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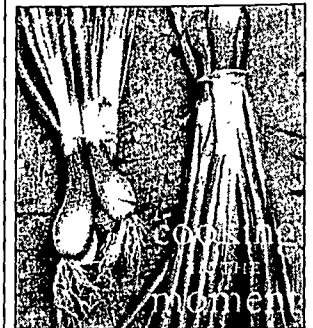
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Jodi Podolski, 8, of Niles, spins around with her brother Andy, 7, during the Niles Park District's Aug. 12 concert at Oak Park in Niles. PAGE 5 | Rob Hart-Sun-Times Media

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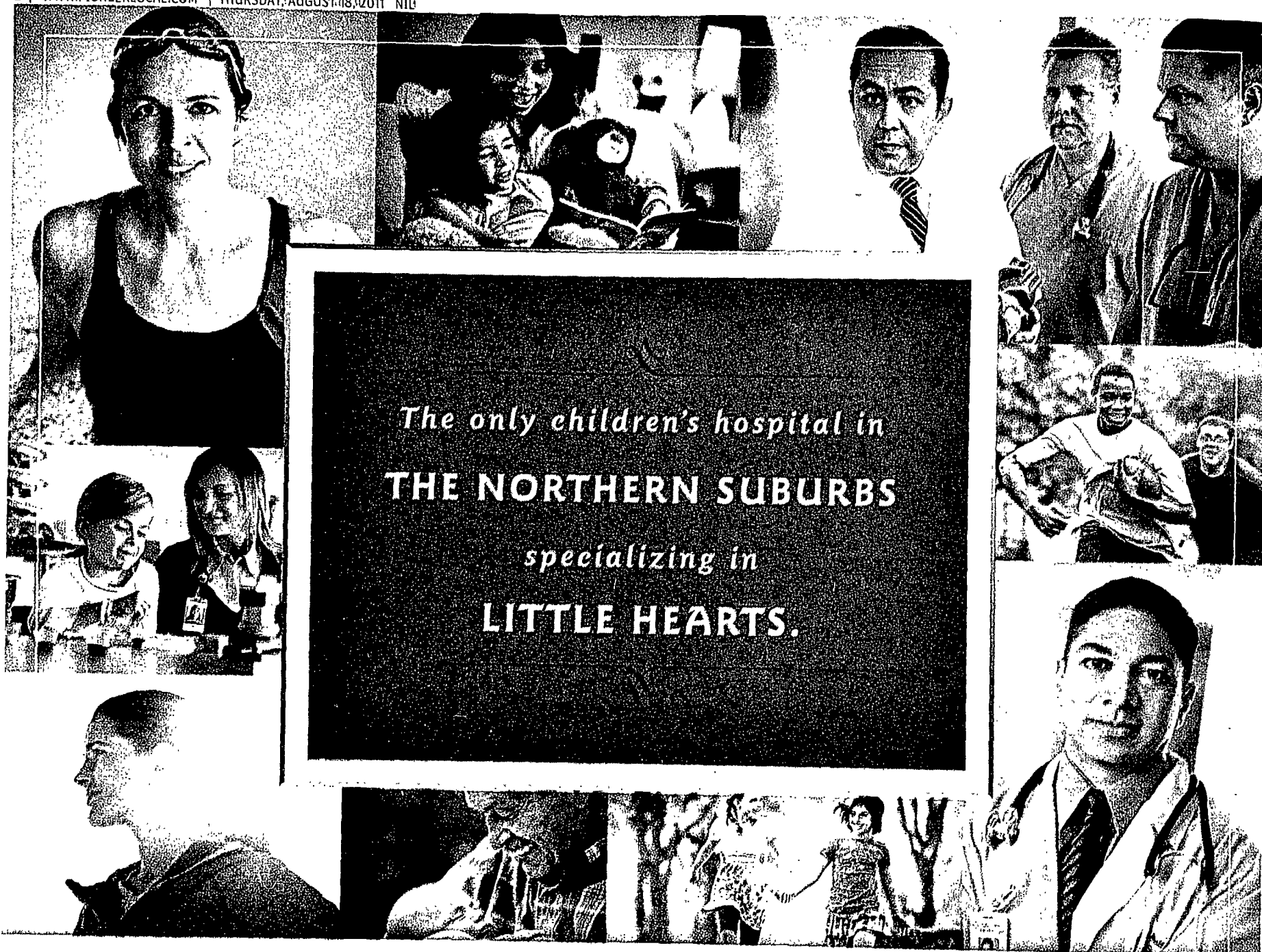
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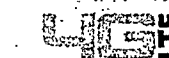
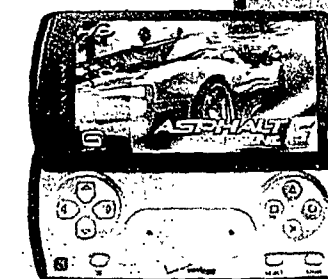
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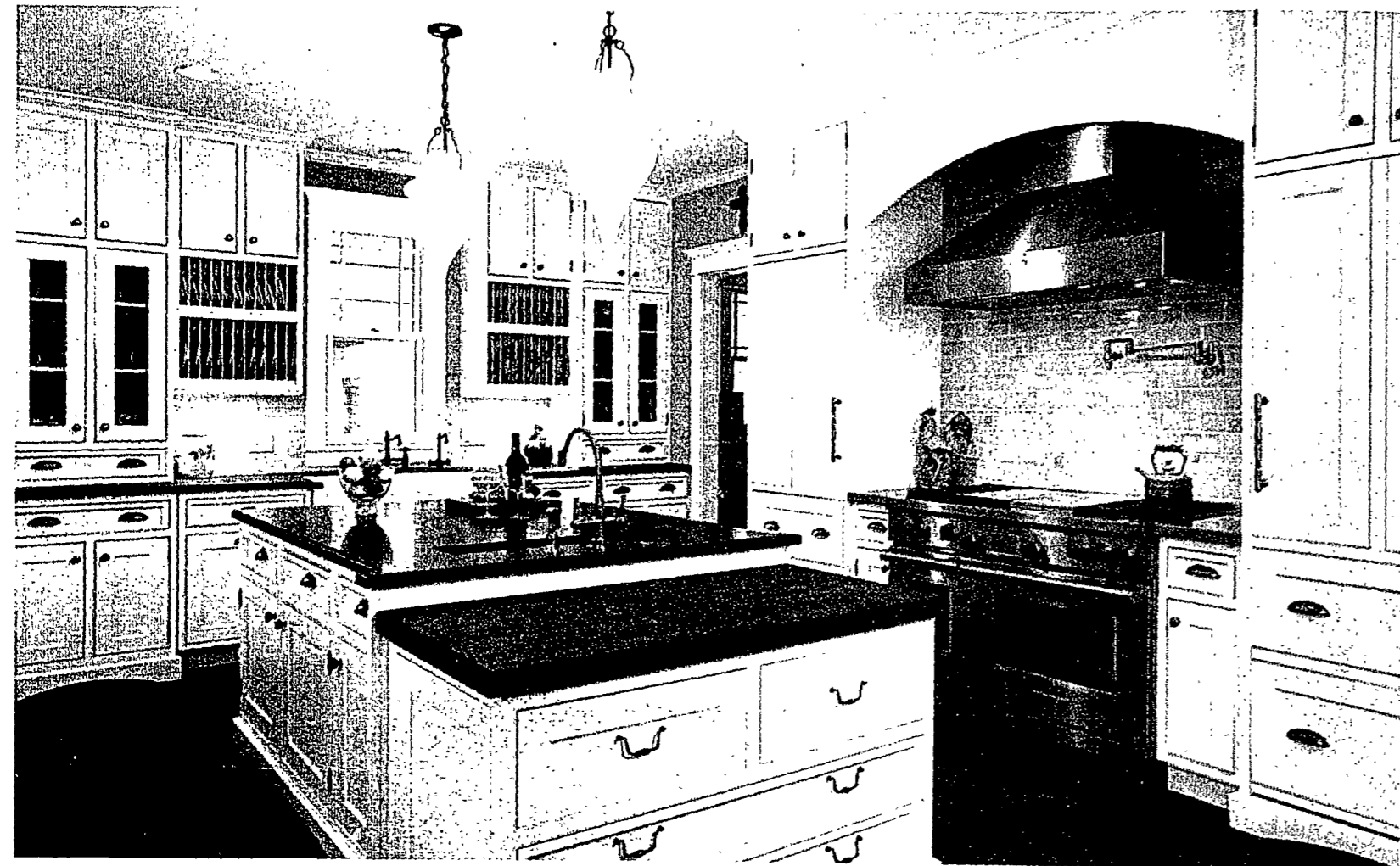
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SUMMER STORMS

Few attend meetings on power outage response

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Ideas of how to better assist Niles residents during blackouts, as well as options for addressing flooding problems, were exchanged by village officials during two meetings held last week in response to recent summer storms.

The meetings, which took place Aug. 11 and Aug. 13 at Niles Village Hall, were sparsely attended, with just one resident in the audience at the first meeting and two couples present for the second. The meetings were held to discuss the village's response to extended power outages in June and July with a goal of obtaining resident

input on how the village can better serve the community's needs during an outage.

Trustee Andrew Przybylo suggested a generator program that would involve the village assisting residents with the cost of the generators by purchasing them in bulk. Village Manager George Van Geem said that communication with ComEd is in need of improvement. For example, he said their automatic system would tell residents certain times that the power would come back on and in some cases it didn't return until two days after the predicted times.

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GEORGE VAN GEEM,
Niles village manager

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Van Geem said one idea is to make Village Hall a "24-hour refuge" where residents can charge their cell phones and keep cool if it is hot outside.

At the Aug. 13 meeting most of

the concerns and comments of the two couples who attended dealt with flooding issues.

Patrick Rigney and his wife, Josephine, received six inches of sewer back-up in their house on Osceola Avenue. During the September 2008 storm they lost their furnace and their entire basement due to flooding, the couple said.

Elaine and Bill Koller also attended the meeting. They said they lost power for about 45 hours and also lost a freezer and refrigerator full of food. They had to use buckets to scoop the water out of their basement.

Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano said that 777 homes in Niles contacted the vil-

lage about receiving water back-up in their homes this summer.

Vinezeano said that at the Sept. 27 Niles Village Board meeting the Stormwater Commission will make recommendations to the Village Board.

Vinezeano said a couple of the proposed ideas in the stormwater report include establishing a residential overhead sewer purchasing system and appointing a staff member who is specifically trained to go out to individuals' homes to look at their unique situations.

"The ultimate goal is how to reduce the level of a 100-year storm so it's away from the buildings and structures," Vinezeano said.

NILES POLICE

Suspect charged in April home invasion

Group of intruders posed as police, tried to restrain resident

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Niles Police have arrested a man they say committed a home invasion back in April.

Ricardo Chaidez, 19, of 2324 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, was charged Aug. 5 with one count of felony home invasion and one count of felony aggravated false impersonation of a police officer in connection with the April 20 incident, Niles police said.

He was being held in Cook County Jail on \$350,000 bond.

According to police, Chaidez was one among a group of intruders who forced their way into a home on the 8800 block of Chester Street and attempted to restrain a 37-year-old man who lived in the home.

The man was reportedly able

to break free and chased the suspects from his residence.

Chaidez was identified as a suspect during an investigation conducted by Niles detectives and the Illinois State Police Forensics Division, police said.

The victim of the home invasion then identified Chaidez out of a photo lineup, according to police.

Chaidez was taken into custody on the 3200 block of West 24th Street, in Chicago, with assistance from the Chicago Police Department, Niles police said.

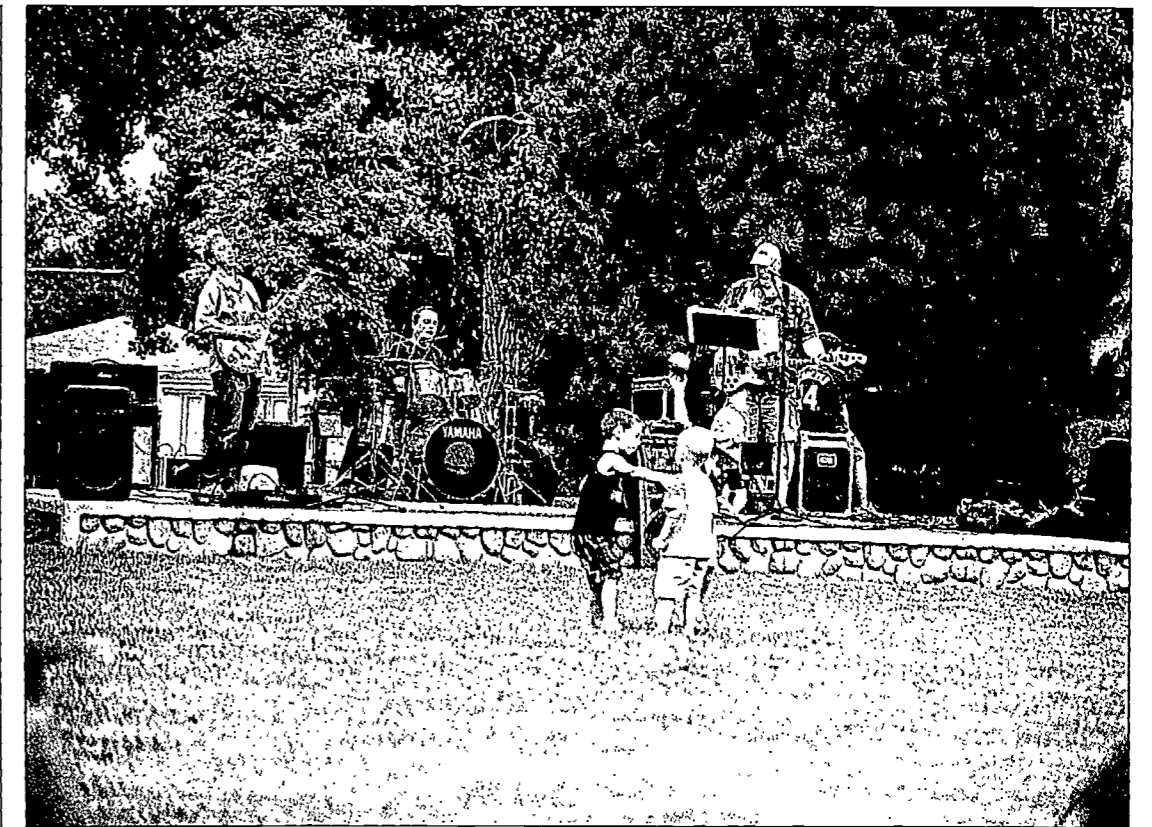
Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said police are still searching for two additional suspects.

He would not comment on the motive behind the alleged home invasion, but did say there was no indication that the victim knew Chaidez.

Tornabene said Chaidez is accused of identifying himself as a police officer during the incident, but he would not elaborate further.



Ricardo Chaidez



Kristina Akseleva, 3, of Niles dances to the Juke Box Band during the Niles Park District's Friday night concert Aug. 12 at Oak Park in Niles. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Music lovers see last summer concerts

Concertgoers took in a performance of the Juke Box Band Aug. 12 during the Niles Park District's Friday night concert series at Oak Park at Ottawa Avenue and Main Street in Niles.

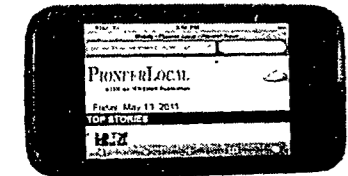
The final outdoor concert of the season is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The band BBI will perform party hits from the 70s and 80s.

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Doctor dives into 'chaos' at State Fair

BY RONNIE WACHTER
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Dr. Dean Silas does not even like country music. "If you play a Sugariand song for me, I wouldn't recognize it," the Deerfield resident and director of gastroenterology at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge told reporters Monday afternoon.

Yet he and his wife, Jeannie, attended the country duo's concert Saturday night at the grandstand of the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis, where Silas ended up diving headlong into the "absolute chaos" of the infield after a sudden burst of wind knocked the band's stage rigging and speakers into the crowd.

With no paramedics on duty among the crowd of thousands, Silas said he and other medically trained concert-goers took it upon themselves to rush into the wreckage and try to save lives in a scene that he said should never happen.

The incident left five people dead and more than 40 injured.

"It was absolutely unbelievable and it was like a movie because this thing fell so slow," Silas said. "You knew there was horror happening."

And the horror had a suspense-filled build-up, he recounted.

Silas has practiced at Advocate Lutheran General for 21 years and he and his wife decided to visit their daughter who lives in Indianapolis — and loves Sugarland. They sat rows up in the grandstand where, he said, many other fair-goers were looking at their phone screens, checking weather reports of an approaching thunderstorm.

The opening act had finished more than 20 minutes earlier, the stars were moments away from taking the stage and the infield crowd was edging closer to the front. An announcer notified the crowd that fair officials were hopeful that the show would go on.

The temperature was dropping, but the wind was still, Silas said, and plenty in the audience were waving fans on themselves. Silas said that about four minutes after

the announcement he looked to the west and saw what he thought at first was heavy rain coming down elsewhere on the fairground. "It wasn't rain," he explained. "It was dust coming up from the infield."

About 10 seconds after he noticed the dust, blasts of wind started battering the grandstand. The canvas over the stage peeled back and flailed in the gusts.

Then tons of scaffolding, lights and speakers, built about 60 feet high, plummeted onto the crowd. "You could see the stage collapse, almost in slow motion," Silas said. "And you knew, of course, that it was going to fall on people."

Silas' daughter, whom he described as an avid photographer and "a weather fiend," had been filming the storm's approach on her camera. She caught the stage's crash, and her YouTube post is already near 2 million views.

Most of the concert-goers, including most of the Silas family, fled the grandstand in haste.

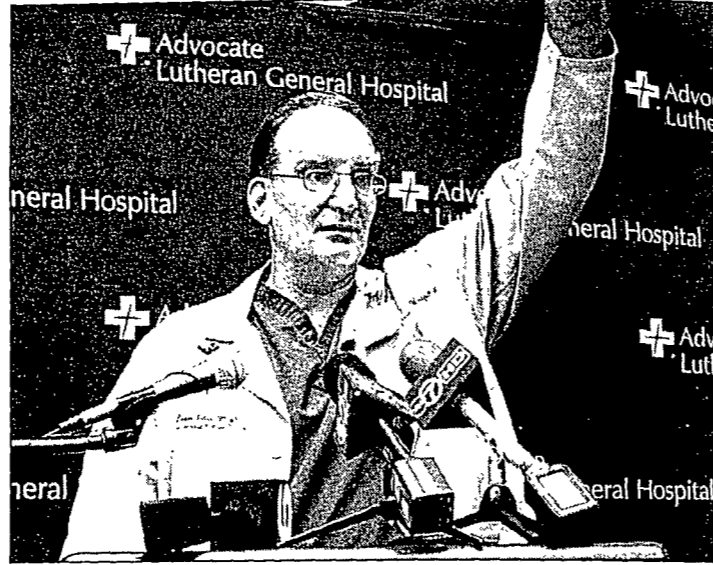
"People got almost frenzied there because of the sheer suddenness of how it developed," he said.

But Silas knew there were people under the "mass of metal and humongous speakers," likely critically injured — and he saw no ambulances, no organized medical response.

He decided to create one. Parting with his family, Silas found some concession workers, identified himself as a physician and asked how he could get down to the infield. Fighting through the exiting crowd took about five minutes, but when he got to the crash scene he discovered that several other medically trained concert-goers were thinking the same way as he.

"There was no organized command or structure; it was all spectators," Silas said.

Indiana State troopers had been on duty the entire time, he noted, but the first medical responders were plain-clothed, ticket-holding paramedics, nurses and doctors. Silas said he had not worked in an emergency room in 26 years and



Dr. Dean Silas, director of gastroenterology at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, describes the height of the stage lights that fell on a crowd Saturday night at the Indiana State Fair. | RONNIE WACHTER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

that the scene bore no resemblance to the triage drills all hospitals perform. But, he noted, in every medical field, routine procedures go wrong unexpectedly and any doctor has to know how to think on his feet.

"I certainly know how to manage critical injuries," he said. "I don't know that I felt anything unusual at that time."

"There were injured individuals screaming," he added.

Some were pinned under an upright that Silas and others in the piecemeal response force tried to lift. Something in the rigging kept getting stuck on something else, though, and they could not move it much. The helpers used folding tables and wooden pallets as stretchers. Having no field dressings, they did their best to handle potential neck and back injuries with caution.

The stage electrician had cut the power off seconds after the collapse, preventing any of the unequipped rescuers from being electrocuted.

The wind had disappeared, but a gentle rain was falling. Having suffered through this summer's innumerable thunderstorms and power

outages around Deerfield, Silas expected a deluge. The responders moved the victims into a grandstand tunnel.

Silas carried four victims off the infield and treated three or four others in the triage area. Someone had found some plastic sheets — enough to cover the five dead bodies.

About 10 minutes after the collapse local paramedics arrived, Silas said. He stayed and worked for another 20 minutes or so, until the emergency medical technicians had organized a command and asked everyone not working directly with a victim to clear the scene.

"I couldn't contribute anything more," Silas said.

The doctor said it was not his place to speculate about whose failure allowed the tragedy to happen.

Silas said it is clear that someone needs to answer why the stage was not stronger than the storm, and why the crowd was at the stage base.

"This thing didn't even withstand 10 seconds of this wind event," he said. "This is a 'never' event. This should never happen."

MAINE EAST

Mural ensures 'welcome' not lost in translation

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Maine East High School's ethnic diversity will be represented through a new mural that welcomes students, staff and visitors to the Park Ridge school in 16 different languages.

The mural was painted this summer by 33 students and features the word "welcome" written in the most widely spoken languages at Maine East: English, Spanish, Polish, Gujarati, Hindi, Tagalog, Malayalam, Urdu, Assyrian, Arabic, Greek, Korean, Serbo/Croatian/Bosnian, Bulgarian, Russian and Mongolian.

Maine East's "international representation" made the mural a "perfect fit" for the school, said Kathy Malyszko, a mental-health counselor at the school-based health center and a coordinator of the project.

"We wanted something so when students first come in they see their language," Malyszko said.

There are more than 60 languages spoken by Maine East's student body.

The mural, designed by Chicago-based abstract artist Gino Savarino, features geometric shapes painted in earth-tones and will hang in the staircase above the English as a Second Language Office, adjacent to the main-entrance rotunda. An unveiling was scheduled to take this week.

The project came about through a grant from the



Park Ridge Rotary Club. Malyszko said she approached Principal Michael Pressler about the possibility of using the grant for students to create something decorative for the school's largely barren walls.

"He actually was the one who had the idea of doing

something for the front entrance that was welcoming to future students," Malyszko said. "We just went with that and it took off from there."

Students who took part in the creation of the mural were Jazmin Alarcon, Jincy Alex, Ayah Allam, Zurisaday



ABOVE: Maine East High School students work on a "welcome" mural that will hang near the Park Ridge school's front entrance. | PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHY MALYSZKO

LEFT: Bakhtawar Qamar, Anilet Thomas, Sharon Koshy and Emi Tomera paint messages of welcome on a mural that will be displayed at Maine East High School in Park Ridge. | PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHY MALYSZKO

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Members of the Park Ridge Rotary also volunteered their time in the mural's creation, Malyszko said.

Maine East serves the communities of Park Ridge, Niles, Morton Grove, Glenview and unincorporated Maine Township.

