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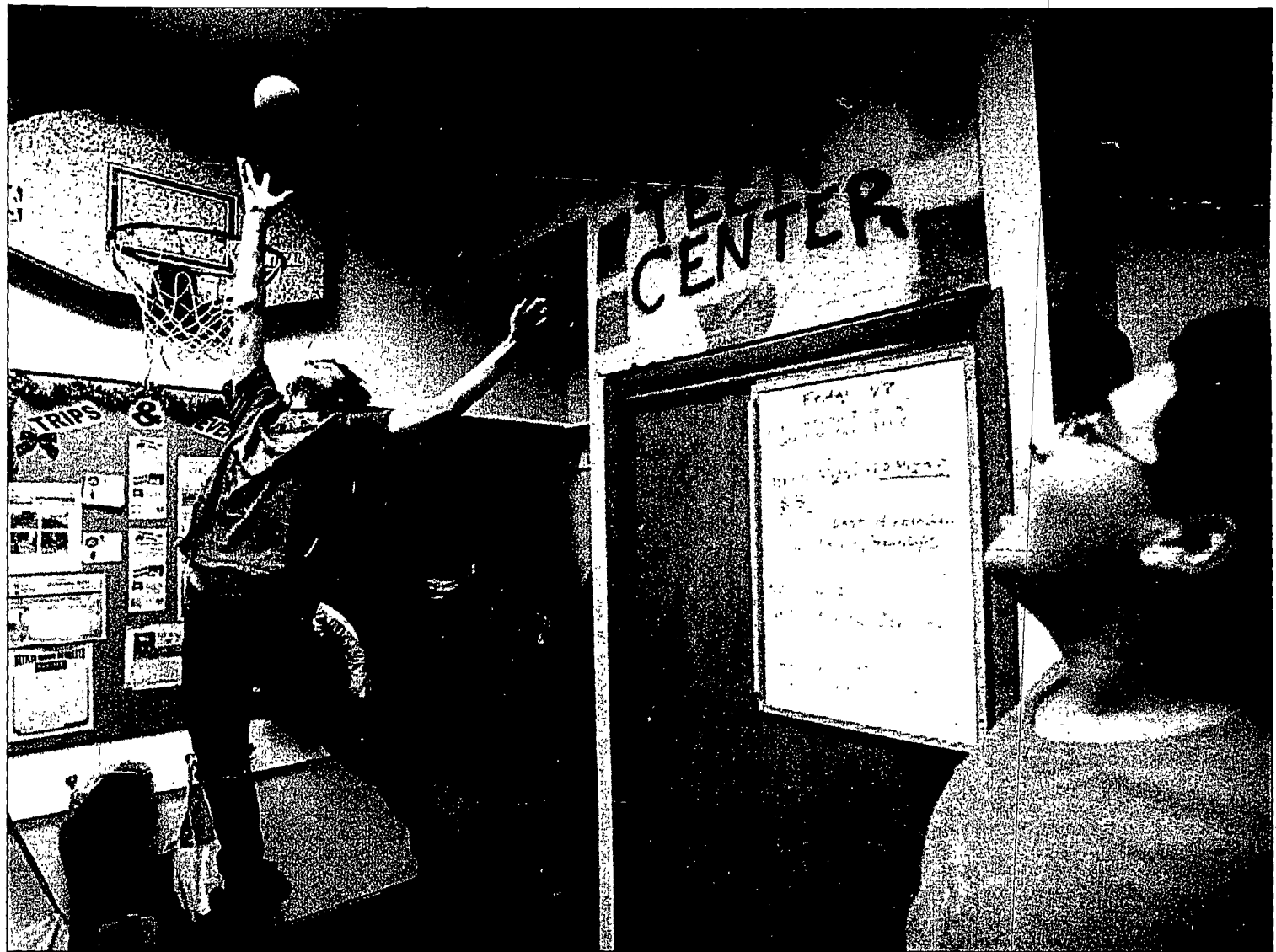
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LOOKING UP

Adam Skutnik, 14, of Niles, jumps up to block a shot by Dennis Narsso, 14, of Des Plaines, at the Niles Teen Center. A national survey ranked the village among the best places to raise kids. PAGE 8 | Ryan Pagelow~Sun-Times Media

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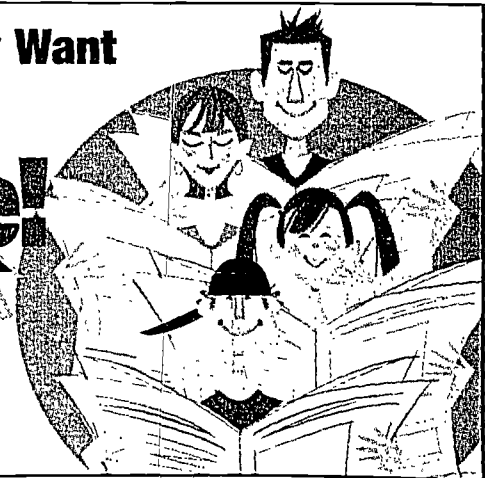
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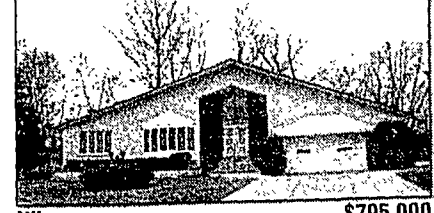
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Morton Grove \$899,000
Expansive 6 br, 5.5 ba loaded w/Brazilian cherry floors. Gourmet kit. Liv rm w/tpic. All baths w/natural stone. Deck w/hot tub. 3-car gar.



Niles \$799,000
Stately 3 br, 3.5 ba brick ranch on extra large lot w/circle drive. Updated kit & baths. Master suite. Library/office w/bookshelving.



Niles \$795,000
Dramatic 4 br, 3.5 ba split-level home. 2.5-story entry. Gracious rooms. Screened-in balcony off msr ste. Concrete-walled terrace & patio.



Morton Grove \$650,000
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Niles \$439,000
Spacious 4 br, 2.5 ba tri-level w/cathedral ceilings. 2-story foyer. Large rms, kit w/eating area. 6-panel doors. Large fenced yard & patio.



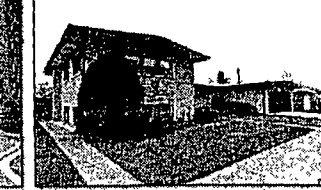
Skokie \$415,000
All good room sizes w/4 brdms on 2nd level. Newer kitchen & baths w/great closets & storage. 4 season room addition overlooks big backyard.



Niles \$392,000
Beautiful 3 br, 2.5 ba tri-level in golden acres on pro landscaped, fenced lot. Fabulous floor plan, new kitchen w/island. Hdwd flrs.



Morton Grove \$375,000
Woodlands 3BR, 3BA offers gourmet kitchen in cherry & granite w/kitchenAid appliances, spacious living/dining area, luxurious master, & more



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Updated 3 br, 3.5 ba home w/ bright kitchen. Big liv rm & adjacent din rm w/hdwd under carpet. Den w/tpic. Big family/sunroom. Fin bsmt.

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Morton Grove \$349,000
Newer 3 br, 2.5 ba townhome w/morning sunrise views. Liv rm & din rm w/multi-sided tpic. Granite eat-in kitchen. Opens to large balcony.



Niles \$345,000
Spacious 4 br, 2 ba split home w/picture window in liv rm w/great view. Hdwd flrs. Huge kit. Brick 2-car gar. Side drive & nice back yard.



Morton Grove \$339,000
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Morton Grove \$315,000
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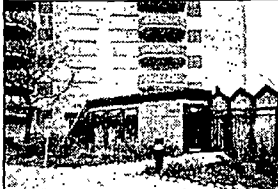
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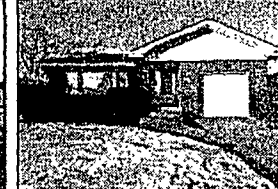
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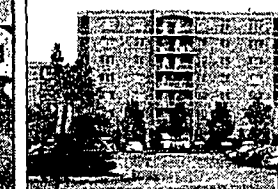
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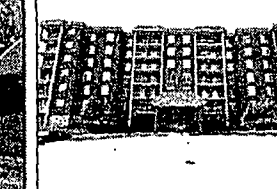
Niles \$249,900
2 br, 2 ba brick ranch w/heated enclosed porch off kitchen, att 1-car garage w/storage. Fin basement w/storage space. Newer furnace, c/a.



Niles \$229,900
Pristine condition 2 br, 2 ba condo w/gorgeous view overlooking forest preserve wood floors, balcony & heated garage space.



Morton Grove \$215,000
Updated 3 br 1.5 ba ranch w/hdwd flrs. Bright kitchen w/42" cabinets, granite countertops, newer appl. New windows. Large 1.5-car garage.



Morton Grove \$179,900
1 br unit w/den & terrific layout. Kitchen w/42 inch cabinets. Laundry room w/w/d & sink. Large balcony. Indoor heated garage.



Niles \$179,700
Charming 2 br, 2 ba home. New roof & windows. Hdwd under carpet. Full fin bsmt w/wet bar & att garage. Near shops, schools & transportation.

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Morton Grove \$169,900
Bright 2 br, 1.5 ba sunny unit w/a southwest exposure. Large living & dining rooms & inviting patio. The unit has an assigned parking.



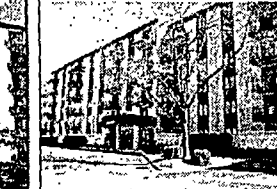
Niles \$139,000
Spacious unit w/western view from lrg balc overlooking park! Eat-in kit, msr w/walk-in closet, full-size stacked w/d. Lots of closets.



Niles \$112,000
Beautifully remodeled corner one br in great complex. Big foyer has a large guest closet & linen closet. Bath has a newer vanity & med cabs.



Niles \$107,000
Beautiful 1br condo w/fresh paint. New carpeting in neutral colors. Large guest & linen closets in foyer. Eat-in kit opens to liv/din rm.



Niles \$104,900
Largest 1 br corner unit at Terrace Square. Freshly painted w/neutral decor. Eat-in kit. Spacious liv/din rooms. Large brs w/closet space.



Morton Grove \$83,000
Bright top flr E facing unit w/open flr plan. 2 vast CA closets, pantry, 2 elevators, coin laundry on each flr, storage & hid covered gar.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Halfway house helps inmates like Blase prepare for return to freedom

By TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

As former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase is finishing up his time at a halfway house in the Chicago area until his March 2 release date, the goal there is to get inmates back on their feet and reconnected with family and the community, explained Chris Burke, spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Inmates are able to have visitors if they go through an approval process and they check in and out for approved activities, as well.

Burke said the bureau generally expects inmates to find a 40-hour-a-week job within 15 days. "They're going to tailor the rules to each individual case," Burke said.

Burke explained that life in a halfway house is very strict in the beginning, similar to life in prison, and then becomes less strict if the inmates are adjusting well.

Halfway houses, also referred to as residential re-entry centers, offer a safe, supervised and structured environment. They provide job training, job fairs, substance-abuse counseling, mental-health counseling and financial-management assistance.

Staff at the halfway house also monitor inmates by visiting locations, such as home or workplaces they have been approved to visit, or by randomly calling these locations places during the day. They also perform random

"They're going to tailor the rules to each individual case."

Chris Burke, spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Prisons

and scheduled in-house counts during the day.

"I think it's a good thing for the former mayor," said Village Trustee Alan Weel. "It gives him a chance to see his family again. I think he's paid his dues."

Trustee Chris Hanusiak said: "It's what the government decided. They're just following the procedures. The law is the law."

Niles resident Rosemary Palicki, who is running for a spot on the village board in the April election, said she is not opposed to Blase being moved to the halfway house, but she does not approve of the village "publicly honoring Blase."

Niles Trustee Andrew Przybylo said he spoke with Blase two to three weeks ago, but the former mayor did not discuss his current living situation or that he had even been released from prison.

"He's doing fine," Przybylo said. "He's bored to death and wants to come out and be active and do all the things he's interested in. He'd like to be with his family."

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Forget-Me-Notes Barbershop quartet the Forget-Me-Notes perform for guests at the Niles Historical Museum on Sunday. Allison Williams-for Sun-Times Media

PLAN COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Signs could be cut down to size

By TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

A proposal to update the village of Niles sign ordinance was discussed at the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Jan. 3.

If approved the updated sign ordinance would create new restrictions on matters such as the height of business signs.

Chuck Ostman, community development director, said the tallest sign in the village now is 44 feet at the Four Flaggs Shopping Center. The proposal would only allow a 22-foot sign at that location.

The proposed sign-ordinance update, the first since 1965, was tabled to the next meeting Feb. 7.

The update states that a business with 10 tenants or fewer has a sign-height limit of 20 feet; 10 tenants or more with 120,000 square feet has a limit of 22 feet; and those with 500,000 square feet or more have a height limit of 32 feet.

"It's more attractive and still effective for the businesses," Ostman said.

He said many of the surround-

ing communities have signs that are 18 feet tall or less.

Ostman said proposed changes would not have much impact on small businesses. But he said there will be quite a few businesses that would be noncompliant with the new ordinance. Ostman said if the board approves the changes the village would still have one of the least-restrictive sign ordinances.

Katie Schneider, executive director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, indicated it would be helpful to identify which businesses would be affected by the ordinance. She said she could see a business owner possibly being upset if they recently put up a sign and have to take it down due to new restrictions.

The presentation of the proposal was made by Jeremiah Yek-savich, of Rolf C. Campbell & Associates, who answered many questions and concerns from board members.

Commissioner Morgan Dubiel was concerned that the proposed update may put new businesses at a disadvantage if they are next to an existing business with a taller sign than was previously

permitted. Commissioners are considering 2025 as a possible deadline for businesses to be in compliance with the new rules for existing signs.

The ordinance states that for businesses with 0-99 feet of right-of-way frontage, no ground sign is allowed; for those with 100-599 feet, one sign is allowed; and for those with 600 feet, two signs are permitted.

Prohibited signs include neon window borders and video signs, such as TVs in the windows. The proposed ordinance also prohibits vehicular signs to be parked on public right of way with the apparent intent to advertise a product.

Political signage would also be restricted to three signs with a total area of 20 square feet and could not be displayed longer than 15 days after an election on nonresidential property.

"This is a regulation of speech," Dubiel said of the limitation of three signs with a total area of 20 square feet. He felt it was a "pretty strong infringement" on the residents' right to political speech.

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COOK COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Vote on pawn shop delayed amid protests

Chairman asks for testimony on property value impact

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

The Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals will reconvene Feb. 14 to consider a request to operate a pawn shop in unincorporated Maine Township near Niles and Park Ridge.

Businessman Scott Park is seeking a special-use permit from Cook County in order to open a pawn shop at 9364 W. Ballard Road, in the Arthur's Court shopping center, just east of Potter Road. A public hear-

ing before the Cook County ZBA was held Monday at Maine Township Town Hall in Park Ridge and was continued to 3 p.m. Feb. 14 after Chairman Terry O'Brien requested that a real-estate expert provide testimony on the pawn shop's potential impact on area property values.

The ZBA's task is to determine if the pawn-shop request meets the standards of the county's Zoning Ordinance, and if a special-use permit should be granted. If the permit is recommended the County Board of Commissioners will then vote on the matter.

About 30 residents, largely from the nearby Landings condominium complex, attended Monday's meeting to object to the proposed pawn shop. A petition containing more than 180

resident signatures was presented to the ZBA by Nick Repkin, president of the Landings Board.

"We are in mourning that a pawn shop has to be there," Repkin said, citing concerns about diminished property values and the negative perception pawn shops carry.

Landings resident Roberta Chapman said she and other residents question the type of clientele the establishment will draw, while Gabriel Temesvari expressed concerns about the shop attracting theft, drugs and "undesirable behavior."

Park said he will be subject to state regulations for pawn shops and will work with the Cook County Sheriff's Police to try and prevent the buying and selling of stolen goods. He said the shop will deal primarily in jew-

elry and will not buy or sell guns and other weapons.

The Maine Township Planning Commission will also conduct a hearing on the matter Feb. 14 following the ZBA meeting. Commission member David Johnson explained that the commission will decide if an objection to the special-use permit should be recommended to the Maine Township Town Board. If the Town Board agrees to file a formal objection a three-fourths majority vote of the Cook County Board, rather than a simple-majority vote, will be required in order to approve the special use.

Johnson said the Planning Commission is considering this matter because of the many resident objections to it.

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LAST WEEK TOP WEB STORIES

1. Teens charged in alleged cyberbullying incident

Two Emerson Middle School students have been charged by Park Ridge Police with harassment in an alleged case of cyber-bullying against a female classmate.

2. 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.

3. Realty InSites: Bush tax cut extension includes property-related conditions

Congress' passage of year-end legislation extending the Bush-era tax cuts made holiday headlines.

4. Blase moved to Chicago-area halfway house

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

'You open the door, they're halfway in'

Police warn neighbors of scams using ruse-entry

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

Don't know the person on the other side of the door? Don't let him in.

That's the message Park Ridge and Cook County Sheriff's Police stressed to residents attending a Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meeting Jan. 5 during a presentation on a growing occurrence of so-

called ruse-entry or "gypsy" scams in suburban communities.

The Park Ridge Police Department recently issued a community alert advising residents — particularly the elderly who tend to be the primary targets of such criminals — to keep their doors shut and to call 911 if approached by people claiming to be contractors, construction workers or "water department" employees, common identities assumed by these scam artists.

Cook County Sgt. Jim Henley and Park Ridge police officer Matt McGannon advised Maine Township residents to do the same.

"There's no need for you to let them in," Henley said, explaining that ruse-entry scam artists have one goal: to distract residents enough to enter their house, grab cash, gold and jewelry, and leave quickly.

They may work as families or in groups, with one person taking the homeowner into the basement, back yard or other part of the house while additional offenders sneak in and search bedrooms for valuables, Henley said. They often use cell phones to communicate with their partners and tend to drive vans.

Such groups are known to scope out neighborhoods

looking for elderly residents to steal from, Henley added. "Gypsies are very good. They are very good at what they do," McGannon said. "They will find you as an elderly person before we can find you and help you."

McGannon added: "No one should be in your home. There's no reason for anybody to be in your home; I don't care who they are."

Even opening the door slightly can invite trouble. "You open the door halfway and they're in your house," Henley said.

By calling 911, police can confirm the identity of the visitors, the officers said.

Henley recommended residents keep their valu-

ables in locked safes or in safe-deposit boxes in a bank. Park Ridge police were advising residents to find unique hiding places for their valuables if they store them inside their home and to avoid common locations like bedroom drawers.

Once money and jewelry are stolen by ruse-entry scam artists the chances of getting them back are very slim, Henley said.

In December a man claiming to be doing concrete work at a neighbor's house talked his way into an elderly couple's Park Ridge home, resulting in the theft of jewelry. The incident was followed by a re-

port of a man who lured a resident into her back yard in order to talk about the removal of her tree and fence, and a report of a man who was welcomed into another Park Ridge home after identifying himself as a gas-company employee. In both incidents cash and jewelry were stolen, according to police.

Henley also advised Maine Township residents to avoid answering e-mails, letters or calls telling them they have won a foreign lottery, or to respond to mailings seeking "secret shoppers" in exchange for promises of money.

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CENTER OF CONCERN

Longtime director to retire at month's end

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

Mary Schurder, executive director of the Park Ridge-based Center of Concern, has announced her plans to retire at the end of the month.

Schurder has been with the Center of Concern for 28 years, including 18 years as executive director and 10 years as a member of the Board of Directors.

Lea Ames, who recently served as interim national executive director for Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly in

Chicago, has been appointed interim director of the Center of Concern, effective Feb. 1. She will serve until a permanent executive director is hired, board members said.

Located at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, the Center of Concern is a nonprofit organization that serves Park Ridge and surrounding areas, providing support services and counseling for seniors, the disabled and others in need. The center also helps to find homes

for the elderly and homeless, and provides seniors with home-sharing opportunities.

In a press release board members credited Schurder for developing and implementing new programs, recruiting volunteers, developing resources and fundraising. This year Schurder was a frequent attendee at Park Ridge City Council meetings, urging aldermen and the mayor not to cut the city's annual financial contribution to the center. The center was one

of only three local organizations to receive city funding for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Schurder is the recipient of a Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce Community Star Award and under her leadership the Center of Concern was named a Hometown Agency of the Year by the state of Illinois.

A celebration of Schurder's work will be April 8 at the Park Ridge Country Club. For more information about the event or to volunteer to serve on the planning committee, contact Karen Hohl, (847) 823-0458.



Mary Schurder

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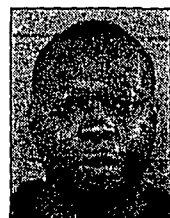
MAINE TOWNSHIP

Cops don't have to look far for alleged heroin dealer

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

An ongoing narcotics investigation by Cook County Sheriff's Police led to the arrest last month of an alleged gang member already under house arrest in unincorporated Maine Township.

Charles Calhoun, 33, of the 10000 block of Holly Lane, was charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute and possession of a controlled substance on Dec. 16 after police seized 4.1 grams of suspected heroin and .3 grams of suspected ecstasy from his home, said Cook County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Liane Jackson.



Charles Calhoun

Jackson said officers from the department's Gangs and Narcotics Unit had been investigating Calhoun for some time and undercover officers had purchased heroin from him on numerous occasions at his residence in the Crestwood apartment complex, located just east of Interstate 294 and south of Central Avenue.

A search warrant was obtained for Calhoun's home and on Dec. 16, Sheriff's Police, along with K-9 officers and agents from the Department of Homeland Security, arrested Calhoun outside his apartment, Jackson said. The suspected heroin and ecstasy was found inside Calhoun's residence during the search, as was

drug paraphernalia, she said.

Jackson reported that Calhoun was already on parole for another offense and was under house arrest by the Illinois Department of Corrections when he was taken into custody by Sheriff's Police. In addition to the drug charges he was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of parole.

Penny Mateck, of the Cook County Sheriff's Department, told the Maine Township Neighborhood Watch on Jan. 5 that Calhoun is a member of an area street gang. The October arrest of another alleged member of the gang on drug charges led investigators to Calhoun, Mateck said. That man was selling cocaine in the Maine Township area, she said.

PARK RIDGE POLICE

Vehicle detaches from tow truck and collides with oncoming traffic

A car belonging to the Housing Authority of Cook County was damaged after it reportedly became detached from a truck that was towing it through Park Ridge.

According to Park Ridge police the 2000 Ford Taurus on the afternoon of Dec.

28 was being towed south on Cumberland Avenue when it "fell off" the truck's towing apparatus.

The car rolled into northbound Cumberland traffic, colliding with a 2010 Hyundai Elantra near Higgins Road, police said.

The driver of the truck, a

29-year-old Franklin Park man, was ticketed for damaging a towed vehicle. The Taurus sustained front-end damage, according to the police report.

No injuries or additional damage were indicated in the report.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Glenview man killed in Fla. motorcycle wreck

A 34-year-old Glenview man was killed after his motorcycle collided with the rear of pickup truck on a Florida highway.

Damian Burgos was northbound on Interstate 275 approaching Lois Avenue in Tampa around 4 p.m. Dec. 30 when the

truck in front of him stopped for traffic, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

The 1998 Kawasaki's brakes locked, causing the motorcycle to collide with the rear of the 1998 Chevy pickup.

Burgos was pronounced

dead a short time later at Tampa Bay Hospital.

The 17-year-old driver of the pickup truck and his passenger, his father, both of Oldsmar, Fla., were not injured.

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Retrofitting cold, drafty homes with insulation is a good investment

According to the US Department of Energy, only 20% of homes built before 1980 are well insulated. These older homes lose more heat during the winter months which accounts for the largest portion of a typical utility bill. Retrofitting these older homes with insulation can save homeowners up to 50% on their utility bills while keeping the home more comfortable year-round.

Brian Carlisle noticed several drafty areas in his 55-year-old 2-story brick Georgian home. He didn't think there was much that could be done to insulate his brick walls and was resigned to another cold Chicago winter. Carlisle saw USA Insulation at a home and garden show and liked what he saw in the demonstration.

"They were the only ones that installed the foam insulation from the outside," he said. "And the foam is environmentally friendly." Carlisle was impressed with the installation as well as the installers. "They drilled holes through the mortar junctions, but you can't see where the holes were when they were finished." Carlisle has noticed some definite

improvements in his indoor environment.

"Before my house was insulated, my furnace and air conditioner would work constantly to keep my house comfortable. Now they run less often, and I've seen a dramatic difference in my utility bills. There is an evenness of temperature throughout the house, which is very significant," he added.

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Oakton Community College looks ahead with expansion plan

BY PAT KROCHMAL
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A five-year, \$68 million revitalization plan is under way to prepare Oakton Community College for 21st century challenges.

The college's board of trustees on Dec. 14 unanimously approved the plan to further define Oakton's strategic, enrollment, academic and capital efforts at its Des Plaines and Skokie campuses, 1600 E. Golf Road, and 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

The plan, developed by the College's Master Plan Steering Committee and Legat Architects, calls for the addition of more than 75,000 square feet to the Des Plaines campus, including a \$39 million science and health building.

Costs include: \$17 million for infrastructure improvements, including roof replacements at both campuses; \$3.7 million for remodeling; \$3.5 million for classroom upgrades; \$3.4 million for an enrollment center at the Des Plaines campus; and \$1.9 million for a student center and gathering space.

Trustees expect to pay for the improvements through some combination of increased student fees, tax increase, dipping into its reserves, "green" grants from the state and/or fund-raising.

Oakton, which was founded in 1969, first offered classes at its Des Plaines and Skokie locations in 1980. The two sites combined include more than 600,000 square feet. The plan calls for the addition of more than 75,000 square feet to the Des Plaines campus, including the science and health building.

"This is the most exciting thing we've ever done. It's an outgrowth of our college's strategic plan, Change Matters, which called for us to concentrate on classroom renovation, particularly the science and allied health labs, as well as space for students, both for services and gathering," said Margaret B. Lee, Oakton's president.

"There were 32 people on the steering committee who were broadly representative of different constituencies of the college. They were all in agreement about the plan. The architect spent about 5,000 hours with various groups, and combined with the internal work of the staff, it was a very intensive study," she added.

The 30-year-old science labs, will be refurbished. The improvements to them and to the college's allied health courses, which are critical to the baccalaureate and career education transfer programs, will serve students far into the future, Lee said.

"Also, we are very conscious of the environment and have had engineering studies done to insure we will have no impact on the flood plain and flood way. We will put the building on piers or 'big stilts' so that the water table and water flow will not be effected. We know our 125-year floods come about every three years," Lee said.

The science and health building probably will replace parking lot "D" without intruding on fragile native species in the nearby wooded area.

The impermeable parking lot surface probably will be replaced with permeable pavers and swales to allow

natural drainage, she added. The one-stop enrollment center will most likely be at the east end of the building and new student gathering organizations, such as student government, the student newspaper and other student activities, will probably be across from the cafeteria, Lee said.

As many as 85 students are now crowded into classrooms designed for 25 to 30 maximum. Reconfiguring some will allow students to access up-to-date technology and 21st century learning, she added.

"It will cost all of us a little. Students already have been saving money in activity funds for a couple of years. The fee has been \$2.60 per credit hour forever, so we may increase that for construction," Lee said.

"However, Harper's is \$7 per credit hour; Joliet Junior College's is \$17. We've talked about a maximum increase of \$2 for five years. Students of the past have contributed to this; students of the present will contribute to it; and students of the future will benefit from it," she added.

The college might balance the cost with a tuition increase, dip into its reserves, apply for "green" grants from the state, and ask the Oakton Foundation to hold a fund-raising campaign. The college has no debt now, Lee emphasized.

"When all is said and done, students probably will be paying no more than a \$2 increase per credit hour, which is now \$91," she added.

"Also, we are at .014 percent — 14 cents per \$1,000 — as far as tax right now,

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



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The public is invited to visit Oakton Community College's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road, starting at 5 p.m. Jan. 25 (Visit Day).

Sponsored by the Office of Student Recruitment and Outreach, campus visits feature information about the admission process, career and transfer programs, financial aid, student services, athletics, extracurricular activities, and other areas of interest. Oakton faculty, administrators, staff, and students provide tours and answer questions.

To register call (847) 635-1835, or go to www.oakton.edu/visit for more information.

Oakton Community College offers associate degree and certificate programs for students planning to earn a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university, as well as those preparing for employment in a variety of careers. Oakton is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The college is recognized by the Illinois Community College

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so should we go to referendum for a tax increase, we would go to .015 percent, a 7 percent increase," Lee said.

But that would cost the owner of a \$250,000 home only \$11 more a year, and the owner of a \$500,000, \$22 more, she added.

Board and is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Oakton's Alliance for Lifelong Learning offers courses at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie.

Bead Jewelry Making: Intermediate (HEC B33-001) allows participants to expand their beading techniques to create an elaborate work of art. Prior beading experience required. Seven-week course meets 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 19. Course fee is \$198.

Sign Language I (COM B08-01) demonstrates how to communicate with people who sign. Deaf culture and attitudes also will be covered. Nine-week course meets 7-9:15 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 24. Course fee is \$165.

LinkedIn Fundamentals and Advanced Techniques Workshop (DAT E24-01) explores the many uses for the business-oriented social networking site. Four-week course meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 24. Course fee is \$50.

Interior Decorating on a Small Budget (HEC B44-01) offers tips to give rooms a

facelift with little money. Four-week course meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 24. Course fee is \$95.

Other available courses at Niles North include: Polish I (LPO B01-01); Shuffles, Slides, and Party Line Dances (PED E85-01); and Drawing Studio: Level I (ART B02-01).

For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

Enroll in cinema or philosophy courses offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

The Times They Are a Changing: The '60s in Film (HUM C06-71) screens and discusses films that captured the era's confusion, change, and hope. The course lineup features both U.S. and European movies including "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961), "The Graduate" (1967), and "Easy Rider" (1969). Eight-week course meets 1-4:15 p.m. Mondays, starting Jan. 24. Course fee is \$156.

