. (The big print giveth and the fine print taketh away.)

■ I will read my bank statements. I will not complain to The Fixer that I just noticed a health club has been mysteriously debiting monthly fees for the past nine years and now I want my money back.

■ I will review my cell phone bill each month to check for unauthorized cramming. I will check out citizensutilityboard.org to get the best deals for my calling patterns. And I will

put the fear of God into my children so they don't sign up for costly ring tones and games.

■ No matter how down and out I feel, I will not believe I can make thousands of dollars a week working on the Internet from home. If that were possible, we'd all be doing it.

■ If a salesperson promises something, I'll reply, "Fabulous. Now put it in writing."

■ I will not let my gift cards sit in a drawer.

■ The Greek philosopher Epictetus said: "Never suppress a generous impulse." True, but check out give.org and charitynavigator.org to make sure you're being smart about it.

■ I won't get a "refund anticipation loan" at tax time because I know they can carry an annual percentage rate of 500 percent.

■ After the next storm, I'll be wary of "storm chasers" — fishy contractors with no business address — because I know they just want a piece of my insurance check. And if

a tuck-pointing or roofing crew stops by with "left-over materials from a job up the street," I will tell them to get lost.

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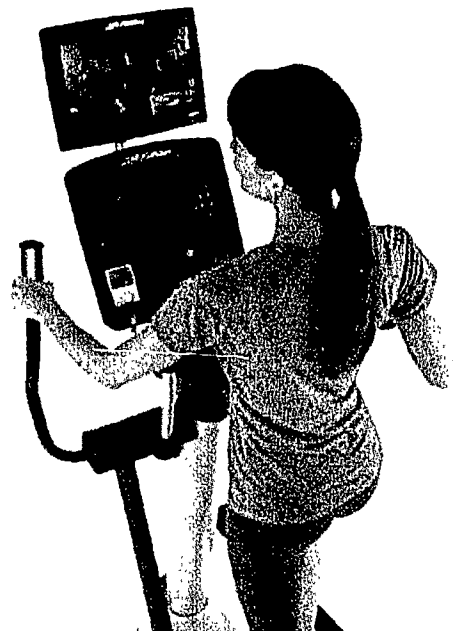
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## ELECTIONS

# Candidates file for seats on local school boards

By **JENNIFER JOHNSON**  
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There will be contested races next April on two area school boards.

In Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, five candidates have filed for three, four-year terms on the Board of Education. They are incumbents John Heyde, the current board president, and Eugenia (Genie) Taddeo. Also filing were newcomers Anthony Borrelli, Dan Collins and Marshall Warren.

Three candidates have also filed for one two-year term on the board. They are Scott Zimmerman, the incumbent who was appointed to the seat earlier this year, Kristie Bavaro and Dan Collins. Because Collins had filed for two seats on

the board he was required to have withdrawn from one of the races by Dec. 28.

Not running for re-election is board member Ted Smart who was elected in 2007.

In Maine Township High School District 207, five candidates have filed for three, four-year seats.

The candidates include incumbents Sean Sullivan, who is currently board president, Joann Braam and Donna Pellar. Also filing were Eric Poders and Marjjo Bustos. Poders is a Morton Grove resident who published a news website and a website related to District 207's budget cuts and teacher layoffs in 2010. Bustos previously served on the School Board for four years following her appointment in 2005, but did not win re-

election in 2009.

In East Maine School District 68 incumbents John Jekot, Tom Simmons and Janet Kaczkowski filed petitions to retain their seats on the board. There is no contest in this race.

There is an uncontested race on the Board of Commissioners of the Golf-Maine Park District which covers a small area of northern Park Ridge, unincorporated Maine Township and parts of Niles. Incumbents Mike Yesner and Lamont Johnson are running for six-year terms and incumbent Karen Morrison, who was appointed to fill a vacancy last year, is running for a two-year term.

The consolidated election is April 5. Early voting begins March 14.

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## ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Chamber-sponsored Sunday Supper a success

Twenty volunteers associated with the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce helped serve 60 guests at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church's Dec. 26 Sunday Supper.

All on the Road Catering and Bakery donated the ham, au gratin potatoes, peas, carrots, salad and sliced bread, while volunteers provided desserts and drinks, said Gail Haller, executive director of the chamber.

"The chamber was fully prepared to pay for the meal, but members donated enough to cover all the expenses," Haller said.

This year was the first time the chamber sponsored a Sunday Supper and there are plans to make it an annual tradition, Haller said.

Sunday Suppers, held once each week between September and June, began in 2008 as a way for local parishes to provide meals to those in need from Park Ridge and surrounding communities. The suppers are held on Sunday evenings at St. Paul's Parish Life Center and staffed by volunteers. Local businesses have also provided donations of money and food.

For more information about the Sunday Suppers call (847) 692-2137.



Sunday Supper volunteers included: Alexander Barton, Theresa Olson, Bill Hominick, Laurie Hominick, Wes Davis, Mary Tremont, Rich Olson, Nick Tremont, Anne Stephens, Luke Tremont, Frank Kaminski, Maureen Kaminski, Dave Samson, Valerie Niskanen, Jackie Mathews and Sheri Roche. | Contributed photo



Wes Davis, Mary Tremont and Anne Stephens show off a table of cookies shared with guests at the Dec. 26 Sunday Supper at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Park Ridge. | Contributed photo

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TEEN CENTER

Funds sought to continue

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Leaders of the Park Ridge Teen Center are still looking for ways to keep the venue open on a permanent basis.

Marilynn Provencher, treasurer of the Teen Center's Board of Directors, said there is enough funding to keep the center, located at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., open on Friday and Saturday nights for the next two to three months. Beyond that, the fate of the center remains unknown.

"The city deserted us," Provencher, referring to a funding cut of \$22,000 this year. "We don't have memberships like a lot of other groups in town."

Provencher and Teen Center Board President Tom Swoboda said the board is considering a benefit to raise money for Teen Center operations to continue. Swoboda added that other ways to draw a larger support base may include creating a type of "Friends of the Teen Center" organization.

"We are going to give it our heart and soul and do whatever we can to keep it open," he said.

A fundraising drive held in November raised some donations, but "not enough to keep us going," Provencher said. Attendance at the Teen Center, which is open to teens ages 13-18 from all communities free of charge, is on the rise, according to Provencher. By the end of

October, 500 more teens had dropped in at the center compared to the first 10 months of the previous year.

"We've had more kids so far this year than we've ever had come into the Teen Center," she said.

Much of the Teen Center's expenditures are in staffing. Salaries of the part-time staff accounted for more than \$25,000, or 60 percent of the center's expenses for the current budget year, according to documents submitted to the city of Park Ridge last January. In the past, volunteers staffed the center, and the option of again using unpaid staff was a topic of discussion among board members in the early fall, Teen Center Director Kerry Cwick had said.

POLICE BLOTTER

**THEFT**  
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.

ROBBERY

A man was walking Dec. 24 on the 8500 block of Ballard Road when he noticed that a car pulled up next to him on the street. Two strangers exited a vehicle and approached the victim, police said. One of the offenders punched the victim in the face while the second reportedly came from behind and wrapped his scarf around the victim's neck. The first offender took the victim's wallet out of his pocket, also stealing \$210 and a bag of groceries, and then both offenders fled.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

An intoxicated person fell into a snow bank and then into the street on Dec. 26 on the 8800 block of Dempster Street. Police issued the offender a ticket for public intoxication and for cost of emergency services.

THEFT

An employee failed to give paying customers a \$10 Sears card when ringing them up on Dec. 18 at 400 Golf Mill. The employee allegedly then used the six cards with a value of \$60 to purchase video games. The offender's mother came to the store and paid the \$100 fine.

A 13-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl stole shirts and socks Dec. 26 from JCPenney, 220 Golf Mill. The 13-year-old girl allegedly stole a T-shirt valued at \$18, as well as another T-shirt and socks worth \$30. A witness saw the two suspects remove the items from the display and leave the store without paying.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

An unknown person on Dec. 28 stole the rear passenger-side wheel from a vehicle in a parking lot at 301 Golf Mill Road. The wheel and tire were valued at \$400.

DAMAGE TO VEHICLE

Someone used a sharp object to scratch the front

hood of a vehicle sometime between Dec. 25 and Dec. 26 on the 8100 block of Ozanam.

DUI

Halina Nowicki, 61, of 8005 N. New England, Niles, was arrested for driving under the influence Dec. 25 on the 7500 block of Oakton. The woman was also charged with improper lane usage, driving too slow, expired driver's license and no proof of valid insurance. Bond was set at \$3,000. She has a court date of Jan. 18.

BATTERY/DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Ignacio Martinez-Aguilar, 43, of 9031 W. Church, Des Plaines, was arrested Dec. 26 for battery and disorderly conduct on the 8200 block of Elizabeth. The suspect was reportedly banging on the doors of his ex-girlfriend's residence and yelling. On Dec. 25 the suspect allegedly grabbed the arm of the victim's 14-year-old daughter when she opened the window to see who was pounding on it. Bond was set at \$1,500. Martinez-Aguilar has a Jan. 18 court date.



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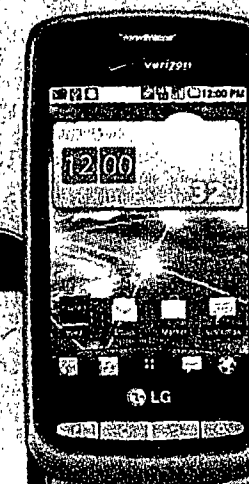
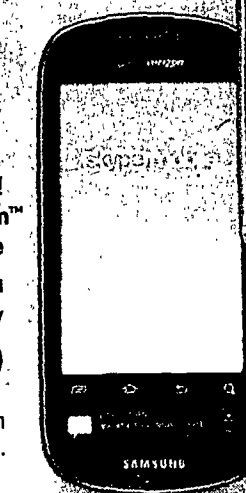
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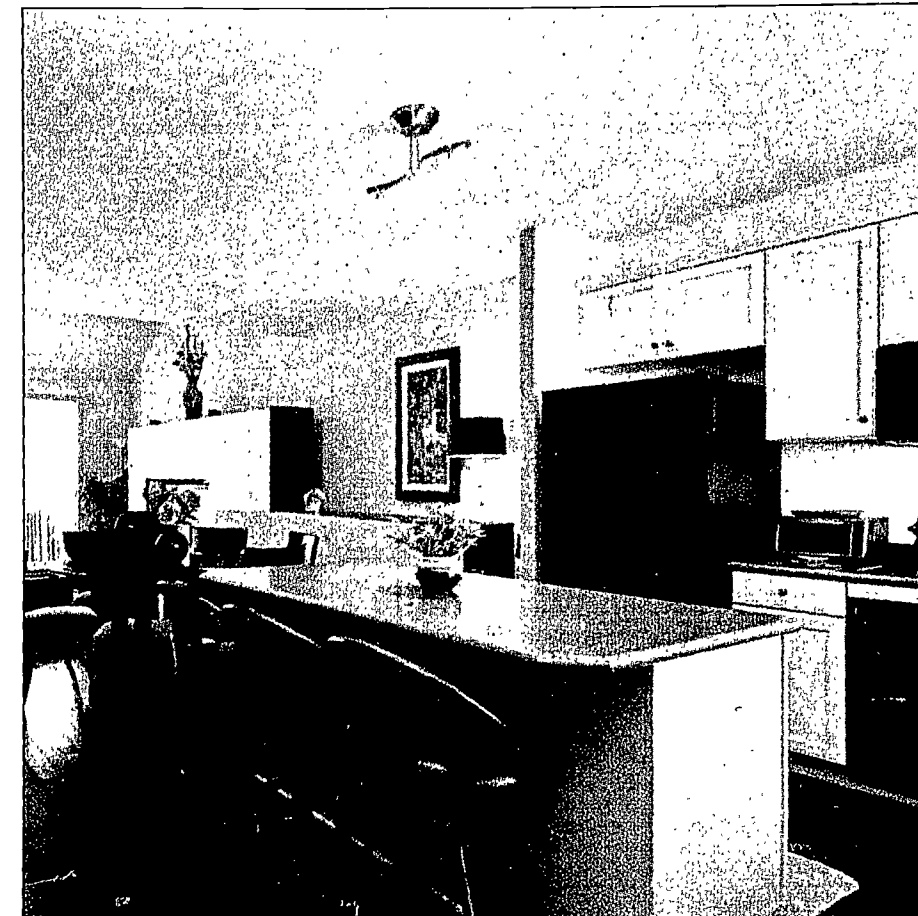
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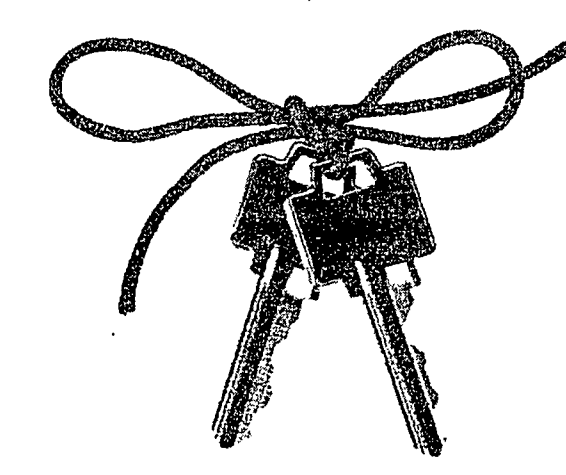
A "move-in ready" home at 8714 Fernald Ave. in Morton Grove with four bedrooms and two baths is being listed by Nicholas Marino of Century 21 Marino. The ranch home, priced at \$239,900, features an updated kitchen, a semi-finished basement and ceramic tile in the bathrooms.

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## New laws affect idiots and monkeys



PAUL SASSONE

The bad news: On New Year's Day, about 300 new Illinois laws became operative.

The good news: A lot of these laws will affect only idiots, not you and me.

The most significant new anti-idiot law is the one that now makes texting while driving illegal in Illinois.

This is one of those laws that we used to think would only be needed in a Lewis Carroll, Catch-22, Looney Tunes world. But, alas, we were wrong.

The roads are curb to curb with people texting instead of watching where they are driving. Now, texting will have to wait until the texter is no longer allegedly controlling a few thousand pounds of hurtling machine.

And speaking of bad drivers, a new Illinois law requires "How's my driving?" stickers on school buses. The stickers also must include a phone number to call.

This is a good idea. I have long felt that school bus drivers are selected from a list of cab drivers whose licenses have been revoked for reckless driving.

School buses with children in them seem, on the whole, to be driven well.

But have you ever been near a school bus in which the driver is the only occupant? Something about an empty school bus transforms the driver into a road warrior whose only desire is see how close he or she can come to the car ahead while getting back to the garage as fast as the internal-combustion engine will allow.

Here's another who'd-have-thought-we'd-need-this-law: It's now illegal to keep a primate (i.e., monkey) as a pet. And there I was about to use those Christmas gift cards to buy an orangutan!

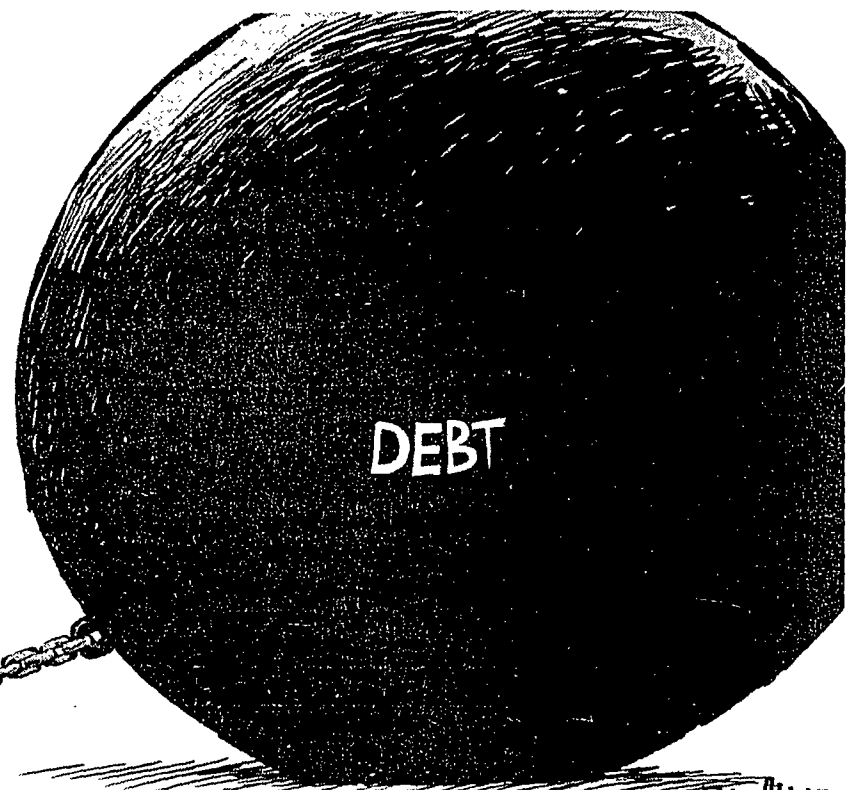
Here's a glimmer of governmental sanity. Finally, the state is looking out for the last persecuted minority: bowling alley owners. A new law protects bowling alleys from lawsuits if they post signs that warn patrons of the dangers of wearing bowling shoes outside.

In those 300 new or amended laws there are laws that will affect not just idiots but real folks like us. For instance, the license plate fee jumps from \$79 to \$99. Surprise.

And speaking of surprises, our legislature actually strengthened the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act to make public information more accessible.

Hmmm. Helping bowling alleys, monkeys and the public. Not a bad start to the new year.

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## Trying not to fumble as ball drops



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

If children have Advent calendars with little perforated windows to chocolate treats, moms have our own "I'll Vent" calendar — counting down to when feuding, sugar-crazed children return to school and crabby husbands drive to work.

Ah, yes, to have a home free of holiday-related debris. No more tape bits from Christmas wrapping

that adhere to my foot, or worrying about the dog choking on a Nerf bullet. To regain some semblance of will power over gingerbread, so that I won't require a forklift.

This year, we hosted a New Year's Eve party. We staged a Times Square countdown by having my husband drop a basketball from the stairs.

Our parties have a CERN-esque excitement. Just as CERN physicists are not exactly sure what will happen when they smash atoms, we aren't exactly sure we'll carry off our parties. I have recurring nightmares greeting guests still in my curlers, holding a toilet plunger; my husband standing behind

me in a food-stained T-shirt he wore when I wrapped presents at midnight.

Plus, with party preparations, when I'm at my most stressed, my husband announces he's going to clean the gutters.

"Our guests are not real estate appraisers," I say as he climbs the ladder.

Well, this time, it's not the gutters. Today, as I grab my keys, ready to grab groceries at Jewel, my husband reminds me about the pans.

"You've saved up how many stickers?" he asks.

Those Thomas pans. With each purchase, a customer receives stickers she places in a booklet and can later redeem for a pan.

"I can get those some other time." I pace, gnash

my teeth.

"But when do they expire?"

The CERN physicists know, I suspect. "Mid-January."

He leafs through the selection. "Hmm. You've saved about 330 stickers. You can get this roaster and stir-fry."

By now, my head is throbbing. I contemplate grabbing the ladder so he can clean the gutters. Perfect timing, a mad rush to buy party foods and clanging giant pans that squash the appetizers.