DISTRICT 63

Cutbacks lead to \$1.6M surplus in tentative budget

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

East Maine School District 63 expects its \$44.5-million budget for the 2011-12 school year will have a \$1.6 million surplus, according to David Bein, executive director of business services.

Bein on Aug. 3 presented to the school board the district's tentative budget, which mem-

bers unanimously approved. The board will host a public hearing on the budget before taking a final vote at its Sept. 7 meeting.

Making a balanced, and now predictably surplus, budget was an intentional move by the school board the past spring after enduring a nearly \$2-million shortfall last school year.

Bein said an excess of rev-

enue can be attributed to cost-reduction measures resulting from financial-task-force recommendations, which included staff reductions for literacy specialists, social workers, gifted instructors, speech language pathologists and technology integration, as well as classroom-size increases to reduce additional teaching staff.

Changing the start and end times at the district's seven schools saved an additional \$420,000 in busing costs.

Most of the district's projected revenue will come from local sources, primarily property taxes, Bein said, which is typical for suburban school districts.

Property taxes will account for 77 percent of the district's budget. The state average,

according to the 2010 Illinois Statewide Report Card, is 58 percent. The projected local revenue is just more than \$36 million.

The district will rely on a bit more money from the state this year, receiving 13 percent of its revenue, or \$5.8 million, from Illinois. The district expects to receive \$2.2 million in federal funding, about \$860,000 less than last

year. Yet projections for state funds aren't always reliable, Bein said, and the budget may be modified to incorporate the state's most current projected payments.

"We really don't know how much the state can actually pay," Bein said. "Regardless of what they budgeted, if they don't have the money, they can't pay the bills."

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DISTRICT 64

Transparency starts with video-recorded meetings

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

One of the main goals over the next two years for Park Ridge-Niles District 64 is to increase transparency and communication with community members.

At the special school board meeting Aug. 8, a parent, Marshall Warren, recorded the board meeting at Roosevelt School in order to share it with the public.

At a past board meeting Warren requested that the board allow him to make a video recording of the school board meetings so people can access them on the internet.

"I think it marks a new era for all of us," said Charlene Foss, a parent of two students at Roosevelt School, regarding the first meeting being recorded.

Warren said he was not immediately certain where or when the video would be posted.

"We hope at some point District 64 will take it over officially," Foss said.

Board President John Heyde said he would also like to see the district at a point where it is able to take the over recording.

"You're doing a good service," Heyde told Warren.

Heyde indicated that the district has an energized and knowledgeable community that is interested in the actions of the board.

"We've stepped it up a bit because of what appears to be community requests," Supt. Philip Bender said.

At a previous board meeting Foss shared her opposition to the District 64 Board of Education approving salary increases of 2.5 percent to

nonunion employees and the fact that this important decision was discussed in closed session.

"We certainly invite more public comment than most boards do," Bender said of community input at board meetings. "We're working very diligently to be as transparent as we can."

The board is considering hosting events in casual settings that include demonstrations of new equipment and highlighting new construction at the various schools.

Other ways to increase transparency the board is considering include creating a new District 64 news blog, preparing email highlights of board meetings, expanding materials on the board-meeting website and conducting a community survey.

MAINE SOUTH FRESHMAN CLASS

Multitude of multiples sets Guinness World Record

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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It's too easy to joke that a walk down the halls of Maine South High School will have visitors seeing double.

But with 16 sets of twins in just one grade level — not to mention three sets of triplets — double-vision isn't too far off the mark.

And the unique phenomenon is giving the Park Ridge high school international recognition.

Maine South's many multiples have earned it a spot as a Guinness World Record holder. On July 18, Maine South received the distinction of having "the most multiple birth sets in the same academic year," according to the Guinness World Records website. The students were

all part of the 2010-11 school year's freshman class.

Social-studies teacher Laurie Koshgarian submitted the entry to Guinness officials after two of her students remarked about a seemingly large number of classmates with twin siblings.

"They put together a list of all the multiples they could think of," Koshgarian said.

By the end the list included the names of 16 sets of twins and three sets of triplets.

The next step was submitting an application to Guinness World Records. Copies of birth certificates, student-identification cards and enrollment records were provided to the organization to prove the multiples did exist and were all members of the freshman class, Koshgarian said.

Koshgarian learned Guinness had selected Maine South for the "most multiples" title on the day it was granted.

"I was very excited," she said. "I thought it was really neat."

Koshgarian acknowledged that it would be "interesting to study" whether an increase in parents choosing fertility treatments is the reason behind so many multiple births in the area.

Plans are in the works to have a group photograph taken with all of the twins and triplets — who are now entering their sophomore year — when school resumes. The photo would then be displayed inside the school.

Additional recognition is expected at the first all-school assembly, Koshgarian said.

District 207 folds on proposed parking deal

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Maine Township High School District 207 has turned down a request by the new Rivers Casino in Des Plaines to utilize school parking lots for casino employees.

"We've let them know it's probably not going to work at this point," said District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace.

Shortly after opening its door in July, Rivers Casino representatives asked District 207 if the casino could rent parking spaces on the Maine South High School campus in Park Ridge on weekends.

"It's complicated because our parking lots are never really fully empty," said Wallace.

Wallace said that the lots are utilized on the weekends for sporting events and other activities.

According to Jodie Shpritz, a Rivers Casino spokesperson, the casino wanted to rent parking spaces from the school district in order for their employees to park in the high school parking lots and then take a shuttle to the casino.

"The casino is busy on the weekends and they want to make sure there's parking," said Shpritz.

At a recent District 207

Board of Education meeting Board Member Eric Leys said it was positive that Rivers Casino reached out to the school district and he encouraged the district to work with the neighboring business.

The deal would have generated revenue for District 207, though Wallace said discussions never reached the point where specific monetary figures were proposed.

Shpritz said the casino is considering other possibilities for renting parking spaces, but not any other school districts. She said she can not disclose which other sites they are considering because they are still in negotiations.

NORTHRIDGE PREP

New school year sees rise in international students

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

With the new school year just around the corner, Northridge Preparatory School in Niles is ready to welcome its largest international class yet.

Northridge, 8320 W. Ballard Rd., will start the year out with 24 international students from various counties such as Mexico, Spain, Columbia, South Korea and China.

The goal of the program is to help the international students improve their English language skills and also im-

merse them into the United States culture.

Last year there were about 18 slots for international students who attend one of Northridge Prep's "brother schools" in other countries. This year there are 24. Ten of these students will attend Northridge Prep in Niles for the entire year, while others will be there for a quarter or a semester.

Jack Conroy, director of admissions and marketing at Northridge, said the school anticipates about 50 international students coming through the school at some point this year.

"We've seen an increase in the level of demand," said Conroy, regarding international students coming to Northridge Prep. He said the school tries to limit each section to two or three international students.

Conroy said that the students stay with host families who are families of current students at Northridge Prep.

According to Conroy the students truly become immersed in the culture of families in the United States and improve their English skills by living with their American host families.

Chickie's Diner serves last meal

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Chickie's Diner, a 1950s-inspired restaurant which opened along Park Ridge's Busse Highway in early 2010, closed this month, a victim of the poor economy, according to co-owner Gary Trick.

"The economy just wasn't

bringing in the people we had hoped," said Trick who operated the pink-and-blue painted restaurant at 920 Busse Hwy. with his sister Jacque.

Chickie's served its last meal Aug. 6.

"It was very, very difficult because we had always hoped that everything would turn around, but the people just weren't coming," Trick

said. Much of the 1950s memorabilia that filled the walls and glass cases inside the restaurant will be sold during "a major garage sale at my house in mid-September," Trick said.

Interested individuals are asked to visit Chickie's Facebook page for details about the sale when they are available.

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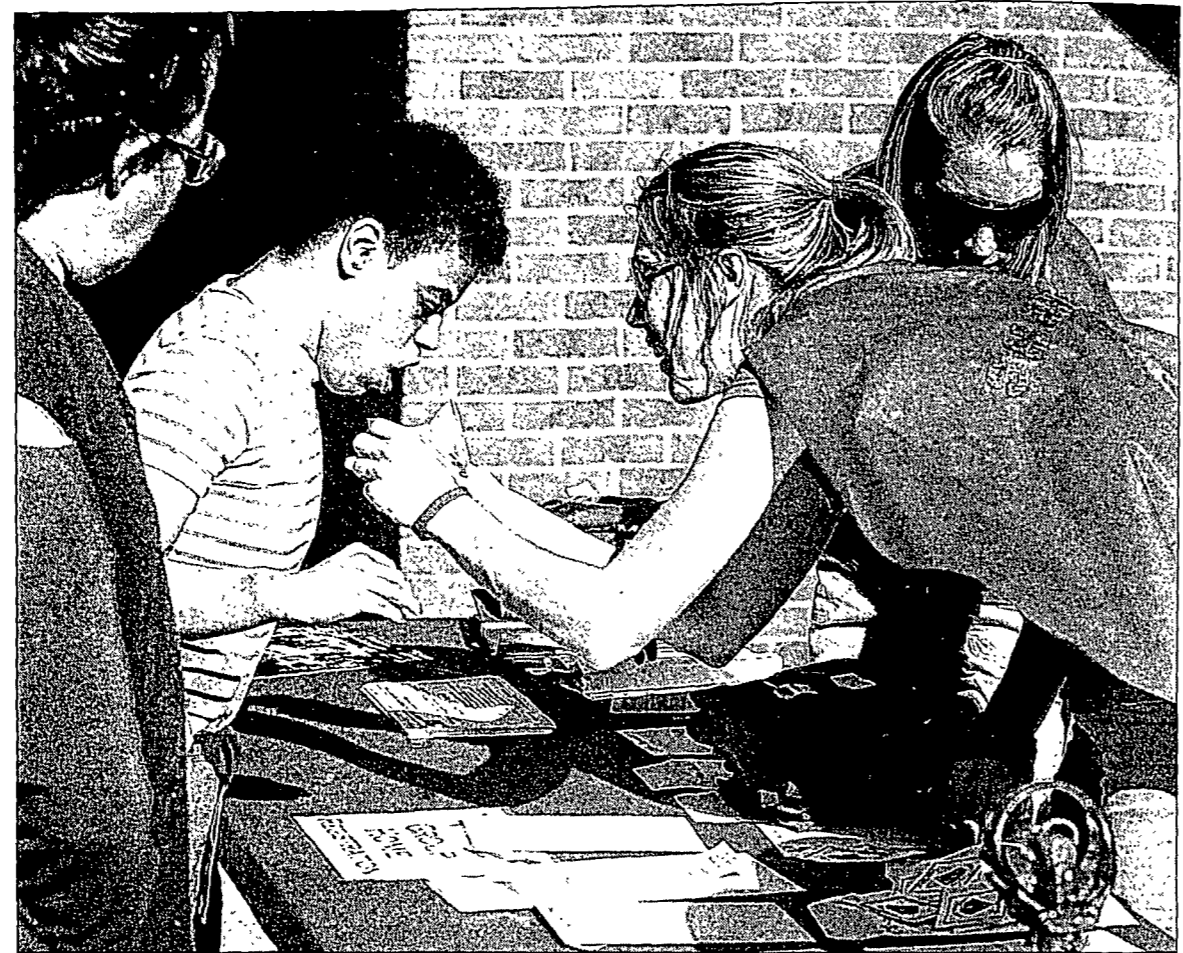
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Linda Goltz, left, of Skokie hugs her son Dylan Goltz during the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation annual end of summer party at Harrer Park in Morton Grove on Aug. 11.



Mika Wilson, left, of Skokie registers and receives a name tag from Shannon Mikulecky of Oak Park during the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation annual end of summer party. Mikulecky works at M-NASR.

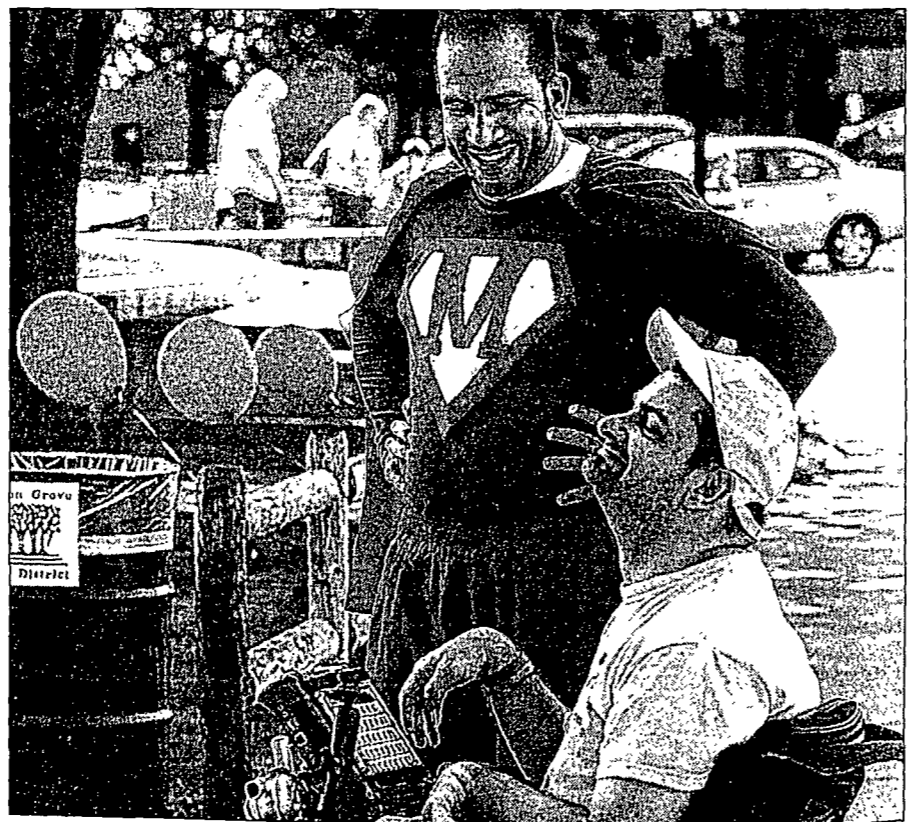


People wait in line for food during the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation annual end of summer party at Harrer Park in Morton Grove.



The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation held its annual end of summer party Aug. 11 at Harrer Park in Morton Grove. The event, called Mighty M-NASR, had a superhero theme.

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Ernesto Ruiz, standing, of Park Ridge plays the role of a superhero while talking with Chris Viau of Evanston during the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation annual end of summer party at Harrer Park in Morton Grove. Ruiz was volunteering at the event. Ruiz's wife, Lauren, works at M-NASR.



Jason Spitzer, left, of Des Plaines plays it up for the camera while playing the role of the Evil Anti-Recreation Man during the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation annual end of summer party.



A van full of people arrive for the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation annual end of summer party at Harrer Park in Morton Grove.

NILES WEST

Origami project raises funds for earthquake victims

BY PAT KROCHMAL
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Niles West High School students folded the wings of 1,000 cranes to raise \$1,500 for victims of March's Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

Two graduates — Erica Mui, a participant of Summer for Scholars, and Thidar Khine, co-president of the Chinese Club — put to the test the ancient Japanese legend promising that anyone who folds 1,000 origami cranes would be granted a wish.

And their wish was to help those still struggling after an 8.9-magnitude quake, centered near the east coast of Japan, not only killed thousands, but caused 30-foot walls of water to flood rice fields and inundate entire towns.

So the students organized a fundraiser called "I Wish, 1,000 Cranes" that relied on everyone who folded a crane to donate \$1.

"Thidar and I were talking about what we could do. We

came up with making cranes, not because we knew how to do that, because we didn't, but we figured we could learn," Mui said.

"And people from several different clubs came to help," she added. "They came from the Seminar for Scholars, Chinese Club, Chem Club, Peer Mediators, Hip Hop Club and BreakBeatz, and all kinds of clubs. Even teachers came to help."

But the first effort of between 80 and 100 people working several hours resulted in the production of only between 300 and 400 paper birds.

"I couldn't help feeling a little disappointed at first, because we were working so long and had so many people, but not nearly 1,000 cranes," said Wileen Hsing, a Chinese teacher who is also sponsor of the Chinese Club.

"But the kids weren't giving up. They insisted on going forward trying to think of other ways of meeting their goal," she added.

Then, a student in one of Hsing's Chinese classes approached her very quietly with a shoebox.

"He said there were some cranes inside. I asked how many. He said maybe 500 that he and some friends had made!" Hsing said.

So his contribution brought the collection to about 800, she added.

"It was truly the right thing at the right time. People felt helpless and far away. Once we started to publicize the fund-raiser so many people wanted to do something for Japan that people came up to us in the halls and just gave us money," said Tamara Jaffe-Notier, an English teacher who also aided the students.

"So we just let people who wanted to donate, donate, and whoever wanted to make cranes could make cranes. Whole families came to make them," she added.

And then the Niles West Senior Cabinet contributed \$1,000, bringing the total



Niles West students Erica Mui (left) and Thidar Khine (right) presented Susan Tybon, CEO of Japanese American Service Committee, with 1,000 cranes and their well-wishes for the Japanese people still suffering from weather disasters. | COURTESY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 219

amount of the donations to \$1,500. So the cranes went to the Japanese American Service Committee, a local organization on the north side of Chicago that works with Japanese Americans, which sent the money to the Red Cross for Japanese relief efforts.

"Susan Tybon, the CEO of the Committee who came to get the cranes, seemed im-

pressed," Mui said. "She said she would tell the people she works with the story of where the cranes came from and hang them in their adult recreation room."

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Niles Police officer Marijo Zawilla goes through a demonstration with the department's K9, Odin, during the Aug. 11 Antique & Classic Car Show at Morton Grove's Village Plaza. | BUZZ ORR-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

POLICE BLOTTER

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

BATTERY

A 14-year-old girl from Niles told police she was at a park Aug. 10 in the 6900 block of Oakton Street when a 16-year-old boy began taunting her and calling her names. Police said the girl walked away and the suspect ran past the victim and two witnesses before putting the victim in a "choke hold," causing her to fall to the ground and cut her knee. Police said the girl returned home where she called 911.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Mario Rangel, 30, of 8890 Root St., Niles, was arrested Aug. 8 at his apartment and charged with domestic battery. The 34-year-old

victim told police that Rangel punched her in the arms and right calf. Rangel reportedly told police that he was trying to defend himself from the woman. Bruises were found on the victim and no injuries were found on Rangel, police said. He has an Aug. 23 court date.

Samaan Youkhana, 40, of 7007 Carol, Niles, was arrested on Aug. 7 and charged with domestic battery. Police said he was intoxicated when he pushed another man up against a wall and allegedly choked him. Youkhana has an Aug. 19 court date.

BURGLARY

A 23-year-old man told police on Aug. 9 that someone removed the lock from his locker inside a business on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue and stole \$920 in cash from his wallet.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

Someone used force to

enter a vehicle between Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 in the 7500 block of Main Street. Police said a GPS unit located on the windshield was stolen. The GPS has a value of \$189.

An i-Pod Touch was stolen Aug. 10 from a vehicle parked on the 8100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The item was valued at \$340.

GRAFFITI

A manager for park district property on the 7100 block of Harlem reported on Aug. 9 that someone used a black marker to write gang-related graffiti on the men's bathroom stall.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

A 39-year-old woman told police her vehicle was damaged Aug. 11 at a grocery store parking lot in the 5700 block of Touhy. A sharp object was used to scratch the passenger side front door of the vehicle, police said.

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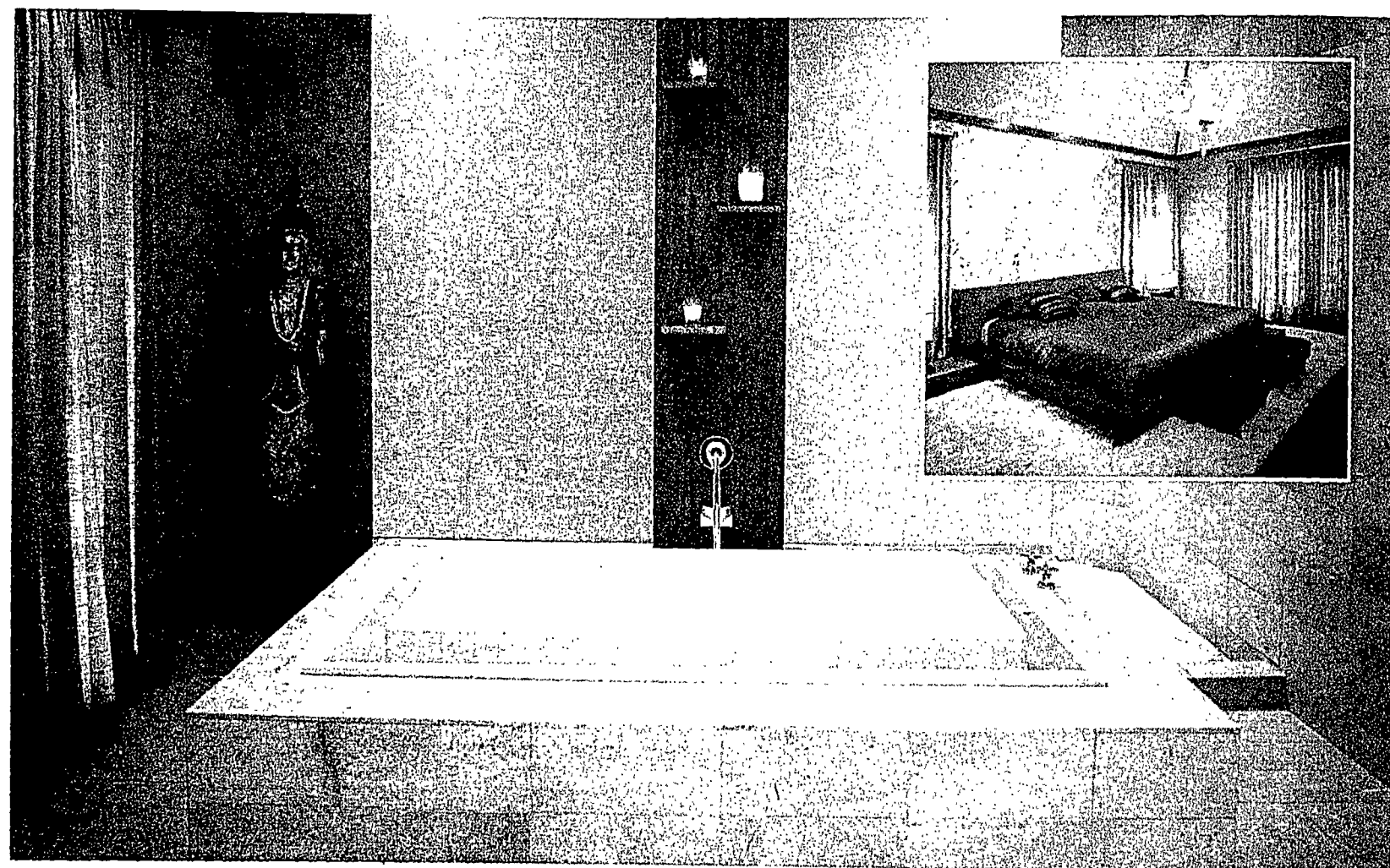
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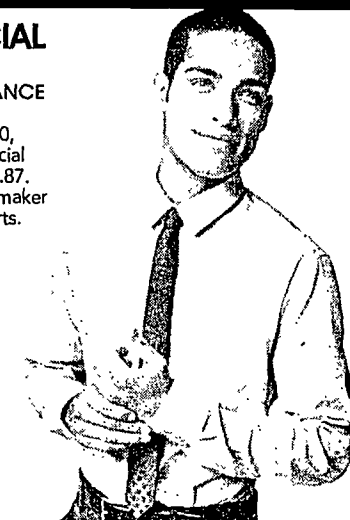
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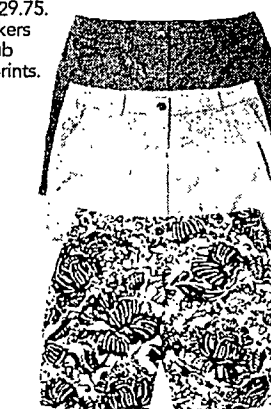
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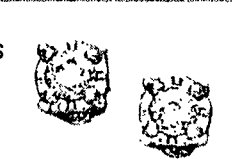
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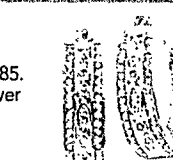
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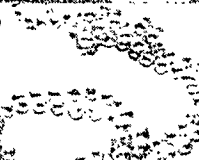
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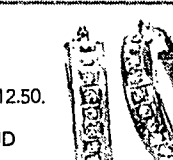
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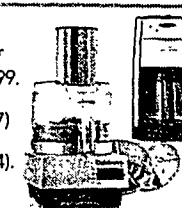
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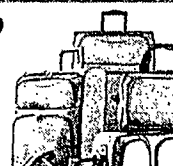
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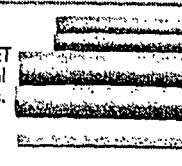
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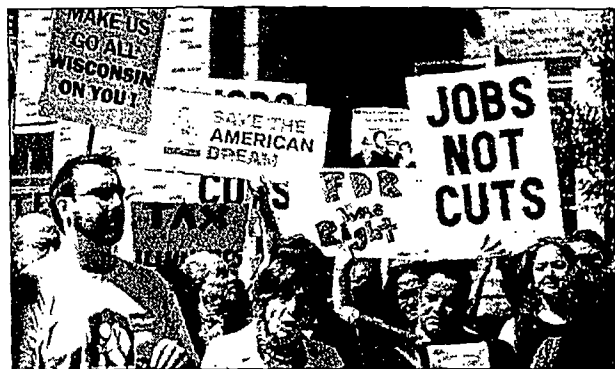
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U.S. Rep. Janice Schakowsky, D-9th, of Evanston, talks about her plan to put 2 million people to work in temporary jobs to get the economy moving. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Schakowsky proposes \$227B jobs plan

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At a time when a debt-weary president and Congress are showing little appetite for a new round of stimulus spending, U.S. Rep. Janice Schakowsky, D-9th, proved the maverick once again Wednesday as she outlined a \$227 billion jobs program she plans to introduce in September.