The Mystery of Suffering (HUM E50-71) examines classic works that deal with the meaning of suffering. Course is taught by a theology historian. Ten-week class meets 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, starting Jan. 27. Course fee is \$140.

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Trustee Ann E. Tennes noted that the time is right because of the age of the physical plant, as well as enrollment, which has grown 15 percent since 2007.

"There has been an increased demand for health care and science careers training, and curriculum, not just at Oakton, but across the country. And one of the upsides to the slug-

gish economy is that it is a good time to borrow money and a good time to engage the trades, because they are not busy," Tennes said.

"In 2007, the New York Times named Oakton one of the top 10 community colleges in the country. With the expansion focusing on science and health care education, we will be able to keep Oakton in that upper echelon," she added.

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BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK

Survey: Niles one of best places in U.S. to raise kids

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Niles Chamber of Commerce Director Katie Schneider wasn't surprised when Bloomberg Businessweek named Niles one of the best affordable places in the country to raise kids.

It was something local residents already knew, "but it's wonderful we were nationally recognized," she said, referring to the magazine's nationwide survey of 5,418 middle-income communities of fewer than 50,000 residents. The survey considered factors like crime rates, employment and job growth, schools, affordable housing, air quality, ethnic diversity, and access to jobs, parks, theaters and zoos.

"There's a strong quality of life here," Schneider said. "We border the city of Chicago, but we're also a corridor to the North Shore. It (Niles) has both an urban and suburban feel to it."

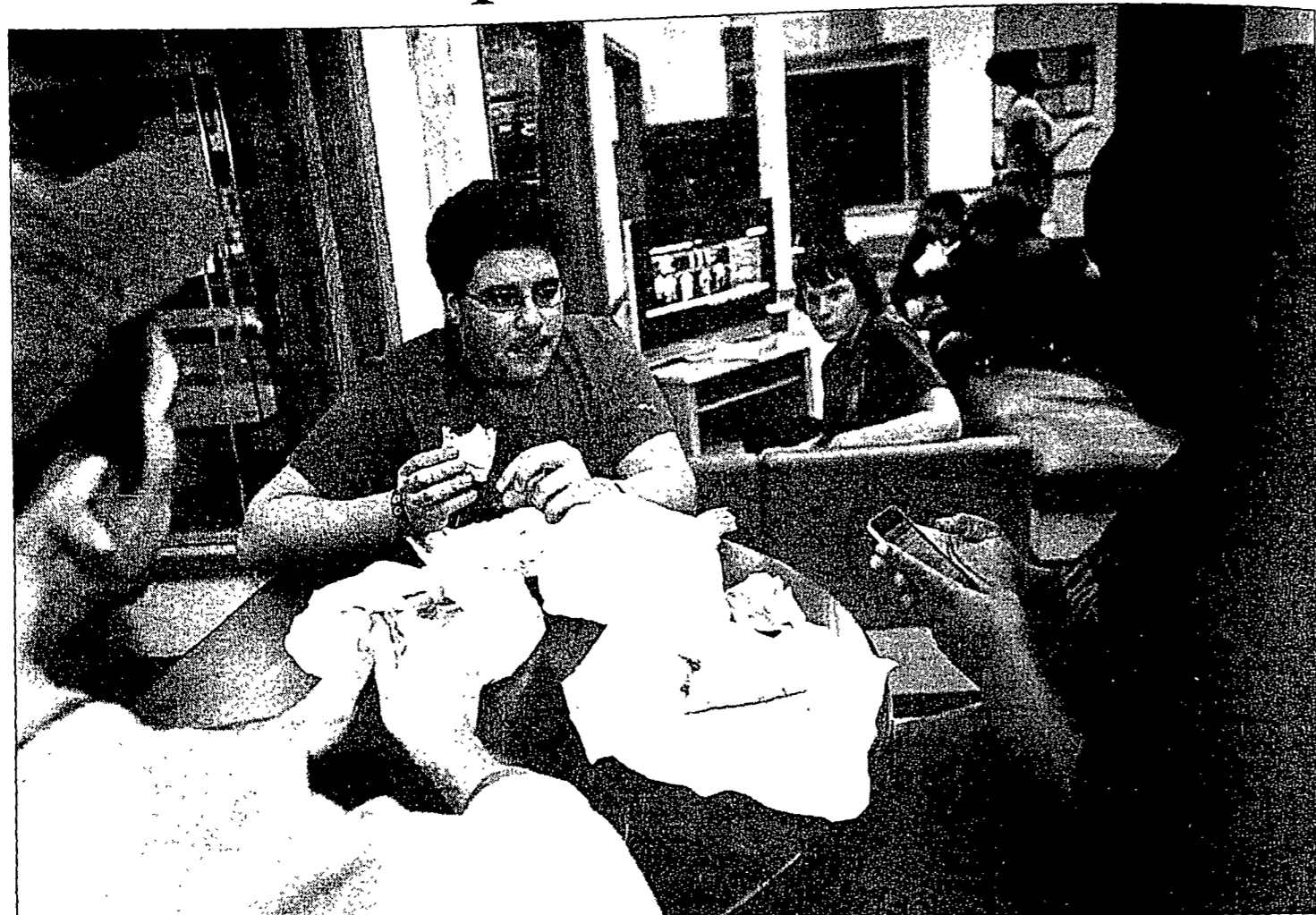
Schneider, who lives in Chicago but has friends who often go to Niles to shop at places like Jerry's Fruit Market and Schmeisser's Meats, added: "Niles is a little of both, which is nice."

Schneider said Niles has a strong industrial base that includes a Coca-Cola bottling plant, as well as a vibrant community that includes several large shopping centers like Golf Mill. There's also a growing number of Korean shops serving immigrants from that country.

Despite the recession, Niles' unemployment rate went from 9.6 percent in October 2009 to 7.8 percent the past October, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Property taxes are also lower than many surrounding communities. Village Manager George Van Geem told Business Week the property-tax rate in Niles is \$5.80 for every \$100 of assessed value, while according to the Cook County Clerk's office, the rate in nearby Mount Prospect was slightly more than \$6.50.

The village of Niles provides



Dennis Narso, 14, of Des Plaines, Adam Skutnik, 14, of Niles, and Lavan Rousseau, 14, of Niles, hang out at Niles Teen Center located in Golf Mill Shopping Center. | Ryan Pagelow-Sun-Times Media

free local bus service from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., as well as the innovative Teen Center and Family Fitness Center.

According to Business Week, schools in Niles outperform the statewide average. During 2007, Niles Township High School's fine-arts program was singled out for excellence by the Kennedy Center in Washington.

Other communities Business Week listed among the best medium-sized, middle-income communities were North College Hill, Ohio, 10 miles from downtown Cincinnati, and Rowland Heights, Calif., 25 miles from downtown Los Angeles.

"It's a place where people are born, raised and come back to raise their own children," Schneider said.

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Malik Smeltie, 12, of Des Plaines, and Denzell Lewis, 12, of Des Plaines, walk out of Niles Teen Center located in Golf Mill Shopping Center. | Ryan Pagelow-Sun-Times Media

FUNTASTIC CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Keeping kids in shape not a new concept at Niles fitness center

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Getting kids in shape may seem like a new trend, but it's always been a way of life at the Niles Family Fitness Center, according to Linda Mathis, whose many hats include running the Funtastic Children's Program, which is holding registration for its seven-week winter program through Friday.

Kids' fitness had always been promoted at the center, "but we also wanted to enable parents to do their workouts with their children in the same building, in their own programs," Mathis said. "After all, this is the Family Fitness Center," where participation can begin practically in infancy.

While some of the beginning classes are designed for both parents and children, as the child gets older parents can drop the kids off at the Club House (baby-sitting area) or sign them up for a class.

"If there's an emergency, we can find the parent right away," added Mathis, who supervises the two teachers who run the "Funtastic" programs at the village-run fitness center, at 987 Civic Center Drive.



Getting in shape starts early during programs like Romp, Stomp and Roll, and Just 4 Me, where toddlers learn to stretch their bodies, as well as their imaginations. | Photo courtesy of Niles Family Fitness Center

Activities range from Aqua Antics for 1- to 5-year-olds, an introduction to a different sport every week; the Playtime Picasso art classes for toddlers; and even the new Breakfast Buddies

class, in which parents wanting to work out early can drop off their kids for breakfast — including pancakes and French toast — which the youngsters themselves learn how to pre-

pare, Mathis said.

There's also a preschoolers' yoga class, which Mathis suspects may be one of the few programs of its kind in the Chicago area.

"We like to start them young and keep them active," said Mathis, noting that the center also has yoga for everyone from older kids to adults.

Just which classes will be offered depends on how many kids sign up — something Mathis says she won't know until registration closes.

But there are some perennial favorites, said Mathis, who has been at the center for the past eight years.

By far the most popular class has always been the Just 4 Me program, in which 3- and 4-year-olds learn their letters, numbers and colors through songs and games, along with daily gym time and snacks, said Mathis, adding that Just 4 Me meets twice a week and usually attracts 12 to 15 kids.

Fees vary depending on whether parents are fitness-center members, she said.

"Members pay \$35 for the typical seven-week winter program, while the nonmember rate would probably be \$46. The Just 4 Me class would be twice that because it's twice a week," Mathis said.

To learn more, call Mathis at (847) 588-8400.

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AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES

The following is a tentative list of the Winter Funtastic Children's Program offerings at Niles Family Fitness Center:

■ Aqua Antics, 1-5 years old. This non-instructional swim class is designed to help children become comfortable in the water. Parents and their children splash around while taking part in active songs and circle fun. Water toys will be available.

■ Mini Picassos, 18 months to 3 years old. A place for toddlers to explore their creative side through painting, play dough, bubbles and more. The class may be messy, so dress accordingly.

■ Romp, Stomp & Roll, 10-20 months. A social experience for both parents and children. Mats, balls, tunnels and age-appropriate toys will be used in this active-play class. Toddlers can climb, jump and roll around in a carpeted multipurpose room.

■ Me and 2 Years. Designed to

ease fears and encourage independence. Children will have fun in a semi-structured environment with stories, music and art.

■ Just for Me, 3-4 years. Designed for those children who are ready to be on their own in a preschool environment. Letters, numbers and colors will be taught through active play, with daily gym time and snacks included.

■ Breakfast Buddies, 3-6 years. Join us for breakfast at the Fitness Center where kids learn to make some of their favorite breakfasts, including pancakes and French toast. The class will be offered one or two days a week.

■ Body Flex Kids, 3-6 years. Scheduled during the adult Body Flex classes, this high-energy exercise class gets children moving and grooving. To cool down, classes will end with Kids' Yoga.

■ Funtastic Fridays, 3-6 years.

Children will play games, make crafts, go swimming and make new friends during this opportunity for parents to run errands. Children must be toilet-trained.

■ Playtime Picassos, 3-6 years. A more advanced version of the

Mini-Picasso classes. ■ Recipe for Fun, 3-6 years: Kids learn to make simple recipes and do their own measuring, mixing, pouring and stirring, then eat or take home their culinary creations.

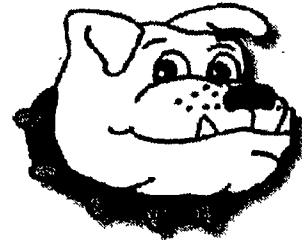


You're never too young to stay active at Niles Family Fitness Center. | Photo courtesy of Niles Family Fitness Center

■ Silly Science, 3-4 years: This hands-on science class is designed to combine learning with fun using everyday household items.

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CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Between Dec. 29 and Jan. 4 someone defaced the east wall of a Nelson Elementary School on the 8900 block of Ozanam Avenue. Police said the graffiti did not appear to be gang related.

ALCOHOL

A 52-year-old man was given a citation for furnishing alcohol to a minor, and

a 17-year-old boy was given two citations for the possession and consumption of alcohol and tobacco by a minor on Dec. 30 on the 9000 block of Terrace Drive. The suspects were found in a white taxi minivan and police found an open beer can in the vehicle.

BATTERY

A man was attempting to break up a fight Jan. 1 at a lounge in the 9100 block of Golf Road when the offender reportedly bit him on the hand, then left in an unknown direction.

RETAIL THEFT

Rochelle Watson, 22, of

7416 Arcadia, Morton Grove, was arrested Dec. 30 at Kohl's, 590 Golf Mill, for stealing more than \$180 worth of clothing. Bond was set at \$1,500. She has a court date today (Jan. 13).

Someone stole a bracelet Jan. 4 from JCPenney, 220 Golf Mill. The bracelet was valued at \$40.

Someone stole a hair straightener Jan. 2 from Sears, 400 Golf Mill. The item has a value of \$19.99.

POSSESSION

Mark Gerontzos, 20, of 8019 N. Merrill, Niles, was arrested Jan. 4 during a traffic stop on the 8000 block of Elmore for the possession

of cannabis, cocaine and other pills. Bond was set at \$1,500. He has a Feb. 9 court date.

DUI

Danielle Lorek, 23, of 5441 N. East River Road, Niles, was arrested Jan. 3 on the 6400 block of West Howard for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Bond was set at \$5,000. She has a court date today (Jan. 13).

RESIDENTIAL THEFT

Someone between Jan. 2 and Jan. 4 removed the license plate of a vehicle parked at a residence on the 8400 block of Betty. The victim did not know of any possible suspects, police said.

CRIME BRIEF

Jailed suburban man again seen for racy photos

A north suburban man being held in the Cook County Jail has been arrested again and charged with sexual exploitation of a child for allegedly enticing a teen to remove her clothing, police said.

Matuesz Bieniewski, 23, of Glenview, was arrested Jan. 5 at the jail, where he was being held on \$30,000 bond on an unrelated offense. He was charged with misdemeanor sexual exploitation of a child, Glenview police Cmdr. Jeff Ader said.

In August, a complaint was filed against Bieniewski, of 4124 Cove Lane, in Glenview,

after the parents of a 15-year-old girl told police he enticed her to remove her clothes during Internet-based conversations, Ader said.

The girl reportedly took topless snapshots on Skype and the sent them to Bieniewski, an acquaintance who lives in the girl's neighborhood.

That case was closed after

the parents refused to sign papers to prosecute Bieniewski, Ader said.

Later, while in jail on retail theft charges, Bieniewski asked the same girl to mail him scantily-clad photos of herself, Ader said. She did not respond but told her parents, who contacted police and signed a complaint.

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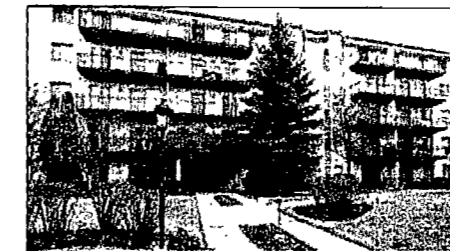


HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

Updates galore

1970s-era condo offers crisp, modern interior
 8620 Waukegan Road, Unit 103, Morton Grove — \$129,800

Located in the 1975-built Morton Grove Estates condo development, this unit features an updated kitchen with new glass-fronted cabinets, stainless steel appliances, track lighting and vinyl flooring. There's also a breakfast area with a custom lamp and glass doors that offer views of the grounds. The living room has carpeted floors, exposed lighting and glass doors that open to a back deck.



The building that houses this Morton Grove condo is a mile from a Metra station.

The property comes with two parking spaces and is a mile from the Morton Grove Metra station.

Listing agent: Irene Yungerman, Baird & Warner, (773) 315-5874, irene.yungerman@bairdwarner.com

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ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A remodeled home at 7548 Emerson St. with three bedrooms and two baths is listed by David Goddard of Garry Real Estate for \$279,750. The Morton Grove home, which was built in 1956, features a finished basement, patio and new carpeting, gutters, siding and a new roof. The kitchen has stainless

steel appliances and granite countertops.

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath townhouse at 7158 W. Niles Ave. in Niles is on the market for \$198,500. The "move-in ready," two-story home has an open kitchen, parking nearby and a newer furnace. Mary Lou Allen of Coldwell Banker is the listing agent for the home, which was built in 1963.

A brick home with four bedrooms, two bathrooms and two half-baths is on the market at 6551 Albert St. in Morton Grove for \$649,000. June Suparok of Century 21 S.G.R. is the listing agent for the home, which features a master suite with walk-in closets and a kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops.

— Tim Horneman

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

| City | For sale | Median price | Foreclosure rate | # of sales | # of foreclosures |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Chicago: Edison Park | 1.59% | \$273,000 | 9.20% | 87 | 8 |
| Chicago: Forest Glen | 0.86% | \$355,000 | 12.50% | 16 | 2 |
| Chicago: Norwood Park | 2.09% | \$280,000 | 22.07% | 145 | 32 |
| Des Plaines | 2.72% | \$180,000 | 49.33% | 521 | 257 |
| Evanston | 2.68% | \$290,000 | 19.34% | 605 | 117 |
| Glenview | 2.55% | \$391,500 | 17.96% | 503 | 82 |
| Lincolnwood | 2.44% | \$275,000 | 17.95% | 117 | 21 |
| Morton Grove | 2.31% | \$248,000 | 28.49% | 179 | 51 |
| Niles | 2.14% | \$220,000 | 30.73% | 205 | 63 |
| Park Ridge | 2.03% | \$332,000 | 13.11% | 351 | 46 |
| Skokie | 2.24% | \$245,000 | 37.15% | 428 | 159 |
| Wilmette | 1.75% | \$602,000 | 3.77% | 318 | 12 |

Source: ChicagoBlockShopper.com. Data tracks last 12 months of sales.



Carpeting is available in much of the condo, and the kitchen has vinyl flooring.

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BUSINESS

Area company taxis into the 21st century with tech upgrades

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Beginning in early-February, Park Ridge Taxi will roll out a new computerized system that will allow for automated dispatching and provide drivers with GPS technology.

Company owner Dean Dinev said customers will continue to reach a live dispatcher when they call to request a cab, but the dispatchers will enter their information into a computer, which will distribute the calls among the available drivers. The dispatchers will now work out of a central hub on Chicago's North-

west Side with dispatchers from several other taxi companies. Park Ridge Taxi's main office at the Uptown Park Ridge Metra Station will remain, Dinev said.

The new system will allow customers to book appointments weeks in advance and for multiple pickups, he said. Clients now can reserve a cab no more than 24 hours in advance.

"It's much faster and convenient for customers," Dinev said.

The computerized system will also allow provide drivers with in-car credit-card-swiping machines, allowing them to learn almost instantly if the credit card

used is a valid one. "Since I bought the company we are losing probably \$4,000 every year because of declined credit cards," Dinev said.

In addition GPS technology will provide directions to the driver for each fare, he said. In turn the Park Ridge Taxi office will always know each driver's location.

"The office will be able to see where each car is at any moment," Dinev said. "That provides safety for the driver."

Large cab companies like Yellow Cab and American Taxi use similar computerized systems, Dinev said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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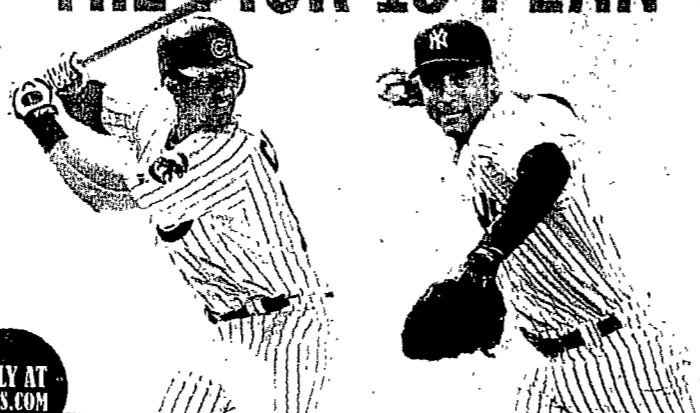
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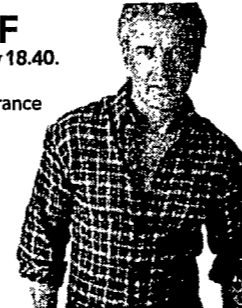
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Opinion

Dreams full of generosity



PAUL SASSONE

It's the stuff of which dreams are made.

It's also the stuff that's made of impossible odds.

OK, not impossible. One in 176 million is not impossible. Just real, real, real improbable.

Those were the odds of last week's Mega Millions drawing. The jackpot was somewhere in the (very swanky) neighborhood of \$360 million.

For a few dollars, people could rent a dream for a little while: Somebody has to win, so why not me?

Who can argue with that? Oh, sure, you can argue with it: The odds are 176 million against you. And that's a very good argument.

But who would want to argue. I haven't the heart. Let people dream for a while. Reality will come thudding back soon enough.

Did I buy a ticket? No. I guess I'm a watcher, not a doer. Or, maybe, the odds were just so extreme I felt foolish buying a ticket. But I think I may not have been looking at this correctly.

As I watched the news that night reporters were busy talking to ticket-buyers at convenience

stores.

Didn't these people know they had virtually no chance? Didn't they feel foolish?

They didn't act like it. Of course, many of them said they would quit their job and move to a warmer climate.

What was surprising — I am ashamed to admit — was the altruism of so many ticket-buyers. Not only would they use the money to help their relatives and friends, but person after person said he or she would help the homeless or feed the hungry to name a few examples.

In short, they were looking for ways to do good.

What a contrast to the well-publicized billionaire who go on television periodically to promise how they will give away their money — once they are dead. (Why not give it away now? I always wonder. But that's another story.)

Here are these regular people waiting in a cold line for a 1-in-176-million chance and they are smiling, laughing, thinking of ways to help others.

And there are the billionaire making their calculated announcement with all the joy of someone on the way to a colonoscopy.

So, though I didn't play the Mega Millions, I think I won a little something after all.

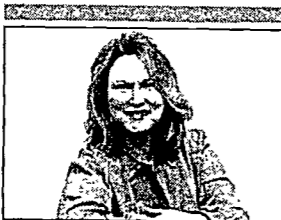
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To dreams and old friends



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

Years ago, I attended a writer's party at a Barrington estate. We nibbled on Paula Deen-ish hors d'oeuvres. It was "BYOR: Bring Your Own Reflux."

We settled into couches, and gazed out at a rambling front yard forested by oaks and maples.

A woman approached

our wordsmith cluster and introduced herself as Barb, a high-school English teacher. She joked that she was married to "the most hostile person in the room." I burst out laughing, because my husband usually grimaces at the idea of a "party" and waits in the car for me to say good-bye — about 15 minutes after we arrive.

In between wine coolers and wisecracks, we shared our dreams. Barb was also an Erma fan, and wrote fiction and humor.

The inevitable drifting happened. Schedules got busier. She had her baby, then I had my two. Once, I faced a family-related crisis and she wrote a heartfelt

letter. She sent photos of her son's school pictures at Christmas.

I sent Barb a silly essay about my husband and I scrambling to finish a Wright Brothers plane made of popsicle sticks. Barb chastised me, saying that parents shouldn't really do their student's work, but then confessed she had once built a rain-forest inside a Florsheim shoe box.

According to Barb, teaching creative writing was rewarding, yet intense.

"In addition to the assignment, sometimes my kids will write in the margins, 'My mom is dying from cancer,' or 'My dad is drinking again,'" she said.

Their writing was a

window to their souls, and Barb listened.

For a while, I noticed there weren't any cards or e-mails. So, I Googled Barb's name. To my shock, I found out she died in July 2009. She was only 50.

We were not everyday friends. Our children didn't play together. I never met her husband. But she was the person I wanted to have coffee with. I wanted to be like her.

Henry David Thoreau said, "You cannot dream yourself into a character: you must hammer and forge yourself into one."

Barb's death feels like a hammer to my cozy world. I say, "Things will work out," and reassure myself there is still time to do it all.

And there isn't.

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Punish individual rule-breakers, not the whole program

[Editor's note: By the time this letter appears in print, the IHSA is expected to have rendered a decision.]

I would like to commend the IHSA Executive director on running a professional association which strives to offer equal opportunity to all high school student athletes in Illinois. He is doing a fantastic job and the IHSA is a strong and well respected entity because of his integrity.

As a native of Park Ridge, local business owner, alumni of Maine South High School and its Varsity Football Team, I hope the executive director and the IHSA has reconsidered the possibility of stripping the Hawks of the 2010 Class 8A State Championship. As anyone can appreciate, this is a major accomplishment and the coaches, athletes, parents and boosters who worked hard to make this happen should be celebrated for their efforts!

Unfortunately, there was a small group of people who took it upon themselves to break the rules for their own personal enjoyment of being on the field during the game. Those are the ones who should be targeted for discipline. They provided no competitive advantage and acted selfishly because they felt they were above the rules. Shame on them!

If they were true Hawk fans, they would speak out immediately and take full responsibility for their actions to take the heat off this fine program, our community and especially the athletes who earned their way onto the field that night at Memorial Stadium in Champaign. The student athletes are the ones who

suffer from this as they are the ones who have to see all their hard work tarnished due to the misdeeds of a select few adults. This is their championship and we need to cherish their effort and the dedication to the IHSA in cooperation with all the other fine teams in Illinois who strive for the same excellence.

On Monday, I hope decision makers remembered the years of personal sacrifices these student athletes have made to achieve this success and seek justice from only the ones who broke the rules.

Alexander J. Barton
 Park Ridge

Let same 'pride' that led to flags' removal result in their return

Kiwanis clubs have served the Park Ridge area for more than 85 years, providing financial and hands-on assistance in many ways to those in need, particularly the youth, during all of those years.

The Kiwanis Club of Park Ridge-Morning has had as one of its significant community service projects, purchasing putting up and taking down U.S. and city of Park Ridge flags, on and from lampposts throughout the-Uptown area on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day and Flag Day to honor all who serve our country and community.

We are proud of the many ways the youth serve our community, and perhaps it was with a sense of pride in their community that several of "our" city of Park Ridge flags were enthusiastically waved at the recent state high school football

championship game.

Coincidentally, several of "our" city of Park Ridge flags were missing from the lampposts when we took down the flags after Veterans Day. Perhaps those who "borrowed" those flags will be moved out of that same civic pride to return them to Kiwanis so that they can again be displayed in our community.

They may be returned, no questions asked, to their rightful owner (Kiwanis, and indirectly the citizens of Park Ridge) by leaving them at the rear door of 110 Main St., Park Ridge, at any time, day or night. Thank You.

Kiwanis Club of Park Ridge-Morning
 Wm. Scharringhausen,
 Secretary

Underage drinking prevention includes controlling access

The holiday season is behind us and with that came celebrations with family and friends.

Often those celebrations mean that families have more alcohol than they might normally in their homes. Parents and other adults have a responsibility to ensure that alcohol isn't accessible to kids.

According to the 2010 Illinois Youth Survey taken by almost 2,500 Maine Township middle school students, alcohol is "fairly easy" to get. While 69 percent of sixth-grade students said alcohol was "very hard" to get, by eighth-grade only 34 percent of students agreed. Adults can limit youth access to alcohol by monitoring the supply they have

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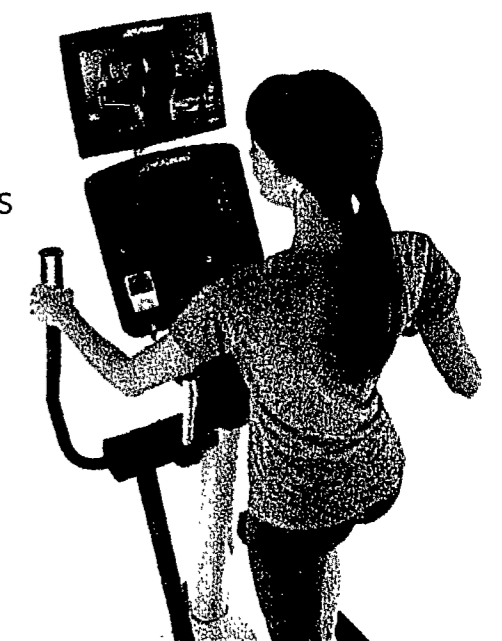
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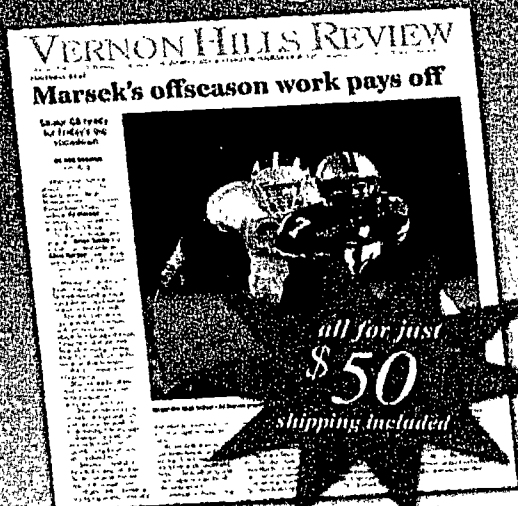
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on hand in their homes and making it more difficult for kids to get.

Students say their parents are the most believable source of information about alcohol and drugs, so it's important for parents to talk with their children and let them know that underage drinking is dangerous and unhealthy. Conversations about not using alcohol are important, even at a young age. The average age that youths start using alcohol in Maine Township is 13.2 years old, or about seventh grade. It is critical that parents talk early and often, making it clear that they disapprove of underage drinking.

Results of the 2010 IYS show a large jump in alcohol use between sixth and eighth grades, along with a corresponding drop in the number of youths who say their parents think it would be wrong for them to drink

alcohol for those same grades. Setting clear rules, discussing consequences and following through are also critical to decreasing alcohol use among kids. When parents clearly express their disapproval of underage alcohol use, kids are significantly less likely to drink.

Along with talking to children, parents can look at their own views and attitudes about alcohol. For example, is alcohol always necessary for a party or celebration? Let's work together to help our youth make healthy choices and celebrate safely.

Tricia Williams, RN
Prevention Project Coordinator
Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation
Des Plaines

Casino a gamble that could change fiscal playing field

River Road, between Devon and Touhy, divides Park Ridge and Des Plaines in more ways than

one.

By the time the new casino on west River Road opens this summer, Park Ridge will be in possible austerity mode while Des Plaines will be in possible growth mode. While one community tightens its belts, the other will be loosening its bets — bets on prospects their new gambling palace will fulfill its promise, and become the biggest moneymaker in the state!

