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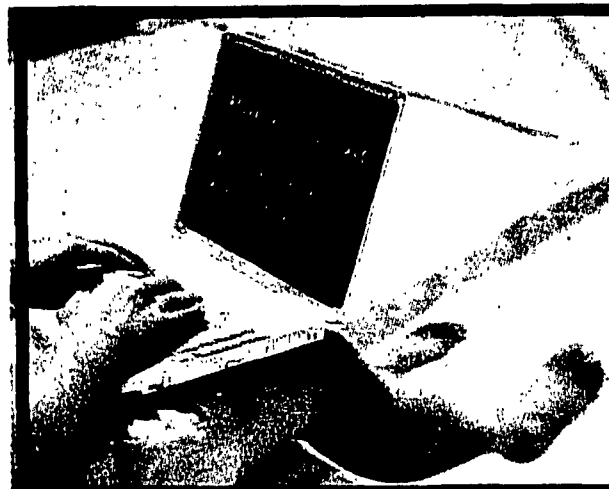
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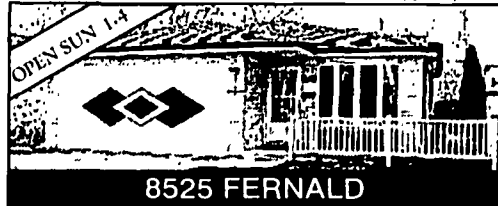
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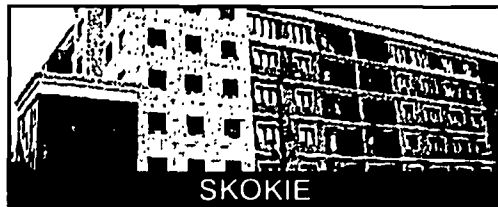
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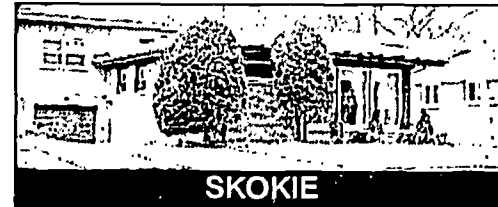
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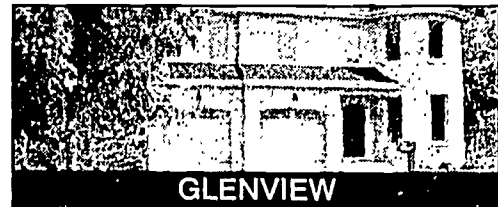
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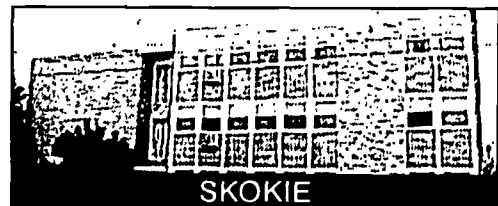
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Very well maintained split level. Hardwood floors through out the second floor and under carpeting on the first floor. Eat in kitchen with ceramic tiles and oak cabinets. Completely updated in 2006. 2nd floor bathroom with jenzzi, ceramic floors and walls. All windows, tiles in walk out basement and laundry room was changed in 2004. Great location. House is being sold in as-is condition. \$410,000



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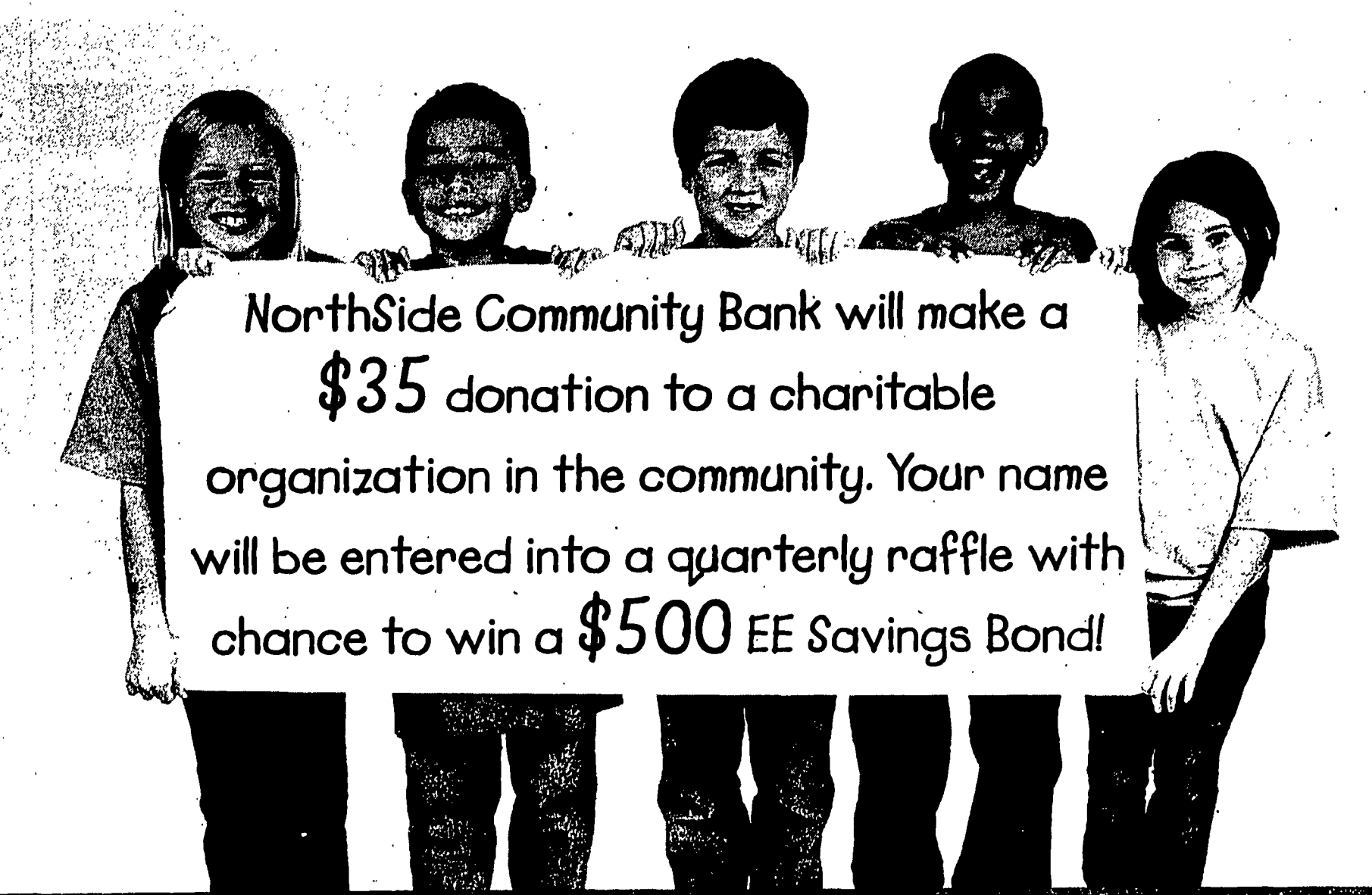
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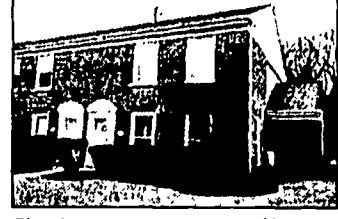
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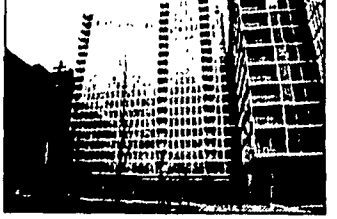
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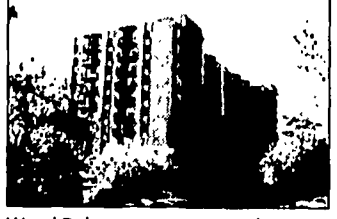
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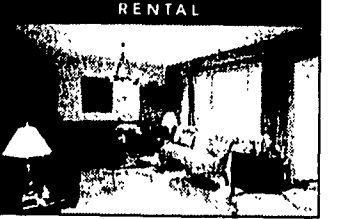
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# News