"I am trying to change the conversation with this legislation," Schakowsky told a crowd of enthusiastic supporters outside Goudy School on Chicago's North Side. "I am trying to bring to their senses, some of my colleagues who would actually like to do the right thing, but right now are being held hostage by a minority of Tea Partiers in Congress."

Schakowsky's Emergency

Jobs to Restore the American Dream Act would put two million people to work in temporary jobs for two years "to get the economy back up and running," she said.

"Boy, do I need a job," said Janet Edburg, who was laid off from her manufacturing job and is approaching the 99-week cutoff for unemployment benefits. "It's getting to the point that the money I got from my unemployment is going to end. That means I am going to be homeless."

While the federal stimulus of 2009 was financed by federal borrowing, Schakowsky believes her jobs bill can be paid for without adding to the nation's deficit. As an example, she points to her Fairness in Taxation Act, which would create new tax brackets on millionaires and billionaires. She also proposes eliminating subsidies for Big Oil, and closing tax loopholes for corporations that send U.S. jobs overseas.

She estimates her jobs bill would cost \$113.5 billion for each of two years. The largest chunk of money, about \$100 billion, would be used to create 400,000 construction and 100,000 maintenance positions in public school districts to make needed school rehabilitation improvements.

A new Community Corps would provide 750,000 jobs for workers who would perform energy audits, maintain and beautify public lands, reclaim recyclable materials and rehabilitate and construct new housing in a program modeled after Habitat for Humanity. That program, estimated at \$60 billion, would address blight resulting from foreclosures and disasters.

About \$40 billion would go to states to hire, re-hire and prevent layoffs of 300,000 public school teachers. Another \$10 billion would be used to hire 40,000 police officers, while \$2.4 billion would create 12,000 firefighter jobs.

The bill would set aside \$6 billion for 100,000 jobs in Early Head Start. Some 40,000 medical doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners and other health care workers would be hired to serve in rural and urban areas where access to health ser-

vices is limited. The health corps is estimated to cost \$8 billion.

Evanston school teacher Ina Allen lauded the efforts to keep teachers in the classroom and modernize and rehabilitate the nation's public schools.

"Making schools greener, cleaner, safer and healthier will improve the learning environment for students," said Allen, a music teacher at Chute Middle School and an organizer for the Illinois Education Association. "This legislation creates an environment where children succeed; therefore, we not only create more jobs, but it is an investment in our future."

The bill also would create a Park Improvement Corps for teens and young adults between 16 and 25, a group particularly hard hit by high unemployment. At a cost of \$400 million, the corps would work on restoring the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources.

"This bill will provide much-needed resources to leverage against our current workforce investment dollars," said Julio Rodriguez, director of program services at the state's Office of Employment and Training, part of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. "That is really what we need in this country: To leverage the investments we have already made against new investments."

Rodriguez noted the jobs bills comes at a time when the first stimulus, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is ending and funding is being cut in state and federal programs.

Schakowsky noted that polls show the American people believe jobs are more important than deficit reduction.

"Because the American people, two to one, believe the real issue is jobs, I am relying on the voice of the American people to make the difference, to make this legislation a reality," she said.

"We cannot simply cut our way out of the deficit," said Schakowsky, noting that it's imperative "we grow our economy."

Patients, siblings benefit from 9-year-old girl's philanthropy

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Nine-year-old Abby Enck knows what it is like to spend time in a hospital.

Diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Abby's brother Cameron, now seven, has been a frequent patient at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital in Park Ridge since he was seven weeks old and Abby has often accompanied him to his appointments, spending time in the children's playroom with patients and their siblings.

Abby, of Crystal Lake, wanted to do something to make the hospital a more comforting place for the children having to stay there and for their young siblings and visitors. Three years ago she bought several boxes of crayons for the children's hospital with money earned from a lemonade stand. Last year Abby's "lemonade kits" became a full-fledged philanthropic venture, raising enough money for Abby to purchase 1,009 boxes of crayons as well as hundreds of markers and colored pencils for the patient playroom.

This year Abby turned to popcorn for her fund-raising initiative. Sales of her popcorn kits, consisting of stove top Jiffy Pop popcorn, raised

over \$900 to help Lutheran General bring back "movie nights" to its pediatric patients.

On Aug. 5 Abby, wearing a tank top that read "Queen of Popcorn," presented the hospital staff with boxes of popcorn, assorted candy and juice drinks, as well as 20 DVDs and an \$800 gift card that will make monthly movie showings at the hospital possible.

"I was thinking of ideas last year and they said they didn't have movie nights anymore. So I thought about doing candy and stuff," Abby said.

Showing their support and appreciation for Abby's gift, several members of the hospital's staff wore photographs of Abby and Cameron taped to their backs with the message "Thank you, Abby."

"I decided to help the hospital so all you guys can maybe have a good time here too," Abby told a small group of patients who gathered to watch one of the DVDs she had donated.

Dr. Nishant Shah, Cameron's pediatric neurosurgeon, said hospitals can be stressful places not only for the youngest patients, but their siblings as well.

"To actually utilize that stressful experience as a starting point to do some-

thing for others is truly remarkable," Shah said of Abby's project.

And Abby is already thinking about a project for next year. Proud mom Becki Enck said her daughter would like to focus on the hospital's outdoor patio, though she has not decided on a specific endeavor.



Abby Enck shows projects she created to Denise Chaveriat, child life specialist at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. | TAMARA BELL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



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Denise Chaveriat, child life specialist at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital in Park Ridge hugs Abby Enck, 9, of Crystal Lake. Abby raised money for movie nights to be held at the hospital. | TAMARA BELL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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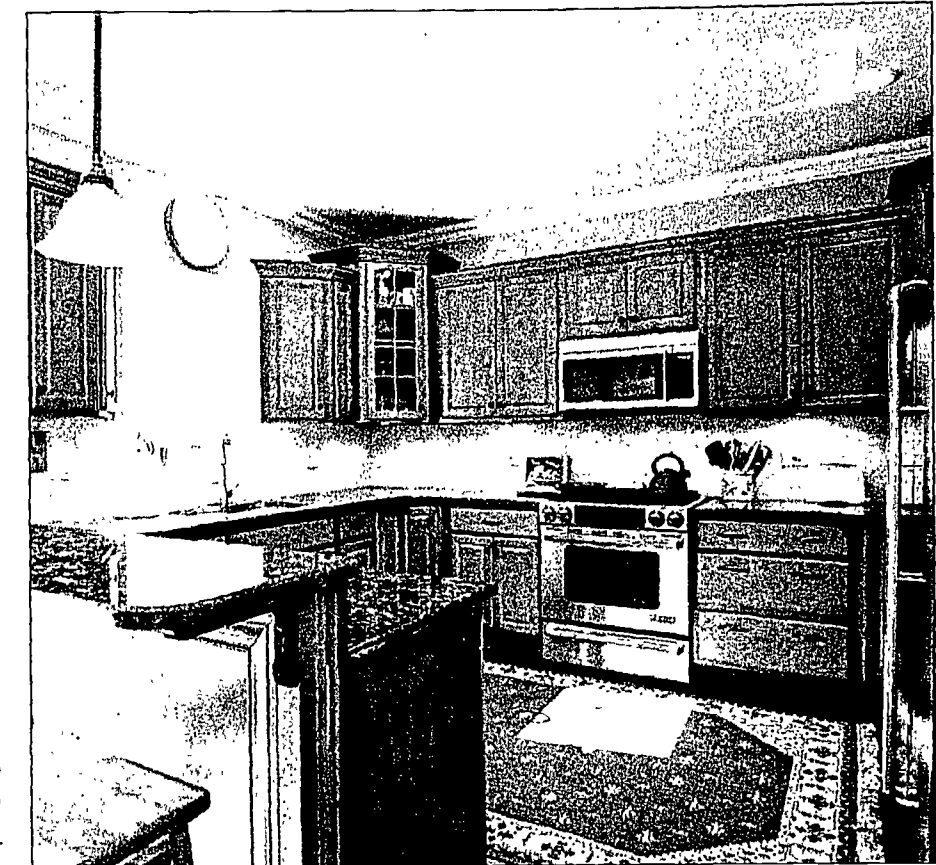
2-story comes with a number of updates

8910 Meade Ave., Morton Grove — \$515,000



Constructed in 1955, this two-story brick Colonial features a living room consisting of Brazilian hardwood floors, French windows, recessed lighting and crown molding. The kitchen comes with stainless steel appliances, cherry cabinetry, granite countertops and a tiered wraparound breakfast bar. A fireplace is found in the family room, which has hardwood floors, crown molding and sliding glass doors to the back deck. Carpeted floors line the lower level, which features drop ceilings with recessed lighting and an abundance of storage space. The property provides a two-car garage and is just under a mile from the Morton Grove Metra station and Interstate Highway 94.

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The kitchen offers cherry cabinetry, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances.

ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 8426 W. Peter Terrace in Niles is on the market for \$469,500. Built in 1973, this tri-level comes with a two-car, attached garage, kitchen with an eating area, concrete driveway, landscaped back yard and garden, plus a master suite with a full bath. Husein Suleiman

of American Realty & Associates is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 5636 Lyons St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$279,000. Built in 1955, this single-story brick ranch features an open floor plan, hardwood floors, kitchen with an island, screened porch and a newly finished basement. Kathy Puljic of Century 21 Marino is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, two-bath home at 9232 Mason Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$275,000. Built in 1963, this tri-level includes vaulted ceilings in the living room/dining room combo, eat-in kitchen and a family room with a brick fireplace and sliding doors to a patio and yard.

— Nathan Spicer

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Edison Park	1.96%	\$262,000	12.16%	74	9
Forest Glen	1.08%	\$367,500	7.14%	14	1
Norwood Park	2.45%	\$279,000	17.58%	165	29
Des Plaines	2.92%	\$180,000	34.29%	662	227
Evanston	3.38%	\$325,000	13.54%	613	83
Glenview	2.99%	\$403,750	16.13%	558	90
Lincolnwood	2.85%	\$290,000	16.22%	148	24
Morton Grove	2.37%	\$240,000	20.94%	191	40
Niles	2.30%	\$206,000	22.27%	238	53
Park Ridge	2.47%	\$324,000	14.75%	339	50
Skokie	2.63%	\$225,000	27.31%	553	151
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Medical Laboratory Technology and Phlebotomy, 3 p.m. Sept. 14 (Room 1610, Des Plaines).

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Demand for trained experts who can maintain building systems is on the rise. The Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Program participants may receive credit for their own real-world experience. For more information, contact Majid Ghadiri, chair and professor of electronics and computer technology and radio frequency identification, at (847) 376-7699 or mghadiri@oakton.edu.

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Other lectures include: "A Musical Sampling of the '30s, '40s, and '50s" (Sept. 13), "Eisenhower: An Under-rated U.S. President" (Sept. 20), "Poetry" (Sept. 27), "The Maghreb: A Look at the History of Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco" (Oct. 4), and "Film as Visual Art" (Oct. 11).

Lectures take place at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. The series-only fee is \$30 for in-district residents age 60 and over, and \$45 for out-of-district residents and those under age 60.

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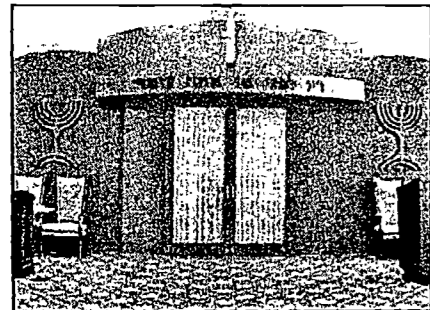
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Back to school with fresh slate



BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

This is a pretty nice time of year for grown-ups. School is starting. Once kids are back in school, the Earth becomes less crowded, more quiet, even placid.

Parents, once they have recovered from sticker shock over the costs of back-to-school wardrobes, can chill out and revel in the sounds of silence around the house.

But, nice as back-to-school time is for parents, the real beneficiaries are the kids themselves. Though I don't imagine all that many kids will agree with me.

They just don't realize, but then, kids don't realize a lot of things, which is one of the reasons they are kids. Height is another reason.

The start of school is a new beginning, another chance. The classes are new. The teachers are new. Books are new. Pencils are new and come with erasers as yet uncontaminated by mistakes.

Notebooks are new, white and blank, unquestioningly receptive to notes, doodles or perhaps

a new theory of relativity (you never know).

On the first day of school, no one has yet tasted the bitterness of a D or F.

A student may have been a disruptive influence last year or may not have lived up to his potential.

Doesn't matter. This is a new school year. Start from scratch. This year is going to be better. A new beginning. A second chance.

New beginnings and second chances aren't that easy to come by for adults. And they usually come at a high cost.

What would you give to be able to wake up tomorrow morning and start fresh? Mistakes wiped out. Bad choices nullified. Not having to pay for today that bone-headed thing you did yesterday?

Not likely, unfortunately. That only happens on TV.

But for kids this happens once a year. It's great to be a kid. But then, you knew that.

So, to repeat, this is a pretty nice time of year.

And keep in mind: Kids — Fresh start. Enjoy it. Use it.

Grown-ups — Try, try again. And watch where you drive. There are kids going to and from school.

"New beginnings and second chances aren't that easy to come by for adults. And they usually come at a high cost ... But for kids this happens once a year."

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



On mom's most-wanted list: TX1105B



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

Every year, we women trudge to a nearby retail mecca and battle other steaming bodies in a tight narrow space.

No, I'm not talking about the dressing rooms at Kohl's.

I'm talking the narrow space comprising back-to-school supplies at office supply stores, Target and Wal-Mart.

Número uno hurdle, locating the school supply list itself. Usually it's buried under my papers somewhere, what my husband calls the abyss, and I find the original sometime in December.

For now, it's August and the kids can't show up empty-handed on their first day of school. So I wind up printing the seventh pdf. copy from the school site and stuff the supply list in my purse. I hire a snarling guard dog to ensure the list stays in my purse.

We park in front of Staples. I

cross my chest in a quick prayer, grit my teeth and tell my boys they're coming, too. They groan. I tell them the mission is clear, get as many items crossed off our list, and if I can't find them, the Russian black market is one phone call away.

We scour for precious gold — things like calculators with weird codes that could launch a missile hidden in a silo somewhere.

"I tell them the mission is clear, get as many items crossed off our list, and if I can't find them, the Russian black market is one phone call away. We scour for precious gold — things like calculators with weird codes that could launch a missile hidden in a silo somewhere. TX1105B, and God forbid, you buy the TX1105A version, because it won't be able to compute the square root space of Bigfoot's cave."

TX1105B, and God forbid, you buy the TX1105A version, because it won't be able to compute the square root space of Bigfoot's cave.

If your child does not own one of these approved calculators, he or she will fall behind in math class.

As a contingency, I sent my kid in with one of those medieval bean counters, an abacus with a wood frame and beads.

His teacher sent back a note: "Dear Smart Aleck Mother, I do not find this funny. Keep this up and I'll sign you up as a Math Mom."

I shudder. A Math Mom. I don't know a mean average from a median, unless it's the

concrete one I manage to hit when I make a left turn.

Well, after battling sweaty, exasperated parents and being jabbed with the sharp elbows of hyper children, I tell the kids I'm buying my own school supply.

A bottle of Excedrin.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morton Grove is exceptional town for what taxes provide

From the very beginning I knew we had chosen an exceptional town. It was close to Chicago and yet far enough away to have a rural setting; a small town, yet a sophisticated one. We have never been disappointed in our town of Morton Grove and we have been here for nearly 50 years. That's why I was so amazed when I recently read a letter by a resident who had just come here eight years ago and thought our taxes, etc., were so much higher

than people in suburbs like Highland Park, Evanston, Glenview, Deerfield, etc. I'm confused. First of all, aren't some of those areas in Lake instead of Cook County? Aren't taxes in Lake County higher than the those in Cook? I also have friends and relatives that live in the aforementioned towns and I know what they pay.

I know how hard Morton Grove's village government has worked to not raise taxes on homeowners and yet have still provided each resident with the same high-quality services that we have all come to know and expect — many that

other towns do not provide, like street sweeping, for example.

There's a lot of love poured into this town. You can see it by how proud villagers are when they speak of our excellent snow removal, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, etc. Yes, we are proud of our village. We didn't win the "Family Circle Award" a few years ago for nothing. They recognized how great and well-run this village is and so do I. That's why we're staying right here!

Marilyn Sneider, Morton Grove

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children may see them too, even though we place highly visible warning signs alerting drivers that there are graphic abortion pictures ahead, enabling them to take an alternate route.

Parents can explain to their children that these aborted babies have been

hurt, and that we are trying to prevent this from happening.

If we continue to hide these unborn victims of abortion from sight with the excuse that children shouldn't have to see such violence, we fail in our mission to tell the truth and protect human life.

We urge all Niles Herald-Spectator readers to learn more about abortion and about the alternatives to abortion, and to become involved in the fight to restore respect for human life at all stages.

Joseph M. Scheidler
National Director
Pro-Life Action League

A basic response to cable



BY RANDY BLASER
Columnist

Is it time to turn off the cable TV? According to a recent article, more and more Americans are canceling their cable TV subscriptions as a way to save some money in these lean economic

times. An estimated 380,000 Americans, one in every 300 households, said goodbye to cable in the last quarter.

One look at your cable bill could provide a good explanation as to why more people feel cable is something not worth keeping.

A basic cable package runs about \$60 a month. Load up the premium channels and it is easily twice that and more.

Just think about what the average household pays for communications these days — television, telephone, cell phone and Internet — and it makes you wonder what the heck are we doing? The cost to monitor what your Facebook friends had for breakfast, text someone about tonight's plans or latest mob action, and watch reruns of "The Andy Griffith Show" is ridiculous.

I remember when I first ordered cable TV for my apartment in Oak Park. It was just \$6.95 a month for the basic package. It seemed really cheap then.

And I guess that's how they get you hooked. Make it cheap and easy. In 2010 dollars, that same basic package

should cost only about \$14. So why is it so expensive?

Maybe because the cable companies are ripping us off?

And people have figured it out? So what is the alternative?

One ex-cable subscriber mentioned Netflix, the monthly movie provider that enables you to watch all the movies you want for only \$8 a month.

Now that sounds like a good deal to me, just like cable was in the early days. So I don't doubt that eventually, they will be charging a heck of a lot more.

Another service is Hulu, where you can watch TV shows and movies on the Internet for free, or upgrade to a full service with more movies and TV shows for just \$7.99 a month.

Of course, another option is just to shut down completely from the visual media. We tried that for a few days when the power went out in that July storm. It wasn't bad. We read, talked to each other and played board games.

It was quaint, to say the least. I recently heard someone describe television as a device that just robs you of your time and of your money. It is designed to fleece you.

If that's the case, why are we so addicted to it to the point of saying fleecing me some more?

More and more folks, it seems, are seeing the light.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect human life

Recently, the Pro-Life Action League visited Niles as part of our 12th annual Face the Truth Tour, during which dozens of volunteers lined major intersections with large signs showing the mutilated victims of abortion.

We realize that it is shocking to most people to see pictures of

the mangled bodies of aborted babies. What is worse, though, is that abortion is allowed to kill over 3,300 innocent children every day in America.

Some people are outraged that while we are displaying the graphic pictures along a road for drivers to see, young

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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Godspell" will be presented by Independent Stars Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 19-20 and 2 p.m. Aug. 21 at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Tickets are \$7.50; \$5 for children and senior citizens. To reserve tickets or for more information, visit www.indistars.org or call (708) 997-1714.

2. Shakespeare's Globe London Cinema Series will feature "Henry IV, Part 2," filmed in 2010 at the Globe Theatre in London, at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and the Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$12 in Niles; \$15, \$14 for seniors and students, in Evanston. Tickets are available at theater box offices and online at www.Fathom-Events.com.

3. The film "Playing for Time" will be screened at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Based on the memoirs of Jewish singer-pianist Fania Fenelon, the film shows how female prisoners who were members of the women's orchestra of Auschwitz performed to stay alive. Free with museum admission of \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Reservations are recommended. Call (847) 967-4889 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

4. Chicago O'Hare Summer Antique Show & Sale will be held from noon-7 p.m. Aug. 19-20 and noon-5 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. A wide range of antiques and fine arts will be presented, including furniture, jewelry, paintings and more. Admission is \$10, good for all three days; free admission for children under 12. Parking is free with paid show admission. Visit www.chicagoohareantiques.com.

Celebrating Jewish composers, singers of the cabaret

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Julie Foreman is a big fan of cabaret music. She's also the wife of Rabbi Barry Schechter, who leads Skokie's Kol Emeth Congregation, so it seemed a natural fit when Foreman proposed a cabaret concert last year to benefit the synagogue.

Foreman gathered five of Chicago's finest cabaret artists — Beckie Menzie, Tom Michael, Joan Curto, Carla Gordon and Daryl Nitz — for a Jewish-themed show. "It was a wonderful success," Foreman said of the sold-out concert. "Everyone loved the music and the performers. It was such a feel-good experience. And the Jewish hook was easy because there's so many Jewish composers and performers."