Neither town is without tough budgetary decisions, and even tougher resistance from its voters. The economic reality of a recessionary America has roared home to roost in both suburbs. The obvious response is trimming expenses. On the other hand, the exceptional response of adding revenues is available only to those with something so extraordinary as the state's last casino.

Whether it really is the last remains to be seen on the bloody playing field of state politics. But for now,

Park Ridge can look across River Road and watch the brick-by-brick arrival of a new break-away player on this field. While one community thinks Urlacher, the other hopes to become Hester. Wanna bet who wins?

Jack Spatafora
Park Ridge

Silvestri grateful for district support

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Cook County Commissioner,
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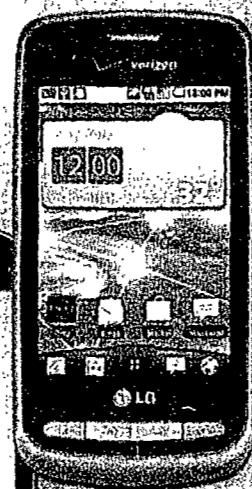
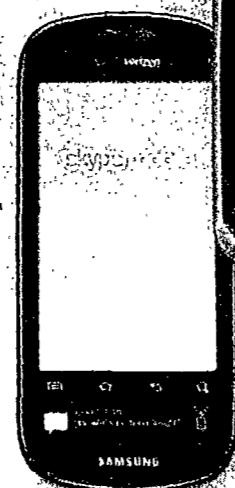
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2. A reception for an exhibit of steel sculpture by Eric H. Steele will be held from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 20 at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. The exhibit is on display through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/art-gallery.cfm.

3. Guitarist Berta Rojas performs music by South American composers, including selections from her albums "Terruno," "Cielo Abierto" and "Intimate Barrios," at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15 in Northwestern University's Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston, as part of the Segovia Classical Guitar Series. \$10-\$21. Subscriptions for the five-concert series are \$98. Call (847) 491-5441 or visit www.pickstaiger.org.

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'Eclipsed' women of Liberia shine in war

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By J.T. MORAND
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When the sun or the moon gets blotted out, some things on Earth go unseen for a while.

War, in so many ways, causes the same effect.

But playwright Danai Gurira shines light on oft overlooked victims of war — women — in "Eclipsed," which runs between Jan. 13 and Feb. 20 at Northlight Theatre in Skokie.

Gurira puts in the spotlight five captive "wives" of a rebel officer fighting in the last six weeks of the most recent Liberian Civil War, which started in 1999 and ended in 2003. They're all vulnerable, but manage to survive and find strength. But the dynamic of the group is upset when a new girl who can read enters the fold.

Gurira, who was born in Iowa, but moved to Zimbabwe with her parents when she was 5, wrote the play after reading a story about female rebel fighters while she was attending graduate school at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. In 2007, she went to Liberia to do research.

"I was inspired to tell African women stories because they're so under-told," she said.

Although Gurira has not experienced war firsthand,



Alana Arenas (left), and Paige Collins are captive wives of a Liberian rebel soldier in "Eclipsed." | Ryan Pagelow-Sun-Times Media

she learned of the struggles and victories of Liberian women during her research.

The country "was just wrecked to shreds," she said. "Their (women) light is eclipsed. The beauty is within the title. There is hope because an eclipse is temporary."

Hallie Gordon, who recently directed "To Kill A Mockingbird" for Steppenwolf for Young Adults, is directing "Eclipsed," which premiered in 2009 at Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington D.C. Other recent credits include directing "House on Mango Street," adapted by Tanya Saracho, the world premiere of "Harriet Jacobs," adapted by Lydia Diamotid, and the premiere of Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye," which won a Black Excellence Award from the African American Arts

Alliance of Chicago. "I'm attracted to the underdog and people on the sidelines," she said as her reason for wanting to direct Gurira's play. "What drew me to the piece is the relationship between females. Their humanity is universal."

Still, this is a different experience for her.

"I've never worked on a play that took place in a different culture altogether, not to mention during wartime," she said. "I've never had to enter that world at all."

She said Gurira did such a thorough job researching, writing and developing the characters that audiences will have no problem understanding the struggles of these women.

The small cast also adds depth to the characters. Gordon almost becomes a sixth captive wife.



Paige Collins as The Girl reads to the other Liberian women played by Leslie Ann Sheppard (left), and Alana Arenas in "Eclipsed." | Ryan Pagelow-Sun-Times Media



Tamberia Perry plays a captive wife in Danai Gurira's play "Eclipsed." | Ryan Pagelow-Sun-Times Media

"There's a bonding that happens between the actresses and me," she said. "There's a sense of camaraderie that you can get behind."

Gurira hopes a light will shine on audiences, too.

"I like to bring an intimacy between the West and Africa," she said. "I'd like people to see themselves in African characters, to connect with

people they thought were different from themselves and to give voice to women in war."

Gurira likes to point out that Liberia is now a relatively peaceful country that experienced democratic elections and is governed by a female president.

"That was a huge leap," she said. "It's kind of a fascinating thing."

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By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

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Theatre-bam Chicago's Artistic Director Scott Ferguson created the live version in 1993. It enjoyed a lengthy stage run and has been touring schools and libraries ever since.

"The original series had cartoons that taught math, history, science and grammar," Ferguson said. "We do an hour-long version that has 11 of the songs and we do a couple from each of those categories — the most popular ones."

Audience favorites include "I'm Just a Bill" and "Conjunction Junction." The latter one "has such a simple hook musically that everybody knows it," Ferguson said. "And the kids often sing right along with it."

Ferguson never tires of

this show. "I feel good that it's something that people respond to so positively," he explained.

Free tickets will be given out starting at 3:30 p.m.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or visit www.skokieilibrary.info.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Melancholy magic: Jacques Tati's *adieu*

By BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

THE ILLUSIONIST

Gentle, wistful and sweet, this often gorgeous, hand-crafted animated film from the director of "The Triplets of Belleville" is also tinged, ultimately, with bitterness — a result of the title character's increasing inability to maintain the illusion that his time is not past.

Based on an unproduced screenplay by the 1950s French filmmaker Jacques Tati, who played the bumbling, kindly Monsieur Hulot in classics such as "Jour de Fete," "Mr. Hulot's Holiday" and "Mon Oncle," "The Illusionist" is the story of a modestly talented music-hall magician named Jacques Tatischeff (Tati's real name), struggling to survive in a changing world.

Tatischeff, who is essentially Mr. Hulot reborn, is a magician of the presto-change-o, pull-a-rabbit-from-hat variety, who apparently once had a comfortable career playing respectable theaters. But in "The Illusionist," the audiences have dwindled and all but disappeared, though they're soon to be replenished by screaming teenage girls who crave rock 'n' roll. Our hero finally realizes his days as a theatrical act are over when he stands in the wings with his little table and his top hat and his peevish rabbit, waiting for a grotesquely caricatured, pompadoured rock group called Billy Boy and the Britoons to finish their set. Only to be forgotten while they play encore after encore.

From that low point, Tatischeff performs wherever his hot-tempered agent can find him a job, moving farther and farther away from the big time until he



winds up playing a small Scottish village where the residents have recently been amazed by the introduction of electricity and are enthusiastically receptive to his antique brand of entertainment.

The most enthusiastic is a poor young teen named Alice, who is apparently all alone in the world and innocent enough to believe that Tatischeff is a real magician when he takes a fatherly interest in her and presents her with a pair of red shoes before leaving. When Alice stows away on the ferry taking him to his next gig in Edinburgh and declares her intention to stay with him, Tatischeff agrees, for unstated reasons that are directly related to Tati's personal life — reasons which finally made him decide "The Illusionist" was too personal a story for him to tell.

Essentially, "The Illusionist" was inspired by Tati's regret at having dedicated his life to his career at the expense of his relationship with his daughter Sophie (and, apparently, another illegitimate daughter that he abandoned altogether). Sophie Tatischeff grew up to become a filmmaker herself and edited several of his classics. Sophie also became the executor of his estate and, after admiring director Sylvain Chomet's whimsical, gently humorous yet touching "Triplets," approached him to ask if he would take on the 50-year-old script as his next feature.

That was a very good decision. Chomet's sensibility perfectly dovetails with Tati's and the eccentric, antique quality that was so charming in "Triplets" is ideally suitable for this evocation of the innocent, though hardly benign 1950s of "The Illusionist." (It's worth noting, for the less patient, that the sensibility of "The Illusionist" involves a slow, slow, slow pace and a couple of disappointingly clunky narrative transitions near the end.)

Alice and Tatischeff are happy, for a time, living chastely together in a run-down showbiz hotel catering to suicidal clowns, drunken ventriloquists and relentlessly energetic acrobats. But the strain of working demeaning side jobs to maintain the illusion that he is indeed a magician, capable of buying Alice the pretty clothes she innocently requests, begins to wear on him. And, of course, Alice eventually begins to grow up, and eventually meets a boy who works his own sort of magic on her.

Offsetting the pain of Tatischeff's gradual disillusionment about the life he has chosen (far less devastating than the acid bitterness of certain other residents of their hotel), is Tati's trademark whimsical, understated humor (communicated with a near-wordless screenplay), a deep sense of affection for life and a feast of achingly beautiful, hand-drawn, water-color imagery.

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THE DILEMMA

When a man (Vince Vaughn) discovers that the wife (Winona Ryder) of his best friend (Kevin James) is having an affair, he agonizes about whether or not to tell him. Ron Howard directed the comedy. Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements involving sexual content.

THE ILLUSIONIST

An old-fashioned music-hall magician who is finding it harder and harder to get work takes on the care of an innocent Scottish girl in Edinburgh. Sylvain Chomet ("The Triplets of Belleville") directed the animated adventure, based on an unproduced screenplay by French cinema icon Jacques Tati. (90 min.) Rated PG for thematic elements and smoking.

THE GREEN HORNET

When a slacker (Seth Rogen) inherits his father's media empire, he uses his new fortune to fight crime with the help of his father's mysterious Asian bodyguard (Jay Chou). Michel Gondry ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind") directed the action comedy from a script co-written by Rogen. Rated PG-13 for sequences of violent action, language, sensuality and drug content.

STILL PLAYING:

ANOTHER YEAR

A year in the life of a couple (Jim Broadbent, Ruth Sheen) who have been happily married for decades, while surrounded by unhappy friends and family. Written and directed by Mike Leigh ("Happy Go Lucky"). (129 min.) Rated PG-13 for some language.

BLUE VALENTINE

Love hurts, especially in retrospect. Former documentarian Derek Cianfrance makes his feature debut with this painful examination of the blissful beginning and miserable end of the once-upon-a-time sweet romance turned failed marriage of Dean and Cindy (Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams, each trying to out-nuance the other) - cutting back and forth in time for maximum bitter contrast. Cianfrance underscores naturalism to such a degree (handheld camera, natural light, semi-improvised dialogue) that "Blue Valentine" soon starts to seem self-consciously stylized, but that's easy to overlook, considering the uncomfortably truthful moments in the all-too-universal story. It's not all pain,

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of course. Though things are dismal near the end, they're equally charming at the start, with one scene in particular (Gosling strumming a ukulele and singing "You Always Hurt the One You Love" while Williams contrives a little soft-shoe dance, reminding us why it's all worthwhile. (B) (120 min.) Rated R for strong, sexual graphic content, language and a beating.

COUNTRY STRONG

An up-and-coming country music singer (Garrett Hedlund) falls for a former star (Gwyneth Paltrow) and joins forces with her. Shana Feste ("The Greatest") wrote and directed the romance. (112 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic elements involving alcohol abuse and some sexual content.

CASINO JACK

Entirely non-tragic in mood, and a comedy only in terms of delivery and lightness of tone, this uneven but extremely entertaining pseudo-biography comedy of doomed Washington "super lobbyist" Jack Abramoff occupies a somewhat ill-defined dramatic space. It also hurtles along at such a breakneck pace that it often feels close to spinning out of control. Fortunately, though, those betwixt-and-between, off-balance qualities set the perfect tone for dramatizing the high-flying, fraudulent, hubris-riddled existence Abramoff (brilliantly played by Kevin Spacey) leads before his spectacular crash and humiliation. "Casino Jack" doesn't offer much insight into what made Abramoff the man, unfortunately, but it does offer many fascinating details about the wild contradictions in his character (the unrepentant con man who is also devoutly religious) - and Spacey makes the most of them. (B) (108 min.) Rated R for pervasive language, some violence and brief nudity.

RABBIT HOLE

A once happily-married couple (Aaron Eckhart, Nicole Kidman) drift apart as they attempt to cope with the recent death of their child. John Cameron Mitchell ("Hedwig and the Angry Inch") directed the drama. (101 min.) Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, some drug use and language.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

A slacker travel-writer (Jack Black) heads for an assignment in Bermuda, but winds up having a big time in Lilliput. Rob Letterman ("Monsters vs. Aliens") directed the comedy. Rated PG for brief rude humor, mild language and action.

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THE KING'S SPEECH

★★★ 1/2
This is a solid, well-turned state-ly production in the best Brit tradition, but "The King's Speech" works best because of the human qualities of this true story - particularly its touching portrait of an exceedingly unlikely friendship. Colin Firth gives an Oscar-worthy performance as the deeply reluctant King George VI, who is forced to take the throne after his brother (Guy Pearce) abdicates in scandal on the eve of World War II, though he is afflicted with a stammer that has made him a laughingstock all his life. Geoffrey Rush is equally good as Lionel Logue, the eccentric speech therapist who offers a cure, though it involves calling the king "Bertie" and engaging in a fair amount of seat-of-the-pants psychotherapy. Firth is at his best here, conveying the king's acute embarrassment, frustration, simmering anger and, yes, underlying nobility. And it helps that director Tom Hooper ("The Damned United," TV's "John Adams") frequently finds the humor in the situation: As in the wonderful scene (solely responsible for the film's R rating) in which Logue encourages a smooth flow of speech by provoking the king into extended profanity. (B) (118 min.) Rated R for some language.

LITTLE FOCKERS

The Focker family patriarch (Robert De Niro) wants to appoint a successor and his perpetually disdained son-in-law (Ben Stiller) wants the job. Paul Weitz ("Cirque du Freak") directed the comedy. (98 min.) Rated PG-13 for mature sexual humor throughout, language and some drug content.

TRUE GRIT

Delivered entirely without irony (and not much along the lines of misanthropy), which is a remarkable change of pace, to say the least, for the Coen Brothers, this remake of the 1969 John Wayne classic is a straight-ahead elegiac Western - no more or less revisionist than it was 40 years ago. The no-doubt familiar story concerns 14-year-old Mattie Ross (newcomer Hailee Steinfeld, excellent), who's out to revenge the shooting death of her father by no-good drifting varmint Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin). Mattie, who's as implacable about getting her way as she is merciless about driving a hard bargain, hires one-eyed, generally inebriated Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges), the meanest federal marshal she can find, and pays him good money to

I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS

A con man (Jim Carrey) recalls how he met the man of his dreams (Ewan McGregor) in prison. Screenwriters Glenn Ficarra and John Requa ("Bad Santa") make their directorial debut with the comic drama. (102 min.) Rated R for sexual content including strong dialogue, and language.

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track her man into Indian territory. With herself riding along to make sure she gets value for her dollar - accompanied by a slightly dandy Texas Ranger named LaBoeuf (Matt Damon, a mild disappointment), who has his own plans for Chaney. The new "True Grit" looks wonderful (no surprise with the great Roger Deakins behind the camera) and Bridges comes close to matching Wayne's matchless Oscar-winning performance (also no surprise), but if you've got a weak spot for writerly flourishes, the earthy, archaically formal, deadpan comic dialogue is a joy in itself. (B) (110 min.) Rated PG-13 for some intense sequences of Western violence including disturbing images.

THE FIGHTER

★★★ 1/2
Yes, it's an awful cliché, but this is still the best way to say it: "The Fighter" is a knockout. The film never strays far from the "Rocky" template, establishing slugger "Irish" Mickey Ward (Mark Wahlberg at his best) at the very bottom of the boxing game, before finding romance, turning his life around and getting an unexpected title shot. The apparently basically true story is as much about family as it is about boxing. The unflinchingly loyal Mickey is handicapped by the toxic manager/trainer team of his mother and brother (Melissa Leo and Christian Bale, both good bets for Oscars) - until Dickie, his crack-addicted former contender brother, winds up in prison and his tough new girlfriend (Amy Adams) moves in to free him from mommy. Bale gives another remarkable performance as the crazy, charming, still-dangerous Dickie, but the best thing "The Fighter" has going for it is the career-best effort from director David O. Russell. He turns every standard boxing-movie convention in the story to the film's advantage: The emotional oomph of the underdog contender story, the against-the-odds romance, the climactic title fight with an impossible-to-beat defending champ. And he does it with unflinching energy, inventiveness and heart. (114 min.) Rated R for language throughout, drug content, some violence and sexuality.

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Tues-Thurs: 1:45-2:15-4:00
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CASINO JACK (R)

Fri-Mon: 11:35-2:20-5:00-7:45
Tues-Thurs: 2:20-5:00-7:45

BLACK SWAN (R)

Fri-Mon: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:10
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Mon: 10:00-1:00-4:05-7:00
Tues-Thurs: 10:30-1:15-4:05-7:00

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Mon: 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00
Tues-Thurs: 11:00-2:00-5:00-7:45

THE KING'S SPEECH (R)

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THE FIGHTER (R)

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SEASON OF THE WITCH (PG-13)

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THE FIGHTER (R)

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THE GREEN HORNET (PG-13)

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Play shows lives with special needs

'The Boys Next Door'
Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Jan. 13-Feb. 20, plus 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. \$27-\$33 for previews (Jan. 13-15), \$35-\$43 for regular run. (847) 577-2121 or www.metropolisarts.com.

By **MYRNA PETLICKI**
Contributor

There's never a dull moment in the group home shared by four men with special needs in Tom Griffin's "The Boys Next Door." Metropolis Performing Arts Centre is staging this heartwarming comedy-drama under David Belew's direction. It's a play that requires a delicate, sensitive touch to portray each character realistically — not as caricatures. Metropolis' staff, the artistic team and the cast have gone to great lengths to achieve this goal. (They have also joined forces with organizations that support individuals with special needs to offer information to audiences. See sidebar.)

David Elliott of Morton Grove plays Norman, who has Down syndrome. "He's a sweetheart of a gentleman," Elliott said. "He's very romantic. He's in love with Sheila, who also has problems. He wants to have her over to see his pad."

Doughnut fan

Norman also loves doughnuts and — fortunately or unfortunately — he works in a doughnut shop. "He's gained 17 pounds in three months," Elliott said. "The first time you see him, he comes in with a box of doughnuts under his shirt, trying to sneak it into his bedroom."

Elliott reported that Metropolis partnered with Clearbrook, an association that helps people who have many different special needs, including Down syndrome. Cast members visited Clearbrook's work-

shop during a Christmas party. "That was very eye-opening," the actor said. "They were very happy but it still tore your heart out to see the problems that they're faced with. So many things we take for granted, they struggle with."

In developing the character, the actor said, "I don't feel like I'm playing the disease as much as I'm playing the sincerity and the importance of all the objectives."

Elliott, who earned an acting degree in 1983, worked in sales for 20 years, returning to acting in 2008. He also sings at a church and teaches theater. He has appeared in about a dozen shows at Metropolis.

Denise Tamburrino of Deerfield plays Norman's romantic interest Sheila, who is a resident of another group home. "She is a very happy-go-lucky kind of person," Tamburrino said. "She likes Norman and she likes keys." That's tricky because Norman is totally attached to his keys — and Sheila wants them.

Helpful visits

Tamburrino appreciates the assistance the theater has given the cast. "Metropolis has been amazing as far as giving us the tools that we need to prepare," she said. "They arranged for us to visit group homes and a workshop where the residents go during the day to work and some of us also attended the holiday party that was sponsored by Clearbrook."

Attending the party was especially useful for Tamburrino. "To see the residents socialize with each other helps me because that is what Norman and I do when we're in scenes together."

Tamburrino, who works in commercial real estate, earned a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance from DePaul University. "I actually do more



Bear Bellinger, Andrew Pond, Denise Tamburrino play people with special needs in "The Boys Next Door." | Photo by Brad Dunn

A learning experience for all

The Metropolis Performing Arts Centre went to great lengths to make certain that the characters in "The Boys Next Door" were portrayed sensitively and accurately.

Brad Dunn, director of marketing and communications for Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, reported that it was Executive Director Jim Jarvis' idea to connect the director and cast with some of the special needs organizations with which Metropolis is already associated through its outreach programs.

The goal was to make the performances "more sincere and genuine and honest — not something that's just external but truly internal," Dunn said.

The actors all reported that visiting group homes and a workshop where people with special needs were employed, as well as

attending a large holiday party for people with special needs helped them create more genuine characters.

Metropolis is offering an educational opportunity to audiences, too. Each of five of the six weekends that the show is running, a different organization will set up a display in the lobby, with photos and literature about their services and programs. These include Arlington Pediatric Therapy, Clearbrook, National Association for Down Syndrome and Northwest Special Recreation Association.

Having the various organizations participate is a way of "connecting the dots," Dunn said, so that audiences will realize, "these are real people that have real experiences and here are the organizations that help them and their families."

— Myrna Petlicki

musicals than anything else," she said. This is her first straight play in a while, even though she has taken a number of acting classes.

She is happy to be in the cast of "The Boys Next Door" because, "It's really a beautifully written play," Tamburrino said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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STAGE

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"Eclipse," 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. 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. Tickets: \$48-\$58. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.
"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. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

CLASSICAL

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www.arsviva.org. (847) 673-6300. \$44-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. Jan. 30, 4:30 p.m.: "The Genius of Mozart," with David Taylor, violin, Charles Pikler, viola, Lyon Leifer, flute, and Lynn Williams, harp. Extra performance at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$38, \$45, \$60. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.: "Haydn Symphonies... Mozart Concertos." Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.: Martin Luther King Celebration, featuring the Brotherhood Choral of the Apostolic Church of God performing traditional and contemporary gospel and jazz arrangements. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted to benefit the William Warfield Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Music Institute of Chicago.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. 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.

ART GALLERIES

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.lincolnwood.org/artgallery.cfm. Through Feb. 28: Steel sculpture by Eric H. Steele. Artist's reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 20.
Oakton Community College, Koehline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Jan. 21: "Mies van der Rohe's Bruxelles Pavilion: The Building in the Middle," featuring a recreation of modern architecture pioneer Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's Bruxelles Pavilion, Germany's never-constructed entry to the Brussels International Exposition of 1935.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

Petite Opera Productions of Park Ridge is accepting appointments for adult actors for upcoming productions, including understudy for the male lead (non-singing) role in its original opera-ette spoof, "Al Fresco. Life Through Opera-Colored Glasses" (May 2011). Understudy is guaranteed one performance. Actors must demonstrate exquisite comic and musical timing, and physical flexibility. Prepare a one-minute comic monologue, and be prepared to read from the script. Auditions will be held Jan. 22-23, and are by appointment only. No housing provided; local talent only. E-mail audition requests to petiteopera@gmail.com. Include name, telephone number, headshot (jpg or pdf), résumé, preferred audition date (Jan. 22 or 23) and preferred time of day (morning, afternoon, evening). Role descriptions, scheduled audition date, time and location will be sent via e-mail. For information, call (847) 553-4442 or call www.petiteopera.org.
Auditions for the Performing Arts at Oakton production of "M. Butterfly" will be held from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 24-25 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. No appointment is necessary. The director seeks culturally diverse men and women of all ages. Prepared monologues and cold readings will be heard; monologues need not be memorized. Production dates are March 3-13. For information, call (847) 635-1901.

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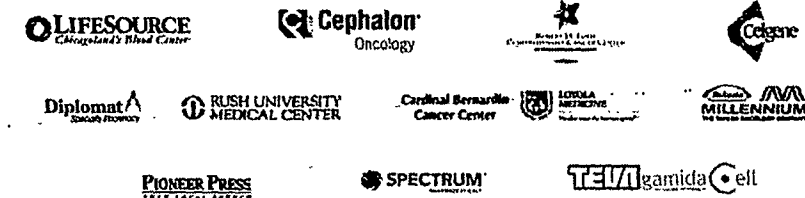


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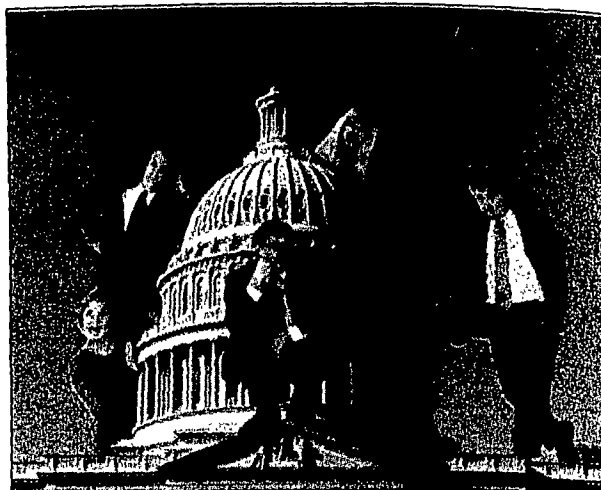
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SINGERS

Petite Opera Productions of Park Ridge is accepting appointments for trained adult vocalists interested in auditioning for cover roles for its original operetta, "Al Fresco, Life Through Opera-Colored Glasses" (May 2011), and principal adult roles and the leading child role in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Giancarlo Menotti (November and December 2011). Auditions will be held Jan. 22-23. All roles are open, and an accompanist will be provided. Those auditioning for principal or cover roles should prepare two selections from opera or operetta; one must be in English. Boys and girls, ages 9-13, interested in the role of the 10-year-old boy, Amahl, should prepare a selection from the opera, or two opera, operetta or classical selections in English. All individuals should bring sheet music. All performances are in English. E-mail petiteopera@gmail.com. Include: name, telephone number, voice type, headshot (jpg or pdf), resumé, links to any available online audio or video clips, preferred audition date (Jan. 22 or 23) and preferred time of day (morning, afternoon, evening). Role descriptions, scheduled audition date, time and location will be sent via e-mail.

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annual Christmas Spirits Revue, will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 29 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The revue takes a satirical look at the past year's political, sports and celebrity 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.