Well, our party is a success. We have grand fun. But somehow I wind up with a pan sticker on my foot.

Auld Lang ... Sigh.  
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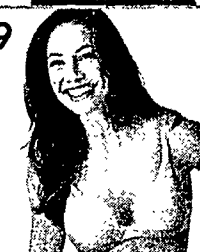
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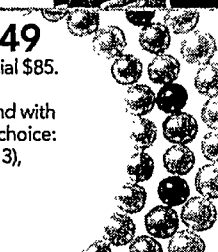
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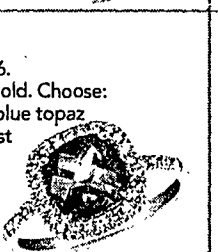
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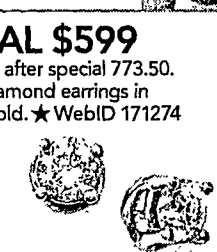
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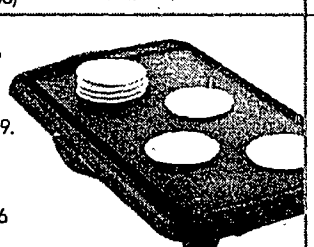
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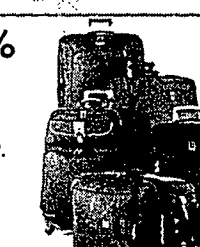
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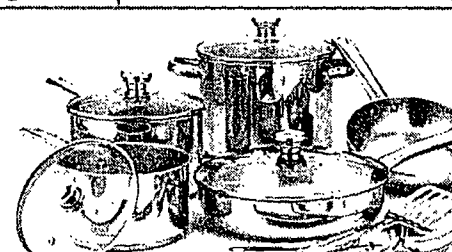
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improvements in his indoor environment.

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## Top 10 movies of 2010

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A quartet of activities for the coming week

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**2. Mezzo-soprano Julia Bentley** performs the world premiere of Laura Elise Schewendinger's "About A Mountain" and George Crumb's Madrigals, Books I-IV at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Call (847) 905-1500 or visit [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org).

**3. Brian Patti** presents "A Tribute to Artie Shaw and Benny Goodman" at 2 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokie theatre.com](http://www.skokie theatre.com).

**4. Wendelin Van Draanen** discusses and signs *The Running Dream* at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Call (847) 676-2230.

By **BRUCE INGRAM**  
Film Critic

It's always surprisingly difficult to look back at the end of the year and select ten films that are truly worthy of enshrinement as Something Special. Truth be told, a few of the titles on this Top Ten list have more or less migrated over from the much larger pool of Honorable Mentions. Nature hates a vacuum, after all, and newspaper editors hate a Top Ten list with fewer than ten entries. 2010 turns out in retrospect, though, to have generated a decent number of outstanding movies, especially if you're partial to feisty hillbilly girls confronting meth-lab moonshiners while searching for their bail-skipping fathers, kidnapped American contractors buried alive in Iraq and chilly old-school thrillers from fugitive directors.

Here then, are the Top Ten films of 2010, more or less.

**1. "Winter's Bone"**  
The best film of 2010 (also the Grand Jury prize winner at Sundance) is the tense, harrowing, beautifully somber story of a teenage girl (Jennifer Lawrence, a quiet powerhouse) braving the Ozark-mountain meth-lab underworld in search of her runaway father. Low-budget independent filmmaking at its best.

**2. "The Social Network"**  
The fascinating story of the founding of Facebook is a brilliant, fast-paced, witty film from David Fincher ("Fight Club," "Zodiac"), featuring a hyper-intelligent script by Aaron Sorkin ("The West Wing") and a



"Winter's Bone"



"The Social Network"

strangely likable performance by Jesse Eisenberg as the prickly, amoral, computer-genius college-boy billionaire Mark Zuckerberg.

**3. "The Ghost Writer"**  
A hired-gun author (Ewan McGregor) reluctantly takes on the job of polishing the memoirs of a

British prime minister (Pierce Brosnan) and learns more than is good for his life-expectancy. Director Roman Polanski makes this old-fashioned cerebral thriller cold, bleak, heartless and compelling, topping it off with a final shot that perfectly expresses the film's



"The King's Speech"

hopeless mood.

**4. "The King's Speech"**  
Director Tom Hooper ("The Damned United") delivers this based-on-fact Royal Family drama in stately, well-turned fashion with plenty of pathos and humor. But the real attraction is the actorly abondanza of Colin Firth, as the

stammering, soon-to-be-king George VI, seeking the aid of eccentric speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush) — with unlikely friendship as a bonus.

**5. "The Fighter"**  
Director David O. Russell

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## 'Foolish Mortal' is classic clown who saves the day

**'MoonIE the Magnificent: Foolish Mortal!'**  
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By **TOM WITOM**  
Contributor

Mundelein-based actor and professional clown Philip Earl Johnson has given more than 4,500 performances across the country of "MoonIE the Magnificent: Foolish Mortal" during the past 20 years, but he said it's far from old hat.

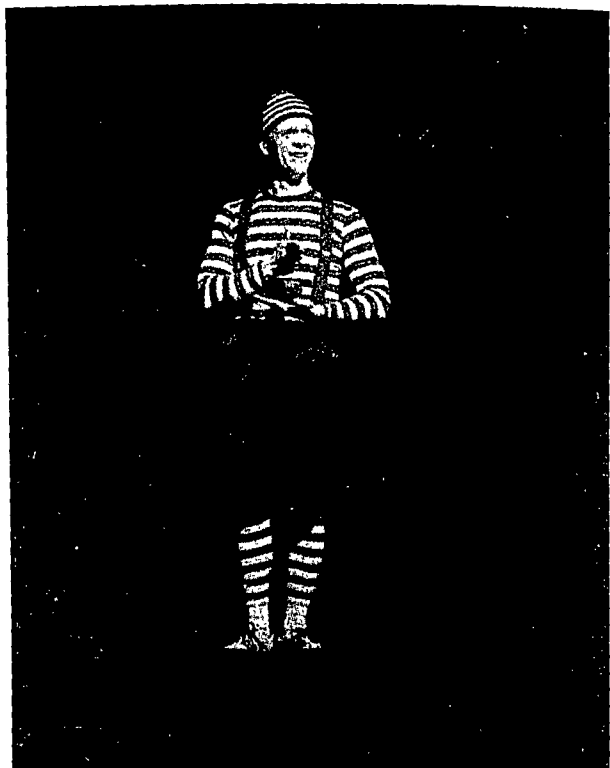
To keep it fresh, the 46-year-old entertainer said he constantly looks for ways to make it better. "The show is always different because the audience is always different," he said in an interview. "To be a truly good performer you have to let the audience participate in the course of your performance. Whether you're acting or working as a clown or a comedian, the audience is telling you what's funny. So even if you're doing similar or the same material, reactions will vary."

During the hour-long production, which Johnson is bringing to the Evanston Arts Depot for three performances later this month, he solos as a silent clown in the European tradition.

### Hero at the end

Johnson describes "Foolish Mortal!" as a non-verbal classic clowning show that involves a lot of typical clown scenarios "where you try to do one thing, try to solve it — only to find it doesn't work. The clown initially comes across as somewhat inept but manages to come through in the end to become a hero."

The show involves stunts like juggling, object manipulation. There's also audi-



Philip Earl Johnson is MoonIE the Magnificent.

ence participation and music (Johnson is conversant with guitar, sax and drums). A lot happens, but there's always clowning, because it's what connects the performer with the audience, he added.

"Foolish Mortal!" is family-friendly, though the audience it usually attracts is adults. "Everybody likes it, and there's no material in there that's blue," Johnson said. "But unlike a typical birthday clown's performance for 6-year-olds, this show operates at a more sophisticated level. It has more things that adults 'get.'"

Born in Libertyville, Johnson earned a B.S. in theater and acting at Illinois State University. He lived in Boston and Los Angeles before returning to the Midwest nine years ago. He and his wife Jenna Armstrong have two sons and a daughter at home.

Local fans of Johnson know him through his work as MoonIE the Magnificent at Bristol Renaissance Fair in Wisconsin.

### Well-traveled

His chosen career keeps the performer on the road, traveling some 150 days a year.

Acting engagements also occasionally fill his calendar. Johnson has appeared at such venues as Oak Park Theatre Festival and the Illinois Shakespeare Festival as well as the stages of Steppenwolf, Goodman, Court, Bailiwick Repertory and Famous Door theaters.

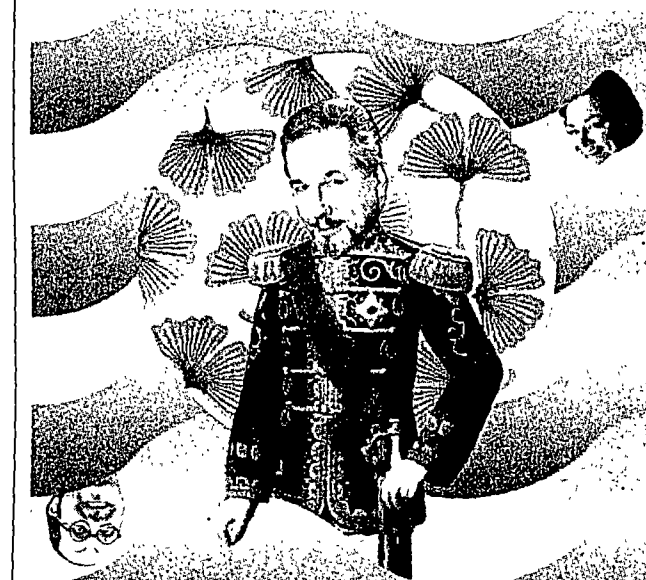
Next up after his short gig in Evanston is a role in the premiere of Dan LeFranc's "The Big Meal" in February at the American Theater Company in Chicago. Johnson calls it a modern play dealing with difficult and serious subjects but with a touch of humor: "In the theater world, I am much better known as a dramatic actor, which is completely ironic given that in my day-to-day life I'm a clown who earns a living making people laugh," he said.

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## Mountain Heart rocks its bluegrass roots

**Mountain Heart**  
8 p.m. on Jan. 8, The American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. \$15-\$20. www.chicagobluegrass.com.

By **J.T. MORAND**  
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It makes sense that Mountain Heart would cover "Whipping Post," by the Southern rock legends the Allman Brothers, on their 2010 album "That Just Happened."

Originally a bluegrass band, Mountain Heart is still that and more.

They'll bring their latest incarnation of the band, along with a rock 'n' roll energy, to The American Legion Music Hall in Evanston on Jan. 8.

Mountain Heart formed in 1999, after fiddle player Jim VanCleve and banjo player Barry Abernathy left Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver. VanCleve was excited about being a founding member of a new band that would be writing its own songs, especially with Abernathy, who has no fingers on his left hand (his fretting hand) due to a birth defect.

"I liked his energy and passion for music," VanCleve said. "I was definitely interested and intrigued."

Indeed, the history of Mountain Heart has been interesting and intriguing ever since as the band has stretched the definition of bluegrass. In the last 12 years, the band's sound has changed along with the changing roster of the band.

But, that's been the idea all along, VanCleve said, pointing to the song "No. 6 Barn Dance," which is on the band's 2007 album, "Road That Never Ends," and is a favorite of longtime fans. It's an older Mountain Heart song that has evolved over the years. Currently it has a Latin groove and flashes of AC/DC's "Back in Black."

"As our artistic interests changed, so has our sound,"



Mountain Heart

VanCleve said. "We started Mountain Heart to be creative and have room to grow."

In 2007, they added singer/keyboard player Josh Shilling, which gave the band a whole new identity while maintaining its bluegrass roots. It was a shocking change for traditionalists, but it felt natural to the band.

"He's a blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll influenced guy," VanCleve said.

Mandolin player Aaron Ramsey also joined the band in 2007, adding to Mountain Heart's talent.

"He's a first-call on several instruments," VanCleve said. "He's ridiculously gifted."

The band also includes bassist Jason Moore and guitarist Jake Stargel. They also brought in legendary drummer Eddie Bayers for "That Just Happened."

With so much talent from guys who've been nominated for Grammys, won other awards and collaborated with other notable musicians, such as Johnny

Cash and Alison Krauss to name a few, VanCleve favors songs that let each of them shine, such as the "Whipping Post."

"I like stuff where everyone has a lot of room to stretch out," he said. "I like the interplay between these monster musicians on stage."

But, he also likes the ballads because he enjoys hearing Shilling emotive, especially on "Even If It Breaks My Heart," also on the new album.

"You can hear Josh really lock into emotions," he said. "It will grab even the casual listener."

Mountain Heart is not the band it was 12 years ago, but VanCleve likes it that way. The band is comfortable with absorbing influences from other genres to produce songs that aren't purely mountain music, but whose heart is. It's seen in their energetic live shows, which VanCleve calls aggressive.

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**'Machete,' 'The Town' on DVD**

By **BRUCE INGRAM**  
Film Critic

**NEW THIS WEEK**

**MACHETE**  
★ ★ 1/2

The always interesting Robert Rodriguez ("Spy Kids," "Sin City," "Planet Terror") continues his fascination with '70s sleaze in this ultra-violent and occasionally hilarious tale of revenge and revolution. The debonair Danny Trejo stars in the title role of a former Mexican Fedale who gets supremely peeved when an evil drug lord named Torrez (Steven Seagal) frames him and murders his wife and daughter. On the run in America, Machete (who gets his nickname from his weapon of choice) soon becomes involved with an underground network aiding illegal immigrants, which is threatened by an evil border-patrolling vigilante (Don Johnson) and an evil state-senate candidate (Robert De Niro, no kidding), both in league with Torrez. Outrageously gruesome payback ensues. The honorable Machete prefers minimal violence whenever possible, but fortunately that's rarely the case, meaning there's plenty of death by corkscrew, meat thermometer, stiletto heels (not his), hedge trimmer, scalpel, and, of course, machete, along with a remarkable assortment of large caliber weapons. "Machete" is lots of fun — particularly if you have any affection for the sort of cheapo '70s grindhouse movie Rodriguez is celebrating — until it runs off the rails in the final reel with a heavy-handed political message and a confused fantasy of armed revolution. It's almost worth it,

though, to see Lindsay Lohan (previously topless throughout) join the fray wearing a nun's habit and packing a .357 magnum. Rated R for strong bloody violence throughout, language, some sexual content and nudity. (Fox)

**THE TOWN**  
★ ★ ★ 1/2

This might not come as a surprise if you've seen the emotionally complex Boston crime drama "Gone Baby Gone," but Ben Affleck the actor, who was on the verge of wearing out his welcome, has become Ben Affleck the director whose films you don't want to miss. In this tense, character-driven, surprisingly mature and involving tale of bank robbery and romance, Affleck hands himself his best role in years as Doug MacRay, the leader of a highly professional gang of armed robbers. Doug's smarter than the average thug and weary of his profession, so when he unexpectedly falls in love with a released hostage (Rebecca Hall, excellent), who might be able to lead the FBI to his gang, he decides to run away with her — but finds that much more complicated than he expected. As he did in "Gone Baby Gone," Affleck makes evocative use of the gritty environs of Boston's crime capital Charlestown (though Affleck was raised in nearby Cambridge, he's clearly fascinated by life in the tough part of town), and he has surrounded himself with a first-class cast, especially Jeremy Renner of "The Hurt Locker" as his loose-cannon, murderously inclined best friend, and Jon Hamm of AMC's "Mad Men" as the ruthless FBI agent who's determined to put Doug and his crew out



"Machete"

of business. (BI) Rated R for strong violence, pervasive language, some sexual-ity and drug use. (Warner)

**RECENT RELEASES**

**THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW: 50th ANNIVERSARY BEST OF MAYBERRY**  
★ ★ ★ 1/2

Wow, how old does that make Opie? As advertised, this delightful collection from CBS Home Entertainment features digitally remastered/audio restored reissues of 17 all-time fan-favorite episodes, including the heart-warming (heart-burning is actually more like it) "Pickle Story," plus a few special bonuses: the pilot episode, the "Danny Thomas Show" episode that introduced the series and the 1986 TV movie "Return to Mayberry." Impossibly wholesome and absolutely wonderful. The kind-of-skimpy assortment of extras include a "Fishin' Hole" montage, episode intros and a retrospective documentary.

**WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS**  
★ ★ 1/2

Ironically, you might have a hard time staying awake during this morally and dramatically confused sequel to Oliver Stone's epochal '80s stock-market morality play Michael Douglas returns to his Oscar-winning role as corporate raider Gordon "Greed is good" Gekko, only this time he's all about redemption after eight years in prison — or is he? Featuring Shia LaBeouf as a hustling young trader with a heart of gold who wants to save the world with green energy. No kidding. (BI) Rated PG-13 for brief strong language and thematic elements.

**ALSO NEW THIS WEEK:**

**ALPHA AND OMEGA**

Two young wolves (Justin Long and Hayden Panettiere) become separated from their pack and have to travel home through dangerous territory in this animated adventure. Rated PG for rude humor and some mild action. (Lionsgate)

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**STAGE**

"Eclipsed," Jan. 13-Feb. 20 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Curtain times are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (except Jan. 18, Feb. 1 and 8); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (except Feb. 2); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (except Jan. 15) and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Jan. 30 and Feb. 20). Tickets: \$30-\$50. Young adult tickets (ages 25 and under) are \$10. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org. Backstage with BJ, a discussion with artistic director BJ Jones offering behind-the-scenes insight into the production while it is still in rehearsal, will be held at noon Jan. 7. Casual Friday, an informal evening of conversation and socializing, includes a pre-show cash bar, mingling with artists, and a short presentation and Q&A, followed by the evening's performance at 8 p.m., will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21. Salon Series, a panel discussion led by local experts for audience members to gain deeper insight into the play, will be held at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 with the topic "Human Rights on the World Stage." Reservations are required for special events, at specialevents@northlight.org or (847) 679-9501, ext. 3555. "Golda's Balcony," 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Jan. 16 in Centre East Theatre at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd. Tovah Feldshuh stars in a one-woman show about Golda Meir. \$48-\$58. Visit



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Classical guitarist Adam Levin of Lake Bluff, (left), pairs up with violinist William Knuth on a new album of Spanish music, Duo Sonidos. A release party and concert, to be simulcast on WFMT-98.7, is set for 11 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Mayne Stage theater, 1330 W. Morse Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$10. For information, call (773) 561-1222.

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# Play's simple story has a powerful message

By MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

An isolated man learns the joys of friendship when he receives an unexpected gift in "Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch." Lifeline Theatre ensemble member Frances Limoncelli adapted Eileen Spinelli's touching picture book for the stage. Music and lyrics are by George Howe. Performances are 1 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 8-Feb. 27 at 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. Tickets are \$12.

Limoncelli reported that she learned about the book from a former pastor who knew that she was involved with a company that adapted books for children's theater. "Its simplicity is so beautiful but it's charming as well," Limoncelli said. She passed the book around at a Lifeline meeting and as each person finished reading it, "their eyes were welling up with tears," she recalled. "It's powerful in its own very small, sweet way."

Limoncelli thinks it's a great story for all ages. "Everybody identifies with Mr. Hatch because we all have our moments of feeling isolated and alone," she said. And many of us know an isolated person who we could help "if we just reach out."