"When it comes to choosing them, it was an embarrassment of riches," Schechter added.

Sing it again

Foreman has invited the same quintet of entertainers back this year for two performances on Sunday, Aug. 21. Her husband will serve as master of ceremonies for "Another Shabbos, Another Show."

It's a natural role for Schechter, who is known for his rich sense of humor and lectures on Yiddish and humor.

Act one of the show will be dedicated to Broadway songs written by Jewish composers; the second act to hit songs sung by Jewish performers.

Beckie Menzie is serving as musical director of the show as well as performing alone and with her frequent collaborator Tom Michael. "It's a great group of people," Menzie said of the cast. "We had so much fun last year. The audience was great to us and we had fun as performers together."

Menzie will solo on the Barbra Streisand hit, "Any Place I Hang My Hat is Home." Along with Michael, she will perform a song paying tribute to composers Kander and Ebb. Pianist/singer Menzie will also reprise a number she did at a Carnegie Hall concert, Irving Berlin's "Let Yourself Go." In her inimitable style of seamlessly interweaving two songs you'd never expect to hear together, she will pair the piece with Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee."

Michael also wanted to appear in this year's concert because of how enjoyable it was last year. In addition, he said that Foreman and Schechter "are dear friends of mine. I love what they stand for and they're great people. I always like to



Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie

'ANOTHER SHABBOS, ANOTHER SHOW'

Congregation Kol Emeth, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie
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lend my voice to great causes."

Michael's selections will include a Michael Feinstein song, "Rhode Island is Famous for You." His duets with Menzie include "But the World Goes 'Round," "Blue Moon," and "You Took Advantage of Me."

Alphabet song

In addition to his master of ceremonies duties, Schechter will sing one song. He will also play the violin for a couple of pieces, including accompanying Gordon when she sings a Hebrew song, "Oifn Pripetchik," about students learning the Hebrew alphabet. "It talks about the Jewish experience being expressed through the letters of the Hebrew alphabet," Schechter explained. "It tugs at the heartstrings."



Rabbi Barry Schechter



Carla Gordon | PHOTO BY STEVE STARR

Gordon is looking forward to that duet with the Rabbi, but she is excited about the entire concert. "I did it last year and I had a wonderful time," she said. "The members of the cast are all dear friends. We love making music together and spending time together."

Another favorite moment for Gordon will be singing the Sophie Tucker song, "Some of These Days,"

because Tucker, "has always been my muse as a cabaret singer."

Gordon praised the benefit concert as "a celebration of Jewish writers, Jewish music, Jewish heart."

Menzie added that the show "benefits a wonderful congregation. And every single one of these performers is amazing."

"It's going to be a great night of entertainment," Michael concluded.

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Don't be bugged by a Playdate With Nature

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

For details, call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparks.org.

Bear with them

There will be treats, games, crafts and stories for all ages at the Winnie-the-Pooh Party, 2 p.m. Monday at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Registration is required if you want to help celebrate the fictional bear's birthday.

For details, call (847) 677-5277, ext. 234 or visit www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Shall we dance?

You and your tots can at the Bibliobop Dance Party, 10-11 a.m. Friday at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. DJ Miss Cate will spin tunes from the library's large music collection for newborns and older with an adult.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

Motor City music

The Detroit sound will fill the Skokie Village Green, east of the library at 5215 Oakton St., when Motown Alive performs at a Wednesdays on the Green event, 7-8 p.m. on, well, Wednesday. The Motown sound is a combination of rhythm and blues, swing and pop that will please all ages. In case of rain, the program will be moved inside the library and seating will be limited.

For details, call (847) 824-3149 or visit www.skokieliibrary.info.

Eight times each year, families are invited to a themed Playdate With Nature at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. The next Playdate is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

"Our focus on Saturday is going to be insects," said Wildwood's Supervisor Jennifer Clauson. "Our beautiful prairie is in full bloom with all the wildflowers, so it's literally buzzing with bugs." She noted that butterflies and dragonflies are among the abundant insects this time of year.

"Also, families will get to see our insects that live in the nature center up close," Clauson said. "They'll play a game to teach them about the body parts of the insects. They're going to go on a hike outside to the prairie and pond looking for those bugs and then they'll create a craft to take home."

Each session lasts about an hour. Reservations are requested but drop-ins are welcome. For details, call (847) 692-3570 or visit www.prparks.org.

It's a raid!

Enjoy one of the last summer evenings by watching an adventure film outdoors with your family. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" will be screened at sunset on Friday at Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Ave., Skokie. Bring blankets or lawn chairs to this free event.

MOVIE REVIEW

One nasty 'Night'



Colin Farrell plays the vampire next door in director Craig Gillespie's artful remake of the 1985 horror film "Fright Night."

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

FRIGHT NIGHT

★ ★ ★ 1/2

Horror comedies go way, way back, all the way back to the silent film era, usually serving as comedies first — vehicles for comedians such as Harry Langdon, Buster Keaton, Bob Hope and Abbott and Costello. They reached a peak of sorts in the 1980s, though, with a spate of films that tended to mix the ingredients with more of an emphasis on horror ("Re-Animator" and the first two "Evil Dead" movies being the best of the bunch) — including the original "Fright Night" (1985).

The original "Fright Night" laid on the gore and the scares in its latter half, but it was essentially a light effort, a wry entertainment about a slightly geeky suburban teen (William Ragsdale) trying to cope with a vampire next door (Chris Sarandon) with the assistance of a hammy ex-horror-movie star (Roddy McDowall).

This truly frightful remake by director Craig Gillespie ("Lars and the Real Girl") is darker, meaner, funnier, generally sharper-fanged in every way. It even

features — here's a real shocker — 3D effects that are worth the surcharge.

Anton Yelchin ("The Beaver") plays teenage Charley Brewster as a selfish, popularity-driven kid who has shunned his lifelong geeky best-friend Ed (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, also mining a nasty streak) as a social embarrassment. Charley's mom (Toni Collette) is about to call the cops on next-door vampire Jerry (Colin Farrell) because she doesn't like the dumpster in his yard — until she notices that he's a hunk. Farrell, unlike Sarandon in the original, doesn't turn on the suave, undead charm. He's a dark, threatening, bestial presence all the way — overtly sexual and entirely predatory. (Though he actually plays a more loathsome character in "Horrible Bosses.") And England's David Tennant is likely to be a revelation to his legion of "Doctor Who" fans, playing showbiz phony Peter Vincent as a rude, belching, obnoxious, sexist, cowardly Las Vegas stage magician/master of the occult, who likes to complain about the chafing in his leather pants.

All of these are mean-spirited people who are easily capable of the malevolence and extreme violence that crops up throughout

"Fright Night," which really has no squeaky-clean heroes. And which makes for a more credible match between the bad guy and the nominal good guys.

How extreme is the violence in this film? Let's just say that when blood sprays in this movie, it sprays in 3D. Even so, Gillespie doesn't rely solely on gore for his shock effects. "Fright Night" begins slowly but it develops suspense gradually and becomes increasingly galvanic, kicking into high gear two-thirds of the way through with a spectacular desert-highway showdown between Jerry ("That's a terrible vampire name") and team Charley (with Sarandon, the original Jerry, showing up as a special-guest victim). The action continues to increase in intensity until the way-crazy finale, but Gillespie also shows some impressive chops when it comes to establishing a creepy vibe — particularly during two prolonged scenes in which Jerry feasts on female victims.

One nice touch in the new "Fright Night" is that Jerry takes considerable punishment throughout, undercutting the usual depiction of vampires as near-invincible and underscoring the idea that he may have finally, after 400 years, chosen the wrong people to mess with.

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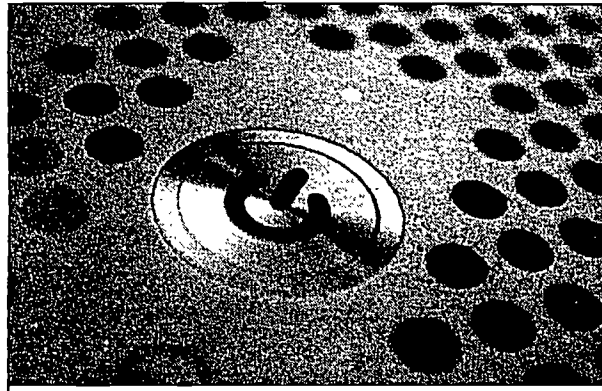
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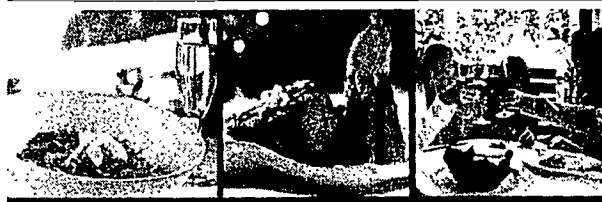
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NEW ON VIDEO

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BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

NEW THIS WEEK

UNCLE BOONMEE WHO CAN RECALL HIS PAST LIVES
★ ★ ★

Rated: No MPAA rating
Length: 114 minutes
Stars: Thanapat Saisaymar, Jenjira Pongpas
■ That may be so, but he doesn't do a really great job getting us excited about it. This 2010 Cannes Palm d'Or-winning film by Thai director Apichatpong Weerasethakul exerts a strange fascination — with an emphasis on the strange. A middle-aged man (Saisaymar) on the verge of succumbing to a terminal illness spends his final days on his farm visiting with his sister-in-law (Pongpas); the phlegmatic ghost of his wife (whose sudden materialization at the dinner table one evening excites little reaction from her sister and husband); and his long-missing son, now a red-eyed monkey-spirit (whose appearance similarly provokes little wonderment). There's not much revelation, or even discussion, of past lives in "Uncle Boonmee."

WIN WIN
★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for language
Length: 106 minutes
Stars: Paul Giamatti, Amy Ryan, Alex Shaffer
■ In "Win Win," writer/director Thomas McCarthy ("The Station Agent," "The Visitor") has conjured up a highly enjoyable character-driven drama that satisfies equally well as an inspirational sports movie and an ethical drama — an often quite funny ethical drama. Giamatti is at his best as Mike, an elder-care attorney, losing high-school wrestling coach and devoted family man who, in a desperate financial situation, awards himself a state stipend for acting as guardian for a senile client (Burt Young), then tucks the old man into a rest home. No harm is done; the old man is well-cared-for, but Mike is troubled by the fraud — and endangered when his client's



Paul Giamatti is an attorney and wrestling coach whose world changes when he encounters a young grappler played by Alex Shaffer in "Win Win," a film from Thomas McCarthy ("The Station Agent").

runaway grandson (Shaffer) and addict mother (Melanie Lynskey, excellent) show up to complicate things. The bond that gradually develops between Mike, his sharp-tongued wife and the wary, withdrawn boy (who also happens to be a wrestler), is warm and genuine, but never cloying, just as the twists and turns of McCarthy's plot, as Mike agonizes about how to handle the situation, are never predictable. This one's a winner.

RECENT RELEASES

HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS EVIL
★ 1/2
Rated: PG for sci-fi action and peril
Length: 86 minutes
Stars: Hayden Panettiere, Joan Cusack, Patrick Warburton
■ Even undiscriminating 6-year-olds aren't going to find a lot to enjoy in this flat, witless, clunkily animated sequel to the 2005 hit "Hoodwinked." This time, karate-kicking Red Riding Hood (Panettiere) is on a mission to rescue Hansel and Gretel (Bill Hader and Amy Poehler) from the wicked witch (Cusack).

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JANE EYRE
★ ★ ★
Rated: PG-13 for some the-

matic elements including a nude image and brief violent content
Length: 120 minutes
Stars: Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender, Jamie Bell
■ A passionate, involving adaptation of Charlotte Brontë's oft-filmed classic. Director Cary Fukunaga proves to be as capable with elegance here as he was with grittiness in the Mexican youth-gang drama "Sin Nombre" — and Mia Wasikowska is an ideal, quietly indomitable Jane.

HENRY'S CRIME
■ After being wrongfully imprisoned for bank robbery, a man (Keanu Reeves) decides he might as well do the crime, since he did the time — though his robbery plans spin wildly out of control when love enters the picture.

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■ Circa 470 AD, a Chinese soldier (Jackie Chan) schemes to kidnap an enemy general and return him for a reward. Sheng Ding ("Underdog Knight 2") directed the martial arts adventure.

TROLLHUNTER
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STAGE

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will be presented by Piccolo Theatre **Sept. 2-Oct. 22** at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$22 senior citizens; \$15 students; \$12.50 for previews, Sept. 2-4. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre's Dramatic Reading series features one play per weekend at 7 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Admission is \$5. **Aug. 20-21:** "Heat" by Marsha Estell. Call (847) 448-8254 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/fjtheatre.
"Godspell" will be presented by Independent Stars Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. **Aug. 19-20** and 2 p.m. **Aug. 21** at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Tickets: \$7.50; \$5 for children and senior citizens. Visit www.indistars.org or call (708) 997-1714.

"Snapshots: A Musical Scrapbook," featuring works by Broadway composer Stephen Schwartz, will be pre-

sented **Sept. 16-Oct. 23** in the Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Curtain times are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Sept. 20 and Oct. 11 only); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (except Oct. 5) and 7:30 p.m. (except Oct. 12); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m. (except opening on Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m.); Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (except Sept. 17) and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 23). Casual Friday, an informal evening including 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 Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. 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. Oct. 2. Reservations are required at specialevents@northlight.org or (847) 679-9501, ext. 3555. Backstage with BJ, a mid-day discussion with artistic director BJ Jones, will be held at noon Sept. 16. Tickets: \$25-\$65; \$10 for ages 25 and under; \$25-\$45 for previews, Sept. 16-22. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"The Student Prince" will be presented by Light Opera Works at 2 p.m. **Aug. 18, 21, 24** and 8 p.m. **Aug. 20, 26** and 27 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. Tickets: \$48, \$68, \$77 and \$92 for the main floor; \$32, \$48, \$68, \$77 for the balcony; half-price for ages 21 and under. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.LightOperaWorks.com.

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Program finds the opera in everyday life

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

You're listening to opera all the time — even if you're not a fan. Bob Levi will explain how when he presents, "Opera, Opera Everywhere" at the Wilmette Theatre on Wednesday, Aug. 24. Levi will be assisted by a trio of singers who study at

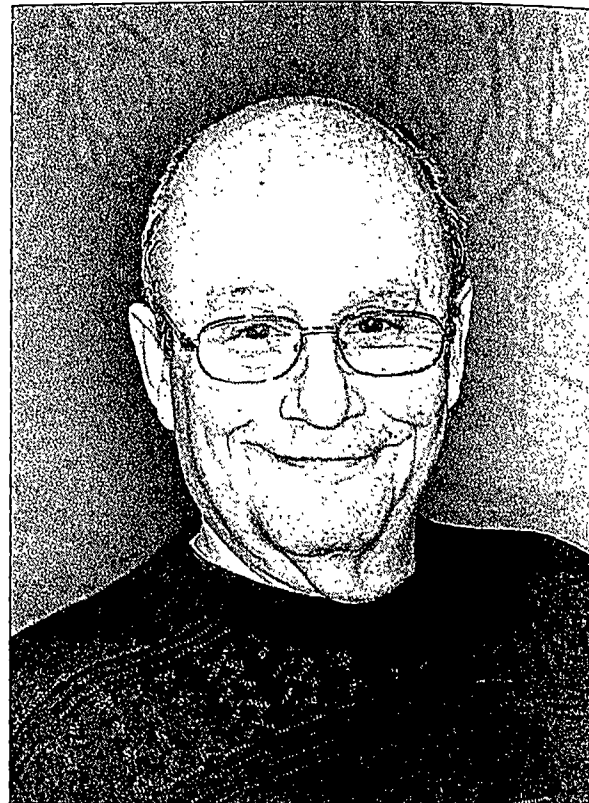
the Music Institute of Chicago. Highland Park opera aficionado Levi has discovered that opera melodies are incorporated into many forms of pop culture from soundtracks to cartoons, musicals and commercials. His exhaustive research on the subject has led to a second career for this business and marketing consultant.

TV inspirations

"When I was a kid growing up in the late '40s and early '50s, a lot of the movies I went to had people who sang opera," Levi recalled. "As TV began, shows like 'Voice of Firestone,' 'Bell Telephone Hour' and even 'Ed Sullivan' would get people from the old Met to come by. That's probably what

triggered my interest." Levi began sharing his love of opera after attending a program on the topic two years ago at the Highland Park Senior Center. He told the director, "That was okay but I could probably do something better." Her response was, "Why don't you?"

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Bob Levi



Melina Jaharis

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Katharine Estes

That's all the motivation Levi needed. "I pulled together a PowerPoint presentation, I had all my CDs and I figured

out how to put the audio in," he related. Someone encouraged Levi to add video to his program. "That's when I went on YouTube. I now have 12 different programs."

Levi has lectured on opera at Oakton Community College, College of Lake County, Oasis in Chicago and for a variety of groups. He is scheduled to present more than 50 programs this year.

The Wilmette program will offer an overview of opera. "The concept behind it is that

everyone is exposed to opera but they don't necessarily know it," Levi said. "What's unique about this one is we're getting three sopranos from the Music Institute of Chicago." Each will sing an aria.

Young singers

Katharine Estes of Glencoe studies opera at Roosevelt University and with Barbara Martin at the Music Institute; Winnetka resident Melina Jaharis, who will attend Lawrence University in Appleton,

Wis., is a student of Susan Charles; Emily Neuberger of Lake Forest, a senior at Lake Forest High School, studies with Dorothy Jean Lloyd.

Adding singers from the Music Institute of Chicago to the program was the idea of Judy Samuelson, a co-owner of the Wilmette Theatre. "I talked to some of our faculty," said Sue Polutnik, vice president of administration at the Music Institute. "We realized we had several students who knew some of the repertoire

from Bob's program — and it went from there."

Polutnik thinks this is a good collaboration because, "It creates awareness of our voice program in the Wilmette Community and I think it's good for the Wilmette Theatre as well because it brings them a new audience."

The arias chosen for the sopranos are from "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance," and "La Boheme" by Puccini.

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chicagochambermusic.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$25-\$45; \$10 for students. **Sept. 25:** Chicago Chamber Musicians begins its 25th anniversary 2011-12 season with a special concert showcasing resident quartet CCM BRASS and the American Brass Quintet.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Sept. 24:** 7:30 p.m.: Music Institute faculty member James Baur will perform a solo guitar recital featuring 20th century Spanish, French, Mexican and American works. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

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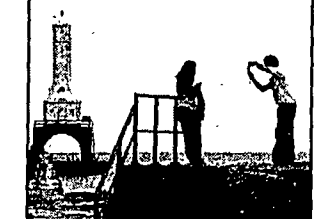


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Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.blues-bar.com. Music from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., unless noted otherwise. **Aug. 27**, 9:30 p.m.: Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials.

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Aug. 20: Ronnie Ross Show, no cover. **Aug. 21 and 28**: Judy Roberts and Greg Fishman. **Aug. 23 and 30**, 6:30-10:30 p.m.: Judy Roberts and Greg Fishman. **Aug. 24**, 6:30-10:30 p.m.: Connie & Johnny. **Aug. 26**: Tony Smith Show (Motown), \$5. **Aug. 27**: The Meteors (oldies), \$5. **Aug. 31**, 8:30-10:30 p.m.: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, \$10.

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Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Sept. 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Grammy Award-winning jazz musician and composer Paquito D'Rivera joins Music Institute Jazz Studies faculty for a concert. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonththeatre.com. **Aug. 23**, 8 p.m.: Stevie Nicks. \$39, \$65, \$95, \$125. **Oct. 14**, 8 p.m.: Trumpeter Chris Botti. \$29.50, \$48.50, \$58.50, \$65.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. **Aug. 19**, 7 p.m.: Young Lions: Directions Jazz Orchestra Arrangers' Showcase. **Aug. 20**, 8 p.m.: Messmer and Friends, an evening of song to benefit glycogen storage disease research at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Wayne Messmer and friends will perform songs from beloved musicals. \$30; \$50 VIP seating. **Aug. 21**, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: "Another Shabbos, Another Show — Jewish Composers & Performers on Broadway," with cabaret performers Beckie Menzie, Tom Michael, Joan Curto, Carla Gordon and Daryl Nitz. \$35. **Aug. 24**, 1:30 p.m.: Jimmy Niteclub's "Chicago Style Doo-Wop." **Aug. 28**, 7:30 p.m.: Christian singer/songwriter Shawn Thomas. **Aug. 31**, 1:30 p.m.: Jack Miuccio's "My Favorite Crooners."

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanston.space.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Aug. 18**: Ari Brown Quartet (jazz). \$12/\$15. **Aug. 19**: Josh Hoge and Andy Davis, \$12/\$15. **Aug. 20**: Eddie C. Campbell (blues). \$15/\$20. **Aug. 21**, 7 p.m.: Megan McDonough (folk). \$15/\$18. **Aug. 22**: 93XRT welcomes Gary Clark Jr. (blues/rock). \$12/\$15. **Aug. 24**: 93XRT welcomes Peter Himmelman (folk/rock). \$28/\$32. **Aug. 25**: Jimmie Vaughan featuring Lou Ann

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Barton (blues). \$30/\$35. **Aug. 26**: Great Lake Swimmers (indie/folk), \$12/\$15. **Aug. 27**: Dan Navarro with Peter Bradley Adams (folk/rock). \$15/\$20. **Aug. 28**: Jason Reeves (pop). \$12/\$15.

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Downing at (224) 725-3696 or jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com.

High school-aged boys (ages 14-18) are invited to audition for the Resurrection College Prep High School's production of *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson. Auditions will be held from 3-6 p.m. **Aug. 29-30** in the school's Little Theatre at 7500 W. Talcott, Chicago. Production dates are Nov. 3-6. For information, contact director Tony Muscarello at (773) 775-6616 or tmuscarello@reshs.org.

Canzonetta Youth Orchestra is holding auditions for the 2011-12 music season. Directed by Hilel Kagan, Canzonetta is a chamber orchestra that offers specialized instruction for children interested in developing their orchestral skills. Training orchestra, for 7- to 10-year-olds with beginning orchestral experience, meets from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays. The Intermediate orchestra, for 10- to 13-year-olds with more advanced training, meets from 3-4:30 p.m. Sundays. The Senior or-

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The Music Institute of Chicago Choral will hold auditions for its 2011-12 season from 7-8:30 p.m. **Aug. 30-31** at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The chorus provides an opportunity for adult singers with prior experience to study and perform sacred and secular choral music, including motets, madrigals, part-songs, folk songs, and larger choral-orchestral works. To schedule an audition, call (847) 905-1500, ext. 100, or e-mail Andrea.Musolf@musicinst.org.

North Shore Dance & Drama Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie, will hold auditions for its Competitive Performing Group at 6:15 p.m. **Aug. 25**. Callbacks and

alternative audition date is **Aug. 28** at 4:15 p.m. Youth ages 6-18 are encouraged to audition for the jazz, modern, hip-hop and ballet groups. Call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.northshoredanceand-drama.com. **Moscow Ballet** is seeking student dancers to perform in the Dec. 11 touring production of the Great Russian Nutcracker at Rosemont Theatre alongside the classically trained professionals. Auditions will be held at 3:30 p.m. **Aug. 31** at SPACE Peterson, 3433 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago. To register and for more audition information, contact Altin Naska at (773) 463-1220 or anasaka@southportarts.com.