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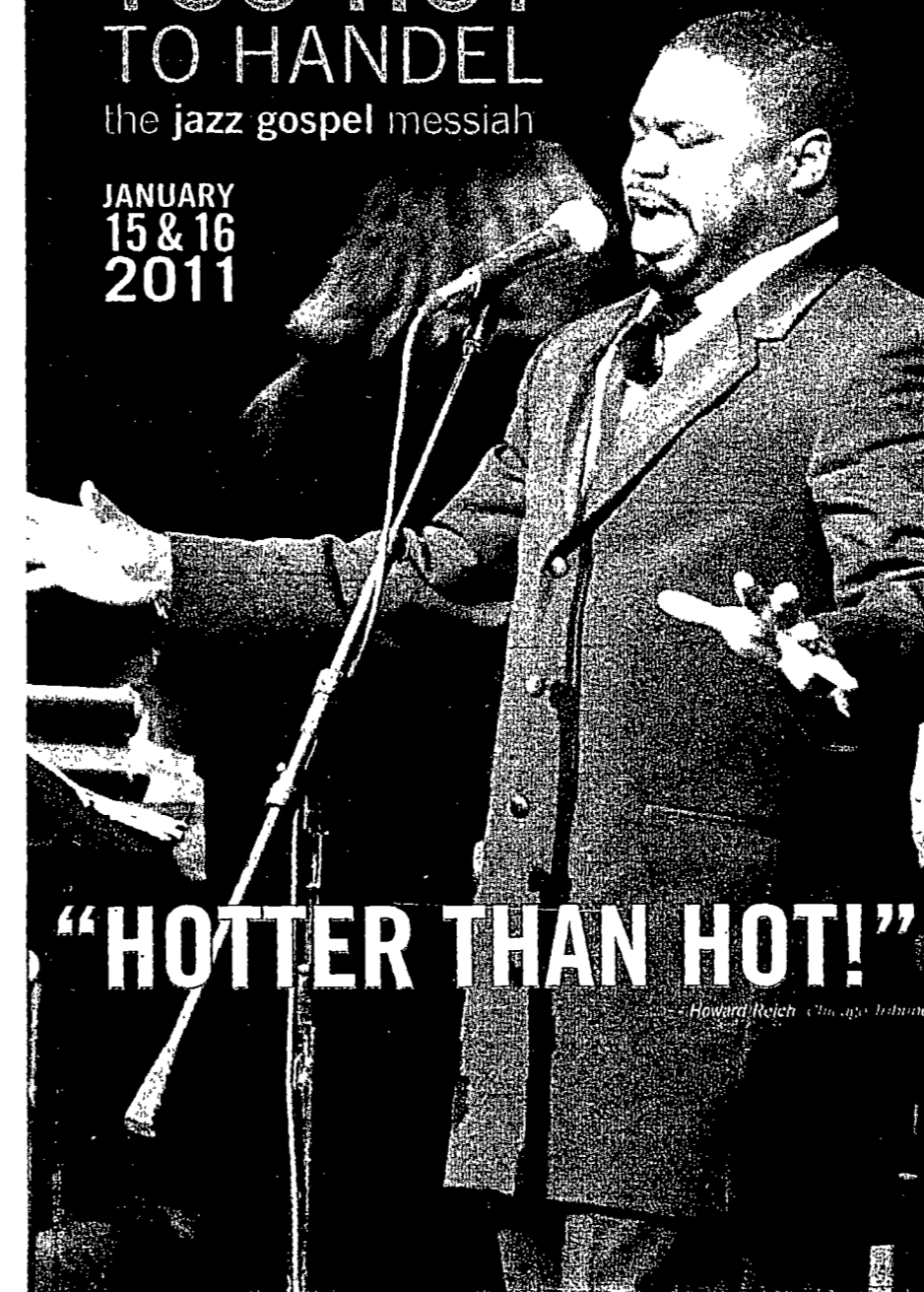
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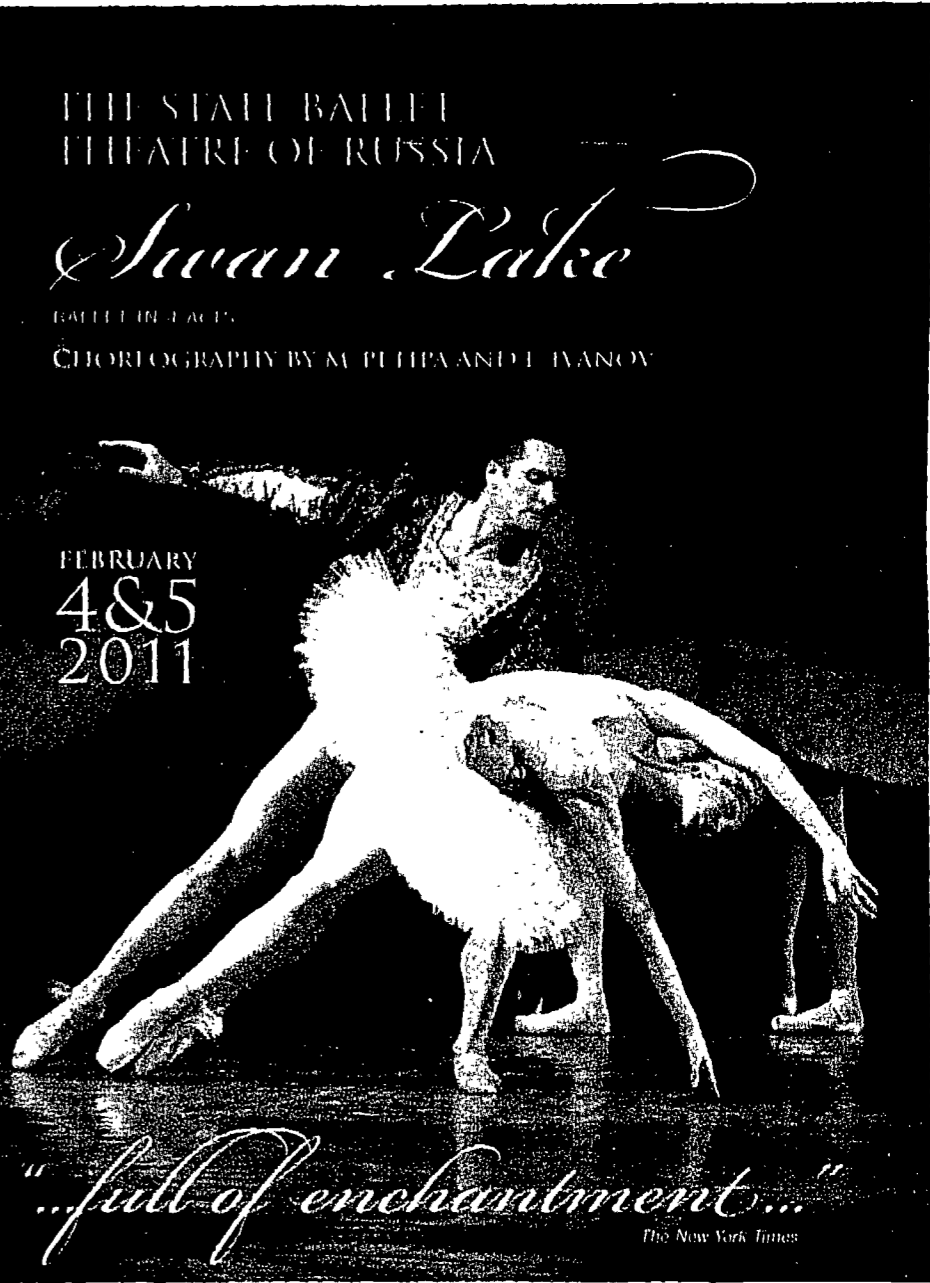
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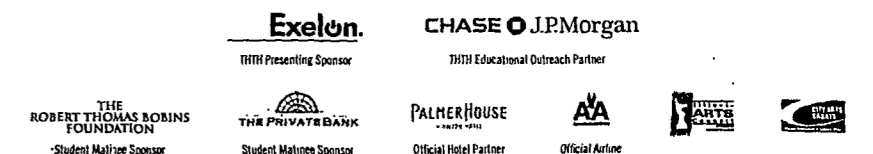


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Love Is Murder Mystery Conference will be held Feb 4-6 at the Intercontinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont, featuring novelists Rhys Bowen, Joseph Finder, Carolyn Haines, Joan Johnston, Jon Land, F. Paul Wilson and others. Events 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.loveis-murder.net or call (773) 774-3372.

COMEDY

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. 29, 8 p.m.: Jim Wiggins' "The Last Hippie." \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES

Niles North High School, 9800 N. Lawler Ave., Skokie. (847) 626-2122. Jan. 28-29, 7 p.m.: Auroris Dance Company presents "StereoHYPE," including jazz, modern, hip-hop, tap and Bollywood. \$10. There will also be a free community performance at 10 a.m. Jan. 27.

GROUPS & LESSONS

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.

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Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgeilibrary.org. January: "Pickwick Theatre: Poem in Stone," a special display on one of the Midwest's great Art Deco movie palaces. Using architectural studies, historical news articles, memorabilia, photographs and more, the display highlights the building's creation and early years.

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, 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. Discussion follows the performance. The one-woman show, written by Yolanda Androzso, is suitable for students in sixth-grade and older. Free with museum admission. Reservations required. Feb. 4-May 31: "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges."

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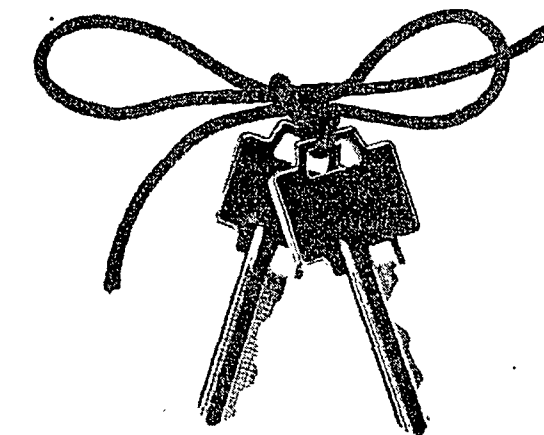
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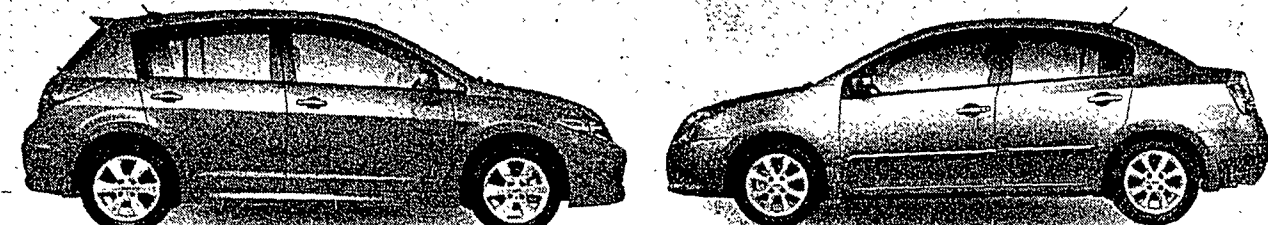
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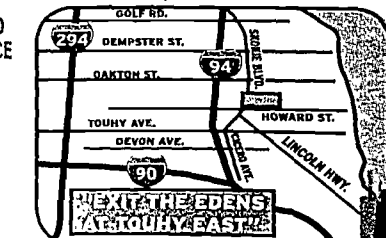
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IPL G37 takes Infiniti beyond luxury

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But the IPL G37 coupe isn't just about performance. It also delivers loads of features and plenty of luxury. It is equipped like a G37 Journey model with Infiniti's premium and navigation packages. That means it comes with equipment such as leather upholstery, dual-zone automatic climate control, Bose audio system with 9.3-gigabyte Music Box hard drive, XM satellite radio, navigation system, rearview camera, Bluetooth cell phone connectivity and a universal garage door opener.

Pricing is \$47,950 with the six-speed manual transmission and \$49,850 with the seven-speed automatic.

On the road, the IPL G37 coupe builds upon the G37's already sporty character. I found the ride and handling balance to be impressive. Though notably firmer, the suspension doesn't pound over bumps. It soaks up minor road imperfections and only jars over the worst potholes. Still, the ride does get busy over broken pavement and some Chicagoans will find the ride a little too firm for our pockmarked streets. Midwesterners should also swap out the summer performance tires for winter tires



or all-seasons.

All the performance features make the IPL G37 quite nimble. It attacks turns willingly, turning in immediately, leaning little, and staying stable and predictable. The steering is unchanged from base models, but that's fine because the G37 has excellent steering with quick responses, a nice weighty feel and lots of feedback.

The stiff suspension helps the IPL G37 react more readily to quick changes of direction and feel a little sharper than a G37 coupe with the sport package. Only the brakes keep the IPL G37 coupe from being a track car. They're plenty big for the street, but they can't dissipate heat well enough for track duty.

The 3.7-liter V-6 engine would do well on a track, but some might find it too high strung for the street. The exhaust drones at lower rpms and sings at high rpms, and the engine makes its best power above 4,000 rpm, so some cautious drivers will never find its true potential.

Mash the throttle and the V-6 pulls hard from a stop and keeps pushing hard up to a rather high 7,500 rpm redline. Zero to 60 mph times haven't been published, but it's probably at or below 5.0 seconds, which is V-8 muscle-car territory. Fuel economy is unchanged from other G37 coupes at 19 mpg city/27 mpg highway with the automatic and 17/25 with the manual.

The manual shifter has short throws and nice mechanical action. The clutch also has a natural feel, but the clutch in Infiniti's test car wouldn't fully engage second gear during aggressive driving, causing some gear grinding. It makes me worry about long-term reliability.

The automatic transmission is quite good. It was responsive to my power requests, especially in sport mode. It also has a wonderful pair of steering-column-mounted magnesium shift paddles that are easy to

reach and use during aggressive driving.

Inside, the IPL G37 coupe amounts to a loaded version of the G37 coupe with a couple of sporty touches. The notable differences are the accent stitching, the available Monaco Red upholstery and the aluminum pedals, which come with the sport package as well.

The cabin is sporty and has a quality atmosphere, befitting the IPL coupe's performance character. Attractive Silk-Obi aluminum trim complements the dashboard's quality soft-touch materials, and the leather is quite attractive. The front bucket seats are supportive, and they have enough bolstering to keep occupants in place when the driver can't help but take a corner at 50 mph. The seating position is comfortable too, though tall drivers might want for more headroom.

Back seat passengers won't be so happy, as the coupe body style lacks both head and legroom. The front seats power forward to allow access, but it still requires a few contortions to get back there. The rear seat is my biggest complaint about the G37 coupe; the first-generation G35 coupe was much more accommodating.

The trunk is also rather small at 7.4 cubic feet. That's about what you'd expect in a convertible, not a coupe. It's shallow, too, but the rear seat folds down to allow some longer items to fit.

But coupes really aren't about passenger comfort and cargo space. They're about style and performance, and the 2011 Infiniti IPL G37 coupe adds healthy measures of both. Buyers hoping for a car that can stand toe to toe with a BMW M3 will be disappointed, but the IPL G37 coupe costs much less than that iconic car. Given its combination of power, handling and luxury, the IPL G37 coupe makes me look forward to other IPL offerings.

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Chevy Sonic makes waves at Detroit show

DETROIT—Chevrolet displayed the all-new 2012 Sonic at the North American International Auto Show. Its youthful, aggressive design is backed by turbocharged performance and agile ride and handling, combining to deliver an efficient, fun-to-drive small car.

The Sonic is offered in two body styles: a four-door sedan and a five-door. Each delivers rear-seat roominess and cargo space. A variety of connectivity features enhance the driving experience.

"The all-new Chevrolet Sonic blends the practicality of a small car with the passion for driving that Chevrolet vehicles like the Corvette are known for," said Chris Perry, vice president of Chevrolet marketing. "Its combination of great design, fun driving experience and the latest connectivity features create a serious competitor with a fun spirit."

Production of the Sonic begins later in 2011 at the General Motors Orion Assembly Center in Michigan, which received a \$545 million investment in upgrades and retooling and will help restore approximately 1,000 jobs in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Sonic's highlights include:

- Available efficient Ecotec 1.4-liter turbo engine rated at an estimated 138 horsepower that delivers competitive fuel economy. It's the same engine used in the Chevrolet Cruze in a smaller, lighter package for a greater feeling of performance.

- Standard Ecotec 1.8-liter engine paired with five-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmissions.

- Ecotec 1.4-liter turbo available with a six-speed manual transmission.

- Ride and handling tuned by Chevy Corvette engineers, standard electronic power steering and StabiliTrak electronic stability control with rollover sensing.

- Sedan model offers segment-best trunk capacity that is greater than most compact cars; hatchback and sedan offer good rear-seat roominess. With a rear seat that folds nearly flat, the Sonic hatchback has good cargo capacity.

- Connectivity includes OnStar with six months of Turn-by-Turn navigation. Available features include XM satellite radio, USB and Bluetooth functionality and MyChevrolet mobile application with OnStar MyLink vehicle connectivity.

- Remote start, heated front seats and sunroof.

- Comprehensive safety features include 10 standard air bags, antilock brakes, electronic brake force distribution, brake assist and OnStar with automatic crash response.

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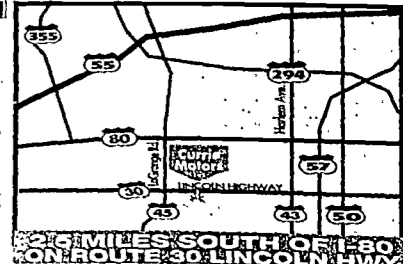
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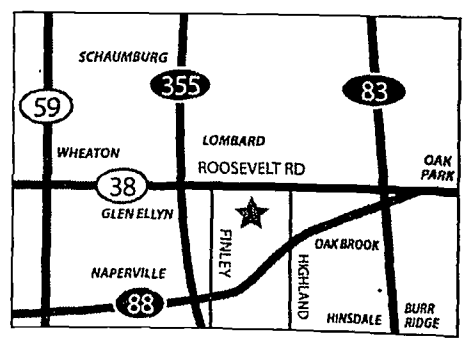
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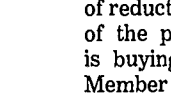


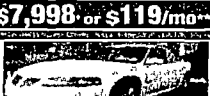
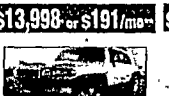
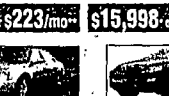
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NEW ENGLAND HOMES

Incentives, waterfront location make Atwater an attractive retreat

To celebrate the New Year, New England Homes is offering significant incentives on its impressive waterfront one- and two-bedroom condos, priced from \$169,900 at Atwater in Racine, which features spectacular Lake Michigan views.

Buyers can take advantage of \$30,000 in savings by purchasing a one-bedroom, one-bath condo for \$169,900, or the one-bedroom-plus-den unit offered at \$198,900.

"With interest rates at a historic low and builders offering huge incentives, this is a great time to make your purchase. We see the market loosening up for second homes, and these sorts of reductions will soon be a thing of the past. The smart money is buying now," said Managing Member Chris Rintz.

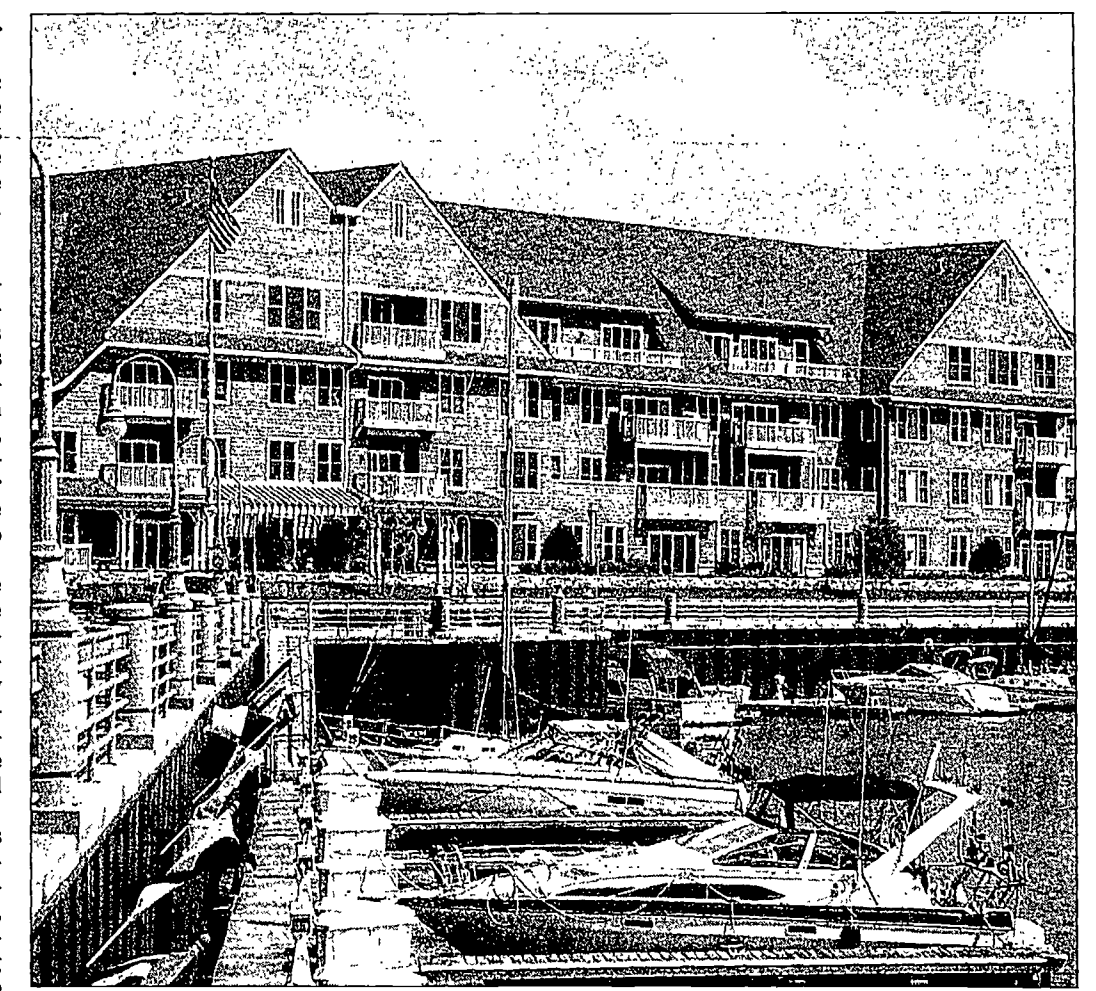
In addition to substantial savings, New England Homes is offering a variety of special incentives. "It's the opportunity of a lifetime with both fixed rate and adjustable financing at their historic lows and FHA financing available for qualified buyers," added Rintz.

"It's time to think ahead to next spring and imagine stepping out on your private balcony and enjoying breathtaking views of Lake Michigan," said Rintz.

The Atwater offers something for everyone, with current floor plans having up to 1,836 square feet of living space. Homeowners have a variety of choices, from one-bedroom one-bath, to two-bedrooms-plus den and 2½ baths. All remaining residences can be completed in six to eight weeks, so buyers can enjoy next spring and summer on Lake Michigan.

With driving time an hour or more from Chicago, buyers have chosen The Atwater as their vacation getaway retreat or their year-round residence.

In spring and summer music fills the air with live noon-time concerts and summer nights at Monument Square, while the cultural scene brings a diverse palette of gallery openings and opportunities to meet the artists.



Cape Cod shingle-style architecture graces the 40-unit Atwater at Gaslight Pointe, a condominium community walking distance of downtown Racine. Located on the triangular peninsula surrounded by Lake Michigan and the Root River, Atwater homeowners enjoy scenic views of the marina and are close to the Radisson Hotel and Chancery Restaurant.

Amenity-packed master baths feature Corian vanity tops with drop-in sinks, maple, birch, oak or white, raised height vanity cabinets, oversized showers with a clear glass door and enclosure, 12-by-12-inch porcelain or ceramic floor and wall tile, Moen chrome faucets and oversized mirrors. A choice of wood or ceramic tile flooring is available in the foyer and kitchen and there is stain resistant nylon carpeting in the living room and bedrooms.

To visit the Atwater Sales Center, take Interstate 94 north and exit at Route 20. Go east for 9 miles and bear right onto 14th Street (just after Washington Park) to Lake Michigan. Take a left on Main Street through downtown, then a right on Gaslight Drive. The sales center is open Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 262-637-7801 or visit www.nebinc.com.

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Looking back: 2010 a great year to buy a home



Don DeBat
On the home front

When real estate pundits look back on 2010, they likely will say it was one of the best years in decades to buy a home.

Benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates hit a record low of 4.17 percent on November 11, 2010, the lowest level since the early 1950s.

According to the most recent S&P/Case-Shiller home price index home prices in Chicago fell 1.5 percent in September, followed by a 2-percent decline in October. Since October of 2009, home prices in the Chicago area are down 6.5 percent as a result of foreclosures and short sales sparked by the Great Recession.

Bargain prices and record low home loan interest rates added up to a bonanza for hundreds of first-time home buyers with job stability and good credit, and many found an affordable route to hom-

ownership. However, out of fear thousands of qualified families did not buy, and home sales in 2010 were at a record low.

"For the year as a whole, 30-year fixed mortgage rates averaged just below 4.7 percent in 2010, which represented the lowest annual average since 1955 when the average price of a home was \$22,000," noted Frank Nothaft, vice president and chief economist, Freddie Mac.

"Recent news on housing markets has been mixed," Nothaft said. Although home prices have softened since

mid-year, Nothaft said home sales continued to recover following the expiration of the Home Buyer Tax Credit. Sales of new homes rose 5.5 percent in November, while existing house sales increased 5.6 percent.

Mortgage rates have increased seven-tenths of 1 percentage point in recent weeks, but they still are incredibly low by historical standards. Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.86 percent on Dec. 30, 2010. Last year at this time, the 30-year fixed loans averaged 5.14 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed mortgages averaged 4.20 percent at year-end, compared with 4.54 percent a year ago, and one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages averaged 3.26 percent at year end, compared with 4.33 percent a year ago.

Rates nearing the 5-percent plateau could add a sense of urgency for some potential home buyers who have been sitting on the fence. But when compared with the 8.21 percent lenders were charging on a 30-year fixed loans in January of 2000, or the 9.9 percent charged in January of 1990, and any fool can see today's rates still are once-in-a-lifetime bargains.

Experts say this year also will be a good time to buy a home for other reasons. Fannie Mae recently made loan-program changes that are beneficial to home buyers.

The biggest change helps buyers who have not saved enough of their own money to pay for the minimum 5 percent required for the down payment, closing costs and financial reserves. Buyers now can use gifts from their families, employer assistance and other sources to

generate these funds.

Regardless of the tens of thousands of deep bargains available in the foreclosure market, experts warn that novice buyers should consider purchasing a new home or condominium built by a reputable developer because they will obtain a warrantee on a home of quality and a guarantee of a timely occupancy date.

"Foreclosure properties are generally sold in 'as-is' condition without any warranties," noted veteran developer Ray Franczak of R. Franczak & Associates, builder of The Heritage of Palatine, a new 48-unit luxury condominium in Palatine. "There are typically no property disclosures and no survey." Visit: www.rfranczak.com.

"Even if a foreclosed condo's listing price is appealing on its face, a purchaser must be aware of hidden costs,"

warns Chicago real estate attorney William P. Ellsworth of Jay Zabel & Associates, Ltd. "Although a purchaser may have walked through the unit when it contained fixtures and appliances, the lender does not guaranty that these will be there at closing."

In the shady world of foreclosures and short sales, very little consumer protection exists. "Despite government regulations, major risks remain, especially in purchasing a condominium," said Chicago Realtor Sara Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty. "Many of these hidden risks are overlooked by even savvy investors."

Don DeBat's weekly real estate column is syndicated by DeBat Media Services. For more home-buying information visit his Web site at www.dondebat.net.

Move-in ready homes keep up with demand

Early-occupancy homes available at several Ryland communities

Many buyers have to wait months for their new home to be built and finished. But at nearly every Ryland Homes Chicagoland community, chances are there is at least a couple of homes available for early or immediate delivery.

Also known as "spec" homes, these residences under construction or recently completed provide an ideal option for shoppers who have decided not to renew their lease or have just sold their previous residence and are faced with a tight time frame in which to move. These purchasers also want to see exactly what they're getting before they buy. And they're so popular that Ryland Homes tries to continually have some inventory residences under construction to keep up with this type of demand.

"We consistently have buyers coming through our doors looking for new construction homes they can move into within 30 to 45 days. We build exceptional single-family homes and townhomes for

early delivery in neighborhoods where people want to live," said Saylor Stam, vice president of sales and marketing, Ryland Homes Chicago Division. "We still build plenty of homes from dirt starts ordered off buyer's paperwork, but lately inventory homes have represented a large portion of our business."

"Actually, it's sometimes challenging to keep up with rising demand for early move-in homes, as the ones we build are claimed relatively quickly. In fact, a good portion of these specs are sold before construction is completed."

Stam attributes the popularity of Ryland's fast occupancy homes to a number of factors, not the least of which are quality construction, value-added amenities and attractive low prices.

"Additionally, many shoppers, especially those who have an existing home to sell, are hesitant to have a new home built from the ground up and wait out that construction process, all while trying to unload their resale properties. Spec homes afford them the flexibility of not having to worry about two homes at the same time. In other words, once they sell their older home, they can purchase and move into one

of our quick delivery homes within a relatively short time frame."

What's more, Realtors love the ability to show their clients pre-built homes by Ryland that can be toured and explored, she said.

Currently, Ryland Homes has many early delivery single-family residences and townhomes to choose from at 12 different communities. Stam noted that she expects many of these homes to be sold soon, judging by strong sales over the past several months.

"Quick-occupancy homes offer a wonderful opportunity for buyers to have their cake and eat it, too," said Stam. "Not only do they offer the opportunity to be settled in fast, without the wait, but our Ryland Homes Design Center Manager has chosen options and extras built into each spec that cater to our customers' tastes. And all are priced to sell fast, making them bargains brimming with extra value."

For a full list of new homes available for early delivery at Ryland Homes' communities, visit www.Ryland.com/Chicago and click on the "quick move-in homes" link at the bottom of the page.

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Single-family communities

- Beacon Pointe in Hoffman Estates, homes from \$329,990
- Blackberry Crossing West in Montgomery, Landmark Series from \$169,990; Premier Series from \$209,990
- Bryn Mawr in Crystal Lake, from \$249,990
- Gilberts Town Center in Gilberts, from \$224,990
- Lancaster Falls in Volo, Landmark Series from \$189,990; Premier Series from \$251,990
- Talamore in Huntley, Landmark Series from \$224,990
- Hartford Series from \$279,990
- Tuscan Woods in Elgin, from \$269,990

Townhome communities

- Gilberts Town Center in Gilberts, urban-style row-homes from \$164,990
- Emerald Bay Townhomes in Round Lake, classic townhomes from \$139,990
- Lakewood Springs Townhomes in Plano, classic townhomes from \$129,990
- Talamore Townhomes in Huntley, classic townhomes from \$139,990
- Patriot Place Townhomes in Bolingbrook, golf course villas from \$239,990.

TRANSACTIONS

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Cook County

Des Plaines

- 1249 Evergreen Ave: Lazzara, Gail; \$275,500
- 586 N 7th Ave: Markut, Adam; \$210,000
- 8843 Robin Dr F: Khan, Khalid; \$75,000

- 370 S Western Ave 601: Barkoullis, Paul D; \$225,000
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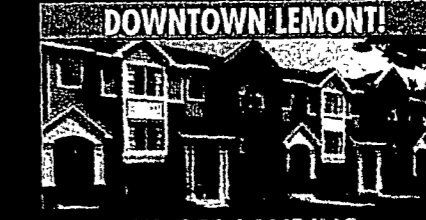
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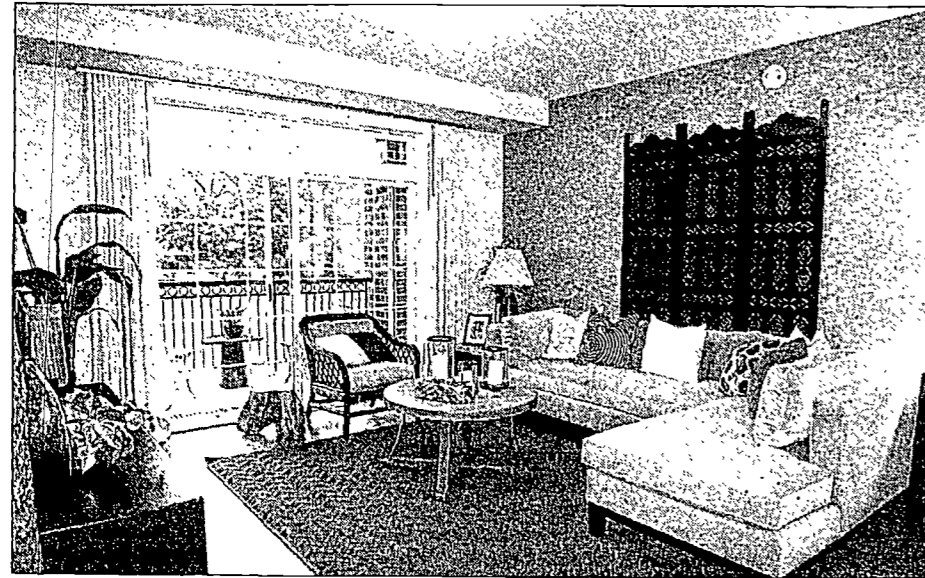
'Eco-chic' model for sale at Heritage of Palatine

The eco-friendly Colfax model is now for sale during the builder's closeout at The Heritage of Palatine, a 48-unit luxury condominium development at 50 South Greeley Street in downtown Palatine.