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### Meet the mascot

Young Chicago Bears fans won't want to miss the Staley the Bear Meet and Greet, 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The only furry Chicago Bear has been traveling around the city and suburbs helping libraries kick off their winter reading programs. Bring a camera to this drop-in event because Staley will pose for photos.

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### She's baaaaack!

The Green children, who live in a farmhouse, and their spoiled city cousins, learn five valuable lessons from the magical mystical

woman hired to care for them in "Nanny McPhee Returns." The 109-minute PG film is being screened at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. For details, call (847) 677-5277 or visit [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

### Friendly persuasion

Children learn to trust police officers when they get to know them a bit. That's one of the goals of Officer Friendly Storytime at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., 1:30-2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10. Park Ridge police officers will read stories to children at this drop-in event.

For details, call (847) 825-3123 or visit [www.parkridgeilibrary.org](http://www.parkridgeilibrary.org).

### The color purple

They work with kids and they attend Northwestern University (think school color), so it's no mystery why they call themselves the Purple Crayon Players. Your children will enjoy hearing stories read by members of the group and working on a craft project with them, 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 8 in the Art Garden at Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.

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"Handicap This!" will be performed at 11 a.m. Jan. 12 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The play challenges perceptions of what it means to live with a disability. Admission is free. For more information, call (847) 635-1900.

"Love Letters," starring Ilene and Mark Collins, 8 p.m. Jan. 15 and 2 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokietheatre.com](http://www.skokietheatre.com).

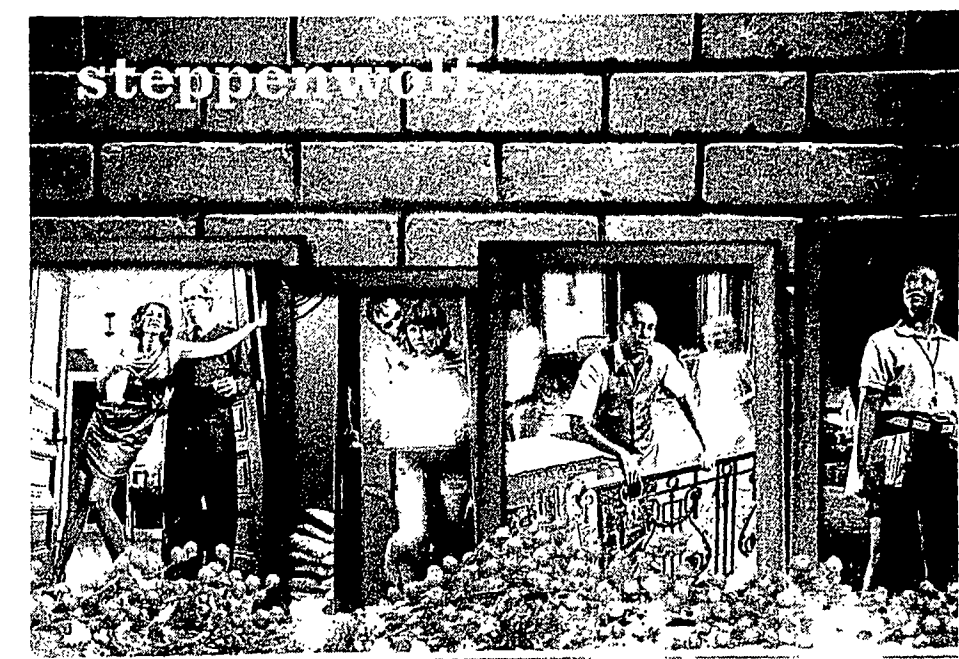
### CLASSICAL

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. [www.arsviva.org](http://www.arsviva.org). (847) 673-6300. Tickets: \$44-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. Jan. 30, 4:30 p.m.: "The Genius of Mozart," with David Taylor, violin, Charles Ptkler, viola, Lyon Lelfer, flute, and Lynn Williams, harp. The program includes Mozart's Serenade in G ("Eine Kleine Nachtmusik"); Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat for Violin, Viola and Orchestra; Concerto for Flute and Harp in C; and Symphony No. 29 in A. Extra performance at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

Lutkin Hall at Northwestern University, 700 University Place, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.: Faculty recital, "Twilight Muses." Tenor Kurt Hansen and pianists Karina Kontorovitch and Ruth Lin will perform music by Mendelssohn, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. \$9/\$7/\$5. Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. [www.maynestage.com](http://www.maynestage.com). Jan. 9, 11 a.m.: WFMT's "Live from Mayne Stage" presents Adam Levin & Duo Sonidos, with Adam Levin, guitar, and William Knuth, violin. \$10. Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave. (312) 551-1414. [www.baroque.org](http://www.baroque.org). Tickets are \$38, \$45, \$60. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.: "Haydn Symphonies - Mozart Concertos." Free pre-concert lecture by Peter Van De Graaff at 6:30 p.m. Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org). Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.: Mezzo-soprano Julia Bentley performs the world premiere of Laura Elise Schewendinger's "About A Mountain." Also on the program is George Crumb's Madrigals, Books I-IV. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermeil, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Visit [www.northwestsymphony.org](http://www.northwestsymphony.org). Jan. 23: "Music of Vienna," with soloist Daniel Gingrich, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's co-principal French hornist. The program includes works by Mozart, Robert Schumann, Johann Strauss Sr. and Johann Strauss Jr. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. [www.pickstaiger.org](http://www.pickstaiger.org). Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m.: Evanston Chamber Ensemble and guests perform Brahms' Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major and the chamber version of Mahler's Symphony No. 4. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Bienen School of Music faculty and guest artists will perform Bartok's "Contrasts," Strauss' Sonata for Violin and Piano in E-flat Major, Dahl's "Concerto a Tre" and Faure's Piano Quartet No. 1 in C Minor. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Jupiter String Quartet will perform Beethoven's String Quartets No. 2 in G Major and No. 14 in C-sharp Minor, as well as Kurtag's "Microcludes." \$24/\$22/\$12. Segovia Classical Guitar Series, presented by the Northwestern University Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music and supported in part by the Chicago Classical Guitar Society. All Segovia series events will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, on Northwestern's Evanston campus. Subscriptions for the five-concert series are \$98; \$85 for senior citizens; \$45 for students. Call (847) 491-5441 or visit [www.pickstaiger.org](http://www.pickstaiger.org).

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("Three Kings") turns every boxing-movie cliché to his advantage in the knockout underdog-contender story of "Irish" Mickey Ward (Mark Wahlberg), following the "Rocky" template to glory. Featuring Oscar-contender performances from Melissa Leo and Christian Bale as Mickey's toxic mother/brother manager/trainer combo.

**6. "True Grit"**  
Jeff Bridges comes as close as anyone can to topping John Wayne's Oscar-winning turn as mean, one-eyed, perpetually drunken Rooster Cogburn in the Coen Brothers' surprisingly faithful and irony-free remake of the 1969 Western classic — boasting 110 minutes of prime, archaically formal, 19th-century deadpan comic dialogue.

**7. "Toy Story 3"**  
Simply managing to

remain on par with its two stellar predecessors is accomplishment enough (how long can this go on?), but "Toy Story 3" offers plenty of value in its own right. The sequel to a sequel, in which the animated heroes Woody, Buzz and company find themselves cast off at a sinister daycare center, is as funny, suspenseful and exciting as usual, without diluting the core emotional values of bravery, loyalty and family feeling.

**8. "Buried"**  
After being buried alive by Iraqi insurgents, an American civilian contractor (Ryan Reynolds, showing surprising emotional range) tries to save himself with a cell phone left by his captors so he can plead for ransom. A remarkable exercise in ingenious screenwriting and direction, "Buried" is also a devastating solo drama.

**9. "Night Catches Us"**  
The debut of writer/director Tanya Hamilton takes a restrained approach to an


explosive situation as a former Black Panther (Anthony Mackie, as quietly commanding here as he was in "The Hurt Locker") returns to Philadelphia after years on the run to face his past. Understated, thoughtful and effortlessly, but powerfully, dramatic.

**10. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"**

The first, and best, of three Swedish thrillers adapting Stieg Larsson's international best-sellers is complex, yet engaging, brooding, intelligent and only incidentally (though shockingly) brutal. Best of all, it features a true rarity — a female character in hacker supreme Lisbeth Salander (ideally played by Noomi Rapace) who defies conventions.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** "127 Hours," "Animal Kingdom," "Black Swan," "Get Low," "Howl," "Inception," "Kick-Ass," "The Kids are All Right," "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World," "The Square," "Thirst," "Unstoppable," "Youth in Revolt."

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## Warm up winter with chamber music

**Winter Chamber Music Festival**  
 Northwestern University School of Music, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Seven concerts, Jan. 7 to Feb. 7, all performances at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call Pick-Staiger ticket office at 847-467-4000 or visit [www.pickstaiger.org](http://www.pickstaiger.org).

By **DOROTHY ANDRIES**  
 Contributor

The Winter Chamber Music Festival at Northwestern University begins its 15th season at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, and its durability pleases and surprises even its founder, Blair Milton, violinist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and assistant professor at NU's School of Music.

"When we started I didn't even think beyond the first year," Milton said, "and I was amazed when we got to our 10th season, so this is really something."

The first festival in 1997, which immediately drew full houses, marked the 100th anniversary of the death of Johannes Brahms. Subsequent festivals, however, took a more



Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg

eclectic approach. And for the 2011 festival, composers range from from Bela Bartok to William Walton, with — no surprise — Johannes Brahms and — Wow! — Astor Piazzolla in the mix.

In homage to its beginnings, the initial program on Jan. 7 begins with Brahms Trio No. 1, played by the Evanston Chamber Ensemble: Andrea Swan, piano, Milton, violin, and Stephen Balderston, cello. The balance of the evening will be taken up with Mahler's Symphony No. 4, in a chamber version

arranged by Erwin Stein, Milton said. "It was under the aegis of Arnold Schoenberg for a series he was presenting."

### Quartet music

The Jupiter String Quartet, which plays Jan. 14, was so well received last year that they were immediately invited back. "They brought a table full of CDs that were snapped up right away," Milton said.

The members of the award-winning quartet, violinists Nelson Lee and Megan Freivogel, violist Liz McDonough, and cellist Daniel McDonough, are enthusiastic about their return. "It's fun for us to play in Chicago," McDonough said, "and we love the acoustics in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall."

Their program will be Beethoven's String Quartets No. 2 and No. 14, followed by "Microcludes" by contemporary Romanian composer Gyorgy Kurtag. "These are 12 little pieces, each on a note of the chromatic scale," the cellist



Jupiter String Quartet



The New Century Orchestra

continued. "There is a wide variety of emotions in the work. I think of them as miniature sound paintings."

Another unusual pairing comes in the program Jan. 16, when Mozart's Serenade No. 10 for a wealth of winds will be played along with the much less familiar "Facade" for narrator and chamber ensemble by William Walton.

It was written in 1921 for a private performance in the London home of the eccentric Sitwell family, with Edith Sitwell reading 21 of her short poems, accompanied by flute, clarinet, trumpet and percussion. A public performance was given in 1923, and in 1942, Walton presented "Facade" in a definitive edition.

The narrator for the series of witty, rhythmic poems will be Northwestern University's director of opera Jay Lesenger.

Originally Chicago television's Bill Kurtis was scheduled to perform, but a schedule conflict emerged. "So they called me," said Lesenger. "I had mentioned that I was the narrator for 'Facade' when I was a senior at Hofstra University 38 years ago."

Obviously pleased about being asked to narrate, he added, "When does an opera director get to do something like this?"

### Orchestra concert

Wrapping up the month-long event on Feb. 7 will be the New Century Chamber Orchestra with violinist Nadia Salerno-Sonnenberg as soloist and music director of the San Francisco-

based, 19-member string ensemble. "This is our third season together," said the high-profile virtuoso, "and it is my passion."

According to Salerno-Sonnenberg, she initially played with the orchestra as a soloist and was certainly not seeking to add music director to her busy schedule. "But I couldn't get them out of my head," she admitted, "there was such a synergy between us."

Known for her musical intensity, Salerno-Sonnenberg found musicians who enjoy what she calls being "on a tight rope. I sit in the concertmaster's chair and we admit no limits," she declared. "We've done work by Mark O'Connor and Bach, Mahler and Gershwin."

"You've never heard any group like us," she insisted. "I tell people, 'bring your seat belts!'"

Milton believes that this 2011 festival, with its variety of programming and its high level of talent, is solid evidence that classical music is alive and well.

"Musicians from the CSO and Lyric and the music faculty at DePaul and my colleagues at Northwestern all take part in this," he declared, and then added, "I've heard for decades dire accounts of how classical music is dying, but I don't believe it. Every year there are 300 applicants for the violin program at Northwestern, and every year our festival plays to enthusiastic houses."

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Jan. 15: Guitarist Berta Rojas performs music by South American composers, including selections from her albums "Terruno," "Cielo Abierto" and "Intimate Barrios." \$21/\$18/\$10. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokie-theatre.com](http://www.skokie-theatre.com). Jan. 30, 2 p.m.: Soprano Emily Becker performs works by Mozart, Puccini, Poulenc and others.

## POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Bluegrass Legends Concerts at the American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. [www.chicago-bluegrass.com](http://www.chicago-bluegrass.com). Doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: \$20; \$15 for senior citizens and children 16 and under. Jan. 8: Mountain Heart.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. [www.thechambersonline.com](http://www.thechambersonline.com). Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7:30-11:30 p.m.: Jazz by John Bany, Charles Braugham and Don Stille.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. [www.ihohare.com/monitrose\\_room](http://www.ihohare.com/monitrose_room). (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover, unless noted otherwise. Jan. 7: Backyard and Cypress Groove Project. Jan. 14: James McMurry presents rock, country, folk and roadhouse boogie in an "Up Close

& Personal" concert. \$20 in advance through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or \$25 at the door. VIP tickets, which include guaranteed seating in the first few rows of tables, are \$25 advance; \$30 at the door. Jan. 15: August.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. [www.irish-american.org](http://www.irish-american.org). Jan. 15, 8 p.m.: Girs, an ensemble of young women ages 18-21, will present Irish traditional music, song and dance. \$20.

"Jazz in January," 8 p.m. Jan. 21-22 at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland, Park Ridge, featuring local musicians Kent Wehman, Mike Levin, Wally Hustin, Neal Wehman and Bruce Nelson. Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered by calling the church office, (847) 823-3164. Libations and light edibles will be available for purchase.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. [www.maynestage.com](http://www.maynestage.com). Jan. 7, 8:30 p.m.: Dead Superheroes Orchestra. The Autocoma Project and Grace Kulp open. \$10. Jan. 8, 9:30 p.m.: Rana Santacruz presents "Mexican bluegrass." \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Jan. 15, 8:30 p.m.: Andre Williams & the Goldstars (R&B). \$15. Jan. 19, 8 p.m.: Kid A (Radiohead tribute). aMUSED (Muse tribute band) opens. \$10.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org). Jan. 15, 5 p.m.: The seventh annual Martin Luther King Celebration, featuring the Brotherhood Chorale of the Apostolic Church of God performing traditional and contemporary gospel and jazz arrangements. Donations will be accepted to benefit the

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Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit [www.rosemonttheatre.com](http://www.rosemonttheatre.com). Jan. 28, 7 p.m.: Miranda Cosgrove and special guest Greyson Chance. \$27 and \$32.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokietheatre.com](http://www.skokietheatre.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Jan. 8, 8 p.m.: Steve Richard's Elvis Birthday Bash. Jan. 9, 2 p.m.: Brian Patti presents "A Tribute to Artie Shaw and Benny Goodman." Jan. 12, 1:30 p.m.: Jimmy Damon's "Memories of Rush Street." Jan. 19, 1:30 p.m.: Mark Burnell's "Broadway ala Jazz." Jan. 21, 8 p.m.: Cathy Richardson. Jan. 22, 8 p.m.: BritBeat (Beatles tribute band) presents "All You Need is Love," a concert to benefit Heartland Animal Shelter. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Jan. 23, 2 p.m.: Steve Richard's Neil Diamond Birthday Bash. Jan. 26, 1:30 p.m.: Rob Dorn's "Crazy 'Bout Broadway." Jan. 28, 8 p.m.: Bucky Walker in "Folk Music in the Heartland: Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie." \$15.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. [www.evanstonpace.com](http://www.evanstonpace.com). (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Jan. 7: The Flat Five featuring Nora O'Connor, Kelly Hogan, Scott Ligon, KC McDonough and Gerald Dowd (indie rock). \$12/\$15. Jan. 8: Pieta Brown (folk). \$12/\$15. Jan. 13: 93KRT welcomes Peter Himmelman

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BY KIRK BELL  
SearchChicago-Autos Correspondent

There is a definite shift in the world of luxury away from purely conspicuous consumption: the bling for bling's sake," observed Pam Danziger, an expert on luxury marketing. She pointed to garish SUVs favored by rap artists as one expression of luxury that's lost its shine.

"What's coming is more of a 'luxury on the inside' type as compared to extroverted 'bling,'" she continued. "With the economic crash, anti-status luxury is growing in popularity."

Backing up Danziger's observation is a survey completed by the research company, Synovate. The company's worldwide study asked respondents about their dream vehicle. With money not being a consideration, six in 10 participants claimed they wanted a green car over a luxury car. Additionally,

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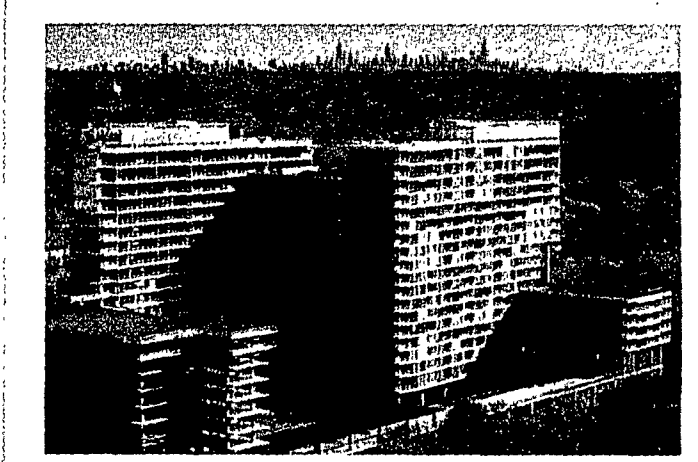
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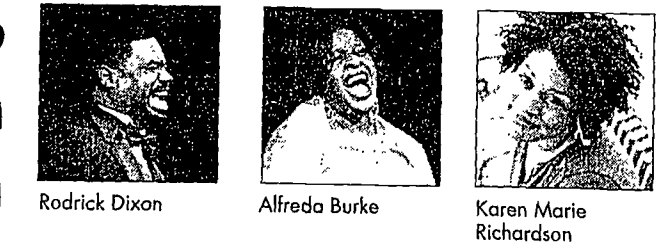
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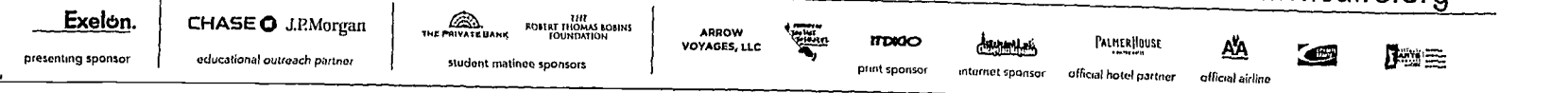
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# Cadillac gets its green on

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than the non-hybrid buyers shopping in the same segment."