Artists and crafters are sought for the 20th annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure II, to be held Sept. 17 in Hodges Park in Park Ridge. For information, contact the American Society of Artists at (847) 991-4748 or www.american-societyofartists.org. **Tonti Council**, Knights of Columbus, seeks artists, crafters and vendors for its 15th annual Art in the Park,

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The Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, invites women artists to submit work for a juried exhibition that will run Oct. 6-28. "Call and Response" seeks women artists of all media to submit a work that honors, critiques, or expands upon the techniques or content of a groundbreaking female "master" from the past or present. Deadline for entries is Sept. 26. There is no entry fee. For information, contact Nathan Harpaz at (847) 635-2633 or nharpaz@oakton.edu.

Crafters needed for the annual Holiday Fair, to be held Oct. 22 at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. There is a table rental fee and donation of a sample for the raffle. Call (773) 777-8821 for more information.

BENEFITS

A screening of the 2005 movie "Serenity" and 2008's Emmy Award-winning "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog"

will be presented at 7 p.m. **Aug. 20** at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$15 (cash only) at the door. Proceeds benefit Equality Now and House of the Good Shepherd. Visit www.portage-theater.org.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. **Aug. 26**, 7:30 p.m.: Tom McBride and Ron Nief will discuss and sign *Mindset Lists of American History: From Typewriters to Text Messages, What Ten Generations of Americans Think Is Normal*.

CHILD'S PLAY

Take Two Children's Theatre will audition children ages 5-15 for "Annie Jr." from 1-3 p.m. **Aug. 27** at North Shore Dance & Drama Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. Come prepared to act, sing and dance. Bring dance shoes and a headshot or picture. For information, call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.northshoredanceanddrama.com.

COMEDY

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call

(847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **Sept. 9**, 8 p.m.: Comedians Hollie and Steve Himmelman present "Memoirs of The Married Meshuganas." Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

DANCE

North Shore Dance & Drama Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. (847) 674-2216. www.northshoredancecenter.com. Registration will be held from 4-8 p.m. **Aug. 23, 25, 29 and 31** and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. **Aug. 27** for the fall session, which begins Sept. 6.

Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. **Aug. 22**: "Good-bye Summer."

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

American Craft Exposition, benefiting ovarian cancer research, will be held Aug.

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An Arts & Crafts Adventure II, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 17 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, downtown Park Ridge. Visit www.americansocietyofartists.org.

FILM
Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. — **Aug. 19:** "Fair Game."

The Northshore Movie Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. **Sept. 7** at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie. Attendees will view a feature film, followed by discussion. For information,

call (847) 966-8445.

SINGLES
Spare Singles Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. **Aug. 21:** Music by Chuck and Friends.

TOURS & OUTINGS
The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, located along the east side of McCormick Boulevard, between Dempster on the north to Touhy on the south, offers free, docent-led public tours featuring a different section of the two-mile long park each month. Visit www.sculpturepark.org or call (847) 679-4265. Upcoming tours include **Aug. 28**, 1 p.m.: Section 1.

ET CETERA
Chicago O'Hare Summer Antique Show & Sale, noon-7 p.m. **Aug. 19-20** and noon-5 p.m. **Aug. 21** at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Admission \$10,

good for all three days; free admission for children under 12. Visit www.chicagohar-eantiques.com.

Chicagoland British Car Festival, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Sept. 11** at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Spectator admission is free. Visit www.britishtarunion.com.

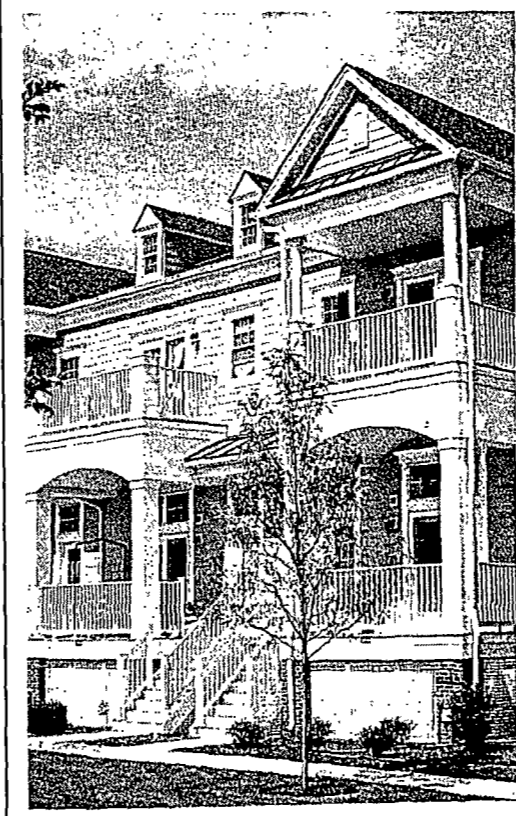
Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse. **Sept. 10**, 8 p.m.: Award-winning performance artist Megan Wells presents her one-woman show, "Bram Stoker's Dracula." \$8 includes refreshments.

Wednesdays on the Green presents free family-friendly events every Wednesday through Aug. 24 on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton St., downtown Skokie. **Aug. 24**, 7 p.m.: Movies on the Green, "Grease." For more information, visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com.

MUSEUMS
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Through Sept. 6:** "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust," an international exhibition that focuses exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust. The large scale video art-based exhibition is a production of the Museum Division, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. **Aug. 21**, 1:30-4 p.m.: Screening of "Playing for Time." Based on the memoirs of Jewish singer-pianist Fania Fenelon, the film shows how female prisoners who were members of the women's orchestra of Auschwitz performed to stay alive. Free with museum admission; reservations recommended. **Sept. 11**, 2:30-3:30 p.m.: "Eleven," a commemorative concert. Members of Chicago's cabaret community, led by Carla Gordon and including Beckie Menzie, Tom Michael, David Edelfelt, Wayne Richards and Joan Curto, will present a program of music and readings reflecting on Sept. 11, 2001. Tickets: \$14; \$6 for members (includes museum admission). Reservations required.

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Honda's subcompact offers more equipment for 2011

BY IRA SIEGEL
For Sun-Times Media

The Honda Fit has been a popular choice among car buyers ever since it debuted for the 2007 model year thanks to its versatility, functionality, fuel efficiency, modest price tag, and, of course, Honda's strong reputation.

Now, for 2011, the Honda Fit offers greater value with the addition of more standard equipment, including stability control, keyless entry, cruise control and an iPod/USB audio interface.

The Fit does have a lot to offer, yet its starting price is just a bit more than \$15,000. That low price nets you a base trim level with a five-speed manual transmission, full power accessories, air conditioning, four-speaker audio system with CD player, a 60/40 split second row "magic" seat and a host of other amenities.

Thanks to its nifty second row seat, the Honda Fit is a master of configuration. In "people" mode, the Fit accommodates up to five passengers. In "utility" mode, the second row seats are folded flat to the floor exposing 57.3 cubic feet of storage space behind the front seats.

In "long" mode, the front passenger seat is folded down, along with the second row seat, allowing enough space for items up to 7 feet 9 inches in length.

In "tall" mode, either or both second row seat cushions can be folded upward against the seatbacks, providing up to 4 feet of vertical clearance between the floor and ceiling. Plus, there's a clever secret box hidden underneath the cushion for out-of-sight storage.

Whether you opt for the base, Sport or Sport with navigation trim level, all 2011 Honda Fits are powered by a 1.8-liter i-VTEC four-cylinder engine that makes 117 horsepower and 106 pound-feet of torque.

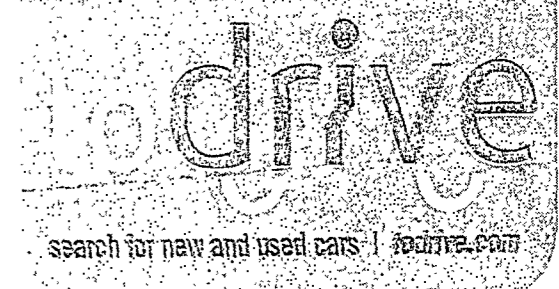
The engine is fuel efficient with a rating of 27/33 mpg city/highway when equipped with the five-speed manual transmission. In base trim with the optional five-speed automatic, the Fit is rated at 28/35 mpg.

The up-level Fit Sport is rated at 27/33 mpg with either the manual or automatic transmission. You'll like the engine as long as the Fit is lightly loaded. But take on a full load of passengers and turn on the air conditioning, and pulling out into traffic or onto a highway can be nerve racking.

Even though the Fit with an automatic transmission includes steering-wheel-mounted shift paddles to shift the unit manually when desired, acceleration with the automatic is more sluggish than with the manual.

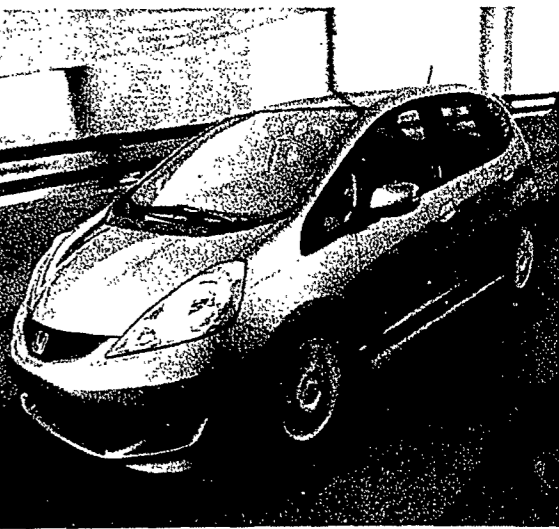
If you're considering the Honda Fit with an automatic, I'd suggest you bring some friends along for the test drive so you'll be able to judge whether there's enough power for your liking.

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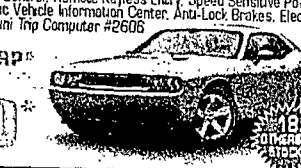


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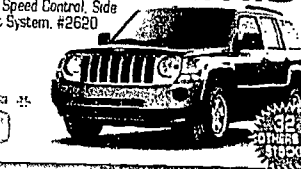


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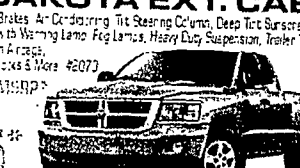


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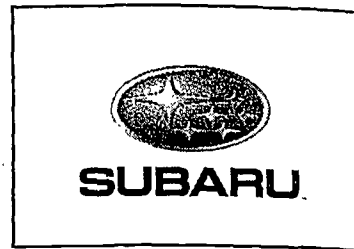


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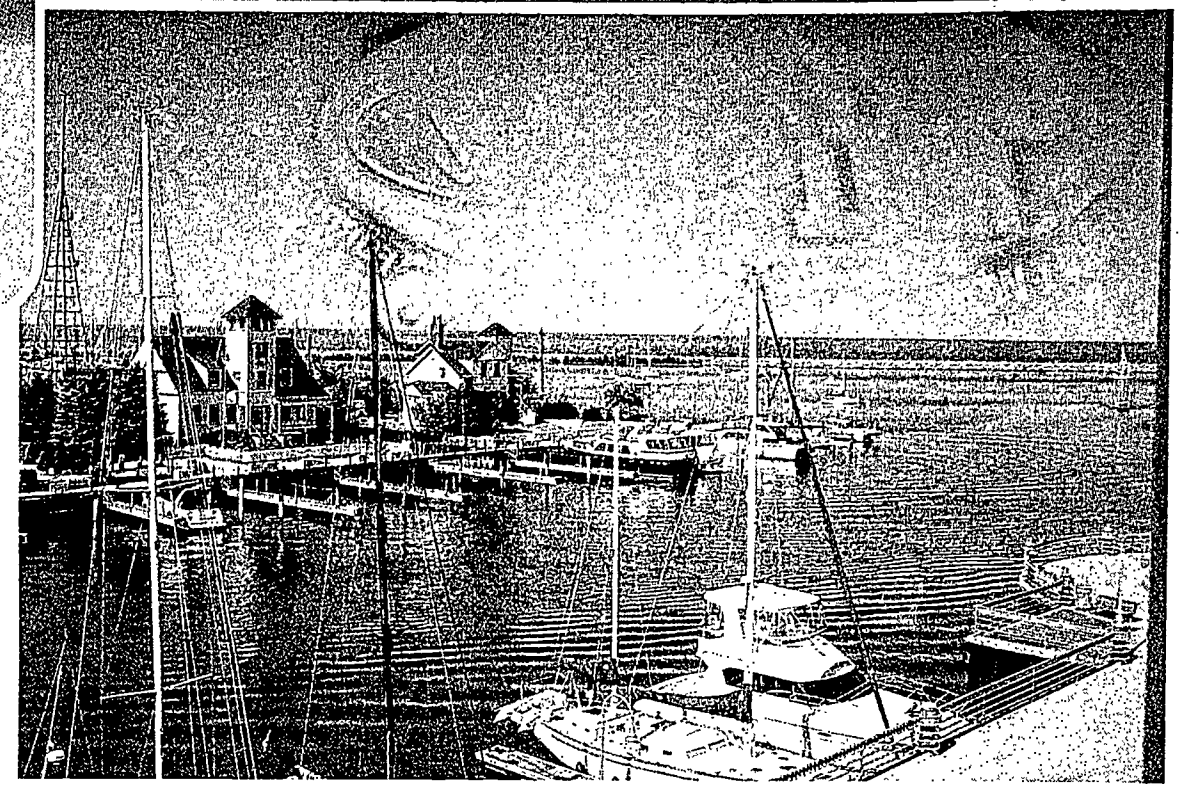
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Harboring a view: The magnificent view of Lake Michigan and the harbor below is one of the ever-present perks of relaxing on a balcony at the Atwater. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Lakefront living at The Atwater allows easy access to festivals, music, shopping and dining

Perched on the shores of Lake Michigan, Racine, Wisconsin is the destination that blends the perfect amount of stimulation and relaxation," touts the Racine County Visitors Guide.

With about a 1 1/2-hour drive from Chicago, many Illinoisans have chosen The Atwater as their vacation getaway or year-round residence and are discovering a relaxing waterfront lifestyle and enjoying a myriad of cultural activities in downtown Racine.

"Imagine stepping out on your private balcony and taking in breathtaking views of Lake Michigan and the colorful boats docked at the marina," said Chris Rintz, managing member of New England Homes.

Many festive outdoor attractions are available to residents of The Atwater, including festivals, free concerts at Monument Square, the Lakefront Art Show, Downtown Gallery Night, summer parades, fishing tournaments, the Racine Symphony Pops

Concert and the Yacht Club Hook Race.

Homeowners are discovering the charming historic shopping district, art galleries and museums, and even horse drawn carriage rides. Many events feature live local music at various locations.

Built by New England Homes, The Atwater at Gaslight Pointe is a four-story, 40-unit condominium building with only nine condos remaining, offering one to two bedrooms, and up to 1,790 square feet of luxury living. These homes are priced from \$159,900 to \$372,500.

Six of the condos may be customized allowing buyers to add their personal touch by selecting final finishes. Once selections are made, residences are completed in six to eight weeks. For those who want to enjoy their lakefront residence this fall, there are three units available for immediate occupancy.

New England Homes is sweetening the deal by offering a variety of special incentives. Buyers can choose from 12 months of free homeowner association fees, a one-year free boat slip on the marina, elegant upgrades at no cost,

or other cash incentives.

"The downturn in the housing market has taught us how to be very creative in structuring deals for our customers. We can tailor a transaction to fit the needs of just about anyone looking to buy," said Rintz.

From an architectural perspective, the innovative condominium building reflects Racine's historic waterfront landmarks with New England shingle-style architecture. Crowned with an architectural-shingled roof and covered in cedar shake siding and a stone water table, all natural materials were selected to blend seamlessly into the neighborhood.

Luxurious interior inclusions consist of 9-foot ceilings, porcelain or wood floors in foyer and kitchen, maple, oak or white cabinets, Corian counters, Frigidaire stainless steel appliances, solid-core six-panel doors, soaker tubs or walk-in showers in master bath with porcelain tile surrounds, Weathershield Proshield vinyl clad, double-hung

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TODAY'S HOMES

Gratification at The Glen

New condos, townhomes as low as \$299,995 offer immediate occupancy

Luxury home builder Toll Brothers is now offering the final condos and townhomes at Patriot Commons at The Glen and buyers can move in as soon as September.

This rare opportunity offers home buyers the prestige of a new home without waiting for the long build time. And with the quick occupancy date, buyers can take advantage of today's low mortgage rates.

"What a perfect time to make the move," said Nicolle Bastian-Gardiner, senior sales manager for Patriot Commons at The Glen. "Buyers are getting the best pricing we've ever offered and a once-in-a-lifetime mortgage rate. Plus, they get to start enjoying their brand new home and lifestyle within weeks."

One of the condominiums available now is the Clark, priced at \$299,995. The spacious one-bedroom, 1½-bath condo features a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel whirl-

pool appliances, a spacious master suite with a big walk-in closet and private bath, large living room, and separate den with French doors.

The condominiums all feature a private balcony and many offer breathtaking golf course views. Interiors include 9-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, granite kitchen countertops, and a complete stainless steel appliance package including a refrigerator, range, dishwasher, microwave, washer, and dryer. Residents also enjoy climate-controlled indoor heated parking, the convenience of two elevators per building, a secure storage area, and a common entertainment room.

Stylish single-level and two-story townhomes, priced from \$443,995, offer two to three bedrooms and 2¼ baths and range in size from 1,550 to 1,700 square feet.

The Hargrove, priced at \$443,995, features two bedrooms, two baths, and 1,550



Wide open spaces: The open floor plan of the Randall townhome design is clearly shown in this model, with fireplace and overlook. The Randall is one of several floor plans offered at Patriot Commons at The Glen by Toll Brothers. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

square feet of living on a single-level. The open layout features an impressive entry, formal dining room, living room with a fireplace, well-appointed gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, and a luxurious master suite with a large private bath.

The Randall offers 1,700 square feet of living space on two floors with three bedrooms and 2¼ baths. The home is highlighted by the great room with volume ceilings, a well-appointed gourmet kitchen, a luxurious master suite with a large private bath, two balconies, and a two-car garage.

The community of luxury residences is located in the heart of The Glen and offers maintenance-free living and a coveted walkable lifestyle. Built by Toll Brothers, Patriot Commons is just a few steps away from every thing a homeowner could imagine.

"The Glen Town Center is literally steps away and has everything you need from

the drycleaner and bank to entertainment venues, a great night life, restaurants, stores, and specialty boutiques," said Bastian-Gardiner.

The Glen has its own Metra station as well as year-round recreational activities. Gallery Park, located across the street from Patriot Commons, features playgrounds, gardens, athletic fields, tennis courts, walking and biking trails, and picnic areas. In addition, Glen Park Center boasts a fitness center, indoor swimming pool, jogging and walking track, and a gymnasium. The Glen is also home to The Glen Club, a world-class 18-hole championship golf course.

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Living choices: Toll Brothers offers both townhomes (pictured) and condominiums at Patriot Commons at The Glen in Glenview. The sales office is open seven days a week, and all homes are open to tour. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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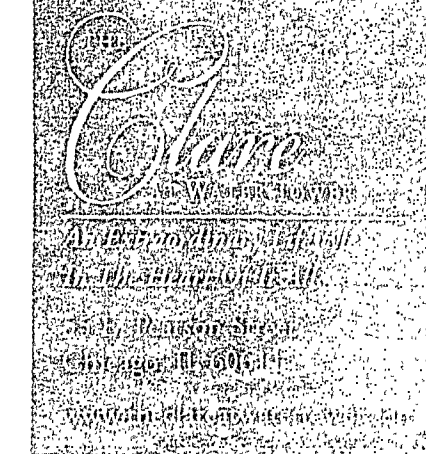
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Festive lifestyle: Living at The Atwater in downtown Racine means access to a number of festivals, and listen to live music on the first Friday of the month, as well as visit more than 50 downtown shops, galleries and restaurants. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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The community's sales center is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can tour several different home designs, check out all the features the builder includes, and have questions answered immediately by the on-site sales manager. To visit Patriot Commons at The Glen, from Interstate 94, exit Willow Avenue west, go three miles and turn left on Patriot Boulevard. The sales center is a quarter mile south of Chestnut Avenue. Call (847) 998-0400, or visit PatriotCommonsAtTheGlen.com. Toll Brothers was ranked first in 2011 and 2010 in financial soundness, long-term investment, and quality of product/services in Fortune magazine's annual World's Most Admired Companies survey in the home building category. Although Toll Brothers is probably best known for its expansive single-family and estate homes, the luxury builder offers a wide range of home designs including luxury single-family and estate homes, condominiums, carriage homes, and townhomes; and a palette of community types such as age-55-and-over, resort and urban through its Toll Brothers City Living brand. Toll Brothers has won the three coveted awards in the home building industry: America's Best Builder, the National Housing Quality Award, and National Builder of the Year. For more information, visit TollBrothers.com.