"Three luxury Colfax models are available for purchase starting in price from \$249,900," said Katie Campbell, sales manager for R. Franczak & Associates. "The most notable is the builder model which is known as our 'eco-chic' Colfax model in which the design team used many eco-friendly materials as not to leave a carbon footprint on the earth."

Only eight condominiums remain for sale during the builder's closeout sale at The Heritage of Palatine. The homes feature two-bedroom, and two-bedroom-plus-dens residences with two baths. They range in size from 1,456 to 1,716 square feet of living space. Prices range from \$249,900 to \$329,900.

The eco-chic Colfax model, Residence 215, was professionally designed and deco-



The two-bedroom, two-bath Colfax, offered at Heritage of Palatine, features a split-bedroom plan with a dramatic entry with views of the kitchen and impressive great room with access to the balcony.

rated by Streamwood-based MB Interiors and includes all upgrades.

According to Campbell, the Colfax is designed with many uniquely green products such as sustainable, organic, re-

cycled, and reclaimed materials, Energy Star and low VOC paints.

The two-bedroom, two-bath Colfax offers 1,515 square feet of living space. This split-bedroom plan features a dra-

matic entry with views of the kitchen and impressive great room with access to the balcony.

"The Colfax model features a neutral color scheme of crèmes and mushrooms accented by unique design materials," said Beth Severson, co-owner of MB Interiors. "Some of these eco-chic accents include bamboo wood floors, green-guard recyclable wall paper, shelves made of reclaimed railroad ties, draperies and pillows made with organic cotton and hemp fabrics, sand cast recyclable aluminum chairs and a table made from reclaimed auto and bicycle tires."

In addition to the development's eye-catching architecture, an extensive land plan with lavish landscaping has been designed to blend with the neighborhood.

"We are also approved for Federal Housing Administration-insured financing for the Heritage of Palatine which will allow down payments as low as 3.5 percent to qualified buyers," said Campbell.

Luxury is the standard at The Heritage of Palatine. Each condominium includes a spacious balcony, 9-foot ceilings, as well as stainless steel appliances, wood floor and doors or six-panel Colonial doors and trim. Indoor heated parking and storage are included, and extra indoor parking spaces will be available.

The village of Palatine has put considerable time and effort into a downtown revitalization project that has



nices, staggered rooflines and concrete balconies, a signature of R. Franczak & Associates quality construction and distinctive architecture.

"We've used limestone on The Heritage of Palatine to accent the windows," said Campbell. "The effect is to create a stunning building that resembles turn-of-the-century architecture with thoroughly modern interiors."

A recreational attraction in the town is Palatine Trail, a bicycle, hiking, and nature trail, which extends through the Palatine Park District.

Combining a paved trail with designated side streets, Palatine Trail provides access to schools, Harper College, neighborhood parks, Palatine Hills Golf Course, and several other northwest suburban bike trails.

The Palatine Park District has some 48 parks and facilities. There are about five of these parks within walking distance of The Heritage of Palatine. Also nearby is the Senior Center at 505 S. Quentin Road.

The Heritage of Palatine sales center is at 50 South Greeley Street and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or a tour of the models, call 847-705-6238 or visit online at www.rfranczak.com.

HOME FRONT BY BLOCKSHOPPER

Cozy cul-de-sac

WHERE WE LIVE | Small subdivision has 3 new homes on the market

BY JEREMY SCHNITKER

Three new construction homes are currently for sale in the nine-home Clair View Estates subdivision in Lake Zurich, which sits off North Midlothian Road across the street from Lake Zurich High School.

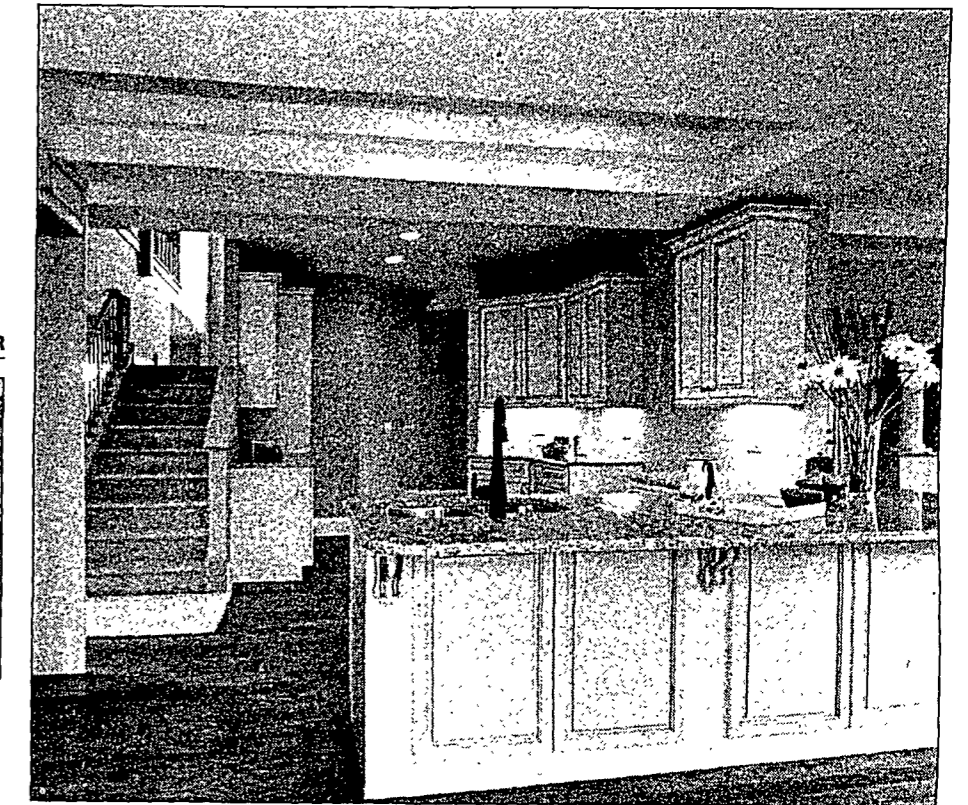
The cul-de-sac subdivision is also near a small pond and Echo Lake. It's also within a mile of the shores of Lake Zurich and five miles northwest of access to Highway 53.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage agent Julianne Spilotro is listing a four-bedroom, four-bath home at 244 Clair View Court for \$699,000. The 4,000-square-foot, two-story home has a two-story entry, hardwood flooring, crown molding and nine-foot ceilings. There's also a separate formal dining room and living room with decorative columns and an eat-in kitchen with granite countertops. A fireplace can be found in the master bedroom, and



there's also a sunroom, three-car garage and spacious yard.

It was built by Northbrook-based Shaf Home Builders. Two other four-bedroom, new-construction homes in the subdivision are listed by agent Jeff Ohm of Premier Realty Group, for \$795,000 and \$896,010.



Eat in: The homes of the Clair View Estates subdivision offer kitchens with granite countertops, as well as formal dining rooms. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

DATA POINT

ANTIOCH REAL ESTATE BY THE NUMBERS

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The number of homes for sale in Antioch with an asking price of \$500,000 or more.

Real estate broker sells in Roselle

BY JOHN PEYTON

A real estate firm president active in Roselle business has taken a loss on his home in the suburb.

Todd Eichholz, who paid \$677,450 for the home in the 400 block of Dinah Road in July 2007, sold the four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home for \$553,500 on Dec. 3. The 3,255-square-foot home was

built in 2007.

Eichholz, a real estate broker, runs Heritage Realty, a real estate brokerage and development firm based in Roselle.

He's also served as a director for the Roselle Chamber of Commerce and a director for a mentoring program, Adults Involved in Mentoring Students.

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 | 13.47% | 371 | 50 |
| Skokie | 2.39% | \$245,000 | 36.01% | 447 | 161 |
| Wilmette | 1.94% | \$602,000 | 3.59% | 334 | 12 |

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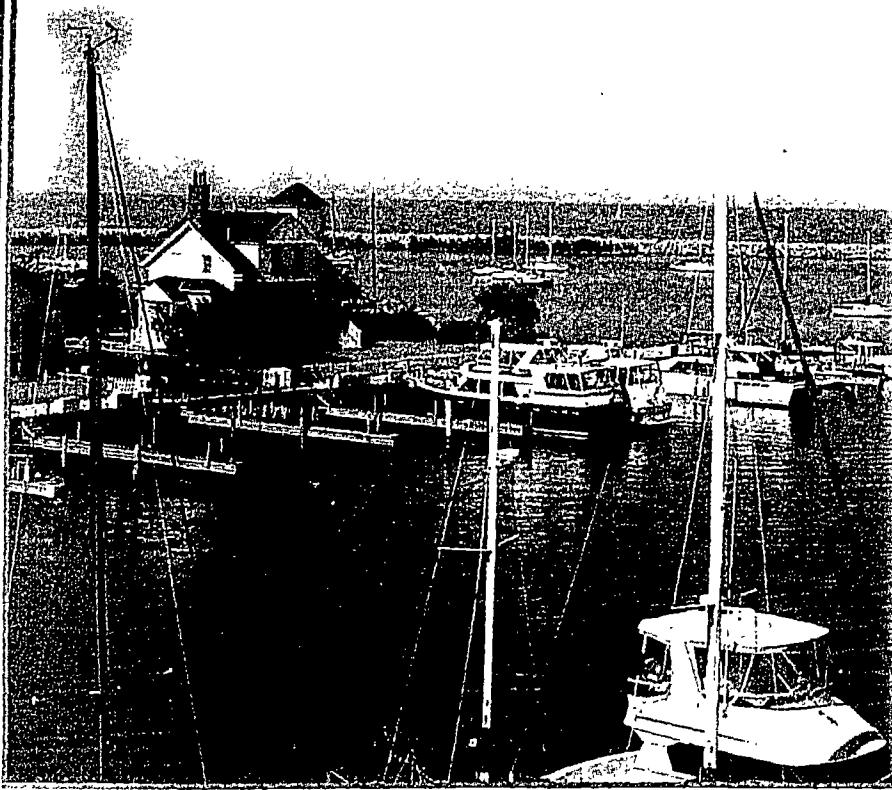
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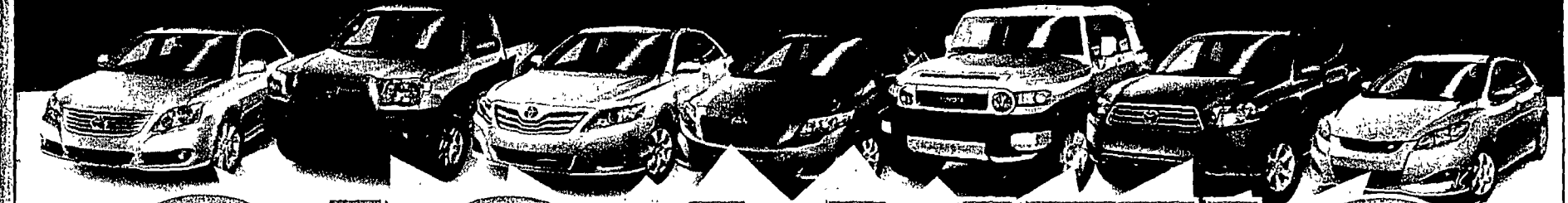
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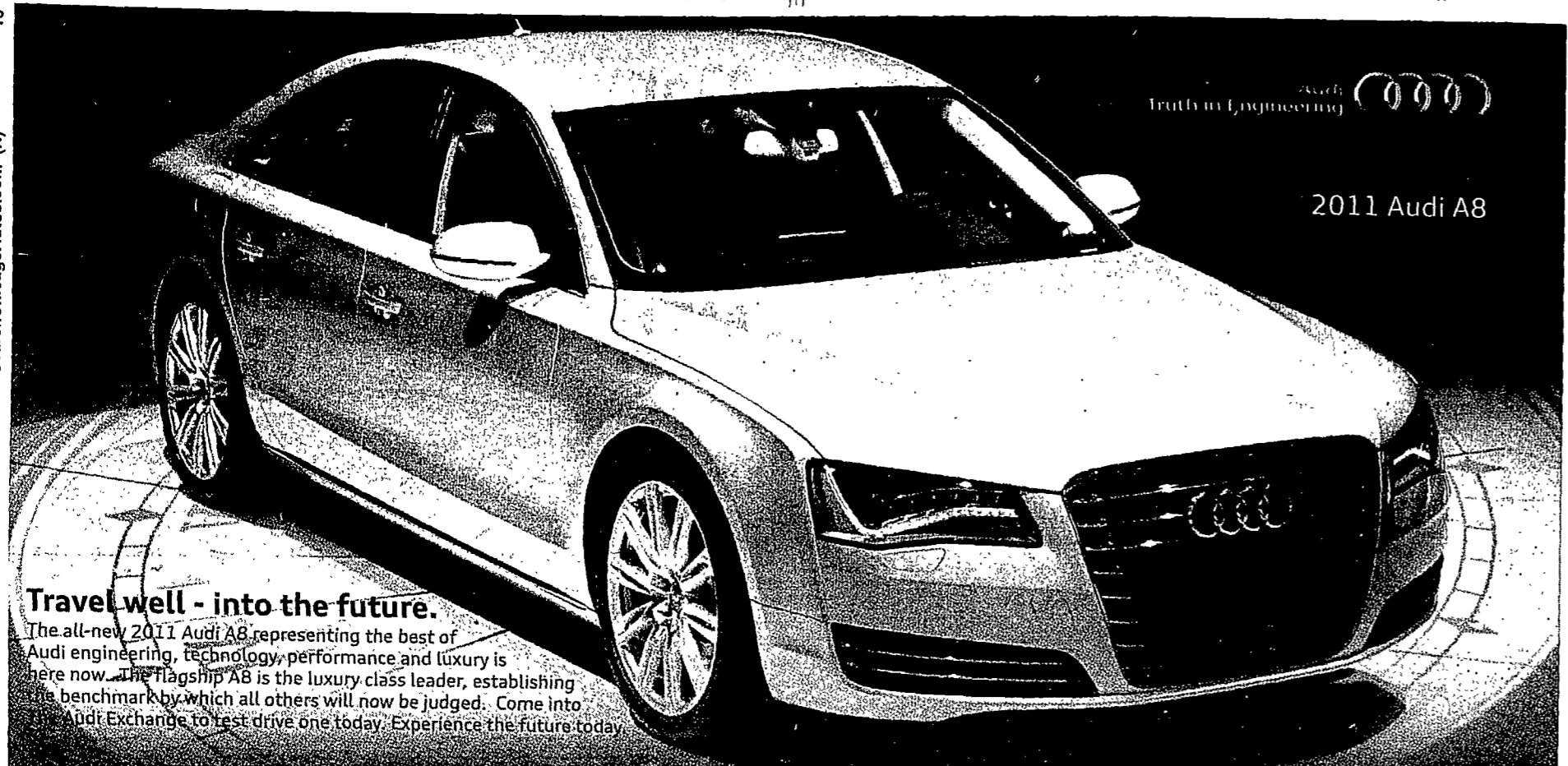
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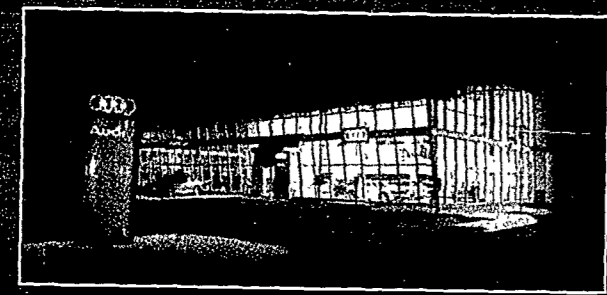
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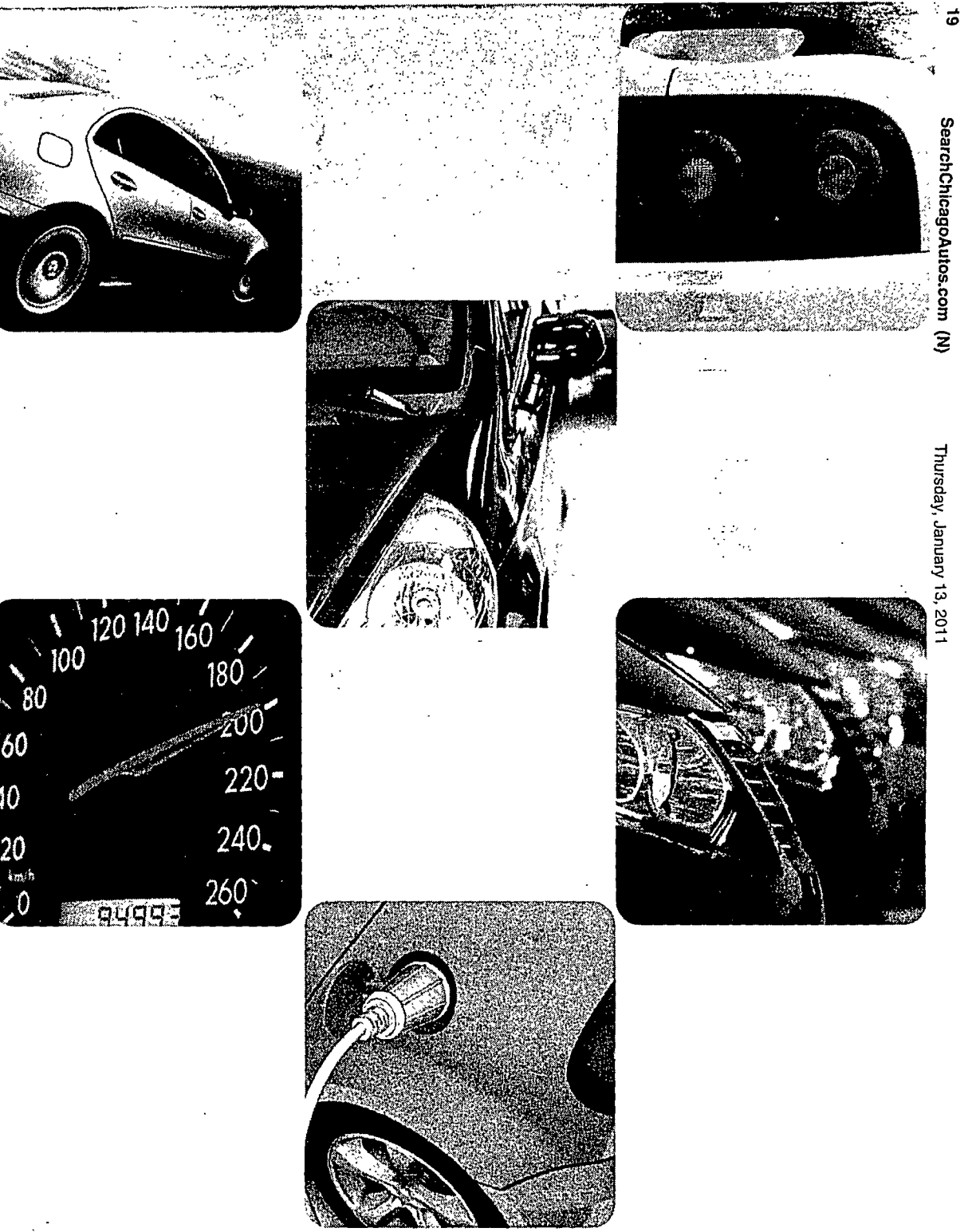
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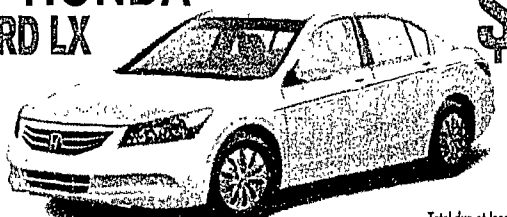
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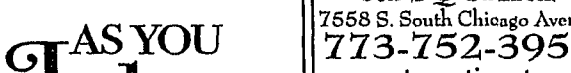
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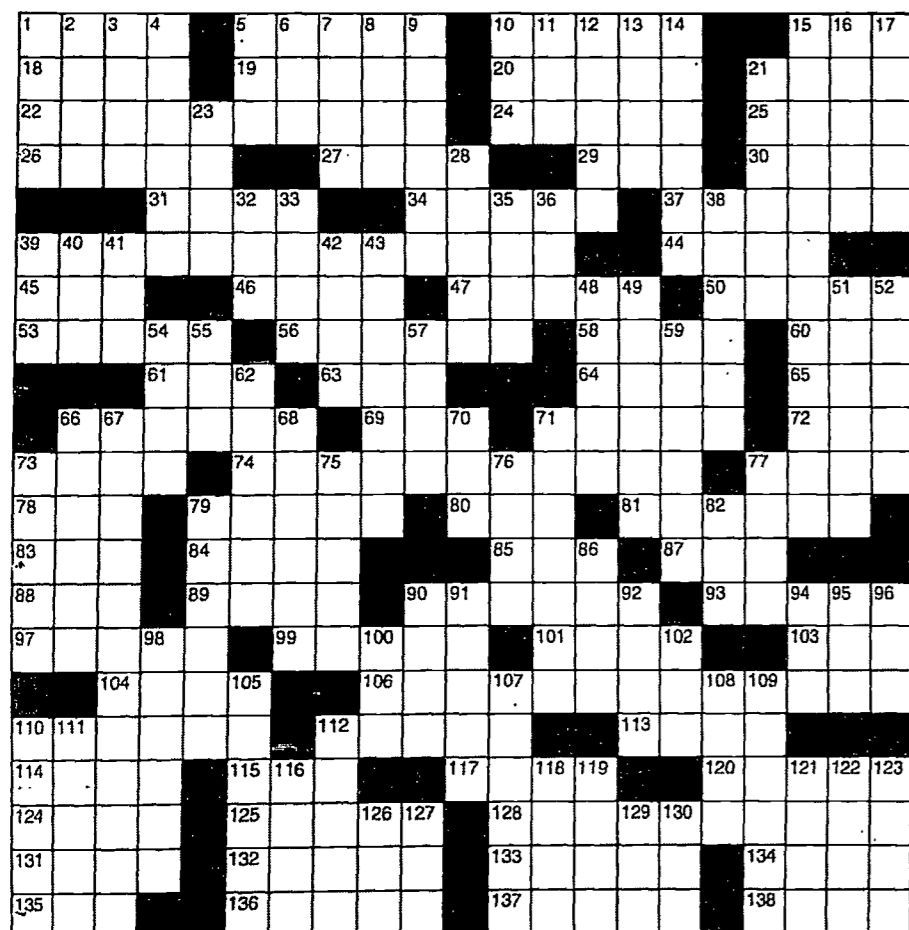
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- 10 Circus employee
- 15 Hilarious Howard
- 18 What you used to be
- 19 Mennonite group
- 20 Cheer
- 21 Planted
- 22 Bovine
- 24 Famed fabulist
- 25 Geometric figure
- 26 Chrissie of The Pretenders
- 27 Warts and all
- 29 Actress Munson
- 30 "May I interrupt?"
- 31 Certain Semite
- 34 Rocker Cassidy
- 37 Pay
- 39 Bovine auto racer?
- 44 Fit
- 45 Crony
- 46 Director Ferrara
- 47 Rock's Trick
- 50 Yellowish brown
- 53 Chasm
- 56 Adams or Astor
- 58 Couch
- 60 Maris of "Nurses"
- 61 LAX letters
- 63 Kimono closer
- 64 Jab
- 65 Noisy racket
- 66 Mystical
- 69 German city
- 71 Electronic device
- 72 Say please
- 73 "Beat It"
- 74 Bovine outlaws?
- 77 Satiated
- 78 - Aviv
- 79 Free-for-all
- 80 Word with sister or story
- 81 Costume sparkler
- 83 Actor Kjellin
- 84 Learn fast?
- 85 Spare tire
- 87 Johnny Yuma, for one
- 88 Mythical bird
- 89 Periodic table abbr.
- 90 Gave someone a smack
- 93 Writer Runyon
- 97 Rise
- 99 Go in
- 101 Beholds
- 103 Southern constellation
- 104 Sue of "Lollita"
- 106 Bovine actress?
- 110 "Cat" (65 film)
- 112 Exodus edible
- 113 Prudish one
- 114 Melville work
- 115 - Day Now
- 117 To be, to Baudelaire
- 120 Entangle
- 124 Puzzle direction
- 125 Chutzpah
- 128 Bovine publisher?
- 131 Ages
- 132 Church law
- 133 Brinks
- 134 Banana-rama, e.g.
- 135 Actress Susan
- 136 Endangered animal
- 137 Adjust a watch
- 138 Time to evolve?
- DOWN**
- 1 Decorate glass
- 2 Nautical cry
- 3 Wilder's "Our -"
- 4 Dairy treat
- 5 Smidgen
- 6 Internists' org.
- 7 Jet-setter's need
- 8 Egyptian deity
- 9 Religious belief
- 10 Bristol brew
- 11 Bristol brew
- 12 Jocular Jackie
- 13 School founded in 1440
- 14 Meal
- 15 Bovine boxer?
- 16 Proprietor
- 17 - Mine (85 film)
- 21 Justice Antonin
- 23 St.-to-be
- 28 Astound
- 32 Chicken - king
- 33 Iceberg's kin
- 35 '68 US Open winner
- 36 Exploit
- 38 Small mall
- 39 Hydro-therapy site
- 40 Actor Hunter
- 41 TV Tarzan
- 42 Franco of "Camelot"
- 43 Drop
- 48 Salad type
- 49 Spongelike
- 51 Bright inventor?
- 52 Like Lincoln
- 54 Splinter group
- 55 Alphabet sequence
- 57 Ingratiating
- 59 Silo stuff
- 62 Victoria's husband
- 66 It's spotted at zoos
- 67 Bovine band-leader?
- 68 Louisiana university
- 70 Geographical abbr.
- 71 "Clair de Lune" composer
- 73 Celebrities
- 75 Car bomb?
- 76 Grabs all the goodies
- 77 Neighbor of Hispaniola
- 79 Bob of basketball
- 82 Proof letters
- 86 Rock hound?
- 90 Eager
- 91 Castle or Cara
- 92 "How - Is Your Love" (77 hit)
- 94 Deface
- 95 Supper scrap
- 96 Slangy denial
- 98 Stockings
- 100 TV listing abbr.
- 102 Big -, CA
- 105 Shade of meaning
- 107 Ecclesiastical title
- 108 Sage
- 109 Put the match to
- 110 Prolonged
- 111 "That's -" (53 tune)
- 112 Loy or Blyth
- 116 "A Face in the Crowd" actress
- 118 Discourteous
- 119 They're often beaten
- 121 Curly coil
- 122 Equine accessory
- 123 Aphrodite's son
- 126 - Ryan's "Express" (65 film)
- 127 Remnant
- 129 TV's "Haw"
- 130 Presidential monogram



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HOROSCOPES

For the week of Jan. 19 - Jan. 25

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Single Lambs looking for romance could find Cupid especially accommodating this week. Paired partners also find their relationships benefiting from the chubby cherub's attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your keen Bull's eye focused on your target, and shake off any attempt to turn your attention elsewhere. You should get some news later in the week that might answer some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your early enthusiasm for a project might have been somewhat premature. Although you feel positive about it, you might need more information in order to make an informed decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on a new responsibility might seem like the politically correct thing to do. But even with the promise of support, was it the wisest? Consider reassessing your upcoming decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Apply yourself to completing your task despite all the distractions that might be interfering with your work. Then reward yourself with a weekend of fun shared with people who are close to you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A business agreement from the past might need to be looked at again. Use this unexpected development to check out other matters related to it. A weekend venture proves to be rewarding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't ignore that uneasy feeling about making a com-

mitment. It could be a case of understandably cold feet, or a warning that something isn't as right as it should be.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A colleague could be more supporting of one of your efforts. But it's up to you to make the case for it, and that could mean opening up a secret or two, which might be a problem for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect some good news about a relative you've been worried about. But don't expect the full story to be told - at least not yet. A workplace matter might face shifting priorities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Despite some anxious moments, you could have good reason to be pleased with how things are turning out. An end-of-the-week call might hold some interesting information.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A long-overdue expression of appreciation could be offered soon. But admit it: You never really expected it would happen, right? Meanwhile, keep your weekend options open.

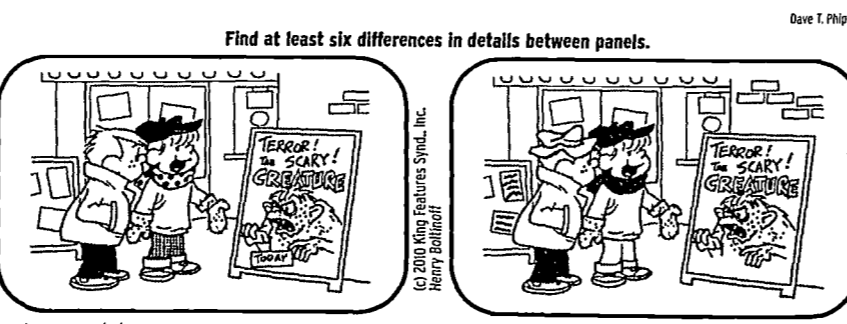
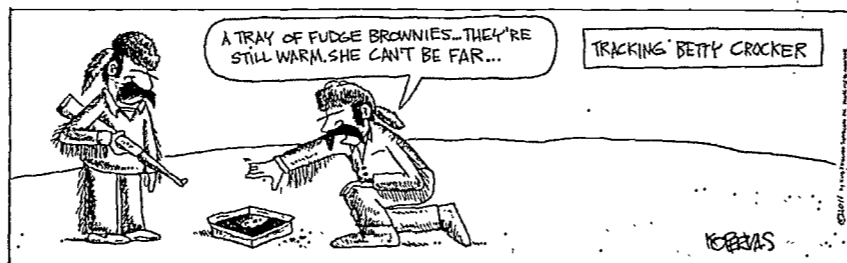
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to dive right into a new challenge, whether it's learning a computer program or how to drive a stick shift, or making a new friend. Whatever it is, good luck.