Danziger pointed out that these wealthier drivers were not buying a Prius because they could save money at the pump, but because they wanted to make an environmental and personal statement. Well, the 2011 Escalade certainly does the latter and the hybrid badge helps with the former. If you think the Escalade makes the right personal statement for you, then read on. The SUV is powered by an engine and hybrid system with a high degree of technical sophistication.

Perhaps the most significant accolade we could bestow upon the attention-hungry Cadillac is that in almost every respect, it drives like a standard non-hybrid Escalade equipped with a big V-8. Operating and benefiting from the two-mode technology requires absolutely no special knowledge or skills. Hop in, fire the engine, pick a gear and get rolling. All new technologies should be so usable.

When it comes to noticing the Escalade's hybrid characteristics, it requires getting your geek on. The most discerning drivers will pickup on the SUV's powertrain prepping for action as soon as they touch the driver's door handle. Lift and listen: quiet hums and electronic "dweeps" signal that batteries, relays and NORAD-quality electronics are preparing to whisk you to the grocery store. Once inside, a scan of the instruments reveals a tachometer with the words "auto stop," where a zero should be, plus a needle parking space below the "auto stop."

Keying the ignition fires the 332-horsepower 6.0-liter V-8, although given the right circumstances, the engine might not need to start because the vehicle may be ready to move out under electric power. This full-size SUV's powertrain is a "full hybrid," meaning it can run on pure electrons just like a Prius.

This immensely complex engine/transmission

is made up of the V-8 engine complemented by variable valve timing and active fuel management (cylinder deactivation); an electronically variable transmission with two electric motors/generators and four fixed-ratio gears; and a 300-volt nickel-metal hydride battery pack.

The interior of the Escalade Hybrid is luxurious, comfortable and beautifully detailed. Cadillac has upped its game mightily in recent years. The materials and fit/finish are very good.

The Escalade Hybrid arrived at our Detroit office in the midst of one of the snowiest and coldest Decembers we've seen in years. Frigid temperatures and slush-covered roads aren't the best conditions to evaluate a vehicle whose claim to fame is fuel economy. The cold requires longer warm-up times and there are greater electricity demands to deal with. When the mercury is in the single digits, it takes significant power to defrost windows, run wipers and keep buns warm with the toasty three-level seat heaters. Furthermore, snowy roads add to rolling resistance.

Against these odds, over the two weeks and 800 miles we drove the Cadillac, it returned an impressive 17.8 mpg in a driving cycle that included a mix of city and highway driving heavily biased toward high-speed running. If you've never driven

in southeast Michigan, we drive quickly here. It's normal to cruise 80 mph on our highways. We drove the big hybrid just as we would any other evaluation vehicle, adopting no special techniques to maximize mileage.

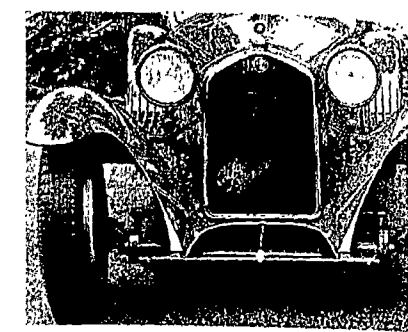
In contrast to non-hybrids, more city driving would have actually increased our economy figures considerably, as the Escalade can run up to 32 mph on electric power only. Based on past experience, we would have expected around 12-13 mpg from a similarly equipped Chevrolet Tahoe SUV with the 5.3-liter V-8. The Escalade shares many components with the Chevy.

Around town, the Cadillac's tight turning circle (only 2 feet wider than a Toyota Camry) helped with maneuverability, as did the high seating position and the rearview camera. On the road, the 20-inch tires rolled quietly, and the extensive aerodynamic work done to drop the hybrid's aerodynamic drag contributed to interior quietness.

Bottom line: If you must drive a full-size luxury SUV, the \$76,000 (base) Cadillac Escalade Hybrid gives you some cover with your environmentally oriented friends.

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## autoNEWS



### Finding the right insurance policy for classic cars

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The trick to choosing the right vehicle insurance coverage is to consider how the vehicle is used. Many specialty policies have specific regulations that are in line with how the car is operated. When owners decide to buy a traditional policy, they will be able to choose a basic level or just a liability option. The liability coverage only provides coverage for the other party if the owner is involved in an at-fault accident. The damages to the antique or classic car will not be covered as liability coverage is a minimal requirement in most states that does not cover property damage.

The most complete automobile insurance coverage is typically referred to as comprehensive coverage. This type of policy generally has higher rates but also more extensive levels of coverage, meaning the car will usually be covered regardless of the claim, from roek chips to full accidents. However, some companies will be hesitant to offer comprehensive coverage because there are a wide range of items that go into building classic cars that make them difficult to properly insure. These items include bodywork, paint and parts that are more expensive than regular automobiles.

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'06 Subaru Legacy Ltd.	Leather, Sunroof, Automatic, Gray, P3734	\$16,495
'09 Subaru Legacy 2.5i SE	Automatic, Air, Sunroof, 13K, Red, 3823	\$15,995
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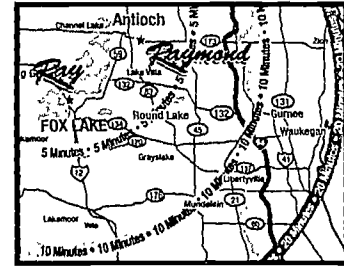
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## Rooftop gardens a 'natural' for Optima Old Orchard Woods

Want to enjoy the care-free convenience of living in a condominium building but don't want to give up the joy of strolling around the yard?

Optima Old Orchard Woods, the crisp contemporary building overlooking the Harms Woods forest preserve is just the place for you.

Since the days when nationally known architect, David Hovey, pioneered in the green roof landscaping of his urban residential buildings, these lush sky gardens have been a popular inclusion in all Optima, Inc. condominium buildings in Chicago and on the North Shore.

The beauty and practicality of the green roof sky gardens is again on display at Optima Old Orchard Woods, the fastest-selling building on the near North Shore and winner of numerous awards. The triple tower, multi-level building includes more than three acres of green roof landscaping on eight levels and a total of 9 1/2 acres of total landscaping surrounding the building. The fourth floor alone has more than an acre of green roof beauty. Green roof gardens can be found on floors 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 19 and 20 as well as at ground level covering the underground parking garage.

"We have long believed that condominium residents have as much desire for a close connection with nature as those who live in single-family homes," Hovey said. "The green roof sky gardens, with their aesthetic and practical uses, give a more home-like, comfortable atmosphere to even the most sophisticated penthouse, and green roof gar-

dens have many environmentally important aspects as well."

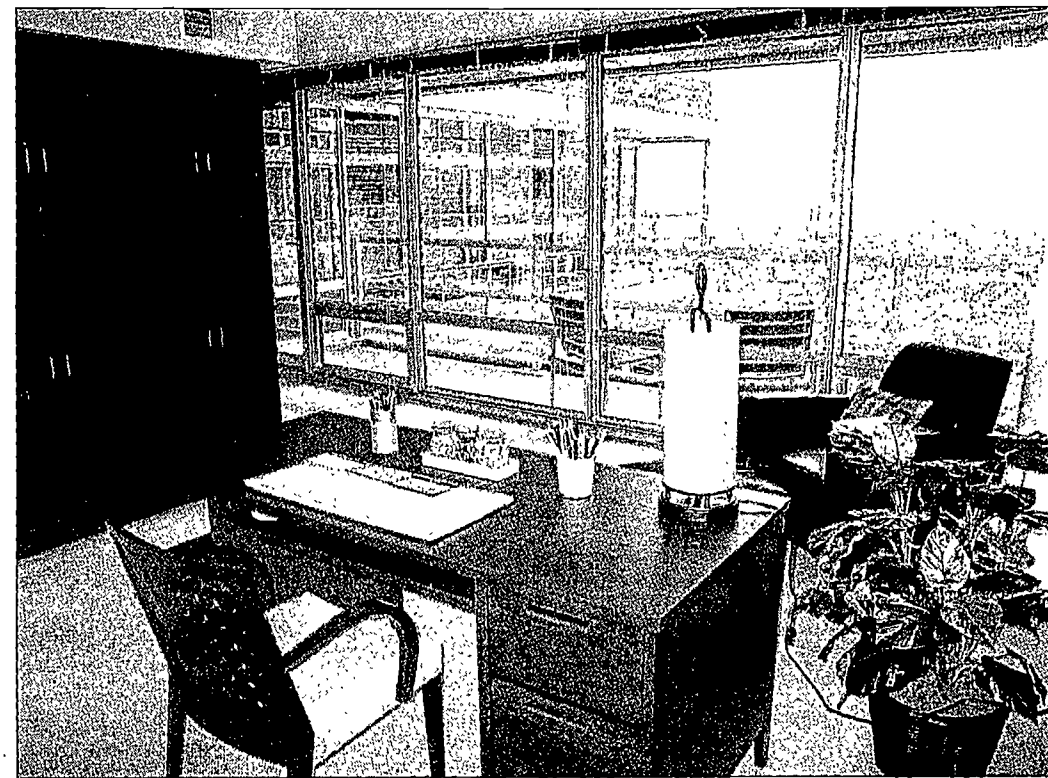
Green roof sky gardens may include outdoor terraces as well as park-like expanses landscaped with trees, shrubs and flowers that can flourish in the soil depths and other environmental factors on the roofs.

"Green roofs cleanse airborne toxins; recycle nutrients back into the atmosphere; re-oxygenate the air; provide storm water management; protect the roofs from ultraviolet light; reduce noise transmission into the building; increase the energy efficiency of the building; and decrease the ambient temperature of the site," Hovey said. "In addition, at Optima Old Orchard Woods these benefits are enhanced by the proximity of the forest preserve and The Grove, a private residents' park."

Those residents who enjoy outdoor living beyond the beauty of the green roof sky gardens can choose from numerous opportunities in the forest preserve and elsewhere.

Harms Woods is ideal for cross country skiing, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and golf in the forest preserve. The Grove is equipped with picnic benches, grills, a tennis court, three ponds and a bridge that connects to the 20-mile long North Branch Trail that ends at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe. A designated dog park is available to canine residents.

Area conveniences include shopping just three blocks away at Old Orchard Shopping Center, and public transportation that takes residents to downtown Chicago in 20 minutes. Optima Old



Rooftop gardens provide an added dimension for residents of award-winning Optima Old Orchard Woods in Skokie.

Orchard Woods is convenient to public transportation, the Edens Expressway and O'Hare International Airport.

Optima Old Orchard Woods includes 646 condominiums in three interconnected residential towers or vertical neighborhoods that share a variety of recreational amenities and conveniences. These include a pool and dual spas in a spectacular room with floor-to-ceiling windows on three sides framing views of the forest preserve. Other amenities include fitness centers on the penthouse floor of each tower; a party room, heated secure indoor parking and convenience shopping in the building including a gourmet grocer, coffee shop and dry cleaner with delivery service.

Each tower boasts a two-story, glass-enclosed entry from a courtyard with a 500-foot portico, paver driveway and landscaped quadrangle with lighted 90 by 120-foot reflecting pond and 20 fountains.

Optima Old Orchard Woods has received various architectural awards, including most recently, the Distinguished Building Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects, Illinois, and a Merit Award for innovation from Buildings Magazine.

The condominium plans feature floor-to-ceiling windows, with views of the forest preserve, the downtown Chicago skyline or the treetops of the North Shore.

Flexibility and quality are combined for maximum enjoyment, and appointments include hardwood flooring in the living areas, kitchens with stainless-steel appliances, designed cabinetry and granite countertops, luxury baths, stainless-steel washers and dryers plus window treatments. Fireplaces and other extra accents are available.

Sales at Optima Old Orchard Woods are in Maple Tower, the third and final phase of sales. Varying sizes include one, two,

three bedrooms or three bedrooms and a den plus extra-large combination designs and penthouses.

Historic low interest rates enhanced by attractive financing makes Optima Old Orchard Woods affordable for a variety of buyers.

Prices at Optima Old Orchard Woods start at \$174,640 for one-bedroom plans, from \$268,320 for two-bedroom plans and from \$409,240 for three-bedroom plans. Penthouse floor plans are available, priced from \$665,000 to \$1,375,000.

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

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**Cook County**

- Chicago**  
**5826 N East Circle Ave:** Reichle, David & Amy; \$540,000  
**8202, 500**  
**6221 N Kedvale Ave:** Ulrich, Peter & Nancy; \$300,000  
**6253 N Leader Ave:** Ochoa, Ricardo & Jeanine; \$325,000  
**3814 N Oketo Ave:** Cruz, Mark A & Ayala, Rosario; \$330,000  
**6320 W Giddings St:** Lebovitz, Michael D & Kimberly C; \$305,000  
**7624 W Hortense Ave:** Vabaco, Elaine; \$315,000  
**Evanston**  
**1849 Asbury Ave:** Carter, Michael H & Mikel G; \$480,000  
**649 Asbury Ave:** Rasmussen,

- Jan A & Obrien, Danielle M; \$545,000  
**2716 Bennett Ave:** Schmidt, Susan D; \$585,000  
**800 Elgin Road 1401:** Romans, Scott R & Bushhemmer, Francis H; \$510,000  
**2715 Ewing Ave:** Cubitt, Katherine C & Geoffrey R; \$315,000  
**2200 Grant St:** Clark, Nathan & Townsend, Sabrina; \$540,000  
**2400 Lincolnwood Dr:** Devine, Matthew Richard & Maura Farrell; \$871,000  
**Glencoe**  
**1214 Carol Ln:** Krafacisin, George & Snell, Beverly J; \$440,000  
**360 Jackson Ave:** Halpern, Jon & Kathleen M; \$565,000  
**260 Lincoln Dr:** Popovici, Stefan Alexandru & Cerri, Elisa; \$945,000  
**Glensview**  
**811 Glendale Road:** Thorne, Allyson C; \$340,000  
**2198 Mint Ln:** Laneve, Mark R & Paula B; \$503,000  
**1035 Queens Ln:** Song, Ar-

- nold D & Amy; \$605,000  
**1405 Woodlawn Ave:** Her-shenhouse, Brian & Molly; \$687,500  
**Lincolnwood**  
**6857 N Kenton Ave:** Drambarean, Viorel & Maria; \$475,000  
**3900 W Chase Ave:** Alegria, Lilia; \$560,000  
**Morton Grove**  
**5522 Monroe St:** Nikochevic, Bedrija; \$332,000  
**Northbrook**  
**1920 Cypress Ln:** Nakamura, Toshihide & Phuong; \$490,000  
**1960 Penfold Pl:** Kim, Peter H & Kristen; \$701,000  
**1821 Thornwood Ln:** Seiden, William & Stacy; \$780,000  
**Northfield**  
**1861 Winnetka Ave:** Wilson, Reid; \$407,500  
**Skokie**  
**3901 Greenwood St:** Gradstein, Brandon & Rachel; \$515,000  
**Wilmette**  
**722 11th St:** Morrison, Gwen & Porter, Chesley; \$630,000  
**2004 Central Ave:** Burrell, Jeffrey & Rachel; \$635,000  
**2820 Orchard Ln:** Kogan, Jeffrey & Fresia, Carol; \$386,000

- 3231 Sprucewood Ln:** Dorsay, David & Megan; \$525,000  
**Winnetka**  
**1323 Asbury Ave:** Cardoza, Marc & Virginia; \$990,000  
**603 Elm St:** Bergman, Judson & Miller, Mary B; \$2,865,000  
**752 Foxdale Ave:** Fleming, Timothy J; \$609,500  
**714 Park Ln:** Sutherland, Eric M & Celia S; \$3,800,000  
**Lake County**  
**Buffalo Grove**  
**351 Raymond Rd:** Aduri, Prasad & Satyasri; \$513,000  
**Grayslake**  
**1297 Hedgerow Dr:** Schneider, Brian & Genevieve; \$341,500  
**Hawthorn Woods**  
**239 North Trl:** Rush, Demetrius & Vicki; \$434,000  
**19 Pheasant Run:** Dayer, Mark & Amy; \$390,000  
**60 Tournament Dr S:** Gallagher, Thomas & Gallaghers, Donna; \$395,000  
**Highland Park**  
**309 Central Ave:** Drake, Darrell P & Larisa; \$905,000  
**800 Croftidge Ln:** Rosen, William & Eunice; \$1,025,000  
**365 Green Bay Rd:** Wu, Ruishan & Liang, Ruohong; \$370,000

- 1784 Linden Ave:** Kushner, Irwin & Irene; \$550,000  
**795 North Ave:** Glebov, Andriy & Unkovska, Katerina; \$445,000  
**109 S Deere Park Dr:** Gerchenson, Jeffery H & Jodie Ann; \$1,250,000  
**Lake Bluff**  
**29799 Green Bay Rd:** LaVine, James; \$395,000  
**1012 Plaister Ave:** Sweis, Ramzi F & Kristin M; \$575,000  
**915 Talbot Ave:** Georgouses, Georgia Gina & Guido, Mark G; \$327,500  
**908 W North Ave:** Vasquez, Tony J & Loni R; \$305,000  
**Lake Forest**  
**1156 Lynette Dr:** Bouloukos, Dean P & Cheryl M; \$490,000  
**693 Spruce Ave:** Burke, Christopher J & Marguerite A; \$950,000  
**Lake Villa**  
**516 Arapaho Trl:** Stoll, Christopher J & Emily R; \$350,000  
**Libertyville**  
**228 1st St:** Azzato, Stephen J & Katherine L; \$368,000  
**221 Broadway St:** Boone, Alfonso D; \$640,000  
**1312 Canterbury Cir:** Montgomery, Randall & Julie Sawyer; \$950,000

- 928 Fairlawn Ave:** Awmi, Betsy; \$338,000  
**1133 Harms Ave:** Jones, Michael P; \$325,000  
**1732 Juliet Ln:** Natale, Robert E & Tiffany L; \$450,000  
**412 Laurel Ave:** Felgenhauer, Robert & Wonderlic, Allison L; \$610,000  
**Lincolnshire**  
**1 Buckingham Pt:** Tinkoff, Scott Norman & Jacqueline Allyce; \$470,000  
**Mundelein**  
**530 Ambria Dr:** Eberle, John M & Felicia A; \$330,000  
**28657 N Spyglass Cir:** Maddock Jr, Raymond R & Maddock, Mary F; \$581,000  
**Riverwoods**  
**1960 Rose Ter:** Amer, Fouad; \$735,000  
**Vernon Hills**  
**761 Summit Ln:** Kim, Jung Whan; \$373,000  
**2033 Trevino Ter:** Jacobson, Mark A; \$430,000  
**Wadsworth**  
**2983 N Cypress Pt:** Brown Jr, David M & Brown, Linda H; \$325,000  
**Wauconda**  
**2432 Goldenrod Way:** Sommers, Christie Lynn & Scott Steven; \$332,500

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**Pines starts phase 1**  
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BY JEREMY SCHNITKER

Situated on more than 100 acres of pine trees, oak trees, open space, rolling hills and ponds, the Pines subdivision in Lake Villa has recently begun construction on the first of its planned three phases of single family homes.