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TRANSACTIONS

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- Antioch**
713 Birch Hollow Dr: Unick, Frank; \$525,000
432 Edgewood Dr: Luptak, Michael K; \$105,000
42527 N Forest Ln: Steel, Mark & Jodi; \$118,000
40429 N Lake Dr: Bodnar, Bert; \$175,000
608 Orchard St: Druse, Dawn; \$102,000
25315 W Hilldale Ave: Bakutis, Bonnie A; \$125,000
22184 W North Dr: Bromund, Rochella & Barbara; \$177,500
452 Winsor Dr: Whittington, John W & Charlotte A; \$218,000
- Beach Park**
40177 N Adelphi Ave: Strezio, Steve; \$134,000
13171 W Sheffield Ln: Veiga, Jean; \$145,000
12789 W Wakefield Dr: Menendez, Argentina; \$70,000
- Deerfield**
1315 Hackberry Rd: Shalist, Jody Bushler; \$435,000
543 Hermitage Dr: Homolka, Richard & Cheng, Mini; \$398,000
555 Longfellow Ave: Li, Chuan; \$221,000
1045 Oakley Ave: Evanko, Eric W & Amy E; \$254,000
1046 Sheridan Rd: Harris, Jason & Erika; \$685,000
- Evanston**
741 Case St: Stanfield, Mary Ellen; \$225,000
3369 Church St: Crumley, James; \$185,000
323 Darrow Ave: Elsberg, Carolyn & Jeremy; \$172,000
9200 Drake Ave: Mindaye, Tamer; \$265,000
2107 Ewing Ave: Klibanow, Denise A; \$310,000
703 Forest Ave: Knohl, Kevin & Rebecca; \$682,000
608 Hinman Ave 3N: Amundsen, Jon A; \$325,000
852 Hinman Ave 2: Petrusky, Anna Mae; \$95,000
551 Judson Ave: Mudd, Samantha & Wisemann, Chris R; \$565,000
1704 Keeney St: Anderson, Brian J & Gleason, Laura M; \$335,000
2411 Lawndale Ave: Solomon, Scott & Jennifer; \$592,000
1519 Monroe St B: Zimmerman, Jill M; \$281,500
930 Pitner Ave 1: Weissinger, Eric P; \$302,000
543 Hermitage Dr: Homolka, Richard
- 2141 Ridge Ave 2D: Sabirli, Kivanc & Handavellas, Nikolaos; \$200,000
706 Ridge Ave: Keefner, Amy; \$200,000
94 Saleem Ln: Ackerman, Allison & Bull, Steven; \$490,000**
- Fox Lake**
7310 Custer Ct: Ingoglia, Salvatore T & Melba L; \$99,000
148 E Grand Ave: Gawel, James & Katherine; \$200,500
162 Eagle Point Rd: Grandau, Charmaine; \$285,000
- Glencoe**
309 Keystone Ct: Hoskins, Richard & Gail; \$2,500,000
119 Linden Ave: Procopi, Christopher J & Ruth C; \$605,000
379 Old Green Bay Rd: Szymanek, Alexandre P & Maria E; \$841,500
- Glenview**
2611 Commons Dr: Adajar, Allan Adam & Maureen Ocreto; \$505,000
1220 Depot St 313: Dux, Thea; \$99,000
1777 Dewes St B: Ohalloran, Peggy A; \$100,000
3223 Greenbriar Dr: Semeyn, Jesse & Marta; \$313,500
3412 Henley St: Sefchick, Michael & Shawn; \$612,000
2763 Independence Ave: Sheets, Jason A & Laura A Guillen; \$877,500
646 Juniper Rd: Drobac, Stephanie;

- 830,000
2912 Linneman St: Micu, Allen & Delia J; \$217,000
1407 Meadow Ln: Floyd, Mason N & Laura M; \$387,000
2727 Norwood Ter: Hamel, David; \$323,000
1234 Pleasant Ln: Owczarek, Mirosław; \$471,500
118 Princeton Ln: Caporusso, August J & Marian K; \$311,000
917 Queens Ln: Maris, Peter M; \$1,332,000
1528 Sunset Ridge Rd: Emond, Timothy A; \$327,500
1927 Tangleywood Dr 3 B: Weiss, Jon T; \$136,500
3810 Timbers Edge Ln: Pontikes, John K & Georgia; \$675,000
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1728 Wildberry Dr C: Boehm, Jeremy & Dalia T; \$260,000
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2008 Carillon Dr: Morris, William B & Suzanne; \$178,000
141 Crisfield Dr: Kupskas, Andrew J & Brooklyn; \$189,000
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17515 Huntington Cir: Slesnick, Shaun M & Ashley; \$173,000
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34149 N South Circle Dr: Keefe III, Walter S; \$132,000
135 Prairie View Ave: Fish, Timothy J & Weiss, Melissa C; \$110,000
18558 W Sterling Ct: Abbasi, Muhammad & Manzoor, Uzma; \$149,000
1834 Watercolor Pl: Mital, Witold P; \$247,000
1352 Wild Indigo Rd: Malloy, Mark P & Susan E; \$348,000
- Gurnee**
7132 Brae Ct: Brauner, Dennis; \$510,000
766 Chandler Rd: Delre, David; \$84,500
5166 Cheshire Rd: Rakestraw, Deborah J; \$85,000
4555 Covenant Ct: Ritter, Shawn & Marissa R; \$354,000
5160 Coventry Ln 9D 1: Tarpinian, Gary P; \$80,000
2479 Downing Ct: Sorenson, Joshua D & Janice M; \$412,000
875 Hartford Dr: Isaza, Andres F; \$270,000
345 Hickory Haven Dr W: Mckenzie, Donald M; \$325,000
4812 Kings Way W: Hale, Bryan & Amanda; \$290,000
- Hainesville**
126 Holiday Ln: Buschick, Eric B; \$89,500
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870 Woodbine Rd: Sandal, Dmitry & Tsimis, Alla; \$420,000

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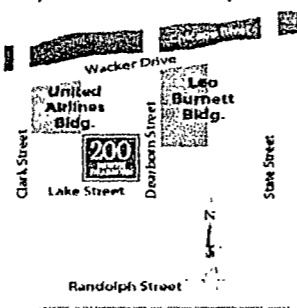
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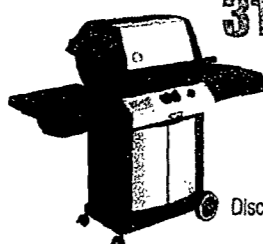
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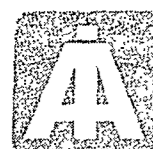
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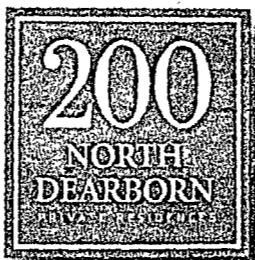


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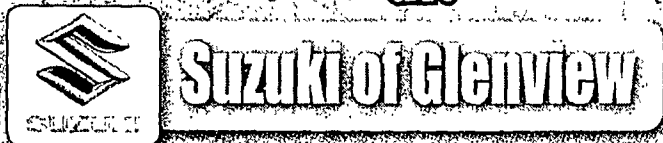


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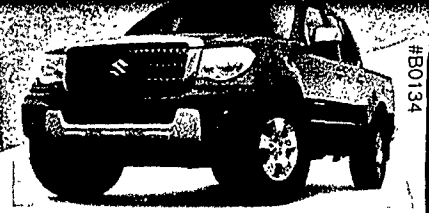
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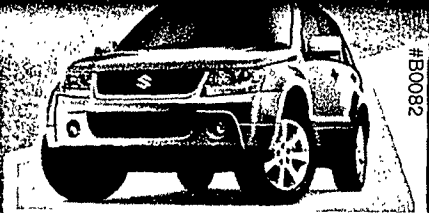
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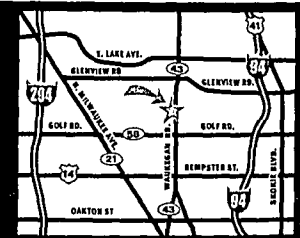


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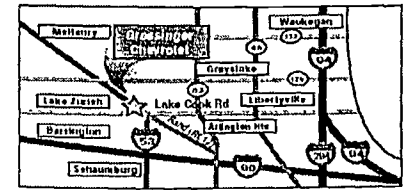
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HOROSCOPES

For the week of Aug. 24 — Aug. 30

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The typically tidy Ram or Ewe might want to butt out until things are settled on the home front. But get involved and let your Ovine sense of order help restore domestic tranquility.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's flair for fine-tuning complicated fiscal dealings comes in handy when an unexpected financial problem arises. Stay with it until it's resolved to your satisfaction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family aspects remain strong. There might be some unresolved difficulties, but continued attempts to smooth things over eventually prove to be successful. A major purchase looms.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A promise that was made but never kept suddenly re-emerges in your life. You now have to decide if you're still interested in what it offers or if you've moved past it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance comes to unattached Leos and Leonas who have been waiting for Cupid to target them for far too long. Domestic purr-fection is also enhanced for paired Felines.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You need to take a much-needed break from that demanding project before too much energy-draining tension sets in. And don't be ashamed to ask for help.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change makes demands that you might

find unwelcome at this time. But instead of concentrating on the short run, look toward potential benefits down the road.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a gift for reviving projects that seem beyond repair. Use that same ability to restore a relationship that seems to have turned from loving to lifeless.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect to be asked to use your combined wisdom and humor to resolve a problem. After all, folks not only value your advice, they also like how you give it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Most people consider you solid and steady. But you also can be quite capricious (which is a Latin word for "describing the behavior of goats") when it suits your needs.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) People treat you as you wish to be treated. So if you want a change in your relationship, make it happen. Also expect someone to reveal some long-held secrets.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay with the decision you made, despite a sudden torrent of advice to the contrary from well-meaning people. Remember: You know your needs better than anyone.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like things tidy, with no loose ends. You also enjoy research and would make an excellent investigative reporter or scientist.

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Answers: Inside today's classified section

AMBER WAVES

Dave T. Phipps

OUT ON A LIMB

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Death Notices

Carvell, June Marie (Brooksmith), 90, passed away Monday evening, August 1st, 2011 at Terwilliger Plaza in Portland, OR, surrounded by members of her family. June was a longtime resident and leading citizen of Evanston, IL. June and her husband, the late Allan C. Carvell Jr., moved their family from the St. Louis area in 1955 to Evanston. Together they started and ran Rainbo Ice Skating Arena and Funtown Amusement Park in Chicago. They also managed tennis operations at Lincoln Park Tennis Club and the Saddle and Cycle Club in Chicago. June worked in one or more of these businesses from 1955 until 2002. She was a longtime member and supporter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Evanston and the Evanston YMCA. June's interest in sports led to a late-in-life involvement in in-line skating. In 2005, she won the National Championship for skaters over 80 years of age. During World War II, June and her husband were stationed at many US Army bases in the U.S. June was a U.S. Army civilian employee based in Portland engaged in improving organization effectiveness at western U.S. bases for over two years during the war. June moved again to Portland, OR, in April 2010 after 55 years living in Evanston, IL. June loved life and adored her family. She spent the last two months of her life celebrating her 90th birthday with her family involving four different parties. She was a most beloved and loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Our lives are enriched and our memories warm because she lived and loved us. June is survived by: Chrissy (daughter) and Donald Washburn of Portland, OR; Cale (son) and Margo Carvell of Northfield, IL; Timothy (grandson), Rachel, Annabelle (great granddaughter), Jackson and Owen (great grandsons) Washburn of Scottsdale, AZ; Abigail (granddaughter) Washburn and her husband, Bela Fleck, of Nashville, TN; and Jaryd (grandson) Carvell of Streamwood, IL. June did not wish to have a memorial service nor any gifts given in her memory. Sign Guest Book at www.chicagolandobits.com

In Memoriam

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Death Notices

Conrad, Lois A.

(nee Harting), age 80, of Wheeling, formerly of Skokie, died August 13, 2011 at the Rainbow Hospice Ark, Park Ridge, IL.

Beloved wife of Joseph W. "Wes" for sixty-one years; Dear mother of LuEllen (John) Bold, Dale (Nancy Eastman), Joseph Jr. (Gina), Bonnie (Robert) Vander, Elizabeth (William) McKenna, Joan (Ken) Japuntich and the late Wayne (Deborah); Loving grandmother of fourteen; Cherished great-grandmother of six; Preceded in death by one sister and six brothers.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011 at Haben Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Service was held Wednesday at the funeral home. Private interment was held at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Memorial contributions may be made to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp, P.O. Box 911, Mt. Prospect, IL, 60056. Funeral info.: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Denes, Andrew Frank

2/22/1914 to 7/28/2011. Was born nearly a century ago. His parents immigrated to America from Hungary. He and his brother Jack were born and raised in Canton, Ohio. They also had two sisters who remained in Europe and whom he had never met. His class was the first to graduate from Alexian Brothers School of Nursing in Chicago. As America entered WWII, he was immediately deployed to the 101st Airborne Division Medical Technician Corp. On D-Day he flew a glider onto Utah Beach. He was in the Battle of the Bulge, the battles of Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. Medals he received included the Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Bronze Star WWII medal, Victory ribbon, the Purple Heart Medal and the Bronze Arrowhead. He received the Glider Badge in 1944. Andy was honorably discharged November 25, 1945.

Upon returning home, he attended the University of Kansas and graduated as a Physical Therapist. Andrew and his wife Sue (Sackett) of 65 years have lived happily in Park Ridge for most of their married life. He had a successful practice in the city he loved. Andy knew the name and history of every building in the Loop and always enjoyed sharing his knowledge of Chicago with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Sue, children Bob (Nancy) and Linda, grandchildren Andrea (Mark), David, Susie and Sylvania.

Funeral services were held at Suerths Funeral Home.

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Duggan, Evelyn B.

96, of Lake Forest, passed away on August 8, 2011 at Judson Park, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was born June 8, 1915, in Lake Forest.

Evelyn was a lifelong resident of Lake Forest, a volunteer at Lake Forest Hospital, Church of St. Mary and a member of Lake Forest Woman's Club. She was an avid reader who loved golf and bowling.

Survivors Nancy Duggan, Judy (Rick) Surkamer, grandchildren Justine and Dane Surkamer, and many nieces and nephews.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband John, parents Nicholas and Johanna; and siblings Mary, Walt, Madeline, Lawrence, Don, Mary, Dorothy, Ellen and Bob. Interment will be private.

A celebration of Evelyn's life will be scheduled for September.

Donations in Evelyn's memory can be made to Judson Park, 2181 Ambleside Dr., Cleveland, Ohio

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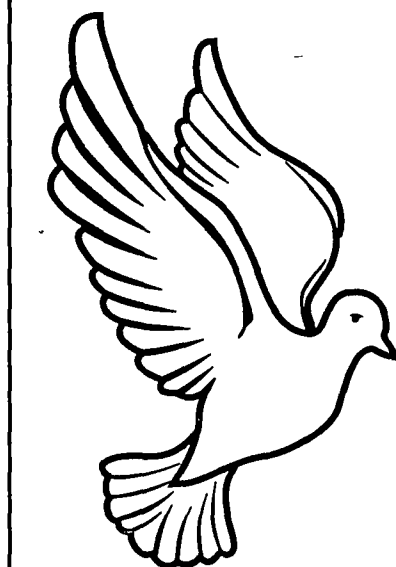
(nee Pearson) age 87, at rest Friday, August 12, 2011 at her home in Naperville, IL. Born February 25, 1924 in Chicago, IL the daughter of the late Carl R. and Lillian F. Pearson. Beloved mother of Carol (Daniel) Myers, Robert (Sheri) Schmidt, Joanne (Steven) Hayden and Nancy (John) Stumpf. Loving grandmother of Robert, Brenna, Elizabeth, Amy, Molly, Caroline, Amanda, Brian and Jordie, fond great-grandmother of Brittany, David, Rhiannon, Craig, Carol-Anne, Daniel, Maggie, Ashlinn, Robbie, Charlotte and Sonja and cherished great-great-grandmother of Ryaan.

Visitation was Monday, August 15, 2011 with a funeral service to follow at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago, IL.

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The Hiring Process: Five Things Candidates Are Saying Behind your Back

By: Brent Prevault, Founder, Watermark Consulting

"Your brand is what people say about you when you leave the room."

That's how Jeff Bezos, Founder and CEO of Amazon.com, defines company branding. It's the sum of all the impressions that you, or your business, leave on another person. And the real test of the quality of your brand identity is what people say to their friends, family and colleagues.

But there's another, equally important dimension to your brand strategy, and that's the employer component: what are current and prospective employees saying about your company?

Managing your employer brand is important since it influences your ability to attract and acquire talent. Here are five examples of common grievances that job candidates wouldn't dare reveal to you directly - grievances that have the potential to damage your brand strategy, along with tips on how to ensure that your applicants don't utter these same words:

"I still don't have a clue what I'd be doing in this job."

Many job descriptions focus more on what skills and experience the position requires, and less on the actual job responsibilities. Those that do detail job duties often do so in such a generic fashion, that they provide scant guidance as to what a typical day on the job involves.

"I can't get a straight answer from them."

Job candidates often feel strung along by prospective employers. One minute the hiring process is moving forward at breakneck speed; the next it comes to a complete standstill - yet the employer continues to reassure the candidate that everything is on track. Internal dynamics are often driving this equivocation: glitches in getting approval to hire, longer-than-anticipated candidate sourcing, an extended interview process, etc. But no matter how legitimate the back story is, the end result is a candidate who feels misled.

"My time is as valuable as yours. Don't waste it."

Ever arrive late to interview a job candidate? You apologize and the candidate politely replies, "No problem, I understand you're busy." What candidates won't say to your face is that making them wait 20, 30 or more minutes is a personal affront to them. It sends a signal that you don't think their time is as valuable as yours.

"Here's an outrageous idea: How about reviewing my resume before the interview?"

Employers like candidates who demonstrate that they're organized and prepared. But this expectation cuts both ways. When candidates encounter an interviewer who is obviously unprepared ("What job are you applying for again? Give me a minute to browse your resume..."), it sends a disturbing signal.

"Thanks for following up with me as promised... NOT!"

It's so easy for those involved in the hiring process to make cavalier commitments ("You'll hear from us in the next two to three weeks"). Then three weeks go by and most candidates are greeted with... deafening silence. Promising to follow-up promptly is a great show of respect to the candidate. It's the follow-through, however, that's really needed to earn goodwill with your candidates.

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I just got my first job! What advice do you have to make a good impression?

"The first thing I would suggest is not to go in guns a-blazing and insist on making your mark right away," says author Alexandra Levit. Once you have a feel for how the business works, give your boss some ideas for improvement and ask for feedback.

Excerpt from "Eight Mistakes to Avoid in Your First 'Real' Job," by Margaret Steen

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The importance of understanding what candidates are saying behind your back (and addressing their criticisms) can't be overstated.

These days, when candidates do talk behind your back, they're usually shouting from the rooftops, thanks to various social media platforms, some of which were established precisely for the exchange of information about employers.

Fortunately, you can put the candidate word-of-mouth dynamic to your advantage. All it requires is shaping a recruiting experience that's distinguished by its professionalism, respect and courtesy. Do that and you're bound to have people talking behind your back. But this time around, they'll be singing your praises and pointing other candidates in your direction. That's what great branding is all about.

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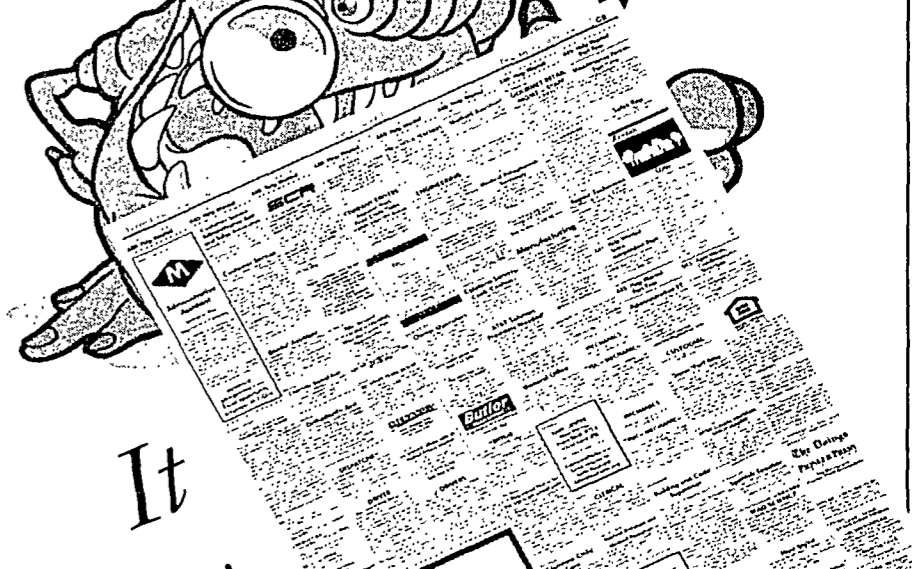
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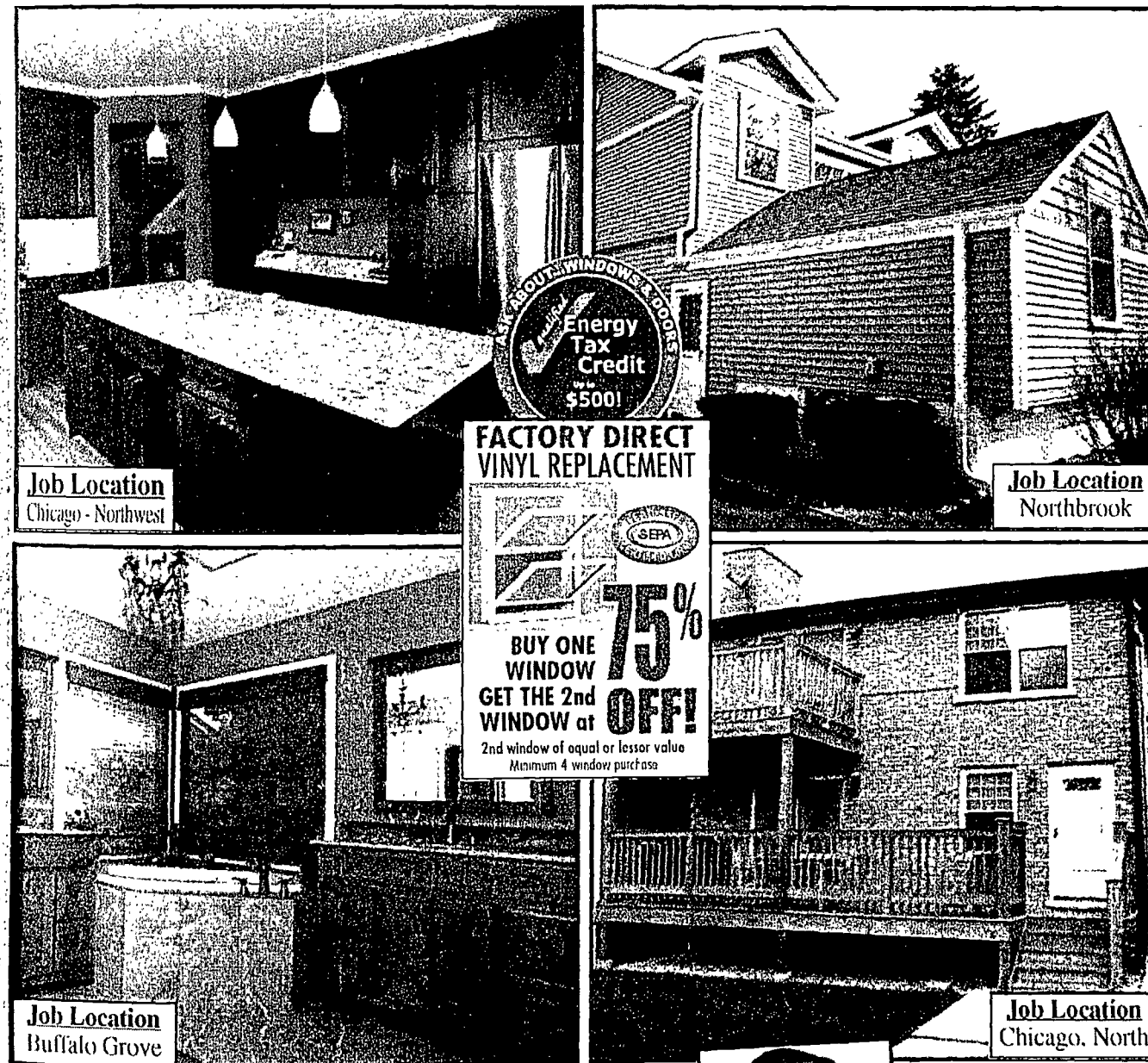
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Helpful tips for long family road trips



BY BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

Planning a family road trip to take advantage of the last gasps of summer vacation? Be sure to bring along these easy-to-make games and activities that may not put an end to the "are we there yet?" requests, but are sure to keep everyone happy and entertained (at least until the next pit stop).

Bubble Wrap Bingo

This game is "pop"-ular with both older and younger children who love the challenge of finding the items as well as perfecting the art of popping bubbles.

You Need:
Bubble Wrap (the kind with large bubbles), paper, scissors double-sided tape or glue, pencils, markers, crayons or stickers

Instructions:
Cut a piece of bubble wrap so that it fits over the paper.
Using the bubble wrap as your guide, draw images (or use stickers) to illustrate different items you might see on a road trip.
Once the original is finished, make color copies, so you'll have multiples for all your passengers.
Glue or tape bubble wrap to paper.

To Play:
Kids pop the bubbles as they spot each item.
Thank you to folks at www.ohdeedoh.com for sharing this creative craft.

License Plate Boggle

This fast-paced game is a great way to pass the time while strengthening phonetic awareness and spelling skills.

You Need:
Pencil (one for each player)
License Plate Boggle Boards (download at www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy)

Set Up Board:
Players take turns calling out the letters they see on nearby license



Christiana Kirchner demonstrates how she draws pictures for and tells a story in a travel journal. Such travel journals are a splendid way to turn long car trips into journeys of adventure and self-discovery. | DAN LUEDERT
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plates (do not include numbers).
Players fill in the License Plate Boggle Board from left to right and top to bottom using the called out letters.
Don't forget: All "Q's" should be changed to "Qu's" on the board.
When all 16 squares are filled in, the game is ready to be played.