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IS IT TIME TO TUNE UP YOUR SKILLS TO COMPETE GLOBALLY? By Rusty Weston, Monster Contributing Writer

While the hard skills that are in demand in your field may land you a job faster than soft skills, it's the soft skills -- such as the ability to collaborate in a multicultural, often transnational setting and adapt to new cultures and business processes -- that can take you places you never thought possible, including out of the country for work.

"Some people are very adaptive -- they're conscious of differences in cultures and can do well" with bridging those differences, says Colleen Garton, a San Diego-based global work consultant and author of *Managing Without Walls*.

Failing to tune up your skills to adapt to new cultures can be a mistake, not just for your career, but for your team, Garton explains. "The members of your extended team may feel a little uncomfortable," she says. "You may be doing something that's upsetting a whole bunch of different people, and they might not tell you." In those cases and for those who don't "handle the unfamiliar or ambiguities very well," cultural training is a good idea, she says.

In a global work setting, flexibility, an open mind and collaborative abilities will make the skills you currently possess that much more valuable to your employer. But there are ways you can add to your skill set to become more effective in working with customers, suppliers or coworkers in other countries.

International Immersion
Language training programs are a wise idea. To work in France, clearly you need to learn some French. In other countries, such as the Netherlands, Singapore or China, you can get by on English for an extended amount of time. In Japan, your lack of cultural familiarity may prove even more challenging than not being able to read the road signs.

"There are skills that are more valuable in a global marketplace, like a language -- that's the most basic one," says John Challenger, CEO of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a global outplacement firm based in Chicago. "If you find yourself doing a lot of work in China, but you don't know the language and think that over time that's the place where you will continue to be engaged, then to take the time and start to learn [Mandarin] would be very valuable."

Beyond language training, managers who plan to tackle foreign assignments or whose work requires them to collaborate with customers, coworkers or suppliers outside the US can enroll in executive education courses. These programs, offered by universities, can be as short as a day or scale up to organized trips to foreign countries.

Watch Your Timing
If you're thinking about retuning your skills so you'll be more employable in the global labor market, consider the timing. The sooner you upgrade your skills, the better your chances of leveraging your reskilling investment. "The worst time to reskill is when you're out of work and between jobs," Challenger says. "Finding a job takes a tremendous effort -- and it needs to be all-consuming, something you focus on getting done."

Here is a three-step plan to gauge whether retuning your skills is a good career move for you.

- **Identify the Hot Skills in Your Field:** If you're a C++ programmer and employers covet Java skills or you're a dental hygienist who works with older technology, you know you need to put updating your skills high on your agenda. In a global context, if you're used to working with American techniques, you would benefit from learning ISO standards in your field.
- **Calculate Your Return on Investment:** How much time would you need to devote to reskilling? What, if anything, are the trade-offs? What would it cost you in terms of tuition, day care, travel, missed work? Do the math. If the hot skill pays 50 percent more and makes you employable in a field you like, the investment could pay for itself immediately or in several years.
- **Determine If Your Skills Are More Valuable Elsewhere:** Read job boards to help gauge the demand for your skills locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Use the Salary Wizard to obtain salary reports based on zip codes -- maybe you would earn more in Dallas than in Des Moines. Also look at multinational companies -- they generally pay higher and provide opportunities if you want to move elsewhere. Depending on the nature of your skills, it's not always necessary to leave your hometown to market yourself to companies or customers in other regions.

You should also assess your aptitude for a global career. Free, professional assessment tests such as DNL Global's Global Ready? quiz can help you determine whether going global will be an easy adaptation for you or a stretch.

[A frequent public speaker on topics such as the globalization of work and social networking, San Francisco-based Rusty Weston blogs about career-management issues for My Global Career and Fast Company.]

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| <p>January 10, 17 & 24 Kish Health System/Valley West Community Hospital Sandwich, IL</p> <p>VALLEY WEST MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING Smokers: Have You Thought About Quitting? Are you or is someone you care about a smoker? Is quitting an option? Attend this class to discuss the possibility of quitting and get answers to your questions about the options available to make your next quit smoking attempt successful. Bring a friend. Free - Registration Required. 6:30 - 8 pm. Call 815.786.3684 for more information and cost.</p> | <p>January 19 Kish Health System/Valley West Community Hospital Sandwich, IL</p> <p>HEARTSAVER FIRST AID. This course is designed for employee training at companies, corporations, businesses or other entities. For employees and/or designated first aid responders who have a duty to respond to first aid emergencies because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. It teaches laypersons to recognize common medical, injury, and environmental emergencies and to render first aid. It is for laypersons who wish to learn first aid or who are required to have a first aid certificate for their job. You will receive a Heartsaver First Aid Course Completion Card. Registration required. Fee: \$30. Time: 8:00-9:00 PM. Location: 351 Medical Building. For more information or to register, please call (630) 208-3999 or visit the Classes and Programs section of the Delnor web site: www.delnor.com.</p> | <p>January 24 Lewis University Romeoville, IL Campus</p> <p>WHO KNEW? LEGAL TOPICS OF INTEREST TO NURSES - 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Room 245 in the College of Nursing (South Hall). Presenter: Mary Hesse JD, RN Assistant Professor of Nursing. Purpose: To increase awareness of legal issues related to nursing practice. Objectives: Participants can discuss 1) basics of a malpractice lawsuit 2) common nursing legal errors & how to avoid them 3) IDPPRA's role in nursing licensure disciplinary action 4) HIPAA 5) INA & the highlights of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act. Offered for 1.5 INA contact hours - FREE! Contact peekna@lewisu.edu.</p> |
| <p>January 11 Delnor Hospital Geneva, IL</p> <p>CPR FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. This class is appropriate for family members, friends and members of the general community who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card. This course can also be a non-credentialed option for middle and high school students. It teaches CPR and the relief of choking. *In this class you will receive a Participation Card. Registration required. Fee: \$15. Time: 7:00-9:00 PM. Location: Medical Building. For more information or to register, please call (630) 208-3999 or visit the Classes and Programs section of the Delnor web site: www.delnor.com.</p> | <p>January 20 Delnor Hospital Geneva, IL</p> <p>HEALTHSAVER FIRST AID. This course is designed for employee training at companies, corporations, businesses or other entities. For employees and/or designated first aid responders who have a duty to respond to first aid emergencies because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. It teaches laypersons to recognize common medical, injury, and environmental emergencies and to render first aid. It is for laypersons who wish to learn first aid or who are required to have a first aid certificate for their job. You will receive a Heartsaver First Aid Course Completion Card. Registration required. Fee: \$30. Time: 8:00-9:00 PM. Location: 351 Medical Building. For more information or to register, please call (630) 208-3999 or visit the Classes and Programs section of the Delnor web site: www.delnor.com.</p> | <p>February 15 Lewis University Romeoville, IL Campus</p> <p>HOW THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WILL AFFECT YOU. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Room 245 in the College of Nursing (South Hall). Presenter: Jonathan VandroBrug, Health Care Justice Director for the Campaign for Better Health Care. Purpose/Objectives: To gain a better understanding of the Act and discuss 1) policies that are contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act overall, and 2) how those provisions will affect nurses & the people they care for. 1.5 INA contact hours available - FREE! Contact peekna@lewisu.edu.</p> |

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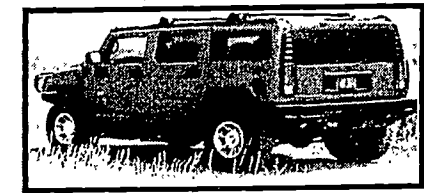
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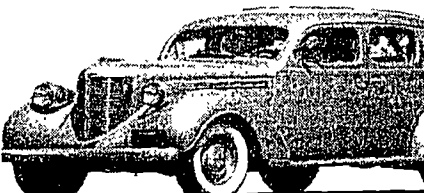
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| 2259 | Patrick Hamelet | electronics, computers |
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| 2295 | Mania Figueroa | electronics, computers |
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| 3227 | Juanita Lopez | Bedding, clothing, furniture, boxes, bags, totes |
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Public Hearings

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 2011, at 7:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:

Applicant: Village of Lincolnwood
Nature of Request: Amendment to Article XI Section 11.04(1)(vii), Article XI Section 11.04(2)(vi), and Article XI Section 11.04(3)(c) of the Village of Lincolnwood Zoning Code to modify the requirements for "Glare Reduction" for ground, wall, and mansard signs to consider the following:

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Seventy five (75) foot-candles measured perpendicular to the face of the sign from a distance equal to the narrowest dimension of the sign; or
When the sign is located in a residential zoning district, fifty (50) foot-candles measured perpendicular to the face of the sign from a distance equal to the narrowest dimension of the sign; or
C. One foot-candle on adjoining residential property, measured three feet (3') above the surface of the ground.

At the public hearing, the Plan Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Plan Commission will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at its next meeting. The final decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application.

Information concerning this application is available for inspection (50) foot-candles measured perpendicular to the face of the sign from a distance equal to the narrowest dimension of the sign, at the Village of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Plan Commission of the Village without further notice, other than the notice of adjournment. The date, time, and place of the adjournment shall be posted in the Village of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who wishes to submit oral or written comments concerning this application, written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60462. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-673-7402.

Dated: January 10, 2011

Village Clerk
Village of Lincolnwood
Pub: 1-13-11 (24280) C

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| Space# | Occupant | Contents |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 117 | Lawrence Kapuska | Boxes, bags, totes, tools |
| 627 | Ron Haaning | Boxes, bags, totes |

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| Space # | Occupant | Contents |
|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A025 | Shanrae Murray | Boxes, bags, totes |
| A035 | Marylu Chavez | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| A081 | Sarah Horwick | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| A130 | Douglas Outlaw | Boxes, bags, totes |
| A152 | Chanial Wengang | Boxes, bags, totes |
| B171 | Elvir Sinkovic(Estrada Rusi) | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C045 | Daniel W. McNamara | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D068 | Ricky Nelson | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D081 | Gary Angulo | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D101 | Cathy Hareas | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D105 | Nick Kischuk | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F019 | Nicu Voucu | Tools, boxes, totes |
| F020 | Andri Moldovan | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F025 | Andri Moldovan | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F026 | Andrew Buckley | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F027 | Ruben Lee | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F028 | Andrea Parral | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F029 | Larry Davis | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F030 | Steven Zava | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F031 | Maria Rivera | Boxes, bags, totes |

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| Space # | Occupant | Contents |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1091 | Joey's Movers | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3008 | Joey's Movers | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3158 | Maureen Koller | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3165 | Isabella Kurian | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3166 | Carlos De la Cruz | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3137 | Melissa Dominguez | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 2167 | Francisco Lopez | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 2196 | Andrew Buckley | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 2003 | Ruben Lee | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 2208 | Andrea Parral | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 1144 | Steven Zava | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3079 | Maria Rivera | Boxes, bags, totes |

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| Space# | Occupant | Contents |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0003 | Natasha Youngblood | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 0041 | Nakhesha Ivy | Boxes, bags, totes |
| B1026 | Folcia Richardson | Boxes, bags, totes |
| B1048 | Lisa Wiggins | Boxes, bags, totes |
| B1059 | Beverly Hadley | Boxes, bags, totes |
| B1065 | Debbie Dale | Boxes, bags, totes |
| B1067 | Grace Logan | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| C2017 | Charmelle Dukes | Boxes, bags, totes, computers |
| C2020 | Barbara Samuels | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C2038 | Carolee Sith | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C2022 | Toy Lenderson | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| C2063 | Briana Gaines | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C2064 | Rose Seaton | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| C2070 | Joleau Jones | Bedding, clothing, furniture |
| C2071 | Erica Aday | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D3043 | Chiquita Eubanks | Bedding, clothing, furniture |
| E4045 | Prince Riley | Books, files, boxes, totes |
| E4125 | Gilmaro/Gilard Institute Lisa | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| F4146 | Rowlandna Hooks | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| F4148 | Robert Shannon | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| F5019 | Dale Cardine | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F5057 | Erica Aday | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| F5056 | Gail Hawkins | Bedding, clothing, boxes |
| F5080 | Marie Dixon | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| F5094 | Kimolnye Woodard | Boxes, bags, totes |
| F5144 | Christopher Almyard | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| G6017 | Shannon Davis | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| G6038 | Tracey Adams | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| G6039 | Rick Bowman | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |
| G6076 | Steven Dean | Boxes, bags, totes |
| G6141 | Nyovane Nonthambtha | Boxes, files, cabinets |
| H7059 | Milo Bosh | Boxes, bags, totes |
| H7123 | Carroll Barandic | Boxes, bags, totes |
| H7123 | Robert Wilson | Boxes, bags, totes |
| H7128 | Soraya Walton | Boxes, bags, totes |

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| Unit# | Name | Contents |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 019 | Russell Malbrough | Furniture, boxes, totes |
| 021 | Russell Malbrough | Furniture, boxes, totes |
| 058 | Michael Julian | Furniture, boxes, totes |
| 063 | Darius Johnson | Clothing, boxes |
| 065 | Keryla Little | Furniture, boxes |
| 066 | Michael Allen | Furniture, boxes |
| 183 | Pat Williams | Clothing, boxes |
| 219 | Karl Jones | Boxes, totes |
| 255 | Angela Hood | Boxes, totes, toys |
| 264 | Monique Lewis | Boxes, totes |
| 0565 | Regina Scannichio | Furniture, boxes |
| 0146 | Jelani Posion | Electronics |
| 0118 | Justin Hinton | Boxes, totes |

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| SPACE # | NAME | CONTENTS |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A002 | Chris Huaracha | Boxes, bags, totes |
| A040 | Leslie Shaw | Boxes, bags, totes |
| A050 | Shirun Ladolobi | Boxes, bags, totes |
| B020 | Francesca Scherk | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C083 | Nicole Goff | Boxes, bags, totes, tools |
| C159 | Joan Ortiz | Boxes, bags, totes, bedding, clothing |
| D005 | Joel L. Baum | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D035 | Steven Weaver | Boxes, bags, totes, bedding |
| D038 | Kathleen Cashman | Boxes, bags, totes, tools |
| D072 | William Moffet M.D. | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D075 | William Moffet M.D. | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D098 | John Sexton | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D144 | Joel L. Baum | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D145 | William Moffet M.D. | Boxes, bags, totes |

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| SPACE # | Occupant | Contents |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| B078 | Kiesha Twigg | Bedding, bags, boxes |
| B089 | Central Synagogue | Books, files, cabinets |
| B115 | Dawn Madison | Bedding, boxes, bags |
| B185 | Deanna French | Bedding, boxes, bags |
| B192 | Julien Koho | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C207 | Richard Gordon | Books, files, cabinets |
| C224 | Colby Luckenbach | Books, files, boxes |
| C237 | James Brandolino | Books, boxes, bags |
| C336 | William Woodland | Clothing, bags, boxes |
| D390 | Kristina Mackey | Bedding, clothing, boxes |
| D405 | Cino Baffa | Bedding, boxes, totes |
| D487 | Darnell Barton | Boxes, bags, furniture |
| D498 | Robert Ticaico | Boxes, bags, furniture |
| E598 | Claudia Coleman | Boxes, bags, furniture |
| E676 | Roy Mansell | Boxes, bags, totes |

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| SPACE # | NAME | CONTENTS |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| C085 | Donna Tyson | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C130 | Michael Daley | Boxes, bags, totes, bedding |
| D068 | John Baum | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D148 | Lela Outland | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D185 | Shelby Bear | Boxes, bags, totes |

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| SPACE # | NAME | CONTENTS |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| C085 | Donna Tyson | Boxes, bags, totes |
| C130 | Michael Daley | Boxes, bags, totes, bedding |
| D068 | John Baum | Boxes, bags, totes |
| D148 | Lela Outland | Boxes, bags, totes |
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| Unit | Name | Contents |
|------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1009 | Richard Ottens | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3042 | Walter Deger | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture, tools |
| 3044 | Tammy Wiest | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 4031 | Darryl N. Pena | Electronics, computers, furniture |
| 6020 | Tapia Guzman | Boxes, bags, totes, toys |
| 7019 | Diana Dichman | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |

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| SPACE # | Occupant | Contents |
|---------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2045 | Tom Gipple | Books, files, boxes |
| 3021 | Fredrick Gambrell | Bedding, clothing |
| 3062 | Brenda Bailey | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 3135 | Steven Miskowicz | Boxes, electronics |
| 4018 | Shawn Miskowicz | Bedding, clothing |
| 4036 | Nicole Hall | Boxes, bags, totes |
| 4054 | Aurrie Thomas | Books, files, totes |
| 5019 | Adam Baca | Bedding, clothing |
| 6078 | Travis Peaster | Boxes, bags |
| 6084 | Nicholas Wingo | Bedding, clothing |
| 6138 | Daryl Walker | Boxes, bags |

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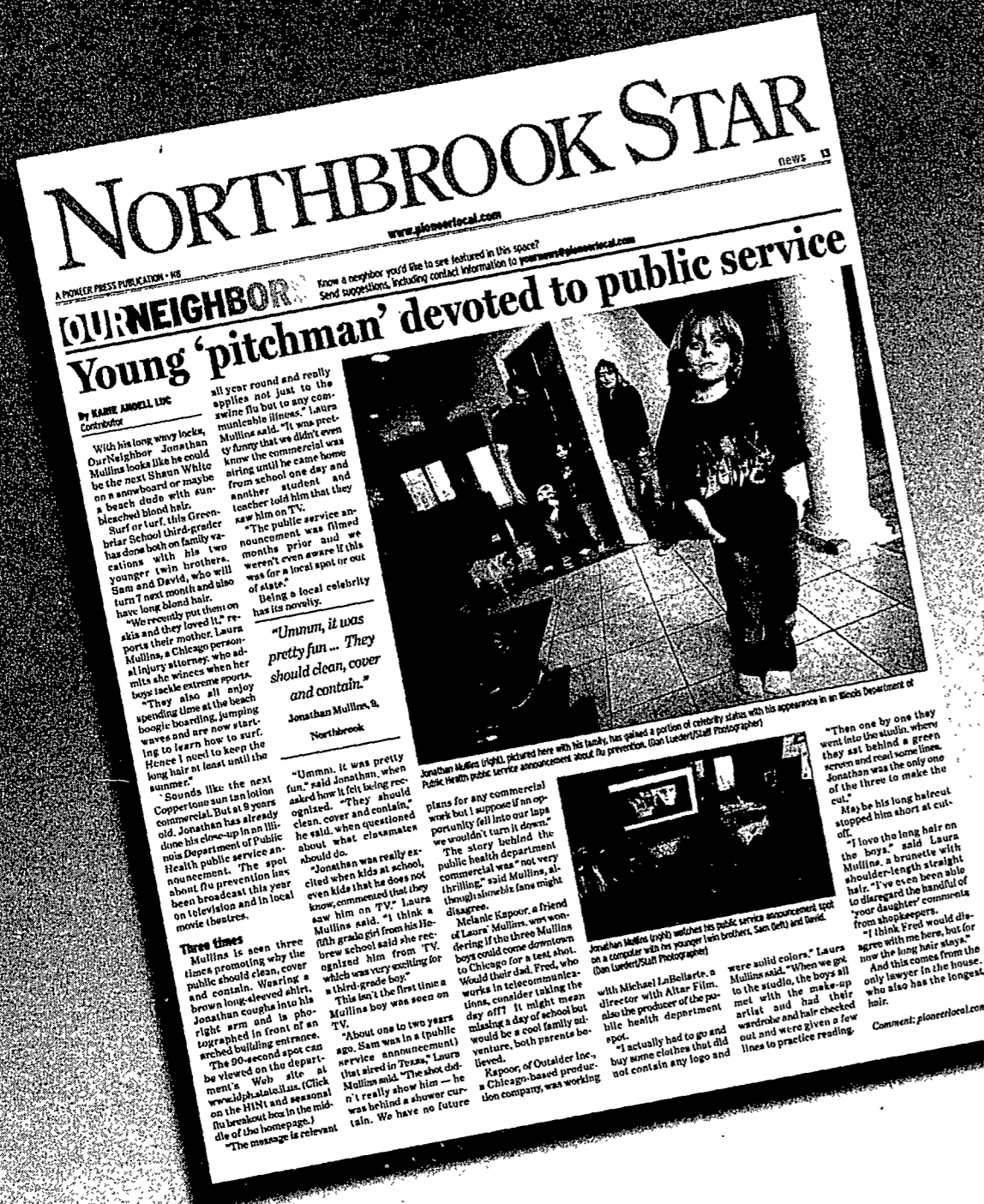
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|------|----------------|-------------------------------|
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| 3042 | Walter Deger | Boxes, bags, totes, furniture |

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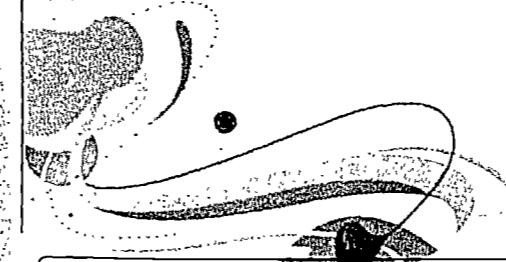
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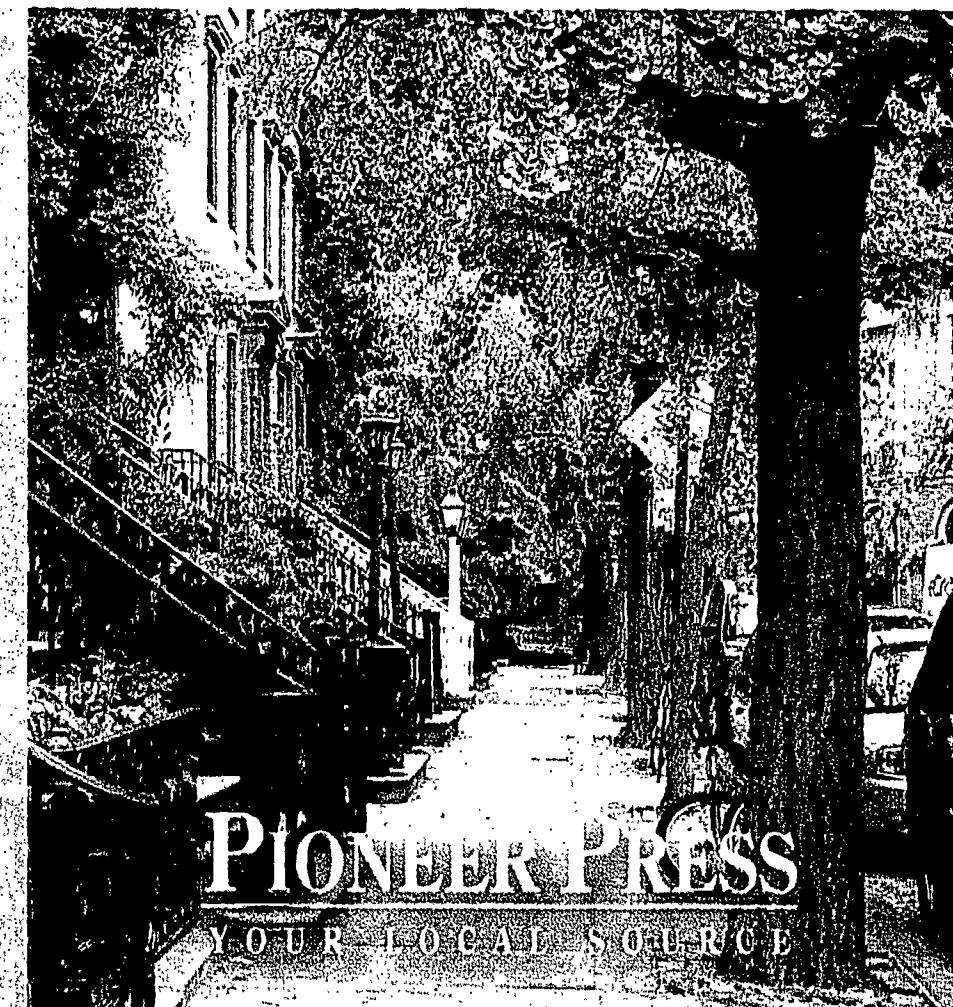
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Firefighters can work at home, too

LONG GROVE, Dec. 14 — A man walked across the street at 12:29 a.m. and rang the doorbell at the Long Grove Fire Protection District station to announce that his house was burning.

Five people and one pet cat escaped before firefighters arrived, according to a district press release. Firefighters extinguished flames inside a bedroom of the single-story ranch house at 1160 Old McHenry Road in about five minutes.

Vodka with a splash

NORTHBROOK, Dec. 12 — Police arrested a 38-year-old Vernon Hills man driving with a bottle of vodka at his side, after he clobbered a fire hydrant at Commercial Avenue and Sunset Trail.

Call me crazy

WINNETKA, Jan. 3 — About 30 cops brought police-officer equipment just below the level of anti-aircraft guns to Carleton Washburne School when the wife of an administrator became convinced her husband was held hostage there. That notion was delivered by voices she heard on a wireless phone call from him. But it was just hubby butt-dialing on the way home while listening to rap music.

Poop deck

SKOKIE, Dec. 22 — A detached garage on the 5300 block of Davis Street was broken into, but nothing was taken. Someone had, however, defecated just inside the door.

His signature crime

PARK RIDGE, Dec. 6 — A local thief, 24, was reportedly caught using a stolen credit card after he signed his own name on the slips.

Each time I do it, I do better

RIVER FOREST, Dec. 27 — A 30-year old heroin addict was seen pulling the crossword puzzle sections out of the newspapers in a

sales box at Harlem Avenue and Lake Street. An officer told him to "save some puzzles for the next person" and sent him on his way.

Getting a head start on Christmas shoplifting

MORTON GROVE, Dec. 27 — A Niles man, 55, was reportedly caught stealing eight boxes of Christmas lights, from Menards, 6301 Oakton St.

Off the tracks

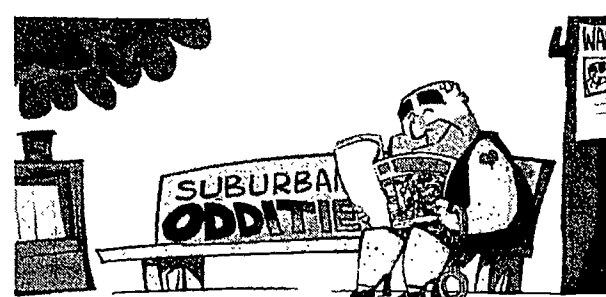
WILMETTE, Jan. 1 — A couple and their child were booted from a southbound Metra train after the man refused to stop yelling at the woman, even after being separated from her. He said he was angry because he thought his wife wanted money his boss had given to him, while the woman said the man had simply had too much to drink at a holiday party in Highland Park. The couple agreed to take separate trains home.

Now, about that job ...

EVANSTON, Jan. 2 — A resident of the 900 block of Grey Avenue declined the offer of snow-shoveling job service from a stranger at her door. Shortly afterward, he walked into her backyard and stole her shovel.

When business is bad, aren't you supposed to start the fire in the kitchen?

LAKE BLUFF, Dec. 22 — A Knollwood firefighter driving through town saw flames on the stairs of La Iguana Loca Restaurant, 5 N. Skokie Valley Road, and called it in. But it was only the owner of the restaurant, trying to ward off evil spirits. Lt. Christopher Thompson of the Lake County Sheriff's Office said the owner had spread a 3-inch by 10-foot strip of wood chips mixed with alcohol up the stairs of his business, then lit it. The ritual was intended to cure slow business and ensure two recent



Free of charge, we offer tales of stupid criminals, strange crimes, odd news and otherwise silly stories from around Chicagoland.

break-ins would not be repeated. The officers told the owner they respected his beliefs, but couldn't allow open fires.

Elmer Fudd looks for bugs in Lake Bluff

LAKE BLUFF, Dec. 21 — Police responded to a call that someone appeared to be hunting along the EJ & E railroad tracks at Skokie Highway. Officers spoke with a 58-year-old Gurnee man who said he had permission from the owner of DK Organics, 855 Skokie Highway, to hunt on the property. They told him the property has been annexed to Lake Bluff, and that hunting with a projectile is illegal everywhere with or without landowner permission.

No biting 'til I get my beer

FRANKLIN PARK, Dec. 21 — A 2001 GMC Sierra was stolen while the owner was in Bell Liquors, 9619 Franklin Ave., despite the presence of a pit bull inside the SUV.

Won't you be my burglar?

BUFFALO GROVE, Dec. 15 — A friendly gentleman rang a doorbell on the 400 block of Newtown Drive to introduce himself as a new neighbor. He was admitted, and eventually wound up with the homeowner in the

Parkway on a cold day, came back outside to see an old man driving her car down the street.

He parked, handed her the now-broken stem that controls the windshield wipers, got in his own car and drove away. He apparently had confused the wiper control with the shift lever. The woman wrote down the his license plate number, which she relayed to police.

Officers traced the plate to a man who agreed to pay for repairs. The woman did not press charges, and she herself was not charged with leaving a running vehicle unattended.

No more huddling in the doorway

WILMETTE, Dec. 2 — A non-smoking resident of the 400 block of Prairie Avenue told police that he detected the smell of smoke in his van, parked in his driveway, and found cigarette ash on the dashboard. A woman who lives on the same block reported that when she entered her car after a few days of disuse, she smelled smoke, too, and saw ash on an armrest. She doesn't smoke, either.

Cops and robbers meet by accident

OAK PARK, Jan. 3 — Three youths took off after their car crashed on Oak Park Avenue near Erie Street, leaving behind a vehicle filled with stolen goods. And the car was stolen, too. So when rounded up, all three were charged with burglaries and other crimes against the state.

Bah. Humbug.

BUFFALO GROVE, Dec. 24 — A resident of an apartment on the 100 block of Steeple Drive called police at 8:25 p.m. to complain that "her upstairs neighbor's children were jumping around causing the resident's unit to shake," according to a police report.

An officer intervened: "The upstairs neighbor reported that it was Christmas Eve, that her children were excited, but that she would attempt to keep her children from making so much noise."