The development, which is across the street from Thompson Elementary, near Lakes Community High School and a mile from the Lake Villa Metra station, is offering eight different home plans. The smallest plan, the Willow, covers 2,700 and stands one story, while the largest plan, the Oak, stands two stories and has 3,400 square feet of living space.

The development is being built by Nielsen Development, which specializes in projects in the northwestern Lake County area. Homes can be built as planned, or customized to individual needs.



Baird & Warner agent Nikki Nielsen is listing a four-bedroom, 3.5 bath home at 354 Pines Blvd. in the subdivision for \$495,000. The 3,300 square foot two-story home has hardwood flooring, a cathedral ceiling in its family room and a three-car garage.



Greenery: Lake Villa's new Pines subdivision is on 100-plus acres with plenty of open space, rolling hills, pine trees and ponds. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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The number of homes for sale in Libertyville that have an asking price of more than \$1 million.

**Home on market for \$23 million**

Known as "Le Grand Reve," the home near the Indian Hill Golf Club spans 16,791 square feet and was built in 2008. Jarol is the managing general partner of Bradley Associates, a downtown Chicago-based real estate investment firm that was formed about three decades ago. He's also a longtime certified public accountant.

The home belonging to the managing partner of a real estate investment firm is back on the market in Winnetka, this time for \$23 million. The six-bedroom, six-bath, four-half-bath home at 68 Locust Road, owned by Sherwin Jarol, is listed for \$23 million. It was listed in February for \$28 million.

**MARKET WATCH**

City	For sale	Median price	Rate of foreclosure	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Barrington	3.15%	\$387,000	6.62%	151	10
Buffalo Grove	2.60%	\$235,000	17.69%	407	72
Des Plaines	2.77%	\$180,000	47.70%	543	259
Evanston	2.83%	\$290,000	19.03%	620	118
Gurnee	2.74%	\$235,000	6.21%	290	18
Highland Park	3.25%	\$425,000	7.14%	294	21
Lake Forest	4.72%	\$775,000	3.70%	189	7
Park Ridge	2.19%	\$332,000	13.48%	371	50
Skokie	2.39%	\$245,000	36.02%	447	161
Wilmette	1.94%	\$602,000	3.59%	334	12

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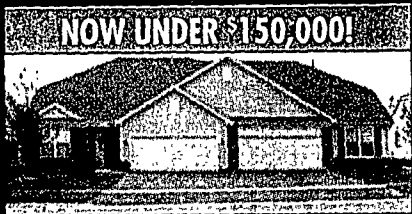
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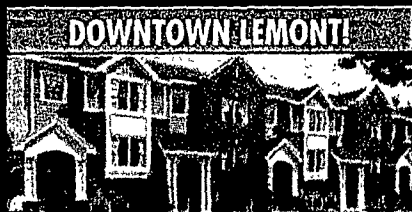
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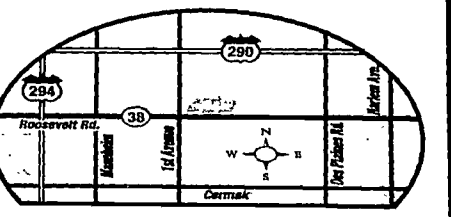
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newsmakers. Proceeds from the performance will benefit the student scholarship fund. Tickets are \$50, which includes a reception following the performance. For tickets, call (847) 635-1893.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie, (847) 676-2230. Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.: Wendelin Van Draanen discusses and signs The Running Dream. Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Elizabeth Eulberg discusses and signs Prom and Prejudice. Jan. 29, 3 p.m.: Lo Bosworth discusses and

signs The Lo-Down. Love Is Murder Mystery Conference will be held Feb 4-6 at the Intercontinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont, featuring novelists Rhys Bowen, Joseph Finder, Carolyn Haines, Joan Johnston, Jon Land, F. Paul Wilson and others. Events include author panels, master writing classes, weapons demonstration, crime lab and evidence discovery experts, bookstore and other vendors. Full and partial registrations available. For more information, visit www.lovesmurder.net or call (773) 774-3372.

RHINO/the Poetry Forum invites all poets to its poetry workshop & peer exchange, to be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in Room 108 at the Evanston Public Library, Church and Orrington streets, Evanston. Attendees bring 17 copies of a poem to be crit-

iqued, and participate in a discussion of poetry and poetics. No registration is required. \$5 donation. The session will be led by Cin Salach, an Illinois Arts Council award recipient and author of Looking for a Soft Place to Land.

CHILD'S PLAY

The Music Institute of Chicago will host Suzuki Mid-Winter Workshops 2011, including a violin workshop Jan. 29-30 at 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston (registration deadline Jan. 7); a flute workshop Jan. 29-30 at 300 Green Bay Road, Winnetka (registration deadline Jan. 7); and Cello Festival, Feb. 25-27 at 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston (early registration deadline Jan. 22; late registration deadline Feb. 5). Workshops include group repertoire classes, enrichment, mini-lessons and more. An adult must accompany every student. For information, visit www.musicinst.org or call (847) 905-1500.

Take Two Children's Theatre will hold auditions for Disney's "101 Dalmatians Kids" from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 8 at the North Shore Dance & Drama Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. Auditions are open to ages 5-15. Call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.northshoredancecenter.com.

COMEDY

Heartland Café, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave., Rogers Park, Chicago, (773) 281-4989. Jan. 14, 9 p.m.: Comedy performance by Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman, author of My Husband the Stranger, Still Single and Still Dating. \$5 cover.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, www.northshorecenter.org, (847) 673-6300. Jan. 20-23: Capitol Steps presents "Liberal Shop of Horrors." Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$44-\$48. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Jan. 7, 8:30 p.m.: The Edge Comedy Club, \$15. Jan. 29, 8 p.m.: Jim Wiggins "The Last Hippie." \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES

Northwestern University's Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center, 10 Arts

Circle Drive, Evanston, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.: Dance Summit 2011. The program features performances by the Graffiti Dancers, an eclectic ensemble that does jazz, ballet, hip-hop, modern and tap; Tonik Tap, a company that specializes in rhythm and syncopation; Boomshaka, a percussion/dance group; Fusion Dance Company, a hip-hop ensemble; B.L.A.S.T. (Ballroom, Latin and Swing Team); Steam Heat, a new musical theater group, and others. General admission is \$5. Call (847) 491-3147 or e-mail nu-dance@northwestern.edu.

GROUPS & LESSONS

BallroomChicago.com Sunday Afternoon Dance, Jan. 9 at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Ave., Franklin Park. Lesson from 2-3:30 p.m.; open dancing from 2:30-5:30 p.m. \$12 per person. For information, call (847)

757-2227 or e-mail bob@ballroomchicago.com.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club offers square dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, starting Jan. 31, at The Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, downtown Park Ridge. First lesson is free with fee of \$5 per lesson after that. Accepting new students Feb. 7 and 14 as well. For information, call (773) 685-8407 or (847) 729-5805.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, through May 14, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per guest. For information, call (847) 698-5501 or (773) 685-8407.

North Shore Dance & Drama Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. Visit www.northshoredancecenter.com. New dance classes begin Jan. 10, including

ballet, ballroom, club dance, competitive performing groups, drama, fitness, hip-hop, jazz, jazz funk, Latin dance, modern, musical theater, pointe and more, for ages 3 through adult. Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. Call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646.

FILM

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Jan. 7, 1 p.m.: "Winter's Bone," rated R.

SINGLES

Paramount Tall Club of Chicago, www.tallclubchicago.org. Paramount Tall Club of Chicago is a singles club for taller than average people. Men must be 6'2" or taller and women must be 5'10" or taller. All members must be 21 years or older. Jan. 21-23: 65th anniversary weekend at the Hilton Garden Inn, Des Plaines. Call (312) 853-0183. Spares Singles Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Jan. 16: Music by The Music Men. Spares Club dinners are held at 4 p.m. on non-dance Sundays. For information, call Rosemary Bartley, (847) 806-0493. Jan. 9: Andrew's, 2610 W. Dempster/Potter, Park Ridge, Jan. 23: Graziano's, 5960 W. Touhy, Niles, Jan. 30: Jimmy's, 1440 Rand Road, Oes Plaines.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emertus. Sketching and Painting with Watercolor or Acrylic (ART D07-7) teaches how to sketch a subject and follow the steps to complete a painting. Students of all levels are welcome. Eight-week course meets from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Jan.

19. Course fee is \$128. Great Stories, Great Films (HUM E32-71) examines a selection of short stories that morphed into movies. Students must obtain a copy of Stephanie Harrison's Adaptations: From Short Story to Big Screen: 35 Stories That Have Inspired Great Films (available at Amazon and Borders) before the first class meeting. Ten-week course meets from 1-4:15 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Jan. 19. Course fee is \$195.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4889, www.iholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free

with museum admission. Jan. 16, 1:30 p.m.: "In Conversation With..." Child survivor Cipora Katz reflects on her personal experiences, from hiding for survival to growing up in the new State of Israel. Question-and-answer session follows. Free with museum admission. Reservations recommended. Jan. 23, 2 p.m.: Writers Theatre of Glencoe will present "The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights." The cross-cultural, multi-media performance interweaves poetry, hip-hop and history as it follows a young girl's search for truth and self-discovery through the Civil Rights Movement. Discussion follows the performance. The one-woman show, written by Yolanda Androzzi, is suitable for students in sixth grade and older. Free with museum admission. Reservations required.

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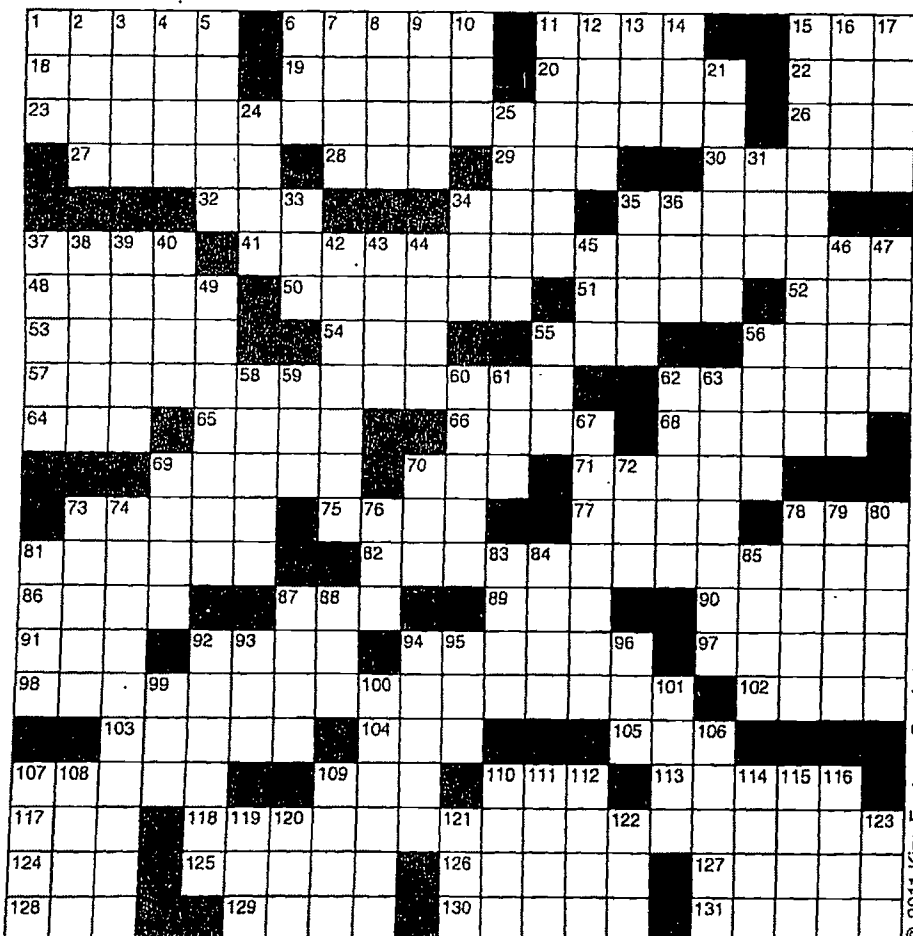
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Home" (90 film)
  - 6 Faithful
  - 11 Elated
  - 15 Tighten the tent
  - 18 Nigerian city
  - 19 Actress Verdugo
  - 20 Paddled
  - 22 Multi-purpose vehicle
  - 23 Photography event of 1900
  - 26 "Unforgettable" name
  - 27 Snicker sound
  - 28 Mexican Mrs.
  - 29 Have a mortgage
  - 30 Attack
  - 32 Sniggler's quarry
  - 34 Baseball's Piniella
  - 35 TV's "Green"
  - 37 Young follower?
  - 41 Literary event of 1900
  - 48 Roberts or Tucker
  - 50 Only just
  - 51 Olympic VIP
  - 52 Med. test
  - 53 Take in, perhaps
  - 54 Big bang letters
  - 55 Distress
  - 56 Terror
  - 57 Exhibition event of 1900
  - 62 Solidarity city
  - 64 Waldon or Wray
  - 65 And others
  - 66 Utah city
  - 68 Way
  - 69 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
  - 70 Queler or Arden
  - 71 Heavenly hunter
  - 73 Meir's successor
  - 75 Knight's wife
  - 77 Clasp
  - 78 Scale notes
  - 81 Ease a situation
  - 82 Musical event of 1900
  - 86 Huck's craft
  - 87 Service div.
  - 89 "— Doll" ('64 hit)
  - 90 Urania's sister
  - 91 Skater Midori
  - 92 Act catty?
  - 94 Anesthetic type
  - 97 Object
  - 98 Transportation event of 1900
  - 102 90 Across' instrument
  - 103 Moshe of Israel
  - 104 Shady character?
  - 105 High peak
  - 107 Multivoiced Mel
  - 109 Coach
  - 110 Favorite
  - 113 — terrier
  - 117 Massage
  - 118 Culinary event of 1900
  - 124 Every last bit
  - 125 Humpback's home
  - 126 Luncheonette lure
  - 127 Gawk
  - 128 Payable
  - 129 Makes lace
  - 130 Actor Gary
  - 131 Detection device
  - DOWN**
  - 1 TV ET
  - 2 Cafe au —
  - 3 Fairy-tale fiend
  - 4 Snack
  - 5 Cosmetician Lauder
  - 6 Papal name
  - 7 Auto pioneer
  - 8 Century
  - 9 "Lonely Boy" singer
  - 10 Research site
  - 11 Become an adult
  - 12 Rob of "Wayne's World"
  - 13 Barley
  - 14 "Agnus —"
  - 15 Word in a Dostoyevsky title
  - 16 Coup d'—
  - 17 See
  - 115 Down
  - 21 Rubble
  - 24 Boat bottom
  - 25 Commodious
  - 31 Guitarrist Paul
  - 33 Tennis stroke
  - 34 "— Abner"
  - 35 Cain's victim
  - 36 Actor
  - 37 Rod
  - 38 Actress
  - 39 Threshold
  - 40 Bread and booze
  - 42 Upset
  - 43 Bond foe
  - 44 New York team
  - 45 "Raid on Entebbe"
  - 46 Rub out
  - 47 Bogarde or
  - Benedict
  - 49 Apollo's sister
  - 55 Veneration
  - 56 Hawthorne's was marble
  - 58 Make amends
  - 59 Mideastern letters
  - 60 Fly a chopper
  - 61 Trams
  - 62 Barbecue
  - 63 Drew while distracted
  - 67 Connecticut native
  - 69 Border on
  - 70 Aussie walker
  - 72 Hugo's "Le Paul — s'amuse"
  - 73 Lasso
  - 74 Priced right
  - 76 Canine grp.
  - 78 Full of froth
  - 79 Pianist
  - Schnabel
  - 80 A little night music?
  - 81 Wet blanket
  - 83 Jurket
  - 84 Fade away
  - 85 Songwriter Jacques
  - 87 English architect
  - 88 — deco
  - 92 '60 Hitchcock classic
  - 93 Actress
  - Thurman
  - 94 Like some
  - energy
  - 95 Petite pooch
  - 96 Thompson or Salonga
  - 99 Rocker Whitcomb
  - 100 August shows
  - 101 554, to Tiberius
  - 106 Preserve a peninsula
  - 107 Nail type
  - 108 Berg opera
  - 109 Blind as —
  - 110 Callao's country
  - 111 Desire defied
  - 112 Use a stopwatch
  - 114 Division word
  - 115 With
  - 17 Down, famed saxophonist
  - 51 Across' missis
  - 119 Pretend
  - 120 "Cry — River" ('55 song)
  - 121 Yak
  - 122 Aye
  - opponent
  - 123 Augsburg article



Answers: Inside today's classified section

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of Jan. 12 — Jan. 18

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Aspects call for care in preparing material for submission. Although you might find it bothersome to go over what you've done, the fact is, rechecking could be worth your time and effort.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** The week is favorable for Bovines who welcome change. New career opportunities wait to be checked out. You might also want to get started on that home makeover you've been considering.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might have to be extra careful to protect that surprise you have planned, thanks to a certain snoopy someone who wants to know more about your plans than you're willing to share.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Family ties are strong this week, although an old and still-unresolved problem might create some unpleasant moments. If so, look to straighten the situation out once and for all.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Although the Lion might see it as an act of loyalty and courage to hold on to an increasingly shaky position, it might be wiser to make changes now to prevent a possible meltdown later.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your gift for adding new people to your circle of friends works overtime this week, thanks largely to contacts you made during the holidays. A surprise awaits you at the week's end.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Don't hide your talents. It's a good time to show

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**Daly, Mary**  
Long-time Park Ridge resident Mary Daly passed away on December 29th after a brief illness. Mary was a school nurse in District 64 for 35 years, as well as having been a field nurse in WWII. She is survived by a daughter and a son as well as four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is preceded in death by her daughter and husband. A funeral mass is scheduled for January 8th at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge at 10 AM. Sign Guest Book at legacy.pioneerlocal.com/obituaries

**Trojan, Mary K.**  
(nee Bryja), 72, of Park Ridge. Passed away December 3, 2010 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Mary was a graduate of Presbyterian-St. Lukes School of Nursing and was a dedicated Registered Nurse for almost 50 years. Her survivors include her loving husband of 51 years, Thomas; her daughter, Laura (Jeff) Watson of Crystal Lake and her beloved grandchildren Rebecca and Thomas Watson. Other survivors include a dear sister, Florence (Jim) Phillips; a brother, Edward (Diana) Bryja and many special nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews. A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday January 15, 2011, at 12 Noon, at Our Lady Mother of The Church, 8701 W. Lawrence Ave. Chicago (six blocks west of Cumberland Ave.). The family asks that any donations be made to Gilda's Club at www.gildasclub.org. Arrangements by the M.J. Suerth Funeral Home. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com. Sign Guest Book at legacy.pioneerlocal.com/obituaries

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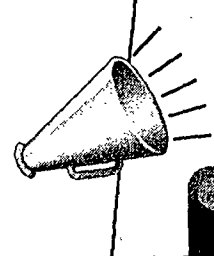
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- Unit # Contents
038 Miki Plesia Boxes, bags, totes
357 Jessica Butler Boxes, files, cabinets, furniture, toys
381 Domenica Marlinez Boxes, bags, totes, electronics, computers, furniture

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- Space # Occupant Contents
B076 Keshia Twitty Bedding, bags, boxes
B089 Central Synagogue Boxes, files, cabinets
B115 Dawn Madison Bedding, boxes, bags
B185 Deanna French Bedding, boxes, totes
B192 Julien Koeho Boxes, bags, totes
C207 Richard Gordon Boxes, files, cabinets
C224 Colby Luckenbil Books, files, boxes
C237 James Brandolino Books, boxes, bags
C336 William Woodland Clothing, bags, boxes
D380 Kristine Mackey Bedding, clothing, boxes
D405 Gino Balfa Boxes, bags
D487 Danell Barton Bedding, boxes, totes
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SALZINSKI - JUNG Wedding

Sarah Rachel Salzinski and Christopher Karl Jung were married on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Park Ridge. The Rev. Ronald Kalas performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Leslie Hoppe, cousin to the bride's father. An evening reception was held at the Park Ridge Country Club.