To Play:
Set a timer or make one person the timekeeper, allotting three minutes per round.
Players write down as many words as they can find using letters from the grid.
Words can be made in any direction, but letters must touch.
The person with the most points after the three minutes wins.
Scoring is as follows:
Fewer than 3 letters = no score
3- or 4-letter words = 1 point
5-letter words = 2 points
6-letter words = 3 points
7-letter words = 4 points

To Play:
Shuffle cards and place facedown in a pile.
Each player draws a card from the top of the deck at the same time, and then holds it until it has been "spotted." A card is "spotted" when the category is seen a specific number of



Beth Engelman explains the finer points of Car Poker, a card game designed to take the "are we there yet?" agony out of family vacation trips.



All you'll need are some coloring instruments and some copies of a map of the United States to play the U.S. Map Game.

times. For example, if a player draws the "4 of hearts," it is "spotted" after the player spots 4 red cars. Queens are the only exception because they can be any type of vehicle as long as there are at least three passengers.
Once a card is "spotted" the player keeps the card and draws another one.
Game play continues until all the cards are gone.
The person with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

U.S. Map Game

Sue Kirchner knows a thing or two about family fun. The Palatine mom and founder of www.ChocolateCakeClub.com is dedicated to helping families have more "chocolate cake moments." On road

trips Kirchner likes to bring along blank maps, which she quickly turns into a fun geography game for her kids.

You Need:
Crayons, markers or colored pencils
Blank U.S. maps (one for each passenger)
Note: You can download blank maps at www.eduplace.com. The site has a number of maps including ones that have state names, capitals or are completely blank for an extra challenge.

To Play:
Players work together to color the states on their maps that correspond with the different license plates they see on the road. For example, if a player sees an Indiana plate, Indiana is colored on the map. The big challenge? See if you can spot plates for all 50 states before arriving at your destination.

Travel Journals

Travel journals are a great way to help your kids record and collect special memories, mementos and photos from your trip. Journals can be made out of old notebooks, date books or cardstock and paper. To learn more visit www.pioneerlocal.com/video and watch our "Make Your Own Travel Journal" video.

Have a money-saving tip you want to share? E-mail us at Beth@engelmannriggs.com and you might be featured in an upcoming article.

Credit-card scammers are prepared to pick your pocket



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
The Fixer

Dear Fixer: Your column is a must-read for me. It's gratifying to read about the assistance you give to your readers who write in for help, and the advice about being cautious with sensitive information is well-taken.

Recently, I have been getting recorded phone calls made by a forceful-sounding woman regarding applying for a lower credit-card rate. I have no credit problems and wonder how my phone number gets on their list. She says time is running short and you need to call now. She says it has to do with the stimulus. Stimulus? That put me on alert. I hang up the phone each time, not wanting to give an impression of interest. But the calls keep coming from (202) 367-9973. The caller ID says "SERVICEMSG." They occur for a while about once a week and then stop. After a period of maybe a month they start again.

Virginia Fagan

Dear Virginia: These days, anyone saying they've got stimulus money for consumers has got to be living in a cave. (Read the newspaper much?) You were smart to hang up on these people. We found numerous complaints online from people who were being harassed by this calling operation. Consumers said they were initially pitched for low-interest credit but got suspicious when the caller wanted a Social Security number or other identifying information.

Overseas scam artists can use phone technology to route their calls through a domestic U.S. number, in this case the (202) area code of Washington, D.C. But that doesn't mean they're not sitting somewhere in Romania, the Dominican Republic or who knows where. We hope you've already registered for the National Do Not Call Registry, which stops most harassing calls — though we admit, it won't stop patently illegal calls. You can register at donotcall.gov. Harassing callers also can be reported at the FTC.gov website.

You can also minimize calls by not supplying your phone number on sweepstakes entry forms, like the ones found at summer festivals.

Dear Fixer: I went in for surgery at St. Alexius Medical Center on March 16 and had to stay until March 18. I have to take medication for my high blood pressure.

I brought my pills to the hospital. When I was brought to my room, the nurse asked if I was taking any medication. I said yes, and told her I had brought it.

She took the bottle of pills and said the pharmacy had to examine it; she said I would be given them back in the morning when I normally take them.

The next morning, they were going to give me their blood pressure meds. I told the nurse they had my pills and that I was supposed to get them in the morning. She checked on it and came back later with my pills, which I took that morning and the next morning before I was discharged.

When I received my portion of the hospital bill after Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield had paid, it stated I owed \$640.96. The itemized statement showed I was billed for their blood pressure medications, which I did not take.

When I questioned this, I was told to fill out a complaint form. Two weeks later, I got a letter from the auditors stating that the charges are accurate and I would have to pay for taking my own medication.

The charge for this was \$32, of which the insurance paid \$8.20 and I paid \$23.80. The insurance company is not going to pursue the overcharge, so that is why I am writing you. I feel that I am owed a refund.

Gerald Juggan

Dear Gerald: When we got your letter, we thought: What's next? Airlines charging for the sandwich we bring on board?

You told The Fixer that while this wasn't a vast sum of money, you were still irked about paying twice for your medicine — once at home and again at the hospital.

We asked the folks at St. Alexius to look into it. They said the confusion originated because you didn't have a doctor's note stating that you could use your own medication at the hospital. You told us your doctor never mentioned this.

At any rate, they've agreed to refund you \$23.80. A check should arrive in a couple of weeks.

Help at the doctor's office

If you're the type who gets flustered at a doctor's office, realizing only after you've left that you should have asked an important question, here's a website for you.

AHRQ.gov, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has tons of great information to help you organize what questions to ask your doctor and what information to bring with you. Check it out.

Happy update

Last month, we wrote about Melissa Kronenberger's awful spring break in which her planned cruise was canceled due to a mechanical problem involving a US Airways plane. It was a long and convoluted fix involving United Airlines (on whose ticket stock the air tickets were issued) and Royal Caribbean, which had booked the flights. We helped Melissa and her cousin get refunds for themselves and their children, and last week, Melissa got some goodwill vouchers from United — \$100 for each passenger. And now, we'll consider this really fixed!

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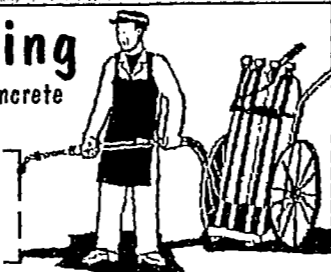
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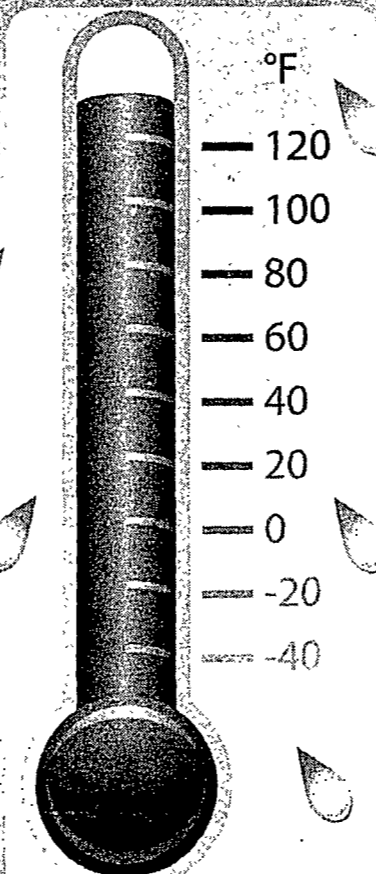
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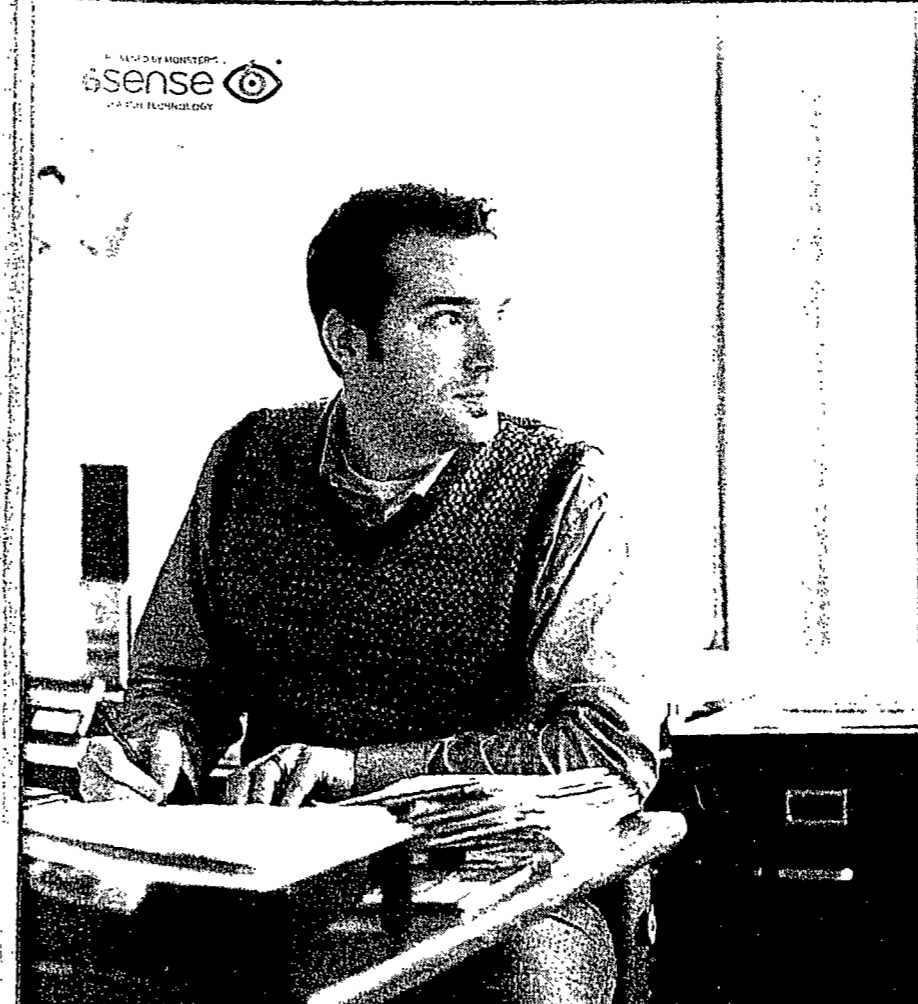
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Eating in season, one meal at a time

BY TOM WITOM
Contributor

Ready availability of all manner of fresh produce regardless of the time of year has changed the attitudes of many consumers about what they eat and when.

However, restaurateur, chef and food writer Andrea Reusing, author of *Cooking in the Moment: A Year of Seasonal Recipes* (Clarkson Potter, \$35), isn't one of them. A committed locavore and strong supporter of community-supported agriculture, Reusing believes in celebrating the bounty of the changing seasons "one meal at a time."

Ingredient blends

It's a philosophy she adheres to in the kitchen at home as well as at her highly regarded Lantern Restaurant in Chapel Hill, N.C., cited as one of the country's "best farm-to-table restaurants" by a national food publication. Reusing's restaurant blends Asian flavors and North Carolina ingredients procured mainly from area farms and fisheries. Organic and sustainable are very much a part of her vocabulary.

Before moving south from New York, Reusing said she considered a mostly local diet restrictive. But when seasonality is imagined in a

different light — as a grocery list — rather than a limitation, everyday meals become cause for celebration.

Why not spend an entire week enjoying fresh sweet corn, go for a blue-moon autumn asparagus harvest or embrace a spicy soup made with the last sweet potatoes of winter?

Savoring summer

Reusing's recipe for Zucchini "Noodles" with Ricotta is a fine example of capitalizing on summer produce at its peak. The appealing combination of flavors from a mingling of zucchini, tomatoes and garden-fresh herbs is further enhanced by a rich ricotta-Parmesan sauce. The recipe works as a main course for two.

Accompanied by stunning food photos, Reusing walks readers through the seasons with more than 130 doable recipes. She includes childhood favorites (Hen and Dumplings), one-pot dinners (Roasted Pumpkin, Shrimp, Pea and Rice Stew), meals for a crowd (Spicy Crab and Shrimp Boil with Corn and Potatoes) as well as regional specialties (Wilted Ramps, Boiled Ripe Figs with Warm Ricotta and Honey).

The kinds of producers and artisans featured in the book — farmers, ranchers, cheesemakers, fishmongers, butchers and bakers — aren't exclusive to North Carolina. As Reusing observes in her book, they "work and live almost everywhere, producing flavors that we crave."



Summer herbs — basil, chives and tarragon — add flavor to the Zucchini "Noodles" with Ricotta dish. PHOTO BY TOM WITOM

Zucchini 'Noodles' with Ricotta

- 2 small tomatoes, cored and cut into small cubes
- Kosher salt
- 3 medium zucchini
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large garlic cloves, very thinly sliced
- 1 small fresh hot red chili, split in half lengthwise to expose the seeds
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 1 cup mixed fresh tender herbs, such as basil, chives and/or tarragon
- 3 tablespoons grated aged cheese (such as Parmesan)



Continue to cook while tossing occasionally until the zucchini is slightly wilted and warmed through but still firm and not yet giving off very much liquid, about 2 minutes.

Add the tomatoes and toss for a moment, until they are hot and begin to give off a little liquid. Reduce the heat to low and add the ricotta and herbs, combining them with the zucchini and tomatoes to create a creamy, light pink sauce. Divide between two warm bowls, and serve topped with the grated cheese.

Season the tomatoes with a little salt. Slice the zucchini lengthwise into long paper-thin slices, using a mandoline or a sharp vegetable peeler.

In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil over low heat and sauté the garlic and chili until they are fragrant and softened but not browned, about 4 minutes. Season with a little salt.

Add the zucchini, raise the heat to medium-high and toss gently with tongs, seasoning very generously with salt and pepper.

PET OF THE WEEK

Fizmo would love to feel safe in new home

Fizmo is a young, sweet Shiba Inu mix who has gotten a rough start in life. His first owners bought him from Lambs Farm and paid over \$1,000 for him.

He lived with small children, aged three and seven, and two Rat Terriers, so it's safe to say he'd be great in almost any situation.

This adorable guy has a lot of energy and would love a home where someone will take the time to play fetch and soccer with him so that he is able to expend that desire to move and play. He'd love obedience school.

Fizmo lost his last home because his family was moving, but he had at least one home prior to that. Because of this, he suffers from some separation anxiety, but with care and training, he will feel safe and secure in a new environment.

Fizmo is the perfect example of why dog rescuers stress the importance of going to a reputable breeder if one insists that a purebred puppy is a must. A reputable breeder is one that says that no matter when, if the purchaser does not want that dog, the breeder will take the dog back. Dogs purchased from reputable breeders rarely end up at shelters. They are guaranteed a home for life.

Of course, if someone is looking for a purebred dog of almost any breed, there are rescues for almost every breed. No matter how rare the breed, there will be dogs who need homes for a variety of reasons — most of them not the dog's fault.

So Fizmo, a happy eight-month-old puppy, is looking for a lucky family who will get to enjoy his affectionate, loving personality. Lucky family — lucky Fizmo.

Save-A-Pet is committed to saving animals without the killing. They take in animals from many sources and the volunteers work with dogs. While you're at Save-A-Pet, make a donation if you can. The cats and dogs there will appreciate it.



Fizmo

Save-A-Pet is a not-for-profit, no-kill shelter dedicated to finding loving, quality homes for each cat and dog in its care. Pets are sheltered indefinitely. The shelter strives to create an environment which enhances both awareness of and support for the humane treatment of animals. Save-A-Pet is located at 31664 North Fairfield Road, Grayslake. Their phone number is: (847) 740-7788 and their email address is www.save-a-pet-il.org. You can also see their animals at www.pet-finder.com.

Pet of the Week is written by Pamela Kramer. You may also email any animal questions to me at Pamanimalrescue@gmx.com. If you adopted through Pet of the Week and want to let me know how your dog or cat is doing, please send me an email!

Remember: Adopt a dog or cat! There are tens of thousands of homeless animals in the Chicago area alone that are waiting for a loving home. Here are some of the places to visit when looking for a family addition.

Aid to Animals, Barrington (847) 458-6325; Adopt-a-Pet, www.adoptapet-il.org/; Illinois Doberman Rescue, www.illdoberrescue.com; German Shepherd Rescue, Skokie, (847) 677-0561; Evanston Animal Shelter, (847) 866-5080; Orphans of the Storm, Deerfield, (847) 945-0235; Our House of Hope K-9 Rescue, Libertyville, www.our-houseofhoperescue.net; Placing Paws of Libertyville, www.placingpawsrescue.org; Save-a-Pet, Grayslake, (847) 740-7788; All pets: www.Petfinder.org; Bird Rescue, Northbrook, <http://www.rescuethetbirds.org/>.

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Center of Concern

The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:
 Mondays, Aug. 22 and 29 - Employment counseling, by appointment.
 Wednesday, Aug. 24 - Grief and loss support group (call first).
 Saturday, Aug. 27 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
 Saturday, Aug. 27 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).
 Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N.

Northwest Highway, # 310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (The center is open only until noon on Fridays.) 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.

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.

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Civic

State Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, R-65th, has opened her 65th District office at the following address: 1420 Renaissance Drive, Suite 306, Park Ridge IL 60068. Her other contact information remains the same: Phone: (847) 297-6533; fax: (847) 297-2978; e-mail: repmulligan@usa.net; website and E-News sign-up: http://repnulligan.com. The 65th District includes all or portions of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, Rosemont, Norridge, Harwood Heights, Niles, Elk Grove Village, and the northwest corner of the 41st Ward of Chicago.

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 dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs

The Optimist Club of Niles is celebrating 25 years of service to the community with a golf outing at Tam Golf Course, 6700 W. Howard St., on Sept. 10. Check in is at 3 p.m., with a dinner party at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave.; cash bar begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30. Golf and dinner only is \$35. Reserve by Sept. 1. Make checks payable to: Optimist Club of Niles, 7335 W. Lee St., Niles IL 60714. Call John Jekot, (847) 651-7624; Brad Tokarz, (847) 668-9890; or Dean Strzelecki, (847) 588-6501.

St. John Brebeuf's Holy Name Men's Club will hold its annual Golf Outing Aug. 21 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Niles. Participants will golf either 9 holes (\$65 with cart and dinner) or 18 holes (\$85 with cart and dinner), followed by a banquet with prizes and a raffle. Contact Fred Disch, (847) 965-2942; email freddisch@att.net.

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.

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 jamesbond54762@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

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

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

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. A special exhibition, "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust," the first international exhibition to focus exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust is featured from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept. 6. This large scale video-art based exhibition conveys the strength, initiative, and courage of these remarkable women. Free with museum admission. Aug. 21, 1:30-4 p.m.: Film: "Playing For Time," based on the memoirs of Jewish singer-pianist, Fania Fenelon, the film shows how female prisoners who were members of the women's orchestra of Auschwitz performed to stay alive. Free with Museum admission; reservations recommended.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC's program: Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D and 9V; rechargeable: NiCd, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer. Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240,

7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html. 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.

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

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with registration required for movie and/or dinner. Aug. 23: "Country Strong," (PG-13), pizza, beverage and dessert; \$5 for members; \$7.50 nonmembers. Movie starts at 5:15 p.m. and ends at 7:15 p.m. Aug. 30: "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" (PG-13) hot dog, chips and dessert; \$2 for members, \$3 nonmembers. Movie starts at 5:15 p.m. and ends at 7:35. Foreign Film Series from 2-3:45 p.m. Aug. 31: "La

Cage aux Folles," (R), 1979, English subtitled. The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; \$12 for six months for nonmembers. **Seniors** Mather's—More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-

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Weight No More, a friendly weight loss support group, welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are \$5 monthly to defray the room rental costs, and small fines for weight gain. Meetings take place from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229. **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 Highway, 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 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

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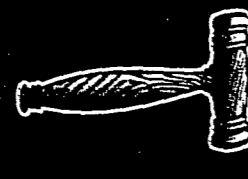
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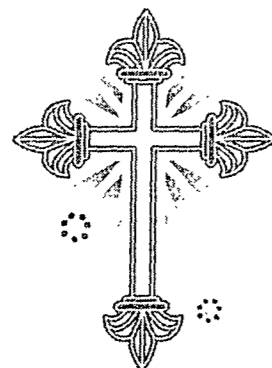
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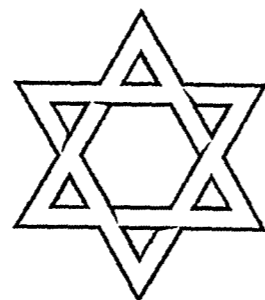


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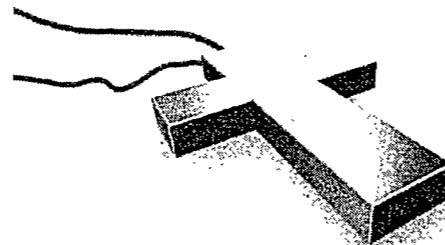
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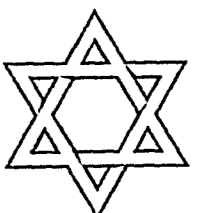
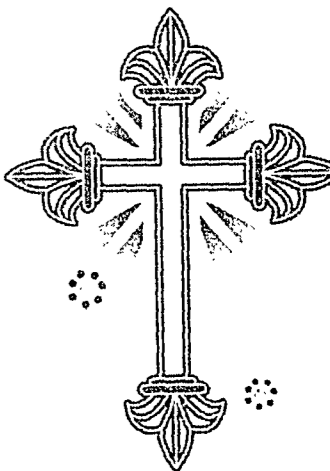
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The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its Family Support Group for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every

month at the Nessel Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-2252.

The local TOPS Club chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meet-

ing free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871; to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

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

An Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the Nessel Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nessel Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

The Neptune Society is bringing comforting teddy bears to Chicago area children who are hurt, frightened or alone. The Neptune Society Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person whose death care is handled by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge and local fire departments to be given to a child in need. The Les Turner ALS Foun-

dation Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. RSVP with Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowa@lesturnerals.org. Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home+Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics

that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590. The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

Holding Onto Hope - Rainbow Hospice is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Rainbow Hospice's Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Gar-

den St., Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in

the Cancer Conference Room. Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month.

The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

The Us Too! Prostate Cancer Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. Call Health Management, (773) 792-5022.

Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C.

Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Wednesday of the month 5-7 p.m. at Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7866.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

Northwest Suburban Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome Support Group of Illinois meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Conference Room 1064. E-mail: bzarnikow@aol.com to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

An area Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's Disease meets at 10:30 a.m. every second Saturday at Central Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jessi Lenth, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509.

Queen of All Saints

hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Ionia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060. Additional meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

Teen Center The Niles Youth Council is a group of teens from sixth through 12th grade who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to check them out. Call (847) 375-8949. The Teen Center is located at 373 Golf Mill Center in Niles.

The Teen Center is working with the Niles Senior Center to find teenagers willing to help senior citizens with leaf raking, snow shoveling and general yard work while earning money.