Somebody didn't take Christmas day off

FRANKLIN PARK, Dec. 26 — A truck containing 45,000 pounds of Miller beer in cases and kegs was reported stolen from a lot on the 11000 block of West Grand Avenue.

They don't make old ladies like they used to

OAK PARK, Dec. 28 — A woman reportedly saw another customer in line at the Dunkin' Donuts, 7117 W. North Ave., drop \$500. She grabbed it and took off before he noticed. And a security video allegedly caught a 66-year-old Elmwood Park woman make the snatch, and police grabbed her when she came back to the store two days later. "She knew who the owner was," Detective Cmdr. LaDon Reynolds said.

It's OK, sweetie

NILES, Dec. 18 — A young employee got caught failing to give customers their promised-as-advertised \$10 Sears discount card when ringing them up on at 400 Golf Mill Shopping Center. The employee allegedly then used the six cards to purchase video games. Mom came to the store and paid the \$100 fine.

They knew where to look

WESTCHESTER, Dec. 24 — A gold bracelet studded with emeralds and diamonds, a gold necklace with a clear stone attached and a gold chain were reported stolen from a home on the first block of Princess Court.

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

Center of Concern

The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:
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.

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. 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.

Civic

Maine Township is accepting nominations for the first annual Sgt. Karen

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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. 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 or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs

The Sweet Singers of Congregation Ezras Israel which entertains at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenberg Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.
I Chiacchieroni Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. The next meeting will be Jan. 13. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: ichiacchieroni@yahoo.com.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley,

(847) 966-5479, e-mail james-bonds4762@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

The Korean War Veterans Association, Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Hennmueller, (773) 774-9671.

Join the Catholic Women's Bowling League for Ladies Night Out at Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Drozd at (224) 628-4009 or ddrozdz@comcast.net.
The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.
Niles Chapter Toastmasters meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

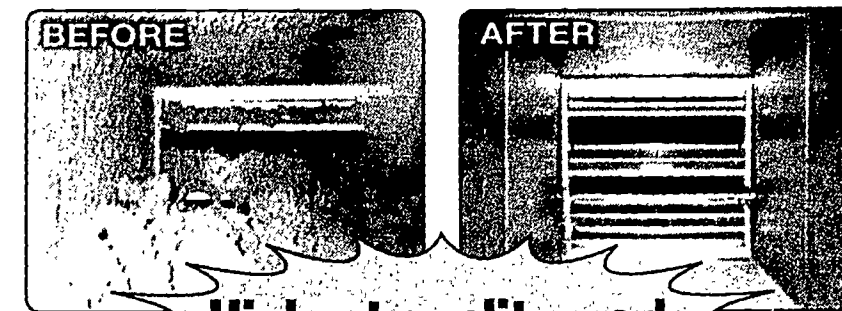
Community

The Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23 at White Eagle Banquets, Victoria Room, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Exhibitors from around the nation will display a spectacular array of precious and semi-precious gemstone beads, sterling silver, unique findings, fantastic freshwater pearls, beautiful hand blown glass beads, vintage beads, crystals, delicas and more. For a \$2-off admission coupon, visit www.beadshows.com or call (888) 729-6904.

St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 5000 N. Cumberland Ave., Chicago, hosts bingo on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., and bingo starts at 7 p.m.; pull tabs, raffle, computers, food and refreshments. Handicap accessible; plenty of parking. Call (773) 625-4805.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaustmuseum.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: Jew-

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By TOM WITOM
Contributor

Melissa Clark's impeccable credentials as a food writer are apparent from the very first page of *In the Kitchen with A Good Appetite* (Hyperion, \$27.95), the latest of her 29 published cookbooks.

A natural storyteller with a well-cultivated taste for her subject matter, Brooklyn-based Clark provides readers with a flavor of life with her family, friends, husband and young daughter. As a youth, she spent many a summer holiday traveling with family in France. Cuisine and vacation were always linked as they sought out the culinary delights of Michelin-starred restaurants.

In her books and popular weekly New York Times column ("A Good Appetite"), Clark writes with a breezy style as she shares her experiences — everything from anecdotes about family dining traditions to local farmers' market discoveries to surviving kitchen mishaps.

Clark's fondness for dessert and early willingness to try a wide range of foods, including garlicky steamed mussels and raw Tuscan kale salad with chilies and pecorino, is apparent.

In the Kitchen with A Good Appetite includes a collection of some 150 sophisticated but workable recipes — most of them making their first appearance in print. Alas, there are no full-color food photos to drool over. But tantalizing recipes for breakfast fare, fish, cheese, fried dishes and



Melissa Clark mixes good storytelling with sophisticated but easy-to-master recipes in her latest cookbook, *In the Kitchen with A Good Appetite*.

pies, among others, offer plenty to put one's salivary glands into high gear. A case in point is Clark's delicious recipe under Holiday Food for Triple Chocolate Trifle with Raspberries.

Other topics include ways to bolster confidence by improvising in the kitchen, easy weeknight dinner suggestions, how to involve children in family meal preparation and tips for updating year-round recipes by using seasonal produce.

Clark also puts an intriguing spin on barley soup, a perfect winter favorite that's often mundane. She does it with a disarming addition of spices, chicken, sweet potato and spinach. It's a winning combination that results in a nicely textured broth brimming with bold flavors.

SPICY CHICKEN BARLEY SOUP WITH SWEET POTATOES AND SPINACH
(Serves 6 to 8)

Ingredients:
 3 T extra-virgin olive oil
 1 Spanish onion, chopped
 1 tsp. kosher salt, plus more to taste
 1/2 tsp. sweet paprika
 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/4 tsp. chili powder
 1/4 tsp. ground coriander
 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
 Pinch cayenne
 1 T tomato paste
 3 garlic cloves, chopped
 6 C low-sodium or good homemade chicken broth
 1 C pearled barley, rinsed well
 1 sweet potato, peeled and diced
 12 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs, cut into bite-size pieces
 5 oz. (1 bag) fresh baby spinach
 1/2 C chopped fresh cilantro or mint
 1 T freshly squeezed lemon juice
 Lemon wedges, for serving

Directions:
 Heat the oil in a large soup pot over high heat. Add the onion and salt and saute until limp, about 3 minutes. Add all the spices and saute until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add the tomato paste and saute for another minute, until darkened but not burned. (If the tomato paste gets dark too quickly, lower the heat.)
 Add the garlic and continue to saute for 1 minute longer.
 Return the heat to high if you lowered it, then add the broth, 2 cups water and the barley to the pot. Bring to a boil and let simmer for 30 minutes. Add the sweet potato and continue to cook until the barley and sweet potato are soft, about 30 minutes to an hour more, adding more water to the pot if necessary (it should not get too thick; this is soup, not stew). Add the chicken, partially cover the pot, lower the heat to medium-low, and simmer for 10 minutes.
 Add the spinach and cilantro or mint to the pot and continue simmering until the spinach is wilted, about 5 minutes longer. Stir in the lemon juice and more salt if desired. Serve garnished with cilantro or mint and lemon wedges.
Note: If your chicken broth is on the salty side, reduce the salt to one-half teaspoon on the salt. You can always add more salt later.

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ish 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 too 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; register with the Niles Chamber (847) 268-8180 or www.nileschamber.com.

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

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, click on Organizations, then Hawk Boosters and then the membership link to obtain a membership/pass application - or call Laurie Kovalick, 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 de-

sire 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.

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 a fund-raiser. **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 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. 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
Holy Family Medical Center, 100 N. River Road, Des Plaines, will kick-off its "Let's Move Our Numbers!" Campaign from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 13, featuring NBC5's 2009 Biggest Loser contestants and "At-home" winner, Jerry and Estella Hayes, with the goal of improving the health and well-being of the community. The Hayes will share insights and tips leading a healthier lifestyle. The campaign brings focus to four critical numbers: cholesterol levels, blood pressure, blood sugar and body mass index (BMI). Jerry Hayes, who won the \$100,000 "At-home" prize for the contestant who lost the highest percentage of body weight among those voted off the show, no longer takes the six medications he once needed for high blood pressure, diabetes and gout after reaching a healthy BMI through exercise and diet. Attendees will hear from a representative of the Surgeon General's Office, learn about Michelle Obama's Let's Move program, sample healthy food and beverages, hear inspirational stories and discover new fitness techniques from the

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Lattof YMCA, NBC5 News Anchor Dick Johnson will moderate the program. Free event. E-mail event@resurrectioncares.org, or call (312) 645-9400. Ext. 26 to sign-up for the event.

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, 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 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 usafwww.namiccns.org.

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

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

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 10:10-10:30 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 drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program

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 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

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ATTEND A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING Red & Purple Modernization Project

MON., JAN. 24, 2011
6:00 TO 8:30 p.m.
UPTOWN
St. Augustine College
1345 W. Argyle St.
Chicago, IL 60640

TUE., JAN. 25, 2011
6:00 TO 8:30 p.m.
EDGEWATER
Nicholas Senn High School
5900 N. Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

WED., JAN. 26, 2011
6:00 TO 8:30 p.m.
ROGERS PARK
New Field Primary School
1707 W. Morse Ave.
Chicago, IL 60626

THU., JAN. 27, 2011
6:00 TO 8:30 p.m.
EVANSTON
Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center
1655 Foster St.
Evanston, IL 60201

Information presented will be the same at all meetings. These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is proposing to make improvements, subject to the availability of funding, to the North Red and Purple Lines. The improvements are proposed in order to bring the existing transit stations, track systems and structures into a state of good repair from the track structure immediately north of Belmont station to the Linden terminal (9.5 miles). This project is one part of CTA's effort to extend and enhance the entire Red Line.

We want to hear from you!

Attend one of the public scoping meetings to learn more about the project and provide feedback on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project and the environmental and community impacts to be evaluated. The input will help define the environmental studies to be considered in the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Submit a Comment by February 18, 2011

In addition to comments received at the meeting, written comments will be accepted until February 18, 2011. Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax, with attention to: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority, P.O. Box 7602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602. E-mail: RPM@transitchicago.com Fax: (312) 681-4195

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MAINE EAST

Maine East High School's Automotive Program in the Applied Arts & Technology Department is the recipient of a \$750 Exxon Mobil Education Alliance grant through the efforts of Gregory Heim of Mannheim Mobil at 3201 N. Mannheim Road in Franklin Park. Rhis is one of 2,400 grants made available this year across the country. This grant will be used to purchase an exhaust emission analyzer. This lab equipment will enable students to measure differences in vehicle exhaust emissions before and after a repair is performed.

MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM

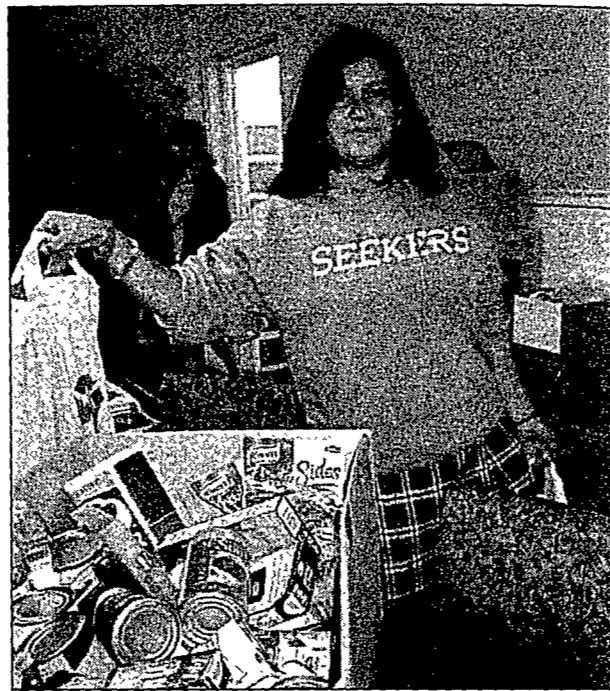
Two Open House events are planned at Mary, Seat of Wisdom School, 1352 S. Cumberland Ave., as part of the annual Catholic Schools Week celebration. The Open House will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 30. The second Open House is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. Feb. 1.

The first Open House will be preceded by an all-school family Mass at 9 a.m. in the church, with the school children's ensemble leading music and song. Following Mass, visitors are invited to tour the school and visit the Curriculum Fair, which highlights students' achievements and activities. Teachers and students will be in the classrooms to demonstrate aspects of each grade's curriculum. Information tables in Wisdom Hall will feature athletic teams and extra-curricular activities. Tours of the school will be ongoing.

The second Open House offers the opportunity to experience a typical school day. Visitors may observe classes in session, and are invited to attend a special information session at 10:30 a.m. to answer any questions.



Food drive Resurrection seniors Elizabeth Garrity and Sarah Cunningham help out with the school's Thanksgiving food drive. | Contributed photo



Resurrection sophomore Alexandra Gomez helps out. | Contributed photo

Registration for the 2010-11 school year will take place beginning Jan. 30. Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic School services children in Pre-K 3 through eighth grade. An Extended Day program is available from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. on school days.

Anyone unable to attend the Open House events is welcome to schedule a private tour by contacting the school office; call (847) 825-2500 or go to www.mswhschool.org.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHILD CARE CENTER

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center will hold a Kindergarten Open House on Jan. 24 for children and parents interested in the kindergarten program. The Open House will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 2 p.m. Children who will have turned 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2011 will be eligible for the 2011-12 kindergarten class. A junior kindergarten class will be offered for children who have July or August birthdays, who plan to attend kindergarten in the

fall of 2012.

Messiah's kindergarten class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, with an extended lunch and enrichment program available until 1:30 p.m. (no naptime). Full-day child care services are also available (6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center currently has openings in its Tuesday/Thursday (younger) 3-year-old classes. This class is designed for children who have turned 3 years old since Sept. 1, 2009 and are looking for a preschool program without having to wait until next fall. This class is in session from 9 to 11:30 a.m., through the second week of June. Extended hours, including lunch or full-day child care, are available to all children. Messiah Child Care is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parent-Tot-Messiah's also has Monday and Thursday Parent-Tot class openings, for children ages 18-36 months old. The classes are held on 10 consecutive Mondays or Thursdays for one-hour sessions, 9:10-10:10 a.m.

or 10:30-11:30 a.m. Spring classes will begin in March. Messiah Child Care also has part-time or full-time openings in its 3- and 4-year-old preschool classes. Morning classes are from 9 to 11:30 a.m., but extended care is available for all children between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Summer programs are available for children 3-9 years old. The programs incorporate a full summer curriculum that includes sports activities, music, arts and crafts, Bible school lessons and field trips. Morning classes or full-day programs are available for two to five days a week. The summer programs begin Aug. 22. Morning classes or full-day programs are available for two to five days a week for 3- and 4-year-olds. Morning classes are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and extended care is available between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Extended hours, including lunch, or full-day child care are available to all children.

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center is a Christian preschool/childcare at 1605 Vernon Ave. in Park Ridge. To receive further information and/or registration materials or to schedule a school visit, call (847) 825-3767 and ask for Karen, e-mail at messiahchildcare@sbcglobal.net or go to www.messiahchildcare.com Summer

Messiah's kindergarten and junior kindergarten class is available five mornings a week from 9 a.m. to noon with extended enrichment hours available until 1:30 p.m. Full-day child care is offered as well. The junior kindergarten class will be offered for children who have July or August birthdays, who plan to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2012.

Openings are also available in Messiah "older 4s" class. This program is designed for children who have autumn or early winter birthdays but are not yet 5 by the kindergarten entrance date. The class is held 5 days a week, 9-11:30 a.m., with extended hours available.

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center is a Christian preschool/childcare at 1605 Vernon Ave. in Park Ridge. To receive further information and/or registration materials or to schedule a school visit, call (847) 825-3767 and ask for Karen, e-mail at messiahchildcare@sbcglobal.net or go to www.messiahchildcare.com Summer

2010 and school year 2010-11 application forms may be picked up as well as applications for the current year.

NORTHRIDGE PREP

Northridge Prep seniors Brett Balasa, David Nuccio, Christian Arevalo, Jacob Avila, and seventh-grader Tejus Mathew served lunch to families of chronically and terminally ill children at the Ronald McDonald House near Loyola Medical Center on Dec. 22. Dr. Paul Keough, who coordinated the event, also brought his sons, Culum and Benen, to help.

The lunch menu was self-serve beef tacos with all the fillings, rice on the side, lemonade and desserts. The Ronald McDonald House volunteers provided a tour of the home that is designed after the movie, "The Secret Garden," including a chapel, a garden playroom, a recreation room and a nautical room. The Northridge Knights cleaned up the kitchen, stored leftover food and presented the house with the five "welcome

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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 avail-

able in the morning and afternoon for 3- and 4-year-old classes. Registration is accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633.

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

Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate stu-

dents 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

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bags" (one for each of Dr. Keough's classes). Each bag included bottled water, games, snacks, gift cards and change for phone calls.

Northridge Preparatory School is an independent college preparatory school for young men in grades 6-12 in Niles.

NOTRE DAME

During the weeks prior to finals and their Christmas break, the Notre Dame College Prep Dons were busy helping make the holiday season brighter for less fortunate people. Charitable endeavors included donating gifts, food, clothing and blood to others.

On Dec. 9, Notre Dame College Prep and LifeSource hosted a blood drive in the gym. The generosity of the Notre Dame community was once again on display as 65 individuals donated blood. LifeSource estimates that their efforts will save 195 people this season, and the drive came in at 108 percent over goal. Members of the ND community can still donate in the school's name. Simply use the code: NII5.

Through the Adopt-A-Kid program, the National Honor Society collected two gifts each for 165 children. On Dec. 10, five cars packed with gifts were brought to Guerin Prep in Chicago. Then with students from other areas high schools, 35 NHS members assisted the Adopt-A-Kid organizers to prepare gifts for Santa to distribute. In all, 8,000 gifts were distributed to 30 different community organizations.

Students who donated \$5

for gifts were able to wear jeans during finals.

Through Dec. 20, the Student Council and Christian Service Office coordinated a food drive for the Chicago Food Depository. Non-perishable food items such as pasta, canned vegetables, peanut butter, grain cereal, rice and sauces were collected. Nearly 600,000 people in the Chicago area rely on the Chicago Food Depository to supplement their meals.

Senior **Julio Perez** also organized a winter clothing drive for Hines VA Hospital. Gently used winter clothing was collected for veterans at the VA Hospital.

RESURRECTION

High school aged boys (ages 14-18) are invited to audition for the Resurrection College Prep High School spring theater production, "The Imaginary Invalid," by French playwright Moliere.

The performance will feature music and dance in a farcical depiction of a wealthy hypochondriac under the care of unethical medical professionals. The spring performances will be at 7 p.m. March 17, 18 and 19 and at 2 p.m. March 20.

There will be three roles available for young men, and all high school boys are invited to audition. Auditions for actors continue from 3 to 6 p.m. Jan. 13, and auditions for singers and students with Irish dance experience will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Jan. 14. Singers may sing a cappella or may bring a background CD.

Auditions will take place in the Resurrection College Prep High School Little Theatre, 7500 W. Talcott Ave. in Chicago. For more details, contact director Tony Muscarello at (773) 775-6616 or tmuscarello@reshs.org.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

St. John Brebeuf Elementary School will hold an Open House Jan. 30 to begin its celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The School Open House, beginning at 10 a.m. until noon, will follow the 9 a.m. family Mass at the church.

The school is at 8301 N. Harlem Ave. in Niles. Families and community members are invited to tour the school, meet teachers and parents, enjoy refreshments, and take part in fun activities in our gym with your child.

For more information on the curriculum, admissions and registration, contact the school office at (847) 966-8266, or go to www.sjb-school.org.

TRINITY

Trinity High School, River Forest, has announced local students who were named to the honor roll for the first block of the 2010-11 academic year. They include:

First Honors - From Norridge: Juniors **Noeli Benitez**, **Monica Kenar** and **Molly Krebs**, and freshman **Miljana Marjanovic**. From Park Ridge: Junior **Chryssa Athans** and freshman **Kaitlin Leen**. Second Honors - From Niles: Sophomore **Shannon McGinnis**.

WALTHER LUTHERAN

Walther Lutheran High School, Melrose Park, has named students who earned honors for the current marking period. They include senior **Denisa Jurcakov** of Norridge, who made the Principal's List (3.75 or higher), and **Samuel H. Cattau** of Park Ridge, who made the Honor Roll (3.51 to 3.74).
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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: Done to invigorating music 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 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 March. 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 kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organiza-

tion leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle-paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office

paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com/.

Religion

Register now for Theology of Park Ridge Winter 2011 Program, "Toward a Vibrant Faith," at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 9711 W. Devon Ave., Rosemont, held on the following five Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 a.m. - Jan. 26; The Rev. Richard Fragoneni, "Finding a Vibrant Faith on a Sinking Ship and Reaching for a Plank Before We Drown," Feb. 9; Margaret M. Nykaza, "Living Out the Faith in Harmony, Hope and Healing," Feb. 23; Wayne Messmer, "Keep the Faith Or... Nobody Ever Said It was Going to be Easy," March 2; Todd Williamson, The Third Edition of the Roman Missal: Promises and Challenges. Cost is \$35 for the full series or \$10 per lecture. Contact: Mary Lou Murphy, (773) 774-4421.

Registrations for the St. John Brebeuf "Joy in Jesus" Sunday preschool program are now being taken. The program is open to children ages 3 and one-half through kindergarten age. Classes are held during the 10:45 Mass each Sunday. Registration fee is \$40 and covers all materials for the year. Special emphasis is given to the development of self-awareness in the children and their place in the Christian community. The goal of the program is to provide a foundation for a future understanding of their faith. To register, call Charlotte Lindquist, (847) 470-1434.

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

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

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

Reunions

Maine Township High South, Class of 1966, is spearheading a two-day "Mass Reunion" to be held Aug. 26 and 27. Accompanying classes that represented the first collective student body to attend the newly opened high school in 1964 as well as their spouses and guests are to be included. The nucleus of new students that celebrated the opening of Maine South High School migrated from both Maine East and Maine West and

includes the classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967. The two-day event will be held in Park Ridge at the recently developed Uptown Plaza located at the intersection of Touhy and Prospect avenues and Northwest Highway. The Friday evening event will take place at Houlihan's Restaurant, which will be closed to the general public. The alumni festivities will reignite on Saturday evening, and the venues will include Houlihan's, Jason's Deli and various neighboring entities within the Uptown Plaza. Tickets for one or both evening events are on sale now and must be purchased in advance. For reservations, contact event coordinator, Glenn Woerz (Class of 1966), at MassReunion@gmail.com or (847) 757-8377. Maine South alumni can also subscribe to the "Hawk Droppings" newsletter via the above e-mail address to receive updates and ongoing information on classmates and relevant information.

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@sjb-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.

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, tiramisu and spumoni. Then enjoy one of the greatest ballets of all time, "Swan Lake," in orchestra circle seating at the Auditorium Theatre.

Day Trip - All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles: Going Gambia! Isle of Capri Casino and Hotel Bettendorf and Rhythm City Casino, Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 23, departing at 8 a.m. and returning 5 p.m. Feb. 24. Cost is \$100 double occupancy; \$150, single occupancy. Included in

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| <p>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6201 W Peterson Ave. Chicago, IL 60646, (773) 631-0715 www.faihtonpeterson.org Saturday Worship 5:30PM Sunday Worship 10:00AM Sunday School 9:15AM Holy Communion Weekly, Pastor Barbara Berry-Bailey</p> | <p>St. John Lutheran Church 7429 Milwaukee Ave., Niles 847-647-9867 www.st-john-niles.org Sunday Service 9:30AM</p> | <p>St. Mary's Episcopal Church 306 S. Prospect Ave., (847) 823-4126 www.stmaryspr.org Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 AM Wednesday Service: 9:00 AM Sunday School & Nursery during worship, Youth Fellowship The Rev. Sarah D. Odderston, Rector WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME! Check website for all activities.</p> | <p>Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation Your home for Jewish, Learning, Living and Loving 4500 Dempster St. Skokie, IL 60076 847-675-4141, Fax: 847-675-0327 www.ehnt.org Weekly Shabbat Services - Fri 8PM & Sat 9:30AM Minyan Mon-Thurs 7PM; Sat & Sun 6PM Monthly Shabbat dinners at 6:30PM Religious School Wed & Sat; Early childhood services. Rabbi Jonathan H. Ginsburg Cantor Benjamin Warschawski Rabbi Neil Brief, Emeritus</p> | <p>Temple Judea Mizpah Your Reform Jewish Home on the North Shore Since 1954 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie www.templejm.org 847.676.1566 Spiritual Leader Rabbi Amy Memis-Foler Religious School (Pre-K to Grade 12) Contemporary Monthly Shabbat Monthly Family Shabbat at 7pm Saturday Morning Minyan Adult Education & Activities Temple Youth Group Free High Holiday Family Services Progressive and Socially Active (2009 FAIR Award Recipient) All Families Welcome! JOIN NOW AND SAVE 50% OFF MEMBERSHIP</p> |
| <p>St. Paul Lutheran Church 5650 N. Canfield, 60631, (708)867-5044, www.stpaulcanfield.org Street Level, Air Conditioned Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45AM Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30AM Saturday Worship 6PM St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School, Pre K-Grade 8, SHARING GOD, TOUCHING LIVES EVERYWHERE</p> | <p>NORWOOD PARK Norwood Park Lutheran Church 5917 N. Nina Ave. Chicago, IL 773-631-2860 Fax: 773-631-0142 Sunday Service 10AM Sunday School 9AM (September thru May) Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor</p> | <p>Congregation Bene Shalom 4435 Oakton, Skokie, (847) 677-3330 www.beneshalom.org Friday Shabbat Services 7:30pm; Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm On 3rd Friday of the month Kabbalistic Prayer/Meditation Service 10:30am On 2nd Saturday of the month Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer Asst. Rabbi Shari Chen Cantorial Soloist Charlene Brooks Choir Director Nona Balk Interfaith Families Welcome All services voice & sign language Handicap Accessible</p> | <p>Evanshire Presbyterian Church 4555 Church Street (847) 673-2575 www.evanshirepresbyterian.com Every Sunday at 11am</p> | <p>WILMETTE Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah 3220 Big Tree Lane, 847-256-1213 www.bhce.org Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays 6:00 PM Shabbat Service - Saturdays 9:15 AM Jr. Congregation, Tot Shabbat, Torah Time 10:30 AM Followed by Kiddush Daily Minyan AM and PM Rabbi Allan Kensky Cantor Pavel Roytman Dean Marshall Kupchan A multi-generational egalitarian conservative congregation "A Place to Grow as a Jew"</p> |
| <p>All Saints Cathedral Parish National Catholic Church 9201 W. Higgins Road Chicago, IL 60631, 773-380-7131 Website: www.ascpncc.org Sunday Masses 8:30 & 11 am; Sunday School/Catechism 9:45 Weekday Masses at Noon Bishop Anthony Kopka, Pastor</p> | <p>PARK RIDGE First Church of Christ, Scientist 330 Touhy Avenue (847) 823-3329 Every Sunday at 10:30 am Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Central United Methodist Church 8237 Kenton, Ave., Skokie (847) 673-1311 www.skokiecentralumc.org Worship: Sundays at 10:30 AM</p> | <p>St. Paul Lutheran Church 5201 Galitz St. (847) 673-5030 www.stpaulskokie.org Sunday 10am</p> | <p>MORTON GROVE Morton Grove Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA) 8944 Austin (Lake & Austin) (847) 965-2982 www.mgcppresbyterian.org Sunday Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Rev. Lolly Dominski, Pastor Handicapped Accessible ALL ARE WELCOME!</p> |
| <p>Edison Park Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6626 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL 773-631-9131 www.edisonparklutheran.org 8:00 am - Traditions 9:00 am - Spirit Bridge 10:30 am - Contemporary Rev. Michael Sparby, Pastor</p> | <p>Edison Park United Methodist Church 6740 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL 60631, (773)792-3030 Sunday Worship 10:30 am Rev. Zothan Mawia, Pastor</p> | <p>SKOKIE Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church 4950 W. Pratt, 847-673-4441 www.cwupc.net Sunday Worship Services: Contemporary & CW Café 9AM Traditional 11AM & Fellowship 12PM Noon Sunday School (all ages) 10AM Michael Scott Porter, Sr. Pastor</p> | <p>St. Peter's United Church of Christ Oakton Street & Laramie Avenue 847-673-8166 www.stpeteruccskokie.org Sunday Worship 10AM Sunday School 9AM (Sept. thru May) Rev. Richard Lanford Childcare Provided Air Conditioned Sanctuary</p> | <p>Temple Beth Israel 3601 W. Dempster St. Skokie, IL 60076 847-675-0951 www.tbiskokie.org</p> |
| | | <p>Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue 7800 Niles Ave., Skokie 847-674-9146 www.devaremet.org A community of Jews who believe and teach that Yeshua (Jesus) is the promised Jewish Messiah. Join us for Shabbat Services at 10am</p> | <p>To showcase your House of Worship here contact Jen Tait at 630-978-8750 or jtait@stmedianetwork.com</p> | |

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this package is a deluxe guest room, \$15 Isle play and free breakfast buffet at the Isle of Capri. Also, included is a lunch buffet and \$5 bonus play at the Rhythm City Casino. If signing up as a double, indicate partner on the registration form. Also needed are participant's birthdate to process the bonus play cards ahead of time and a valid photo I.D. on the day of the trip. Upon return, enjoy lunch at the Bent River Brewing Company; choose between brown ale chicken or shepherd's pie ahead of time.

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-papering, tuckpointing, 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) 675-8380.

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

The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Cook County North Suburban will feature Dr. John Zajacka discussing "Asking the Doctor Your Questions about Mental Illnesses" from 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Kenton-Knox Conference Center, 9701 N. Knox Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 716-2252.

Finding New Paths into the New Year: Labyrinth Workshop will be given from 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 15 at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. This workshop is for anyone who recently experienced the loss of a loved one, a job, home or financial security, life changing health issues

etc. Through the use of the ancient meditative tool and reflection, participants will strengthen their spirit and find peace as they start the New Year. Registration required. Fee: \$15. Call (847) 685-9900.