The bride's sister, Jessica Salzinski, was Maid of Honor, and Chrissy Ehardt, Stephanie Tengler and Erica Udichas were bridesmaids. The Best Man was John Witting and groomsmen were Matthew Coffey, Eric Janke and Kevin Jung, the groom's brother. Julia Haymaker, Zoe Miller and Delilah Salzinski were Flowergirls. Joshua Bandini was Ringbearer.

The bride, who grew up in Park Ridge, is the daughter of John and Sue Salzinski. She is a 2002 graduate of Maine South High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a Bachelor's degree in Art History in 2007. Sarah is employed as an assistant store manager at The Limited in downtown Indianapolis.

The groom, who also grew up in Park Ridge, is the son of Karl and Sue Jung, Woodstock, IL, formerly of Park Ridge. He is a 2001 graduate of Loyola Academy and graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science in 2006. Chris is employed as a computer engineer at JDSU.

The couple honeymooned in Barbados and reside in Indianapolis.



KOTERLA/RINTOUL WEDDING

Rachael Koterla and John Rintoul were married on August 8, 2010, at Word of Life Lutheran Church in Naperville, IL. The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Lynn Koterla of Franklin Park, IL. The groom is the son of Dennis and Mary Rintoul of Manteno, IL. Rachael is a graduate of East Leyden and Bradley University. John is a graduate of Indiana University. The bride's sister Kelsey Koterla was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Shari Meindle, Katie Kruck, and Elizabeth Upton. The best man was Kevin Connors. Groomsmen were Thomas Koterla, Andrew Koterla, and Joseph Upton. Ushers were Kyle and Cullen Connors. Nicole and Madelyn Virzi were the flower girls. Halas Wolff was the ring bearer. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and resides in Naperville, IL.



Cowan - Ferraro Engagement

Rob and Christine Cowan, of Deerfield, IL, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Becca Cowan, to Tony Ferraro, son of Tony and Sue Ferraro of Tinley Park, IL.

Becca, of Buffalo Grove, graduated from Deerfield High School in 1998 and earned a BA in Spanish from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 2002. She earned her MA in Spanish from California State University in Sacramento in 2007. She currently teaches Spanish and French at her alma mater, Shepard Middle School, in Deerfield.

Tony, of Palatine, graduated from Andrew High School in Tinley Park in 1995. In 2000, he received his BA in Chemical Engineering from Rose - Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana. Tony is currently a Product Development Engineer at Baxter Healthcare in Round Lake.

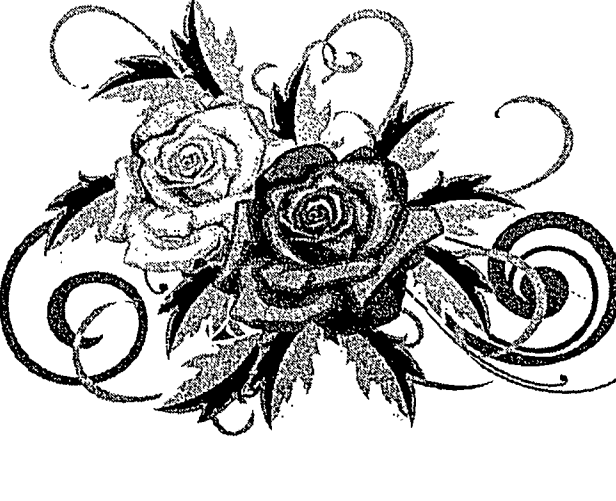
A July wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Palatine.



Couler-Thiede

Deborah Grove of Waukegan and Justin Couler of Northbrook, announce the marriage of their daughter Carolyn to David Thiede II. He is the son of David and Kathleen Thiede of Houston, TX. They will be married December 18th at Kurt Saphir Piano store in Wilmette, IL, with reception to follow. Minister, Felicia Walsh of Blushing Bride Boutique Ltd will perform the ceremony. The new couple will live in Katy, TX along with their dog, Gabe.

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# Hail, hail healthy kale

By MARY VOELKER  
mvoelker@pioneerlocal.com

Noe Sanchez, head chef at Convito Cafe and Market in Wilmette, was introduced to kale when the cafe's co-owner, Candace Warner, asked him to prepare the green, leafy vegetable for a special occasion.

"Once I did it, I loved it. I found out that kale is very healthy," Sanchez said.

He has been head chef at the restaurant since 2006, and works closely with owner Nancy Brusat Barocci of Northfield and her daughter, Candace, on developing the menu for the cafe and the many prepared dishes available to take home and heat up that are offered at the market as well.

Since his first experience with kale, Sanchez has incorporated the vegetable into everything from chicken rice soup to golden brown potato gnocchi. He even includes kale in a marinated duck breast dish.

In the soup, he blanches the kale for two minutes and adds the vegetable to the broth.

In the gnocchi, he sautés the kale with squash. And, like most people, he will use kale in salads.

"The season for kale is all year round. Winter is the best time to get the kale," Sanchez said. "They farm it more in winter."

Staci Oien of Evanston uses kale in fruit smoothies for her kids. It's her way to get her kids to eat their veggies. And they like it. She calls the smoothies "the fast food of the healthy eating world."

She takes about a cup of fruit, throws in a handful of kale, and into the blender it goes.

"We drink green smoothies pretty often," she said. "When they (her boys) hear the blender, they come running."

"Kale gets sweeter when it gets colder out," added Oien.



Noe Sanchez, chef at Convito Cafe and Market, prepares kale for cooking. | Joel Lerner-Sun-Times Media

**WATCH CHEF NOE SANCHEZ OF CAFE CONVITO AND MARKET IN WILMETTE PREPARE KALE IN HIS FAVORITE RECIPES. SEE PIONEERLOCAL.COM.**

Oien, a licensed massage therapist who specializes in pain management, and mother of two, has studied healthy eating with chef Linda Szarkowski, a graduate of the Living Light Culinary Arts Institute. She also sells produce for an organic grower at the Evanston Farmers Market and recently gave a class on cooking greens in her home kitchen.

Unlike other green vegetables, kale can grow through frost, said Jose Valadez, head produce buyer, Midwest Region, for Whole Foods, which has stores in Evanston, Deerfield, Northbrook, Hinsdale and River Forest.

## How to buy

When shopping for kale, look for firm, dark green leaves that are free from spotting, wilting and discoloration, explained Valadez. During the winter, most kale comes from California, but during the summer, Whole Foods gets a high percentage from local Midwest farmers.



Lavender Marinated Duck Breast with Kale and Butternut Squash risotto and a browned butter balsamic reduction. | Joel Lerner-Sun-Times Media

Kale should be kept in the crisper, wrapped in a lightly moist paper towel and stored in a plastic bag. It can also be fresh frozen, added Valadez.

Oien said she has found kale at all the major supermarkets, including Jewel, Dominick's and Whole Foods, in addition to smaller grocers, such as Village Market Place in Skokie.

First cultivated by the Greeks and Romans in the southern Mediterranean 2000 years ago, kale became a side dish in northern Europe, but was grouped with "mustard greens" in the United States for many years.

Kale has been identified as one of the most nutritious vegetables per calorie on the Aggregate Nutrient Density Index scale, devel-

oped by Dr. Joel Furman, author and founder of *Eat Right America*. Kale is high in antioxidants, iron, calcium, vitamin K and fiber.

Flowering varieties of kale are edible, said Oien. But most people are familiar with the green kale. Chef Noe Sanchez from Convito Cafe uses green kale exclusively in his recipes.

When preparing kale, he trims the white root, and strips the leaves from the stem, lengthwise, with his fingers, in a fluid, continuous motion.

In his recipes, the objective is to keep the kale tender, but firm, and retain its unique flavor.

"Kale has a little taste of cabbage," he said. "It is wonderful."

For more recipes, see [pioneerlocal.com](http://pioneerlocal.com).

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## Lavender Marinated Duck Breast with Kale

### DUCK BREASTS

4 duck breasts (8 oz. each) marinated in lavender mix (see below) for 4 hours or overnight  
1 T olive oil

### MARINADE

1 T olive oil  
1-1/2 tsp. dried lavender  
1 T chopped garlic  
2 tsp. black peppercorns

In heavy-bottomed sauté pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add the duck breasts skin side down and sauté for approximately 5 minutes. Turn and continue to cook for 2 minutes. Let duck breasts rest. Serve with Kale and Butternut Squash.

### KALE & BUTTERNUT SQUASH

2 T olive oil  
2 C chopped kale (stems removed), steamed for 4 minutes  
2 C diced butternut squash  
zest of 1 lemon  
1 tsp. chopped garlic

In a medium-sized sauté pan, heat the olive oil over high heat. Add the kale and the butternut squash and cook over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes. Add the lemon zest and garlic and sauté briefly. Take off the heat and set aside.

### RISOTTO

5 C chicken stock, simmering  
2 T olive oil  
1 small onion chopped (approximately 1/2 C)  
3 T butter  
2 C Arborio rice  
1 C dry white wine  
salt and pepper to taste  
Drizzle of aged balsamic, preferably aged more than 10 years for syrupy consistency (optional)

In a saucepan, heat broth.  
In a heavy-bottomed frying pan, melt 2 tablespoons butter with olive oil. Add onion and sauté over medium-high heat until transparent.

Add the rice and stir until it is well coated. Sauté lightly. Then add white wine and stir while cooking until rice absorbs the liquid. Begin adding chicken broth, 1/4 cup at a time and letting rice absorb the liquid as you stir.  
When the rice is about 10 minutes away from being done (usually takes 30-35 minutes), add the kale-butternut squash mixture to the rice.

When cooking time nears the end, remember not to add too much broth at a time. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Taste, adding salt if necessary, and mix well. The risotto should be creamy but not runny.

Near the end of the cooking time, reheat the duck breasts in a pan in a 450-degree oven for 3 to 4 minutes. Slice the duck breasts in diagonal slices.

Put risotto on 4 individual plates. Top with the slices of duck (and drizzle with aged balsamic if using) and serve immediately.

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## Civic

**Maine Township** is accepting nominations for the first annual Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award. Nomination forms are available at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, and will be accepted through March 22, 2011. A form can also be downloaded at [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com). The recipient chosen for the award will be a Maine Township resident who has demonstrated strong support and dedication to his or her community.

The winner will receive a plaque and monetary award which will be presented at the Maine Township Annual Meeting April 12, 2011. Contact Maine Township Town Hall at (847) 297-2510.

**A representative** from the Niles Township Clerk's office will be available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

**The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

## Classes

**Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc.**, is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at [dking4@yahoo.com](mailto:dking4@yahoo.com) or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

## Clubs

**The Twenty-first Star** Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Luncheon will be served at noon, with a meeting and program to follow. Hostesses for the day are: Bonnie Reese, Isabel Ericson Wood, Mary K. Redmann, chairman. Joy Martin, present vice-regent and Illinois State American Indian chairman, will present a program on the Chemawa Indian School located in Oregon. Chemawa is one of eight nationwide schools supported by donations from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Women who are interested in membership in DAR should know that any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. Contact Second Vice Regent, Betty Borman, at (847)818-9001.

## Center of Concern

**The Center of Concern**, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:  
Monday, Jan. 10 - Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.  
Tuesdays, through Jan. 25 - Employment counseling, by appointment.  
Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Medicare counseling, by appointment.  
Wednesday, Jan. 26 - Grief and loss support group (call first).  
Saturdays, Jan. 15 and 29 - Legal counseling, by appointment.  
Saturday, Jan. 29 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

**Center counselors** also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption. **Preparation of simple wills** and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See [www.centerofconcern.org](http://www.centerofconcern.org).

## Chamber

**The Niles Chamber Dollars** for Scholars Charter is an all volunteer committee dedicated to youth. In the past six years, this program has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating eighth-grade students and three \$3,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The student must be a Niles resident or a Chamber member employee, or the son/daughter of a Niles Chamber member to apply. Applications are judged on service to the community and school, response to an essay, awards and honors, school transcripts and letters of recommendation. The Dollars for Scholars Committee has finalized all application information and is available online at [www.nileschamber.com](http://www.nileschamber.com). This 2010-11 academic year, four \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors. All applications are due to the Niles Chamber office no later than 4:30 p.m. Feb. 25.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

## Community

**Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, [www.illinois Holocaust Museum.org](http://www.illinois Holocaust Museum.org), offers the following programs: **"In Conversation with"**... Cipora Katz: Child survivor, Cipora Katz, reflects on her personal experiences, from hiding for survival, to growing up in the new state of Israel, to changing the world one person at a time, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 16. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended; (847) 967-4889. **Live Theatre:** The MLK Project: The Fight for

Civil Rights: This cross-cultural, multimedia performance interweaves poetry, hip-hop and history as it follows a young girl's search for truth and self-discovery through the Civil Rights Movement. Presented by Writers' Theatre, Glencoe, this one-woman show is suitable for students in sixth grade and older. Discussion follows performance; 2 p.m. Jan. 23. Free with Museum admission. Reservations required; (847) 967-4889. **Special exhibition:** Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges: Exhibit tells the story of Jewish professors who fled Nazism and came to America in the 1930s and '40s, finding teaching positions at historically black colleges and universities. The

exhibition explores the encounter between these scholars and their students, and their impact on each other, the Civil Rights Movement, and American society. Daily, Feb. 4 to May 31. Free with Museum admission. **Join in from 7-8:30 p.m.** Jan. 19 for a college planning seminar to understand options in funding a child's college education. It is never to early (or too late) to start planning. Parents of children of all ages are welcome. The seminar will be held at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Additional parking is available across the street at the Clarence E. Culver School. There is no charge to attend;

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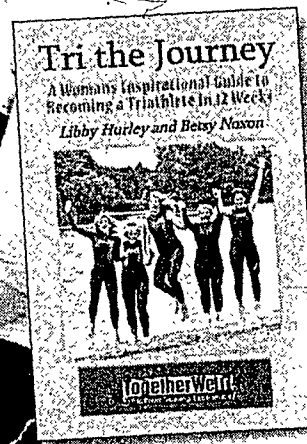
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Betsy Noxon, Kim Morgan, Beth Engelman, Libby Hurley and Mary Bradbury toast their resolutions to stay fit with fruit smoothies made with Greek yogurt, frozen fruit and whey protein.



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Thursday, January 6, 2011

# Resolve to go from couch potato to athlete

Growing up, my family's motto was "no guts, no glory — go for it!" I'm pretty sure my dad saw it on a T-shirt somewhere and decided to make it his own.



BETH ENGELMAN MOMMY on a SHOESTRING

Nonetheless, the message is clear: Sometimes the best way to reach a goal is to just go for it! Glenview residents Betsy Noxon and Libby Hurley understand this concept well. Together, these busy moms have penned an inspirational training guide called *TRI the Journey*, which helps men and women go from couch potato to triathlete in a matter of 12 weeks.

interested in training for a tri.

### Set goals

Setting specific and realistic goals will help increase your success rate while staying motivated and on task. Be sure to identify your end result first and then break it down into attainable mini goals. For example, if your end goal is to run four miles without stopping,

### Rev up your weight loss challenge

Looking for a way to kick-start your fitness routine? Join me as we walk off weight, gain energy, and have fun with this free program.

Walking expert Leslie Sansone, along with the folks at iVillage have put together a six-week program that features daily exercise assignments, meal plans and plenty of encouragement to keep us going.

For more information and to sign up, visit: [challenges.ivillage.com/rev-up-your-weight-loss](http://challenges.ivillage.com/rev-up-your-weight-loss) and be sure to e-mail me (Beth@engelmanriggs.com) with your progress.

Each week I will blog about my own progress, which you can find by visiting my page at [www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy](http://www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy).

start with a goal of running one mile and then add to it. Remember, you can always move your goal once it's achieved.

### Make an exercise plan

When it comes to tri training, the general rule

of thumb is to start about 12 weeks before the race. Be sure to block out an hour or so three or four days a week, and gradually intensify your workouts by increasing the duration and/or level of difficulty. As busy wives and moth-

ers, Hurley and Noxon know making time for exercise is a lot harder than it sounds. They recommend you view this training time as a gift for yourself or an extension of your job. After all, you wouldn't skip a meeting or a deadline just because you're tired or had a long day. If child care is an issue, check with your local fitness or community center to see if they have on-site child care services. You might also consider making a plan with a neighbor to swap child care duties on specific days or times.

### Gear up

According to Noxon and Hurley, you don't have to spend a fortune on gear. As long as you have running shoes, a swimsuit, goggles and access to a bike, you're

all set.

The duo recommend that you spend time finding a pair of comfortable running shoes that fit your running style and fitness goals. Before buying shoes, ask the salesperson to do a gait analysis, which will help point you toward shoes that match your needs.

I can't promise the shoes will carry you over the finish line, but a good pair of shoes will make the experience more enjoyable.

### Learn proper technique

When it comes to competing in a triathlon, certain techniques and skills will help you maximize your efforts and push through difficult moments.

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register with the Niles Chamber (847) 268-8180 or [www.nileschamber.com](http://www.nileschamber.com). **St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church**, 5000 N. Cumberland Ave., Chicago, features bingo on Friday evenings; doors open at 5 p.m., and the first game is at 7. Evening features two \$500 games with pull tabs, raffle, computers, food and refreshments. Call (773) 625-4805.

**The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County** has established locations for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost. Sites are the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays; and the Public Works of Morton Grove, 7840 Nagle Ave., 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-noon Fridays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers - PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals - mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs - printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org).

**This year the Maine South Athletic Pass**, entitling bearers to admission to all home football and basketball games (except IHSA games), is available exclusively through the Maine South Athletic Boosters for \$30. See [south.maine207.org](http://south.maine207.org), click on Organizations, then Hawk Boosters and then the membership link to obtain a membership/pass application - or call Laurie Kovatick, membership committee chairperson, at (847) 292-1665 or John Wolf, Booster president at (773) 935-5585 for more information or an application. Consider becoming a member in addition to purchasing the pass for the good and benefit of all Maine South athletes.

**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.

### Fitness Center

**Niles Family Fitness Center**, 987 Civic Center Dr. Niles, (847) 588-8400 or [www.nilesfitness.com](http://www.nilesfitness.com).

**Pilates Exo Chair** is a semi-private two-person class. *Exo Chair Express* is a 30-minute semi-private class providing a challenge to take on chair exercises and enhance mat exercises on the exo chair for an ab blasting, stability challenging workout. (Mat experience recommended). *Core Blast Express* is a 30-minute semi-private class focusing on challenging core musculature. *Exo Chair Express* is conducted 10:15-10:45 Mondays, 6-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 8:15-8:45 a.m. Thursdays; *Core Blast Express* is held 7:45-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays. Cost is \$114, members; \$119, nonmembers.