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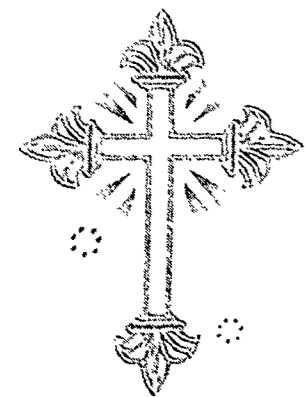


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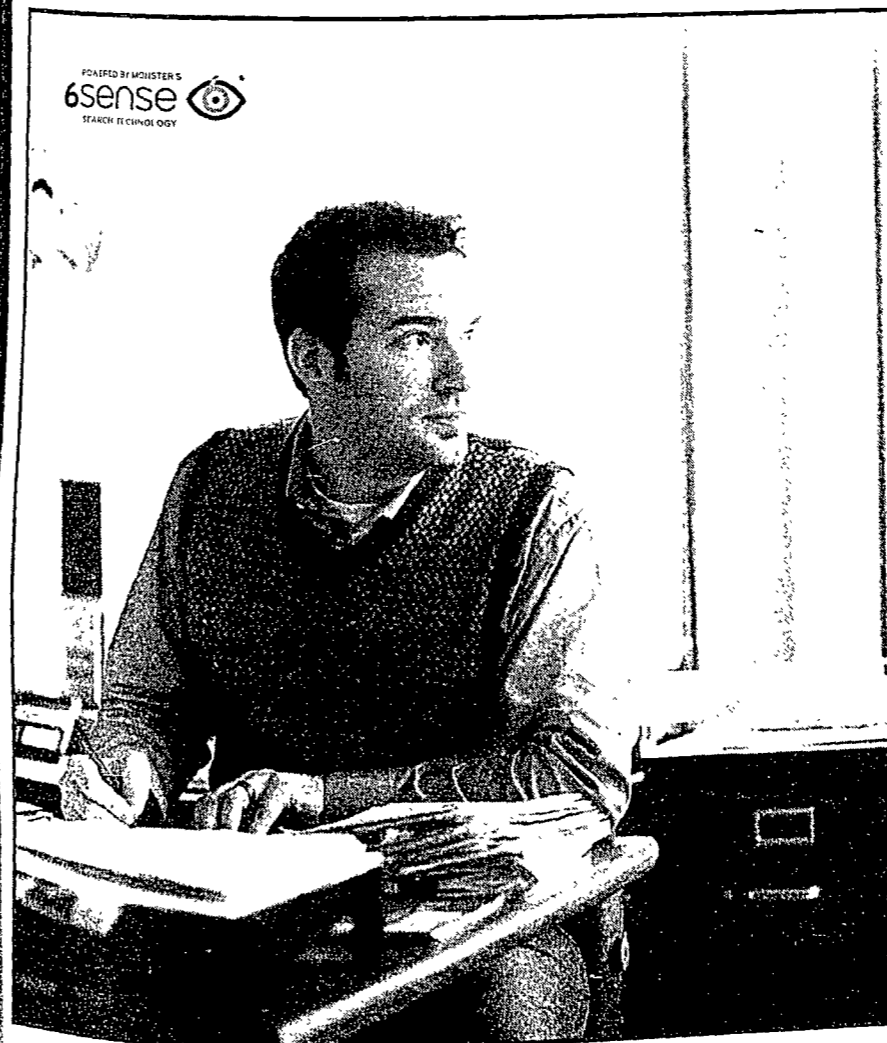
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- NOTRE DAME**
Tuesday Boys golf vs. University High, at Lost March, Ind., 3:30 p.m.

- NILES NORTH**
Today Boys golf hosts Wheeling, 4 p.m.
Monday Boys golf hosts Niles West, 4 p.m.
Boys soccer at CSL/MSL Challenge, hosts Wheeling, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Boys golf at North Shore Country Day, 4 p.m.
Wednesday Girls volleyball hosts Lane, 6 p.m.
Boys soccer at Glenbrook South Titan Invite, 4:15 p.m.

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Who: Boys and Girls (Grades 4th-12th)
When: Mondays 4:30-6 p.m. 9/12-10/10
Where: Basketball Warehouse (Northbrook)
Fee: 5 Weeks (\$150) or 3

Co-coaches stress accountability

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

New Notre Dame co-head coach Zak Wiatr is stressing the importance of personal accountability and integrity to the Dons cross country team this season.

If those sound like themes straight from the military ... well, they are. Wiatr, a 2007 Notre Dame graduate who recently earned an architecture degree at University of Illinois, is a second lieutenant in the Air Force. He participated in ROTC while in Champaign, attended Air Force training the last few summers and is expected to receive his first military deployment later this year. Initially, he will be stationed in Texas for a year of

intelligence training. When the summer began, Wiatr and John Barrett, a 2006 Notre Dame alum, were slated to serve as assistants to new Notre Dame head coach Marty Howard. However, Howard recently revealed that commitments to his full-time job would prevent him from leading the Dons this season.

With the campaign approaching, Notre Dame athletic director Mike Hennessey decided to name Wiatr and Barrett co-head coaches because they had been directing workouts all summer. "With the turn of events at the end of July, there was not time to go out and search and get résumés for a new head coach," Hennessey said. "So, we decided it would be in the

best interest of the program (to hire Wiatr and Barrett). They've been working with the guys for two months with our summer camp and the kids felt comfortable. Things were going well and it made sense to keep it where it was."

Any thought those two, along with assistant coach Brian Pelrine, will just maintain the status quo prior to a permanent solution are misguided. Wiatr said he and Barrett are talking about changing attitudes and training methods and winning conference titles. Wiatr said a chance encounter with the team led to a valuable lesson.

Over the summer, the co-coach drove past a group of Notre Dame runners in the middle of a summer workout. He saw some of them taking it easy.

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"We had a sit-down meeting and talked about how in the Air Force it's 'integrity first,'" he said. "Integrity is doing what is right when no one is looking; doing it for yourself and the good of everybody else. For an athlete, that means training right, eating right, practicing on the weekends, going to bed on time. All the things that affect performance. That's what we're trying to instill."

Wiatr said his Air Force training has helped him develop a total body conditioning program for members of the team. Though the Dons may be short on experience, and will rely on the likes of juniors Matt Siemianowski, Mi-

chael Gibson and sophomore James Maibuecher, they carry lofty expectations into the fall. "We're looking to lean on a lot of (non-seniors) and we're really proud of their so far," Wiatr said. "We finished eighth at the conference meet last year. The goal is to win conference. Notre Dame hasn't won conference (in many years). It's been Benet and Marist (winning the titles)." Wiatr acknowledged those conference powers have many more runners in their programs than Notre Dame. And his inexperienced runners have much to learn about race strategy. But Wiatr is following the Air Force's old slogan — aim high.

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Dons drop to 6A; ESCC season expands

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

There is no easy game in the East Suburban Catholic Conference. So, the new — and likely temporary — round-robin schedule that begins the conference season in Week 1 inevitably was going to result in tough early contests for Notre Dame.

However, the scheduling computers did the Dons little favors by pairing ND with three ESCC powerhouses in the first three weeks of the 2011 season. ND, which finished 5-5 last season and lost to Maine South in the opening round of the Class 8A playoffs, opens the campaign on Aug. 26 at Marist. The Dons return home to face Joliet Catholic (Sept. 2) and Carmel (Sept. 9). Those three opponents went a combined 26-8 last season.

Dons head coach Mike Hennessey is not looking beyond the opener. "It's pretty easy to get up, excited and motivated about playing down at Marist," said the coach, whose team is classified as 6A this season. "We played them in a tight game last year and they have a lot of guys coming back. It will be the first game on their new turf field

and it will be a special day for them. We're hoping to be the spoiler for that. We have to be ready to go."

Notre Dame will feature a number of offensive weapons and a smallish, but quick, offensive line. The defense may have lost its heart and soul in linebacker Jeremy Burgos, but returns some experienced performers.

The key to ND's success should be how quickly several returnees adapt to expanded roles and whether or not a handful of youngsters can make the leap to varsity ball. Hennessey said as many as five sophomores could be in the Opening Day lineup, including three or four on defense.

"That is something we haven't had in a long time," he said. "But I feel the kids earned the right to be there. I think they're smart enough, strong enough and good enough to play (varsity). But we'll find out real quickly."

As a junior last season, Nick Pieruccini proved good enough to play several varsity positions. He was ND's wildcat and short-yardage quarterback, running back and jack-of-all-trades on defense. He will be the full-time signal caller this year. "Nick brings tremendous game experience as a quar-



Notre Dame senior Nick Pieruccini earned the starting job at quarterback this season after handling snaps in short-yardage situations last fall. | DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Fitzsimmons and Jack Meyer both caught over 20 passes last season. Seniors Brian Regal and Joe Parinello also will be targets for Pieruccini. Senior Ryan Walsh moves from starting guard to starting center, while the left side of the line boasts experience in senior guard Colton Kelly and senior tackle Rocco Fagiano. Junior Nick Bargione should start at right guard and seniors Andy Cambria and Kyle Hinrichs are battling for the right tackle spot. Tackles Sean Kane and Brendan Greene, both seniors, will anchor the defensive line with classmate Tristan Humbles, junior Herb Betancourt and sophomore Dan Proano getting reps as defensive ends. Inside linebacker Connor DeChant will be the team's defensive signal caller, and should be flanked by returning starter Sean Flaherty and sophomore Tom Sora. Senior Matt Livingston also will see time at linebacker. Gavin should star in the defensive backfield, while sophomore Tom Simon also will play safety. Seniors Kyle Kania and sophomore Pat Cravens are expected to start at cornerback. Sam Retzke, a senior who should attract recruiters' interest, will kick and punt for a third straight season. Senior receivers Brian

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Wolves hope season gets off to running start

BY DAN SHALIN
 Contributor



Niles West senior Lavelle Jordan is expected to be one of the Wolves' top running backs this fall. DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Niles West head coach Scott Baum is not going out on a limb and predicting a complete turnaround after finishing 1-8 last season.

But the third-year boss certainly likes what he has seen from his 2011 squad in the summer and first week of preseason.

"It's the most physical, probably the fastest and most aggressive team (we've had in three years). We hope it translates to wins for us," he said.

The early schedule also is favorable and could allow the Wolves to gain momentum ahead of a tough late-season stretch.

West opens the season and unveils its revamped Basrak Stadium on Aug. 26 against Westinghouse. The Chicago program went 8-1 last season, but still will be considered the underdog.

That contest is followed by games at Niles North (Sept. 3), at Maine West (Sept. 9), home against Highland Park (Sept. 16) and at Waukegan (Sept. 24). Those four opponents went a combined 11-26 last season.

Niles West then runs the gantlet of CSL South powerhouses Maine South — the defending Class 8A champ — New Trier and Glenbrook South.

The Wolves present plenty of promise: They feature athletes on both sides of the ball, their 45-man roster is larger than across town at Niles North, and will call up several members of the 2010 sophomore squad that went 5-3-1.

Junior Mike McGivern, who was quarterback on the sophomore team, is expected to start for the varsity this fall. Baum believes the 6-foot signal caller is more than capable of taking over the position from the graduated Seve Loubriel.

Not that he will be expected to guide the team like his predecessor, who is considered one of the better leaders in recent Niles West history.

"(McGivern) throws the ball well, he's a tough kid and doesn't like to lose," Baum said. "He works hard, gets

out there and competes. He's more of a thrower than a runner. He has the respect of his teammates because he gets out there every day and works hard. He's a good leader, but we will look to other (seniors) to fill that (leadership) role."

Senior Lavelle Jordan and junior Jake Glotzer are expected to be the team's running back tandem. Jordan is a track star, who has added muscle in the offseason. Glotzer was a weapon on the sophomore level last year.

"(Jordan) did have to bulk up," Baum said. "He was not as physical last year, but it seems like the work in the weight room has paid off. He's more of a tough football player than last year."

"Glotzer is the same type of kid (as Jordan). He's athletic, can catch the ball, run the ball, and fast. Both those guys have speed."

Junior Jeremiah Jordan, Lavelle's brother, senior Michael Wright, brother of former Niles West star Chris Wright, and sophomore Nick Johnson will be the primary wide receivers.

Senior center Matt Nielsen anchors an offensive line that also includes seniors Ter-

ram Bramlett, Brandon Jones and Kabir Wasson and sophomore Dennis Gargavic.

The defensive line features seniors Milan Erturk, Zach Kenney and Joe Anderson. The linebackers could be one of the team's strengths. The group includes Bramlett, Brandon Jones and junior James Williams.

"Bramlett and Jones are the heart and soul of what we do," said Baum, who also might use Jones at defensive end. "They are tough, physical kids, aggressive and they play with a lot of emotion. They are great leaders. The kids are feeding into their energy."

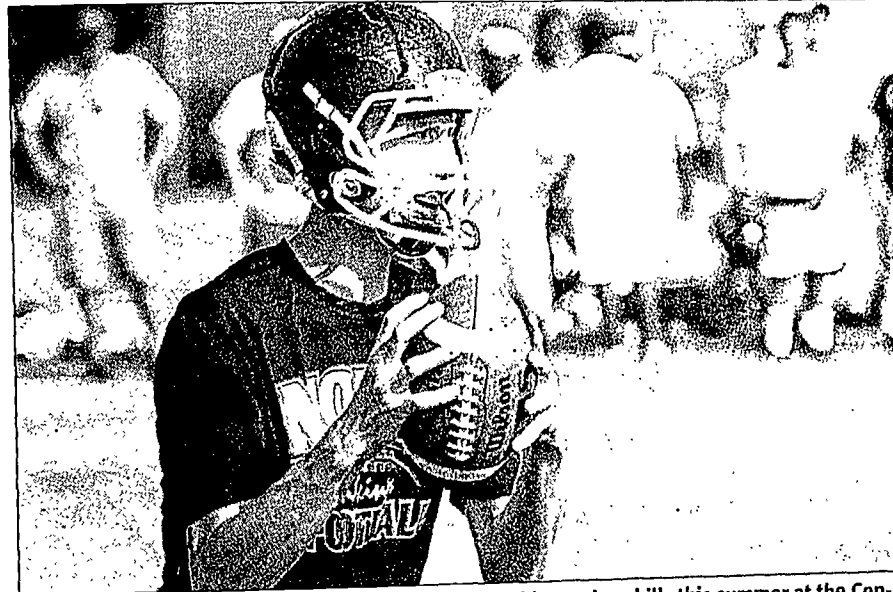
"(Thanks to) Jones, Bramlett and Williams, after just one day in pads, we're already more physical than we have been the last couple of years because of the way those guys play the football."

Johnson, Lavelle Jordan, Jeremiah Jordan and senior Andrew Matias project to start in the secondary.

At the next level: Loubriel is expected to walk on at Southern Illinois, while lineman Mike Leftakes plans to play at Illinois Wesleyan.

Vikings adjust as numbers keep growing

BY DAN SHALIN
 Contributor



Niles North junior quarterback Billy Voitik worked on his passing skills this summer at the Central Suburban Invite 7 on 7 Competition at Maine West. DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"One game at a time" might be the most used sports cliché in the history of trite phrases, but Niles North head coach Scott Smith is not apologizing for making it one of the major themes of the Vikings season.

In recent campaigns, the coach made it clear he believed the team was poised to end two decades of playoff frustration. However, Smith now feels announcing a goal of making the postseason may have backfired after both teams finished 3-6.

He said this season, the playoffs are flat-out not being discussed, internally or externally.

"I'm off that," Smith said. "I told our guys, 'Our goal is to get better every day.' I think I talked too much about that (in the past). I wanted it for last year's group and a couple years ago (2009). I wanted those to be the teams that broke the playoff drought. We talked a lot about that, and I'm not going there. Maybe it was counterproductive. We're just taking it one day at a time and trying to get better every day."

It's not that he doesn't see a lack of talent. While his roster still needs to grow, it's larger than last year when he counted just 28 players on the squad.

Smith put in the majority of his summer football contact days in July, as opposed to June. It produced the intended result of the Vikings coming into preseason camp in good shape and with new football concepts fresh in their minds.

Smith said he is committed this season to finding positions for players, and

then leaving them there. In the past, they not only had to learn several positions, but sometimes had to pick up new ones just days before a game.

"We want to try to (move kids around) early and get them to where we feel is the best fit, and keep them there," Smith said. "With 37 kids, we have the depth at certain positions where, if we stay healthy, we don't have to do much juggling (of positions). When kids are juggling three and four positions, it affects the team, because they have to learn something new when they should be prepping to play on Friday. Certain kids can handle that, others can't."

The team will be missing two key players early in the season. Junior lineman Eugene Edmunds suffered a knee injury during club wrestling and was initially feared lost for the entire campaign. His recovery has been ahead

of schedule and he's expected back in Weeks 3 or 4.

Junior Chris Achim, a returning defensive back, fractured a bone in his leg over the summer and also is expected to miss the first few games.

Junior Billy Voitik will start at quarterback with senior Mychael Henley, a tight end, taking snaps as his backup.

Senior running back Os-hayne Brown showed glimpses of stardom last season. Junior Dan Fricanno, a varsity returnee, will line up at full-back. Junior Juvane Spence also will see time in the back-field.

Juniors Colin Hancock, Edi Zamfir, Brandon Ochoa and senior Raja Taimour are the primary receivers.

The offensive line of junior guard Cameron Pascoe, senior guard Tom Bouleau, senior tackle James Mark-land and sophomore center

Michael Mark is getting long looks. Juniors Jovaan Shaw and David Friedman entered camp battling for the other tackle spot.

Sophomore James Edmunds, junior Malik Robinson and Markland project to get plenty of reps on the defensive line.

The linebacking corps should feature returning senior Romeo Montiel, along with Bouleau and Fricanno. Henley and Spence also will see time.

Two weeks before the Aug. 26 opener at Oak Lawn, players like Taimour; senior Kyle Codd, Hancock, Zamfir and senior Malik Brown all were vying for spots in the secondary.

Former soccer player Joe Lopez will serve as the kicker and punter. Smith raves about the senior's ability to aim kickoffs and punts and convert long field goals.

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Loyola grad Aghai rows to world title

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Darius Timothy Aghai of Skokie was a scrawny 130-pound freshman seven years ago, and the very last member recruited by the Loyola Academy Rowing Association. He's now a world champion who could be an Olympian in either 2012 or '16.

New to the sport, Aghai didn't even earn one of the eight spots on the Ramblers varsity boat until his senior year. But he worked his way up to becoming one of the team captains and left an indelible impression on LARA coach, Matt Baldino.

"Tim embodied everything we stand for at Loyola in terms of hard work, commitment and character," said Baldino, who rowed the University of Wisconsin to three straight Big Ten titles. "He's also extremely outgoing, kind and humble. He's the type of kid coaches dream about getting."

Following the same route, Aghai enrolled at Madison and worked even harder to improve. As a junior, he led the Badgers to fourth place this spring at the 2011 IRA National Championships, the equivalent of NCAA basketball's "Road to the Final Four" tournament.

Aghai, a microbiology major, then was named Wisconsin's 2010-11 Men's Athlete of the Year, an award that recognizes academics and sportsmanship along with athletic excellence. That was no trifling feat. The school's highly ranked football and basketball teams featured stars aplenty and drew roughly 9,999 words of media coverage to every one of the rowing team. Aghai isn't even on an athletic scholarship; the major sports eat up the men's quota.

"Relentlessness is what makes the best rowers. It's what separates Tim," said Badgers coach Chris Clark. "If you have some physiology and some work ethic, and then you combine those things with being relentless, that's what makes you great."

Aghai's ascendant year soared higher again this summer. Invited to try out for the Under-23 national team, he tested the very best of more than 20 candidates in advanced physiological exams measuring maximum heart rate, uptake of oxygen and pain tolerance. Once again, he defied the odds. Generously listed at 6-foot-2, 170 pounds, Aghai is small for a rower, and bigger guys usually score better.

Also, top rowers — including the



Tim Aghai, left facing camera, rows for the University of Wisconsin during the school year. | UW ATHLETICS

overwhelming majority of Europeans — flock to Ivy League schools in the East or such heavyweights as 2011 champion Washington and Stanford to the West. Wisconsin, a national champion in 2008, is the only power in the heartland.

Aghai not only made the U.S. team but guided it to the gold medal in the 2011 World Rowing U-23 Championships, held in Amsterdam July 21-24. The U.S. squad won its heat in the men's eight to advance directly to the finals, and then set a U-23 world-best time of 5:24.31 over the standard 2,000-meter course. The coxswain directing the crew from the stern was fellow Badger Anthony Altamari.

The American crew missed the overall world record by only four seconds despite a steady downpour and turbulent winds. It survived the six minutes of physical torture and competitive bedlam to beat bigger, more experienced teams.

"Our coach told us to go as hard as you can the last 250 meters and win the race for the best country in the world," Aghai said. "We were behind Germany and Britain at the start. We made it up in the middle

1,000 meters. With 500 meters left, we had open water between us and them. We crossed the line, but everything was so crazy and frantic we weren't sure if we'd beaten Great Britain or not. Then we got the news we won. A great feeling I'll never forget."

On the heels of his latest triumph, Aghai could receive an invitation to try out for the 2012 United States Olympic team. The 21-year-old college senior would be bucking the odds once again. The typical Olympian rower is about 6-5, 225, with 6-to-7 percent body fat and peaks at around 26 years of age. The youngest usually have completed their collegiate careers.

Rowing is hardly a prime-time sport, but it has a rich Olympic tradition dating back to 1900, and the United States takes it very seriously. The U.S. has won 84 medals, far more than any other country, but defending champ Great Britain is just one of numerous perennial contenders.

Rather than try to get bigger, Aghai could go the other way, dropping down to 165 and making the Lightweight Men Olympics team.

"I never even thought about the Olympics until now, when we won nationals. I've gone from a struggling high-school rower to a struggling college rower," reflected Aghai, one of six Wisconsin returnees who will vie for a national title next spring. "It's been a lot of hard work, a lot of time, more than I ever imagined putting in."

Aghai doesn't get the glory or publicity accorded a basketball or football star, but he works as hard or harder on a year-round basis.

"We do two-a-days five times a week, and one session the other two days," he said. "You're outside on the lake in the winter freezing your tail off. Or you're training on the erg (ergometer rowing machine)."

"The erg has had a large part to do with my success."

Aghai competes solely in sweep rowing, with each participant holding one oar with both hands. Top-level rowers are among the most superbly conditioned of any athletes. They will inhale and exhale twice per stroke and deliver up to 45 strokes per minute.

The rising star gives the lion's share of credit to his parents.

Mohsen is an electrical engineer originally from Iran. Krystyna, a dental technician, was born and raised in Poland. Both came to the States in their early 20s with virtually nothing. Their first born, Matthew, now 25, encouraged Tim to follow in his footsteps and attend Loyola — and try rowing.

"I can never thank my parents enough. They've worked hard and sacrificed everything to give me and my brother everything we've ever needed," said the youngest Aghai. "They are the hardest-working people I know, and they taught us to be kind and respectful."

When the Wisconsin kids attend tournaments in the East, they are no match out of the water for the perfectly dressed, perfectly coiffed Oxford, Harvard and other blue-blooded contingents. Aghai loves it that way.

"My brother said, 'You guys look so scraggly compared to everyone else.' Yeah, I guess we do," conceded Aghai. "We're underdogs in a lot of ways."

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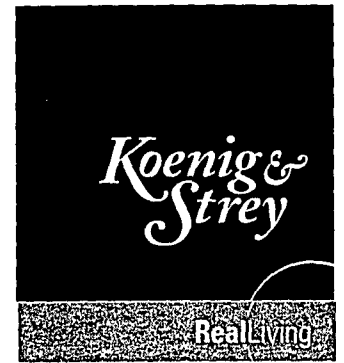
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