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., Park Ridge in Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

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

NorthShore Hospice will sponsor the following Grief Support Groups: **Soul Mates**, is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University Health System Home & Hospice Services of-

fice, 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 Health System Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 West Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call 800-932-8677.

MOMS Club of Northern Chicago holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit http://sites.google.com/site/momclubofnorthernchicago or e-mail chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

Niles West nabs second at Evanston

Wolves push New Trier

By DAN SHALIN
Contributor

GYMNASTICS — Niles West's return to action after a two-week break featured two solid performances, though the Wolves were unable to overcome New Trier each time.

West defeated eight teams during Saturday's Brinkworth/Munch Invite in Evanston. The Wolves' 127.15 points was good for second place in the 10-team meet, which was won by the Trevians (135.6). Teams entered four gymnasts in each event, counting all scores.

West celebrated its Senior Night on Jan. 4 with a season-high 129.9, while New Trier scored 133.45.

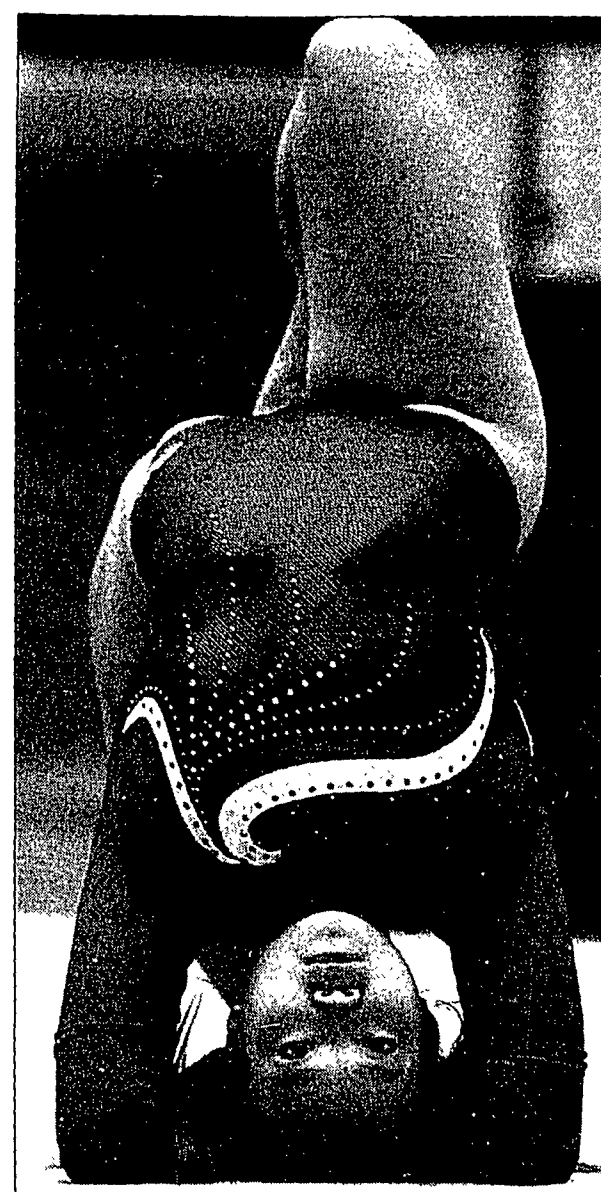
West head coach Pam Forerch expects to see her team top the 130 mark in the coming weeks. Though West's score dipped a few points between Jan. 4 and Saturday, the coach said there were some positives in the invite at Evanston.

"There was some good, some bad," she said. "Floor (exercise) was good, (balance) beam was shaky, (parallel) bars had some good and some bad. We have some work ahead of us, but we're starting to step up and put in our new tricks."

Senior Callie Sher had a fine meet at Evanston, placing third in all-around (34.0). She won bars (8.55), and finished fourth on floor (9.3), fifth on vault (8.5) and 10th on beam (7.6).

Junior Jenny Marin finished second on beam (8.6), and freshman Valerie Fung was ninth on floor (8.9).

Fung's older sister, Emily, was on the Wolves' bench supporting the team. The senior would have been one of the team's most talented gymnasts, but a knee injury suffered last spring forced Fung to miss her final diving and gymnastics seasons. She will have a third knee surgery next month and plans to dive at the Univer-



Niles West's Kelly Sanko competes on floor during the Brinkworth/Munch Invitational at Evanston on Saturday. | John Konstantaras-for Sun-Times Media

sity of Illinois next season. "Competing is one of my favorite things to do — ever," Fung said. "It's not fun sitting out, but I still have my little sister competing and doing a fantastic job. I still have these girls whom I've competed with since I was really little, and that's fun. "(Sitting out) is not the best thing in the world, but it's not that bad."

At Maine East

After three events — vault, floor and beam — in Evanston on Saturday, the Blue Demons were poised to eclipse their season-best score of 109.2

But East struggled on beam, finishing with an av-

erage score below 6.0. The Demons ended up scoring 107.8 and came in eighth at Saturday's 10-team Brinkworth/Munch Invite. "We started off well, but on beam we kind of fell apart," said East head coach Amanda Harrison. "We would have topped our high score if we would have just been average. But we had four points knocked off on beam (because of falls) right off the bat."

Maine East sophomore Kathy Kolodziejski finished 18th (28.65) in all-around, competing in all four events for just the second time this season. Sophomore Anne Kaczowski came in 19th in all-around (27.25).

Loyd, Wolves keep Titans under control

West star tallies game-high 39 points

By CHARLES BERMAN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL — Niles West junior Jewell Loyd's 39 points, including 15 of her team's 18 in the fourth quarter, proved to be too much for Glenbrook South Friday night.

Loyd controlled the game on offense — and defense — for most of the Central Suburban South clash at Glenbrook South. Loyd registered 19 points in the first half and added 20 in the second while also contributing rebounds, steals, assists and blocks.

"It was challenging," Loyd said. "Glenbrook South is one of my biggest rival. They're a team we've always had trouble getting by."

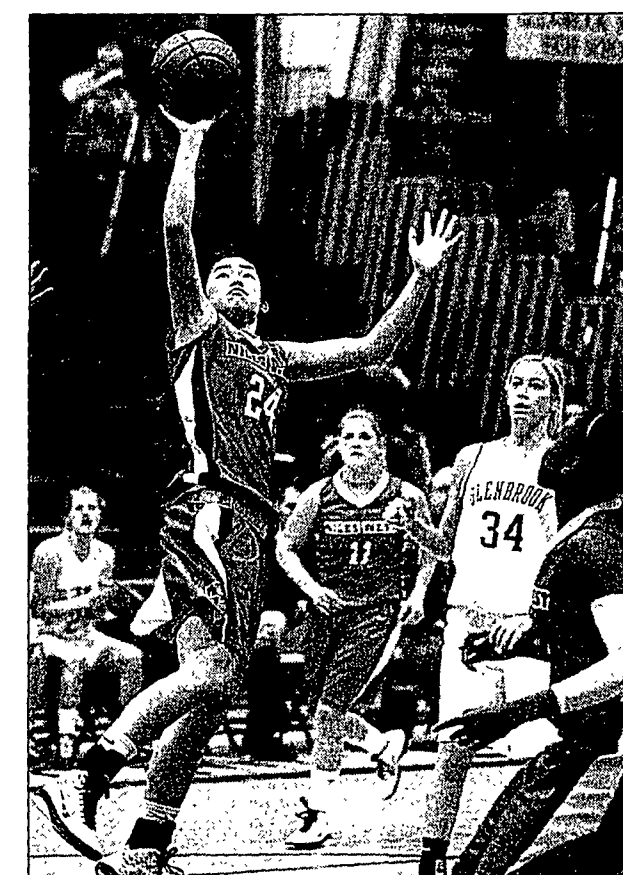
With its 62-51 road win, the Wolves improved to 5-1 in conference and 13-6 overall.

West was able to close the game with a double-digit cushion despite several second-half scoring runs by the Titans, who dropped to 3-2 in conference play and 11-5 overall.

The Titans' scoring bursts — which helped narrow the margin to either five or six points on separate fourth-quarter occasions — were sparked by defensive pressure, as they began running two or three defenders at Loyd late in the game.

"(Loyd) hit a lot of really tough shots — shots with hands in her face," said Glenbrook South senior Ali Shaw, who led the Titans with 16 points. "Overall, we played good defense on her, but she can score in so many ways."

Shaw credited the Titans' tenacity for keeping them within striking distance most of the night.



Niles West's Nicole Moy (24) attempts a shot Friday against Glenbrook South. | Jerry Daliege-for Sun-Times Media

"We had a lot of energy and played well as a team," she said. "We just needed to be more patient on offense." Four three-point baskets headlined Shaw's output. After knocking down a trey to bring Glenbrook South within five points, Shaw raced back on defense and made a diving play along the sideline to steal the ball.

The hosts regained possession with about 90 seconds remaining and the score at 53-48, but that's as close as the Titans would get.

Loyd's calm and steady play, including late-game ball handling and strong free-throw shooting, made the difference. She converted nine free throws in the final quarter to keep the Wolves in front.

"No matter what kind of lead we had, we knew we had to keep pounding them," Loyd said. "It

worked." Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz said Glenbrook South remains the team to beat in the CSL South. He was happy the Wolves were able to practice four consecutive days for the first time all season leading up to Friday night's game.

"Until a new conference champ is crowned, it's still them," Konsewicz said. "They are experienced, well-coached and a very disciplined team."

Freshman guard Dashae Shumate contributed nine points for the Wolves, who return to conference play against Waukegan at home on Saturday.

Glenbrook South senior forward Kelly Minx scored 12 points and junior forward Abby Keller added 10. The Titans take on Evanston on Friday.

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ND makes Nazareth work for points

Win streak extends to 8

By MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

BOYS BASKETBALL — It would be hard to find a Notre Dame basketball fan who hasn't circled the team's Feb. 11 home date with Benet.

In a best-case scenario for the Dons' faithful, No. 18 Notre Dame (15-1, 5-1) would still be within a game of undefeated No. 2 Benet in the ESCC race when it tries to avenge its 64-58 road loss to the Redwings back on Dec. 10.

But Dons head coach Tom Les and his players aren't looking ahead. They're just winning.

Notre Dame, fresh off its Wheeling Hardwood Classic crown, brought visiting Nazareth (13-3, 4-1) down to earth with a 57-42 victory on Friday. The Dons then completed a weekend conference sweep by staving off Marian's furious comeback for a 61-58 triumph on Saturday.

The only thing ND lacks is a 6-foot-8 or taller beast underneath. Notre Dame features a Michael Jordan in 6-



Notre Dame's Ross Langlois (14) calls out a play while being defended by Nazareth's Patrick Kelly (22) Friday. Allison Williams-for Sun-Times Media

5 superstar forward Quinton Chievous, a Scottie Pippen in 6-4 guard Rodney Pryor, as well as quickness, tenacity and impressive 10-man depth.

In its first test against a ranked team, Nazareth couldn't cope with Chievous (25 points, 14 rebounds) or its own slow start. The Roadrunners fell behind 13-4 after one quarter and 26-8 after Chievous' seven-point flurry midway into the second quarter.

The visitors shot an un-

characteristically frigid 3-for-16 in the first half and finished 12-for-40. Ryan Powers, the Roadrunners' burly, 6-5 forward, reached his 17-point scoring average but didn't get on the board until three minutes into the second period.

"We wanted to make (Powers) work as hard as possible for his points," said Les. "Our defensive effort in the first half was OK. We used a lot of bench because we thought we could wear them down a bit and have an ef-

fect on their shooting including their free throws."

Notre Dame took a clinching 48-34 lead with three minutes remaining on a pair of three-pointers by senior guard Ryan Tompkins (16 points), and one of three treys by Chievous, who also slammed two dunks.

Junior point guard Ross Langlois efficiently stewarded the offense. Eddie Serrano and Greg Leifel scored six and four points, respectively, off the bench. Other strong supporting roles

were furnished by starting forward Cody Neidenbach, and reserves Donte Stephenson, Justin Halloran, Jimmy Cravens and Joe Ferrici. Junior guard Cravens and muscular, 6-4 junior forward Ferrici have earned increased minutes.

The Dons traveled to Chicago Heights the next night, took a 46-36 lead into the fourth period and then discovered that a two-game weekend sweep in the rugged ESCC is never easy. Marian Catholic drew within a point in the final minute before Pryor hit the big shot, a three-pointer with 36 seconds remaining, to give Notre Dame its eighth consecutive victory.

Pryor bounced back from a two-point performance against Nazareth to roll up 16 points and 15 rebounds. In the what-else-is-new category, Chievous led the way with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

"Rodney didn't play well Friday, but he was huge for us Saturday," Les said.

In another road challenge, Notre Dame visits conference rival St. Patrick (7-7, 3-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Dons also travel to Peoria Notre Dame on Jan. 17.

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Dons offense thaws

HOCKEY — After almost a month off the ice, Notre Dame traveled 40 miles to the frigid Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park and came away with a convincing 5-1 victory over 11th-ranked Providence on Friday.

Providence heated up the home crowd by finding the net on its first shot. Notre Dame's offense began to thaw and the Dons tied the score at 1-1 on a goal by senior Alex Murphy, assisted by Jack Golden. Before the first period ended, ND took a 3-1 lead on goals by Gino Jacobazzi (from Bryan Gronset and Liam Healy) and by Jeff Levar (from Jacobazzi).

The Dons scored in the second period on a goal by Michael Indurante (from Murphy and Levar), and finished the scoring on a blast from the point by Tyler Zanon (from Brandon Taylor) while killing a penalty in the third period.

All-star goalie Ryan Maize stopped a Providence penalty shot and finished with 39 saves in recording the Dons' first victory of 2011.

Against top-ranked Fenwick at IceLand in Niles, Notre Dame fell 8-1 Saturday night after being whistled for 15 penalties. Senior winger Kevin Sanetra netted Notre Dame's lone goal in the second period, with Janos VonAulock earning the assist.

Maize and Sam Rosenbaum combined for 32 saves.

The Ice Dons host No. 5-ranked St. Rita at IceLand at 8 p.m. Saturday. The JV plays Guerin Prep at IceLand Monday, 17.

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Pazmino climbs ladder

By MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

WRESTLING — Cris Pazmino, whose lofty goal is to become a state champion, isn't hearing the affectionate nickname of "Spazmino" from his Niles North teammates as often these days.

Currently ranked No. 10 in the 145-pound weight class by IllinoisMatmen.com, Pazmino has successfully fought a tendency to "spaz out" when he's struggling during matches.

"I would get nervous when things got uncomfortable and start reaching when I shouldn't. I think I've overcome that," said the determined senior, a returning state qualifier. "I can't let the bad stuff get to me anymore if I want to reach my goals."

Pazmino improved to 17-8 after a tech-fall mauling of his Highland Park opponent in the Vikings' 52-15 loss to the host Giants on Friday. Pazmino sat out the next day with a sore ankle and flu symptoms when Niles North finished fourth in a home quad against Prospect, Naperville Central and Hoffman Estates.

The Niles North standout has made quantum leaps

every year since taking up wrestling as a freshman. Pazmino advanced to varsity as a sophomore and posted a 21-11 record. After an offseason spent with Izzy Style Camp, he improved to 32-6 as a junior, including two losses by decision at the State Meet.

Pazmino has held his own against the cream of the 145 crop this season. He beat No. 11 Mike Smith of Wheeling 8-5 and Carmel's Bobby Dandino, a top-25 foe, 5-4. A 1-0 defeat to No. 6 Dakota Wapotish of Barrington ranked Pazmino because the only point came on a call for stalling. He also lost 11-2 to Wheeling's Luke Smith, the top-ranked 140-pounder.

A repeat trip to the State Meet would be a fine accomplishment. Winning a match or two in Champaign would cap off a brilliant career. Earning a medal by placing among the top six would be fantastic. But the intense, driven Pazmino wants nothing less than first place.

"I expect to go all the way and win State. I can hang with anyone. I just have to keep learning to be dominant," said Pazmino, who credits head coach Marlon Felton and assistant Chris Albandia for his continued improvement. "Coach Felton teaches me mental

toughness and wrestling hard, always giving more. He also helps me work on top. Coach Albandia helps me a lot with bottom skills and takedowns."



Niles North's Cris Pazmino (left), wrestling Wheeling's Luke Smith at the Rus Erb Tournament, is off to a 17-3 start at 145 pounds. | Shauna Bittle-for Sun-Times Media

Pazmino has paid the price to become an elite wrestler, but he acknowledges that it's never easy. "Wrestling is a love-hate thing," Pazmino reflected. "You love the dedication that you have to devote to it and the life lessons that it teaches you. But you hate cutting weight. When I'm able to eat, I eat a lot."

With a slew of inexperienced wrestlers, Niles North isn't in a position to win many meets, but the Vikings' neophytes benefit greatly from the senior leadership of third-year varsity veterans Pazmino,

Danny Khouri and Drew Demma (10-11 at 125). Khouri, a sectional qualifier as a junior despite an injury shortened 10-4 season, has compiled a 17-3 record at 130.

As the only Viking to finish 3-0 on Saturday, Khouri dominated 12th-ranked, 135-pounder Josh Boggess of Prospect 5-1 to avenge an early season defeat. The football standout also won 6-4 over Naperville Central's John Graeber, a tech-fall victor over Boggess. "Cris's eye is definitely on the big prize. If he goes hard for six minutes every match, good things will happen," Felton said. "Danny is the toughest kid on the team, a great competitor who leads by example." Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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Scott simply stepping up for Wolves

By MATT HARNES
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BOYS SWIMMING — Konner Scott's life is pretty simple right now.

The Niles West senior picked Penn as his college destination last month, and he's settled in with his studies. Most of what Scott is thinking about this winter regards swimming. During the holiday break, Scott swam every set in every session.

"He's more relaxed," said coach Dan Vander Jeudt of his star. "He's focused on swimming and having fun." Scott stood out during Saturday's competitive Evanston inyitational. He

won the 100-yard freestyle in 47.41 and was second in the 200 free (1:44.42). He also swam the anchor leg on the 400 free relay — with Elliott Kerbel, Ryan Miller and Sam Stein — which finished seventh in 3:20.51.

"He had two good swims, especially coming off an exciting Friday night," said Vander Jeudt, whose Wolves beat Evanston in the CSL South on Friday. "He definitely had a good swim in the 100. He came out of that third wall just explosive."

Scott owns the state's second-fastest times in both the 100 and 200 freestyles. Bloomington's Shaun Wolfe is tops in the 100 at 47.01,

while New Trier's Nick Killeen is first in the 200 at 1:44.33.

"It is what it is," Vander Jeudt said of the rankings. "Nothing is known until the end of the year. (Scott) knows he needs to be in the high 45s if he wants to be in the top six. It doesn't matter where he is now. It's where he wants to go."

Niles West finished 14th among 18 teams at Evanston with 2,451 points. The scoring was modeled after the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association's power points system, based on times.

Behind six wins, New Trier took the title with

3,328 points. Five of the top six teams from last season's state meet swam on Saturday.

Elliott Kerbel also proved he belongs with the top swimmers. The senior placed eighth in the 200 free (1:47.38) and 10th in the 100 butterfly (55.12). He also swam leadoff legs on both the 200 and 400 free relays.

Niles West goes up against Glenbrook South in a league meet on Friday before competing in the Titans' invitational on Saturday.

"I wish our sprinting was a little faster, but that will come," Vander Jeudt said. "Other than that, I like where we are at. They are responding to the training."

Wallenberg preserves Dons' perfect mark

By MATT HARNES
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WRESTLING — When Maine South and Notre Dame get together these days, scores truly don't matter as much as the spirit of competition.

Ever since boyhood friends Brett Harman and Kevin McCann were killed in 2004, the two programs promised to keep their memories fresh by holding an annual celebration to remember the former wrestlers. Both 1999 graduates, Harman attended Maine South, while McCann went to Notre Dame. And once again last week,

the Hawks and Dons delivered a dual meet that would make Harman and McCann proud. Tied through 11 matches, the Dons got wins from Jim Biancofiorio and Jim Wallenberg to come away with a 39-26 victory, improving the team to 22-0 in dual meets.

"I like being in that position," said Wallenberg, who pinned David Steinfeldt at 152 pounds to clinch the meet. "I should win matches like that. I like that pressure."

Notre Dame coach Augie Genovesi believes he has a lineup that rivals the 2003-04 Dons club that lost to

state champion St. Rita in the state quarterfinals. Wallenberg said this is the best team he's been on since joining varsity as a freshman.

"We have a tough wrestling room," said the middleweight, who finished 36-11 last season and wrestled at State. "It's all about the team right now."

Charlie Doyle, a transfer from St. Patrick, started Notre Dame out with a 16-7 win at 171 pounds. The Dons followed with two more wins to lead 14-0.

Maine South heavyweight Sean Sullivan broke the shutout with a pin to remain undefeated this sea-

son. Juan Diaz pulled the Hawks to within one point with a last-second pin at 130 before Danny Brewster's 9-1 victory at 140 tied the score at 26-26.

"I knew our team was down a good amount of points, and I needed at least a win. I had more determination to finish out the match," said Diaz, who beat Sean Henegan.

"We made mistakes, and you can't make mistakes against a great team like Notre Dame," said Maine South coach Craig Fallico. "To beat a great team, you have to wrestle a perfect match. We are capable of it, and we plan to be at our

best by the end of the year."

Maine South rebounded Friday to beat Evanston 59-9 and secure its fifth consecutive CSL South championship. The Hawks, 4-0 in league action, close with Glenbrook South on Friday. South will also face Loyola and Bowen on today.

Notre Dame, which also defeated Nazareth 76-3 and St. Viator 68-0 in conference competition on Jan. 5, returns to action against Marist and St. Patrick in an ESCC triangular on Friday. The Dons then visit Grant for a triangular with the hosts and Lake Park on Saturday.

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Friday
Boys wrestling hosts Marist, St. Patrick, 5:15 p.m.
Boys basketball at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Boys wrestling at Grant, 9 a.m.
Boys hockey vs. St. Rita at Niles-Balard, 8 p.m.

Monday
Boys basketball vs. Peoria Notre Dame at Bradley Univ., TBA

Tuesday
Boys swimming at Lake Forest (West Campus), 4:30 p.m.
Boys hockey vs. Highland Park at Centennial, 8:35 p.m.

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Friday
Boys swimming at Niles North, 5 p.m.
Boys wrestling at Maine West, 7 p.m.
Boys basketball at Glenbrook North, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Glenbrook North, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Girls gymnastics at Niles North Invite, noon

NILES WEST

Today
Boys wrestling hosts Niles North, 6 p.m.

Friday
Boys swimming hosts Glenbrook South, 5:30 p.m.
Boys wrestling hosts New Trier, 6 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Waukegan, 7:30 p.m.
Boys basketball at Waukegan, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Boys diving at Hinsdale Central Diving Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Boys wrestling at Lincoln-Way East Invite, 9 a.m.
Boys swimming at Glenbrook South Relays, noon
Girls gymnastics at Niles North Invite, noon
Boys basketball hosts St. Patrick, 6:30 p.m.

Monday
Girls basketball at McDonald's Shootout vs. Bishop McNamara at Wilton, 4 p.m.

NILES NORTH

Today
Boys dive at Maine East Invite (at Niles West), 6 p.m.
Boys wrestling at Niles West, 6 p.m.

Friday
Boys swimming at Maine East (at Niles North), 5 p.m.
Boys wrestling at Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Boys dive at Hinsdale Central Diving, 8:30 a.m.
Boys swimming hosts St. Viator, 10 a.m.
Girls gymnastics hosts Invite, noon
Girls basketball at Lane Tech., 2:30 p.m.
Boys basketball at Lane Tech., 7 p.m.

Logan's hustle sustains progress

West nets first CSL South win

By MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

BOYS BASKETBALL — Momentum is hard to define but wonderful to have.

Bob Williams, Niles West's second-year head coach, thinks his team has captured it after the Wolves collected their first CSL South win and third victory in four games.

"No question, we believe that. We played well down at Pontiac, got a little momentum and confidence, and then added a lot to that with our first conference win," said Williams, who knows plenty about winning after a brilliant 18-year run at Schaumburg that included a state championship in 2001 and a 347-155 record.

After winning two of its last three contests in the Pontiac Holiday Tourna-



Niles West's Nathan Sageitt (top) scraps with Glenbrook South's Tom Wattlely for possession of the ball on Friday. | Curtis Lehmkuhl-Sun-Times Media

ment, Niles West (9-6, 1-3) held off visiting Glenbrook South (7-7, 1-3) in a 51-49 thriller Friday night.

The Titans came back from a five-point deficit in the final two minutes to tie the score at 49-49. West

"Donte made a skip pass to Tony; he had a good look. Donte definitely made a hustle play to get the ball and put it in."

Pierce's 15 points matched his team-leading average. Logan finished with a dozen, two above his pace. Ramsan Younatham, second in team scoring at 12 per game, tallied 10 points. The Wolves got a big lift from improving junior reserve guard Nathan Sageitt, who contributed nine points on three three-pointers.

Niles West, who buried nine treys during the victory, set a Pontiac tourney record with 39 three-pointers in four games.

Sharpshooting senior guard Corey McMahon (20 points) fueled the Titans' late comeback on Friday with 10 fourth-quarter points, including four down the stretch. With plenty of help from forwards Patrick O'Connor and Alek Biser, the Wolves limited stand-out forward Jack Ryan to 14

points. First-year regulars O'Connor and Biser, each averaging five rebounds per game, are logging extra minutes. Niles West lost starting forward Lauris Herth until February after he broke his ankle during a practice in mid-December. Freshman point guard Ahmad Gibson has been an effective substitute for Logan.

Niles West lacks a dominant post player but compensates with the Pierce-Logan-Younatham troika, and by executing Williams' trademark motion offense and stingy man-to-man defense.

"It's a process," the coach said. "Everyone has to believe that you do things a certain way, and that will get you wins. We're making progress."

Niles West visits Waukegan at 7:30 p.m. Friday and welcomes St. Patrick at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Do-it-all Nader powers rout of Maine East

By PATRICK Z. MCGAVIN
Contributor

BOYS BASKETBALL — Even when his shot isn't falling, Abdel Nader is a dangerous player pretty much anywhere on the floor.

The Niles North star guard used his 6-foot-6 size to repeatedly get to the basket and overpower smaller Maine East, scoring 24 points in limited playing time and powering the visiting Vikings to a 60-32 victory in Park Ridge Jan. 6.

"My shot hasn't really been falling the last couple of games, but they didn't really have anybody to box me out and I was able to score

around the basket," Nader said.

The Blue Demons recorded more turnovers (12) than points in the first half. Maine East had extreme difficulty with the ferocious full court pressure of the Vikings.

"Our kids play hard. As you see out there, and the style of game we play, that's the one constant," said Niles North coach Glenn Olson.

"We knew they were going to come out and play that aggressive, full-court man defense," said Maine East coach Dave Genis. "But we had a game plan for that, and what to do offensively when teams play us like that. The story of the game was our

inability to execute on offense."

Nader started slowly from the field, shooting 4-for-12 in the first quarter. But he collected seven of his 10 rebounds and tallied eight points in propelling the Vikings (10-5, 2-2 CSL North) to a 12-6 lead.

Nader and the Vikings broke the game open in the second quarter. Nader scored seven points in the frame and was aided by senior guard John King, who came off the bench and contributed six consecutive points during a 14-0 burst.

Niles North held a commanding 33-11 lead at the break.

"I think there was some residual effect in the second quarter from what we started in the first quarter," Olson said. "We went out and guarded them and took them out of what they like to do."

Maine East (3-11, 0-4) committed seven turnovers in the second quarter. The Demons didn't reach double-figure scoring until senior guard Willie Gandy (6 points) banked a layup with just over two minutes remaining in the first half.

"I told the kids at half-time that I wish we'd schedule every game for 3:30 in the afternoon instead of at night, because

the team I see in practice every day is not the team I see during games," Genis said. "We don't stand around in practice and not run our offense the way we do in games."

Nader put the game out of reach with the first six points of the third quarter. He scored 11 in the third altogether. Cassius Bell added seven points and Mychal Henley contributed six for the Vikings.

Junior guard Aaron Shannon scored 12 points to lead the Blue Demons. Nikhil Desai and Jacob Younan added six points apiece.

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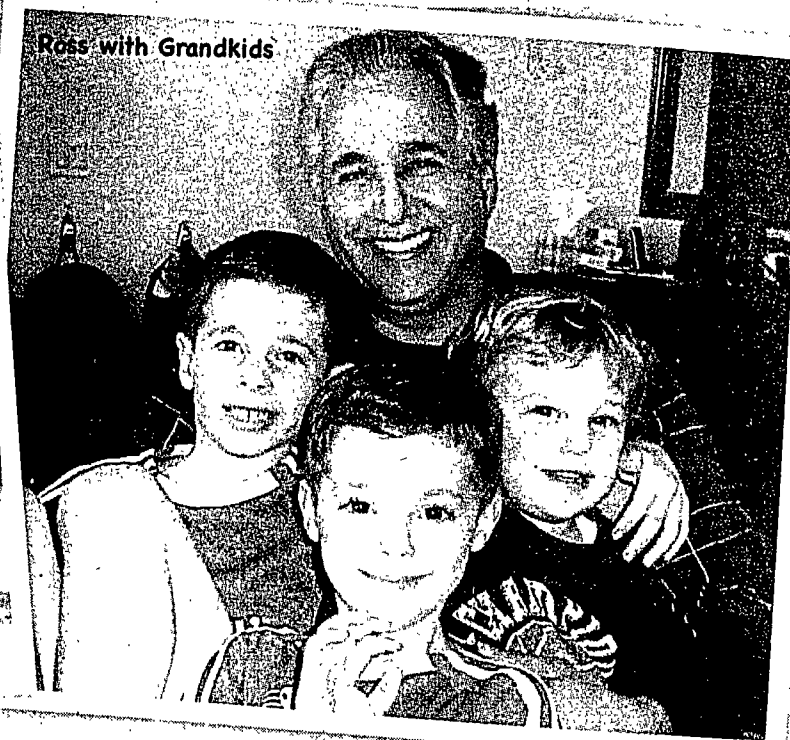
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