**Pilates Reformer** Class options: Private Pilates Mat Training; Private Pilates Reformer and Chair Training; Pilates Individual Reformer and Chair Training, half session; Pilates Reformer and Chair, semi-private. To schedule an appointment, call Group Exercise Coordinator Danielle Desherow at (847) 588-8410.

**Fall swim lessons** for ages 3 months to 13 years run six weeks and each lesson lasts 35 minutes. Bring a towel from home. Group lessons are \$54, members; \$69, nonmembers.

### Food Drives

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

### Fundraisers

**The Maine South High School Swim Team** is conducting two fund-raisers. **Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.:** Brunch at Houlihan's, 550 W. Touhy Ave. in Park Ridge. Mention Maine South High School Swim Team and a percentage of the food sales will be donated to the team. To obtain a flyer, contact Joanne Prinz, (847) 650-1479. **Jan. 20, 4:30-7:30 p.m.:** At Potbelly Sandwich Works, 107 S. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge; percentage of all sales during these hours will benefit Maine South High School Swim Team. Also, available beginning Jan. 20, will be "Coach Kura's Cookie Collision" milkshake; for each milkshake sold from Jan 20 - Feb. 20, a donation will be made to the swim team.

**The Illinois Knights of Columbus** are conducting the Annual Vocations Raffle. This year the raffle features 20 cash prizes, with a grand prize of \$10,000. Each book has 15 tickets at \$1 per ticket. Proceeds benefit the local Council to help future priests/seminarians. The drawing will be held Jan. 8, and all winners will be notified. Contact Jim Lange at (847) 826-1676 to purchase chances.

**The Knights of Columbus** has the Entertainment books of 2011 available for purchase. The 2011 edition offers hundreds of discounts at hundreds of locations in the area. To purchase a book, contact John O'Keefe at (847) 404-1092. All proceeds go to local charities.

**Our Lady of Ransom Parish** in Niles is selling Entertainment 2011 Books at \$25. The book offers a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts cover a variety of areas: travel, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. The sale of these books benefits the parish. To obtain a book, contact Josephine Box at (847) 823-8984.

**Like New Auto Spa, Inc.**, 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed, or buys a gift card from the company - and also asks for the Lutheran General discount - will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AiMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit [www.likenewautospa.com](http://www.likenewautospa.com).

The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

### Health

**National Alliance on Mental Illness**, Cook County North Suburban, (NAMI CCNS) invites the public to "Ask the Doctor Your Questions About Mental Illnesses" with Dr. John Zajacka, associate professor of Psychiatry and clinical director of the Depression Treatment and Research Center at Rush University Medical Center. Zajacka is an expert in affective disorders including bipolar disorder and depression, anxiety disorders, and schizophrenia. Come prepared to ask him your questions about mental illnesses. The free program will be preceded by a 6:30 p.m. business meeting. The education program takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 24 at Kenton-Knox Conference Center, 9701 N. Knox Ave., (at Rush North Shore Medical Center), in Skokie. Park in the lot on the left side of the street. Call NAMI CCNS at (847) 716-2252 or visit [www.namiccns.org](http://www.namiccns.org).

**Pediatric developmental screenings** offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, pro-

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Beth Engelman, left, and Mary Bradbury demonstrate how to do a plank position on your elbows to build core strength. Right, they demonstrate a core strength builder called the Superman.

Resolve

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Therefore, it's a good idea to work with a friend or coach who is well versed in good running, swimming and biking techniques. If a friend or coach is not available, try these options:
■ For running and cycling. Many local running and bike shops offer free weekly rides and/or runs. Some even offer space to bring

your bike into the store during winter months to "ride" with a group.
■ Swimming: During the cold months, you'll need to find an indoor pool at your local gym or fitness center. However, most indoor pools offer multilevel fitness or masters groups, which are often taught by swim coaches who are well versed in proper swimming technique.
You might also consider joining the Chicago Tri

Club (www.chicagotriclub.com), which is a social club that organizes events, clinics and group workouts. In addition, Libby Hurley's company, Together We Tri, will offer several free introductory lectures at local REI stores. For days, times and locations visit www.togetherwetri.com or contact Hurley at lhurley@togetherwetri.com.
Fuel your body
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proper nutrition is the fourth activity for any triathlete. Although caloric intake can vary depending on a person's workout demand and weight, there are several basic rules that everyone can follow.
First, make sure your diet is rich in protein, healthy fats and carbohydrates. Eat a light snack one to two hours before your workout and another one within the first hour after a workout.
During low intensity

workouts, drink at least 8 ounces of water. If your workout lasts longer than an hour or the intensity is mid to high, drink at least 8 ounces of water and 8 ounces of an electrolyte-rich sports drink.
There are a multitude of delicious pre- and post-workout snacks, but one of Noxon and Hurley's favorites is the smoothie recipe created by fellow triathlete and Glenview mom, Kim Morgan, shown above.

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vides 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 Fresenius 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.
Win at Losing Weight, an eight-week weight-loss program, begins from 6-7 p.m. Jan. 10. A registered dietician teaches how to make healthy food choices for weight loss. Includes nutritional assessments and a low-fat eating plan. Fee: \$100.

Sit & Be Fit Class takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 11 from 10:30-11 a.m. This class, geared toward seniors, uses weights and tubing to enhance strength, endurance and flexibility. Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activity for daily living skills. A chair is used for seated and/or standing support. Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes. Fee: \$5 per class.

The Club Res Biggest Loser 12-week weight-loss competition at Resurrection Medical Center begins from 11:30 a.m.-noon Jan. 12. Prizes awarded to those with the greatest weight loss. Nutritional advice will be given during some weigh-ins by a nutritionist/dietician. First-place winner will receive cash prize. Call (773) 990-5600. Fee: \$60.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 17. A registered nurse, certified with the American Red Cross, will teach children over age 11 how to handle emergencies, prevent accidents and care for children. Participants must bring a doll with moveable arms and legs (no Barbies) and a brown bag lunch or money for the vending machines. Written parental consent required. Fee: \$70.

American Heart Association - Infant CPR Anytime will be held from 9-10 a.m. Jan. 22. A self-directed learning program, developed in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics, effectively teaches the core skills of infant CPR and relief of choking. With Infant CPR Anytime, parents, grandparents, siblings, and anyone caring for an infant can learn these life-saving skills. Fee of \$50 includes a baby mannequin and skills

DVD.
Freedom From Smoking - American Lung Association Smoking Cessation begins from 5-6:30 p.m. Jan. 25. Learn a variety of techniques to help you quit the addiction of smoking. This program takes a step-by-step approach to unlearn the automatic behavior of smoking and includes various relaxation techniques. Fee: \$150.
Adults and children 6-months to 4-years-old are invited to participate in the American Red Cross Parent and Tot Water Class. There are two levels: Level 1 (first-timers) takes place Fridays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 25, from 9:15-9:45 a.m. Level 2 (some familiarity with water) takes place Fridays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 25, from 10-10:30 a.m. Fee: \$65. This is not a learn-to-swim class.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings 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.

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.

Reading Challenge - Sixth- to eighth-graders who are up for a challenge and like to read can get together a team of 2-6 people, find an adult sponsor, and call (847) 663-6623 or drop by the Youth Services Department to register. Then get reading from the library list of 30 hand-picked books. Sixth-graders who participated in Battle of the Books may also register. Teams compete in April and May for the Reading Challenge Championship. Champions will be taken to lunch in a limousine. Deadline for registering is March 1, 2011.

Weekly, counselors from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the Library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at www.scorechicago.org/. If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

In January, visit the Niles Teen Library web site and submit a book review for the Book Bowl Blog. Forms will also be available in the Teen Alley. All reviews are entered in a drawing for a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift certificate.

Sports Reading Clubs - Stop by the Youth Services Department and pick up a reading log to win prizes from the Chicago Wolves, Chicago Bears or Northwestern University.
Youth programs on a drop-in basis -

Babytime: 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. Rise & Shine Storytime: 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

Maine Township

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 driver's license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken, (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. 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 New 3's Preschool - This class offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2010, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year-old preschool. Children will experience their first classroom experience. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs Jan. 5 to May 20. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District presents Youth Dodgeball Leagues for boys and girls in fourth through eighth grades. Games are fun, safe, competitive and exciting. Each team will play 10 matches plus playoffs; team jerseys are supplied. Sign up as a team or an individual by Jan. 14. Session runs Fridays, Jan. 14 to March 4, from 5-10 p.m. Fees are \$44, residents; \$55, non-residents. Call (847) 967-1529.

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.

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Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes)
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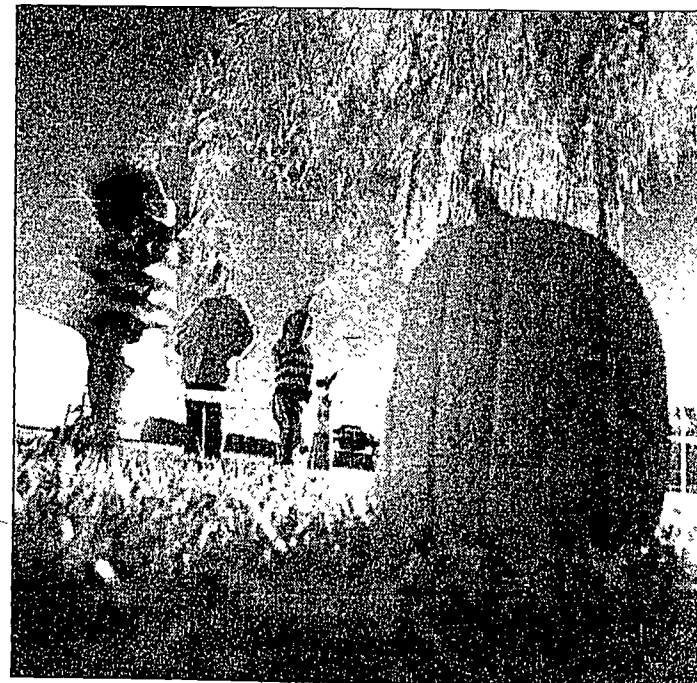
# BEST OF NILES PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

**RIGHT-**Scouts place flowers at the base of the Katyn Memorial after mass at St. John Brebeuf Church honoring the victims of an April plane crash. Polish President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria were among the victims. | Suzanne Tennant-SunTimes Media



**BOTTOM RIGHT-** Twins toddlers William and Joseph Hoffman explore the pumpkin patch under a willow tree at East Maine School District's Fall Festival. | Dan Luedert-SunTimes Media

**BELOW-** Niles West's Levelle Jordan is elated as he crosses the finish line for a first place finish in the Class 3A 4x100 Meter Relay at the IHSAA boys track and field state finals. | Brian Valentin-SunTimes Media



**LEFT-** Niles North's Diego Marin fights Highland Park's Zach Zacker (left) and Jonny Stempel for a loose ball. | Joel Lerner-SunTimes Media

**BOTTOM LEFT-** New Trier's Andrew Cahill (7) (background) battles Niles North's Alex Stavropoulos (17) during the regional championship match. | Buzz Orr-SunTimes Media

**BELOW-**Alexis Kostelny and Izabela Ekert-Bisiak dance with the pre-ballet group during a dress rehearsal of Lights, Camera, Dance! at Culver School in Niles. | Brian O'Mahoney-SunTimes Media



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for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

### Golf Maine

Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000; www.gmpd.org.

**Sixth-Eighth Grade Coed Winter Basketball League** - Games begin in February. Feldman. Sign up now.

**Adult Fitness** - Jacki's Aerobic Dance: One to incorporating music Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.; Jacki's Strongstep: 7-8 p.m. Mondays; 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Next sessions start in January at Dee Park. **Ballet & Tap** - Ages 3 years to adult. Next session starts in January. Dee and Feldman Parks.

**Tiny Tots Open Gym** - Parents may drop in and supervise their 1-5 year-old any Wednesday or Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. for a variety of gym games at Dee Park.

**Belly Dance** - Participants age 16 and up can study under the expert guidance of world renowned instructor. Jasmin Jahal; Feldman Park.

**Jelly Bean Sports** - Classes are geared for children ages 2-3 and include soccer, T-ball and sport shorts. Class days and times vary but next sessions begin in January. Dee and Feldman Parks.

**Preschool** - There are still spots available for second-semester preschool (for 4-year-olds) starting Jan 17, 2011. Offered are morning (5 days per week) and afternoon classes (Mondays through Thursdays). All classes are at Dee Park.

**Tae Kwon Do** - Popular martial arts classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.

**Various rooms/gyms** are available for rental for parties, meetings or ongoing activities. Call (847)297-3059.

**The Golf Maine Park District** offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kit. 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 organizational leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park,

8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

**The Golf Maine Park District** offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abilibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com/.

**Reunions**

**St. Peter Canisius** is sponsoring an all classes reunion at 7 p.m. March 25, 2011 at the Park Ridge VFW, 10 W Higgins Road, Park Ridge. Cost is \$40 per person. Call (847) 556-8655.

**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.

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

**Maine Seniors**

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

**Tai Chi** - Thursdays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 24, 3:30-5 p.m. \$40 for eight classes. Tai Chi is the Chinese practice of exercise and meditation. It involves gentle, flowing movements in which students shift their weight and breathe deeply while cycling through a series of stances.

**Day Trip** - All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles: "Swan Lake" trip, Feb. 5, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; \$106; members; \$111, guests. Guests will start with a family-style lunch at Maggiano's consisting of stuffed mushrooms, bruschetta, Caesar and chopped salads, meat lasagna, cheese ravioli, pork loin, eggplant parmesan, tiramisù and spumoni. Then enjoy one of the greatest ballets of all time, "Swan Lake," in orchestra circle seating at the Auditorium Theatre.

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

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

**Senior Center**

**The Niles Senior Center** offers membership to Niles residents age 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**

**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.

**Senior Link Alliance**, in collaboration with the City of Chicago Department on Aging, offers a free Home Repair Referral Service to all seniors residing in Park Ridge, Niles, Harwood Heights, Norridge, Schiller Park, River Grove and Elmwood Park. Program helps seniors over 60 find honest reliable workers to help maintain their homes. Seniors are given three names of prescreened qualified handymen or contractors who are matched to the type and size of the job. Jobs include carpentry, plumbing, drywall, plastering, painting, gutter cleaning and repair, electrical work, roofing, washing windows, errand running, yard work, snow removal, furnace repairs, wall-painting, lockpicking, tiling and more. Call Carol McDavid, (773) 777-0202.

**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.

**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**

**Life after Loss** is a six-week support group for widowed persons 55 years of age or younger who have been widowed for less than two years. It meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11 and 25, at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge; \$40 for the six sessions. Call (847) 692-8884 or visit www.rainbowhospice.org.

**Widowed Support Group** is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general guideline, who have been widowed less than two years. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Hwy, Suite 145, Park Ridge; \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884 to register.

**The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club** for stroke survivors and

their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potterfield, (847) 723-4765.

**Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss. Groups meet 7-9 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and also on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Families Anonymous** is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., 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 National Alliance on Mental Illness**, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its "Family Support Group" for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Nessel Center, 1775 Ballard Road, North of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-2252.

**The local TOPS Club** chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871; to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

**The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago** has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms 6952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376. An **Alzheimer's Caregivers** support

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**NorthShore Hospice** will sponsor the following Grief Support Groups: **Soul Mates**, is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. **Legacy**, is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To pre-register for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail denis@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

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 Les Turner ALS Foundation** Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowaen@lesturner.org.

**Grandparents As Caregivers**, a program sponsored by Children's Home-Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings

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**The Stroke Club** of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Oes Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

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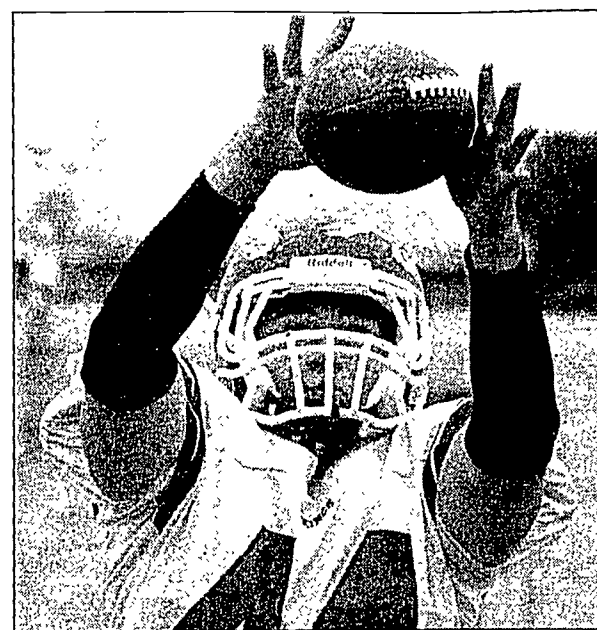
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# Neuhaus still searching for right fit

### North standout is first Viking named all-state

BY MIKE CAMERON  
Contributor



George Neuhaus anchored the Niles North defense at middle linebacker, as well as lined up at center on offense, punted and performed kicking duties. | Joel Lerner-Sun-Times Media

**FOOTBALL** - It's not easy being George Neuhaus right now.

The first all-state football player in Niles North history, Neuhaus has gone from controlling the action on the gridiron to wondering where he'll be playing in college.

"The only stressful thing is not knowing. Some kids are fortunate and know right away," he said. "But it's a process. I'm still waiting to see who might want me."

Neuhaus is likely to experience a happy ending Feb. 2, the first day football players can sign letters of intent.

Grand Valley State, a Division II powerhouse in Allendale, Mich., will look at his tapes this week. Over the last decade, the Laker's have won four national championships and appeared in two other title games.

Representatives from Southern Illinois and Western Illinois recently paid him a visit, and he has been in contact with Missouri State. All three programs play at the Division 1 FCS level.

Chicago's Robert Morris University, which will begin competing in the NAIA during the fall of 2012, is another possibility.

The 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior was the bedrock middle linebacker of the Vikings over the past three seasons. He averaged more than 100 tackles per campaign, finishing with a career total of 330. On offense, he switched to center last fall after excelling as a tight end as a

sophomore and junior.

As versatile as they come, Neuhaus also was Niles North's kicker and punter. His longest of three field goals last fall was from 48 yards, while he averaged 37 yards per punt.

Honorable mention all-state as a junior, he learned on Nov. 18 that he was one of 18 players selected by the Illinois Football Coaches Association to the Class 7A first team. Recognition comes even harder for a

player who's not from a glamour football program and doesn't play quarterback or running back.

"Without question, George is the best football player we've ever had," said Niles North athletic director Karl Costello. "There was not an all-state football player from Niles North before him. (Quarterback) Mike Cortez made the all-academic all-state team a few years ago."

"This is something we're very proud of. George is one of the finest student-athletes to ever come out of Niles North. He was a quiet leader who let his play speak for itself. His attitude always was whatever will help the team."

And Neuhaus probably is nowhere near reaching his peak. He's only played competitive football for six years and could easily add another 30 pounds without losing quickness.

"I played for Junior Vikings teams in fifth and eighth grade," he said. "I was just at a stage where I wanted to try different sports and focus more on school. I played hockey in sixth grade and basketball and hockey in seventh grade. As a freshman, I was still pretty new to football and learning a lot."

Adapting quickly,

Neuhaus stood out at middle linebacker on the sophomore team as a 150-pound freshman, also serving as the backup tight end. Gaining 30 pounds before his second season, Neuhaus emerged as a two-way varsity mainstay in 2008. That Viking team entered the final week of the regular season in post-season contention at 4-4. The season ended with a Friday night road date at Glenbrook North that developed into a two-day mud bowl when Neuhaus wound up making 17 tackles.

"That's my favorite memory of my three years on varsity," he recalled.

Neuhaus developed into a consummate tight end, displaying soft hands as a receiver. But he willingly moved to center last fall to anchor the offensive line.

"I actually liked it. At center, it's all about getting off the ball and getting low with leverage and the right hand placement," said Neuhaus. "Playing both ways, it also kept me fresher."

Niles North head coach Scott Smith was aware that his best player would pick up as many as six teammates before dawn on summer mornings to make sure they attended 6 a.m. workouts.

"George did everything a coach could ever want. He's a young man with an impeccable work ethic," praised Smith. "The (all-state) recognition is great for our program, great for everyone. I'm elated for him and his family. At Niles North, we're trying to build a program with a higher level of commitment. George epitomized that."

Neuhaus was one of only eight players from the area to be invited by Northern Illinois University to attend a summer tryout camp. The Huskies' coaches told Smith that Neuhaus lacked a bit of straight-line speed from sideline to sideline, but they would keep him on their considered list. Neuhaus, who throws discus and shot put in the spring, runs 40 yards in 4.85 seconds; most D-1 programs look for 4.6 from linebackers.

"That doesn't necessarily translate to a player's quickness in football games," Smith noted. "What I do know for sure is that George's best football years are ahead of him. In terms of experience, he's young as a player. He's still growing and developing physically. He's a hitter. He could even be a defensive end with more weight."

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# Rejuvenated Demons finish Snowflake with win

By MIKE CAMERON  
Contributor

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** - Subscribing to the theory that athletes need short memories, Maine East played inspired basketball in its last two games of the St. Viator Snowflake after laying three eggs the previous week.

The Blue Demons (3-14) routed Glenbrook North 45-32 on Dec. 27 and dropped an overtime thriller 35-33 to Elmwood Park the next day to finish the eight-team tournament in sixth place

with a 1-4 record. Maine East played all five games without junior guard Monay Crawford, its No. 2 scorer; who was away for the holidays.

Head coach Karol Hanusiak insisted on better execution and second halves after the Demons averaged just 23 points and faded late in lopsided defeats to Guerin, Fenton and Leyden. She got her wish.

Freshman forward Maria Protic (16 rebounds, 8 points) and junior forward Laura Lherisson (12 points, 3 steals) led Maine East to

season-high output against Glenbrook North. The CSL North rival beat the Demons 45-37 in early December.

The Demons took a 26-17 halftime lead on the strength of Lherisson's nine points, Protic's eight and three three-pointers by 5-2 senior guard Audrey Klepadlo (11 points). After the Spartans drew within 29-28 late in the third quarter, Maine East regained control with a 15-4 finish behind Lherisson's last five points and Protic's board dominance.

The 5-foot-10 Lherisson, a first-year starter, was named to the all-tournament team.

"We were better (the second week). We played a really good game against Glenbrook North. A smart, controlled game. We played confident," said Hanusiak. "Laura had a huge game. She is coming along and can be a force underneath. She has quick moves when she gets the ball."

A different hero stepped up the next day. Veteran junior guard Angela Jones canned a 23-foot trey at the

buzzer to tie the game 29-29 and take Elmwood Park into overtime. Jones ended a recent scoring slump by rolling up 19 points, including two straight steals and solo drives in the extra session. But Tigers' wide-bodied forward Ashley Di-Cristofano countered with six of her 15 points to escape with the win.

Jones also pickpocketed the Tigers' guards twice in the second half, converting each for breakaway layups and key scores. She and the hustling Klepadlo helped force 21 Spartans'

turnovers. But Jones' trey was the game's signature moment.

"I looked up, saw six seconds left on the clock and said, 'We're better than this,'" recalled Jones. "I hadn't been scoring, but I had been assisting the other girls. We're coming together. We know we have to give more effort than the other team, but we're starting to play better and smarter, too."

Maine East seeks its first conference win when it welcomes Niles North 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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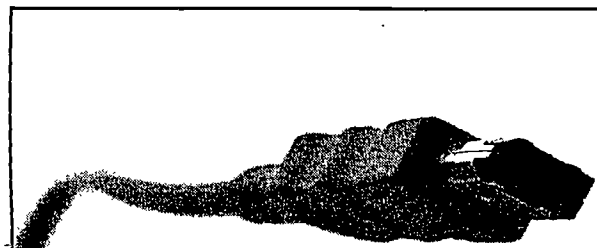


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# Dons and Hawks will tangle in tribute match

Grads McCann, Harman remembered

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**WRESTLING** — Two area heavyweights will tangle today when Notre Dame visits Maine South in the sixth annual tribute match for two former wrestlers.

Maine South graduate Brett Harman and Notre Dame alumnus Kevin McCann were two friends who were murdered in 2004. McCann was the son of Maine South assistant coach Dennis McCann. Both schools have kept the pair's spirit alive with this dual meet.

"It's always a strange night," said Notre Dame coach Augie Genovesi, whose Dons won 40-28 last season. "Both teams really go at it, but it's really a nice

get-together for both teams. It really brings out the best in the kids."

The Dons will be favored after compiling a record of 19-0 during the 2010 portion of their schedule, while South enters at 11-4. Notre Dame beat Ottawa, Elgin and Geneva on Dec. 30, giving Genovesi 400 wins at Notre Dame.

"I give all the credit to my coaches and the kids," he said. "You can never accomplish anything like that by yourself. I am very lucky."

Meanwhile, Maine South finished second in the Homewood-Flossmoor Holiday Invitational on Dec. 29, scoring 237.5 points to take runner-up honors behind the hosts.

Sean Sullivan (285) improved to 18-0 and was named the tourney's outstanding wrestler. Alex Gutierrez (109), Mike Williams (125), Juan Diaz (130), Dan Brewster (140) and Blake Baer (171) also captured crowns.

ND's Matt Sommers will match up with Gutierrez at 108 in one of today's more interesting battles. Sommers is ranked honorable mention by Illinois Matmen.

Notre Dame's Scott Smith was one of seven Dons to win all three of his matches last week. The junior, in his first full season on varsity, has been strong at the lower weights, placing third at 119 pounds at Hoffman Estates and fourth at Glenbrook South.

He likely will compete against Maine South's Tony Mastrolonardo. Genovesi is waiting for Smith to cut enough weight to wrestle at 112 by the end of the season. "He will be tough there," said the coach.

Genovesi hopes Charlie Doyle is another wrestler who can drop a weight class. Doyle currently competes at 171.

"Once we get everybody down to their proper weight, we will be better," Genovesi said. "We are pret-

ty good right now, but I think we will be better. We won't have a 'gimme' in the lineup. Everybody really will be able to compete, and that's what you want."

The meet at South will be a homecoming for Notre Dame's Mike Rice, who lives in Park Ridge. The senior middleweight finished 3-0 last week at 140 pounds.

**ND recap:** ND defeated Ottawa 54-16, Elgin 51-15 and Geneva 48-24. Sophomore Sean Heneghan (130), junior Tim Donnelly (135), sophomore Joe Cortese (160), junior Colton Kelly (189/215) and senior Julio Perez (189/215) notched three wins each as well.

**South recap:** During the holidays, the Hawks beat Matea Valley 50-18, Leyden 40-31, Fenton 51-27 and St. Charles North 55-20. Their only loss came against Rolling Meadows, 36-28.

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# Loyd's production continues rising over holiday break

Clash with GBS next test for improving Wolves

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Contributor

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** — Jarryd Loyd: professional basketball player and soothsayer.

Loyd was an ultra-fast point guard who earned honorable mention all-state honors for Niles West before graduating in 2004 and going on to play for Valparaiso and several pro squads in Europe.

A few years ago, he deflected a compliment from current Wolves girls head coach Tony Konsewicz by saying, "Wait until you see my sister play."

St. Francis would rather not watch Jewell Loyd again. With her brother home on a holiday break from his professional team in Romania, the 5-foot-10 junior guard proved what Jarryd has been saying all along.

Jewell drained three straight three-pointers from the corner and went on to torch the Falcons for a career-high 46 points along with eight rebounds, four assists, three steals and three blocks in the Wolves' 79-63 victory at Trinity on Dec. 29.

"When my brother is here, I feel a little comfort zone, like nothing can go wrong. I felt loose and in rhythm right away. He is the one who taught me to be aggressive," Loyd said.

Loyd had poured in 40 points the previous day as Niles West (12-6) routed Lake Zurich (7-9) 62-41. She collected 13 rebounds, seven blocks, six assists and six steals. The Wolves salvaged a 2-3 record in the Suburban Holiday Showcase after

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GIRLS	
<b>CSL SOUTH</b>	
Maine South	4-0
Niles West	3-1
Evanston	2-2
Glenbrook South	2-2
New Trier	1-3
Waukegan	0-4
<b>CSL NORTH</b>	
Highland Park	4-0
Maine West	3-1
Niles North	2-2
Deerfield	2-2
Glenbrook North	1-3
Maine East	0-4



Niles West's Laurie DiJohn searches for an open teammate during the Wolves' loss to Stevenson at the Suburban Holiday Showcase. Niles West recovered to win its final two games. | Ruthie Hauge-Sun-Times Media

losing to Barrington, Stevenson and Proviso East in the early rounds.

"If Jewell isn't one of the best players in the state, then I don't know who is," said Konsewicz. "She's not just about scoring. She plays a complete game on both ends of the floor."

Turning the tourney into her own showcase, Loyd scored 181 points in five games (36.2 ppg) to raise her season average to 32.2. She averaged 23 points last year en route to first-team all-state recognition.

Loyd chalked up 13 points in the third quarter and another 13 in the fourth. Her free throw with :34 remaining eclipsed her 45-point blitz in a season-opening, 66-56 loss to Hersey Nov. 16. She notched 42 in a 61-59 win over Deerfield Dec. 14.

Molly Kleppin, a 5-7 sophomore, is one of four new starters trying to ease the pressure off Loyd. She and freshman Dashae Shumate each scored eight points against St. Francis.

"I was already confident about my defense. I'm quick and don't let anyone get past me. As the season has gone on, I'm feeling like I can contribute more on offense," said Kleppin, who learned last year by watching her senior sister Kelly. "What she taught me most

was a strong work ethic. Work hard every day."

Senior reserve guards Ashley Brandon (9 points) and Laurie DiJohn (5) were productive against Lake Zurich. Brandon came back with six more points against St. Francis, which entered the talent-loaded tournament 8-3 and left 8-8.

"Molly and (senior starting guard) Nicole (Moy) are playing well. Ashley is giving us a nice spark off the bench," said Konsewicz.

Previously No. 19, Niles West fell out of YourSeason.com's top 25 last week.

"What we learned is that we are resilient. But, defen-

sively, we're not there yet," appraised Konsewicz.

Niles West, 8-1 in the CSL South, visits taller Glenbrook South (11-5, 2-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. This will be their first meeting since the Wolves defeated the Titans 49-35 for a sectional title.

Six-foot GBS center Kelly Minx, who missed last February's game with an injury, earlier this season said: "We want to stick it to Niles West."

The Wolves travel to No. 19 Lincoln Park at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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## Notre Dame, Niles North both winners

Chievous top  
player at  
Wheeling

By DICK QUAGLIANO  
Contributor

### BOYS BASKETBALL —

Quintin Chievous and Notre Dame continue to impress.

Both found a way to reach back as the Dons knocked off Niles North 61-50 in the championship game of the Hardwood Classic in Wheeling Dec. 30. Chievous, who has yet to commit and has drawn interest from Indiana State, Detroit Mercy and Oregon State, helped pilot the Dons to their first Wheeling Harwood title by scoring 17 points and grabbing 17 rebounds.

"The bottom line is that people come to see you when you win," said Chievous, who was named tournament MVP. "We have been playing real well."

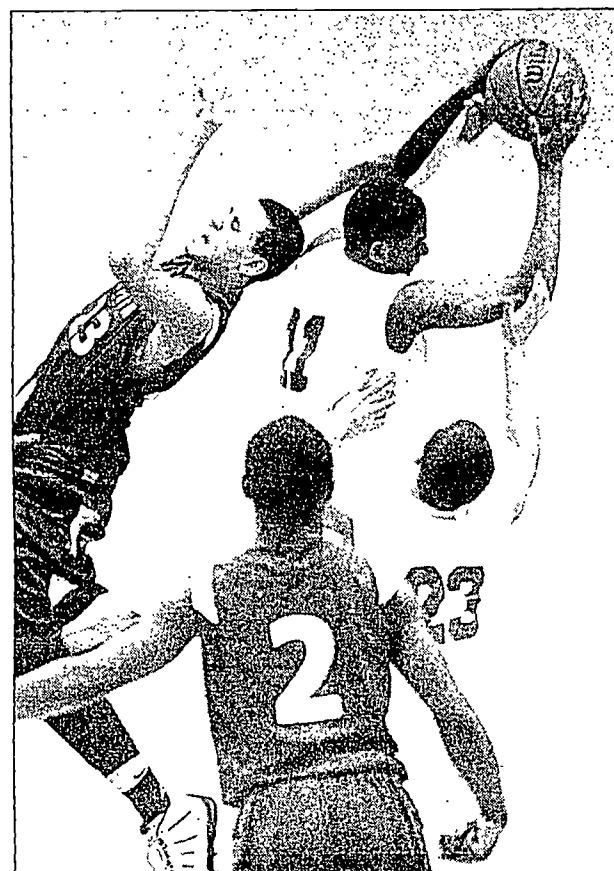
"He does a great job out there every night," Notre Dame coach Tom Les said. "We had different guys step up each night, but Q is solid out there."

Notre Dame (13-1) got off to a fast start. The Dons scored the game's first seven points on their way to a 12-2 lead with 3:51 left.

Niles North (9-5) then put the clamps on the Dons defensively, holding them scoreless for nearly six minutes.

Meanwhile, Abdel Nader (18 points, 7 rebounds) got the Vikings going on offense. Niles North ran off nine unanswered points and Nader's trey put the Vikings up 16-15 early in the second quarter.

Niles North increased its lead to 24-17 before Notre



Niles North's Abdel Nader (23) challenges Notre Dame's Rodney Pryor (11) for a rebound last week during the championship game of the Hardwood Classic. | Joe Cyganowski-for Sun-Times Media

Dame put its offense in gear. Thanks to a bank-in three by Chievous, the game stood tied at 26 at the half.

Notre Dame used that as a springboard to start the second half. With Rodney Pryor (15 points, 8 rebounds) penetrating, the Dons opened with a 9-2 run for a 35-28 cushion. The Dons continued the pressure as the lead increased to 42-30 after three quarters.

Niles North was not done. Led by Nader, John King and Malachi Nix (15 points), the Vikings ran off 15 unanswered points to surge ahead 45-42 on a Nix trey with 4:52 to play.

Notre Dame tied it on Chievous' three-point play

and went ahead on Eddie Serano's basket. After Niles North knotted it for a final time at 47 on free throws by Nix with 3:55 to play, it was all Notre Dame as the Dons ran off 12 points in a row.

"We never lost our composure," Chievous said. "We really stepped it up at the end."

"It was a game of runs," Les said. "We did the things we needed to win the game at the end."

Although there was some sadness, there certainly was not any disappointment on the part of Niles North.

"This was a program that was playing all its games in this tournament at 9 a.m.," Niles North coach Glenn Olson said. "This just shows



Notre Dame's Donte Stephenson (left) drives on Andre Shaw of Niles North during the Dons' 61-50 win at Wheeling. | Joe Cyganowski-for Sun-Times Media

you how far we have come." Niles North had been a perennial member of the loser's bracket. In all their years at Wheeling, only the 2000 Vikings came away with any hardware, and that

was a consolation trophy. So second place felt comforting to Olson.

"Wins and losses are good," Olson said. "But this is about changing a program. And we are doing

that with our finish here. "There will be bumps in the road along the way. It will be how we react and not be affected by losses."

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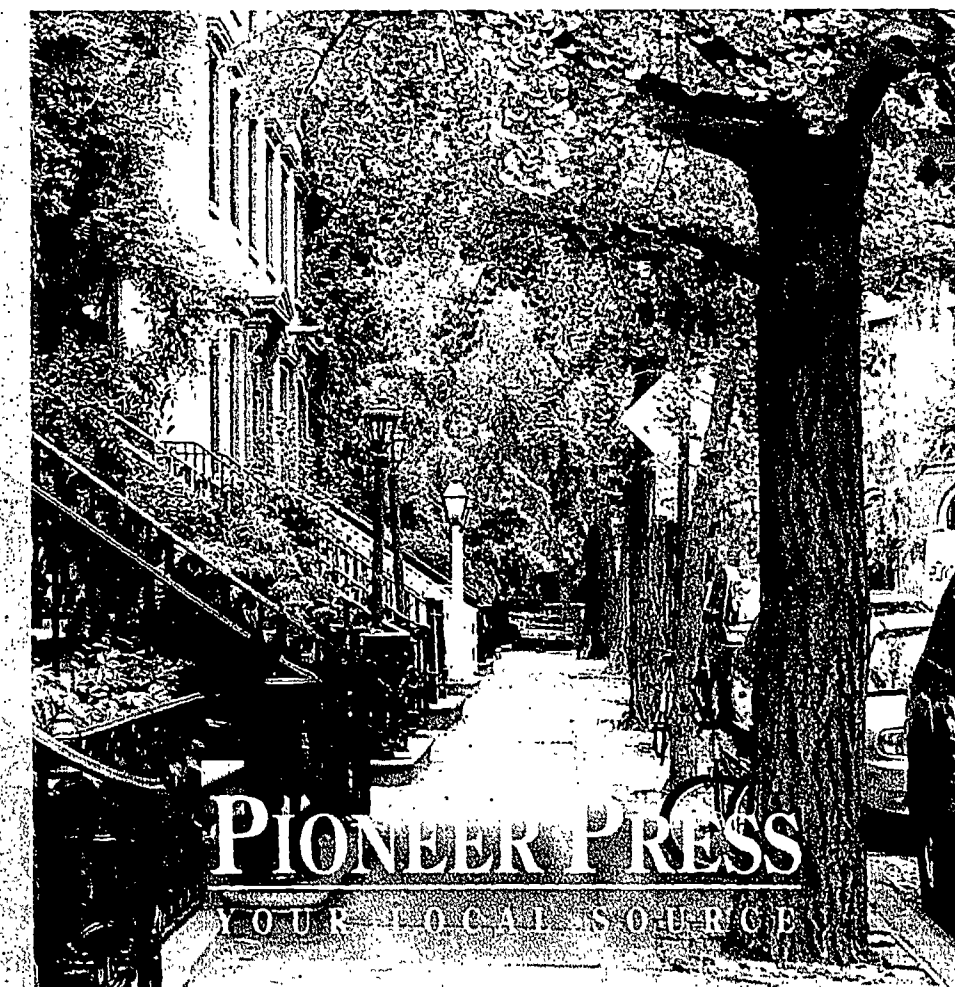
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