## TIMELESS TOY

Ron Przyborski shows the audience his butterfly yo-yo during Sunday's demonstration at the Niles Historical Society. Przyborski, a renowned yo-yo expert, demonstrated some tricks and gave a lecture about the timeless toy.



JEFF KRAGE/FOR PIONEER PRESS

# Oasis opening expected in May

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Niles Park District Executive Director Joe LoVerde said he expected the Oasis Water Park to re-open on Memorial Day, but he told the park district board of commissioners that he wouldn't mind a little warm weather to speed up construction.

"As of today, all drywall work is complete," he told the board on Feb. 19. "Carpentry and (other interior

construction) continue on a daily basis."

But LoVerde said that exceedingly cold temperatures have halted exterior work on the building.

"We need a little warm weather to help us here," he said.

The new Oasis structure, located at 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave., has suffered several delays this winter due to severe weather.

The \$5 million in reno-

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# Loved ones remember Notre Dame sophomore with 'heart of gold'

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Joseph Ochocki, a sophomore at Notre Dame High School in Niles, was remembered as gentle giant who died doing the thing he loved best — snowmobiling. Ochocki, 16, was killed Feb. 18 in northern Wisconsin when his snowmobile collided head-on with a 1-ton truck and plow on a rural road.

A 5-foot snowbank may have blocked the truck from Ochocki's view as he was crossing the center line on the road and making a turn, according to the Vilas County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities arrived at the scene at approximately 12:20 p.m., and Ochocki was later pronounced dead at Eagle River Memorial Hospital.

Ochocki's mother, Beth Heck — a 20-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department — was riding on a snowmobile behind him when the accident occurred.

Ochocki's funeral was



RUTHIE HAUGE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER This yearbook photo shows Notre Dame High School sophomore Joseph Ochocki, who died in a snowmobile accident in Wisconsin.

was a mild, fun-loving young man who looked out for his smaller friends and traveled the world with his mother.

"I don't know if there's another kid in Chicago who had a favorite store in Hong Kong or a favorite restaurant in Germany," said his cousin Kimberly Heck. "Joe had a heart of gold. He died doing what he loved best in this world — snowmobiling."

Several young men at the funeral sat in the front row of the church wearing colorful snowmobile jackets as a tribute to their departed friend. Many Chicago police officers also attended the funeral to support Heck, their colleague.

Margaret Campbell, the principal at St. Cornelius where Ochocki attended grade school, said Ochocki's mother tried to give him CPR at the scene of the accident.

"I went to the house to help his mother with the funeral and everything, and she is just devastated," Campbell said. "It's terrible

to think of a mother watching her son die. He was her whole life, and she was a wonderful mother."

Ochocki's death is the third tragedy to strike Notre Dame High School since last summer.

Steve Loomis, a senior, drowned in August in Vilas County, Wis. — the same county where Ochocki died — and Conor Ryan, a sophomore, died last month of unknown causes, said Notre Dame Principal Dan Tully.

Tully said all of the tragedies have all been emotionally challenging for his students.

"We are all shocked when this happens," he said. "But we have all the benefits of being a Catholic school. We can talk about these things spiritually and offer the kids counseling and guidance."

Tully also paused to remember Ochocki, the most recent tragedy.

"Joe's love of life and his family was obvious," Tully said. "He was a really wonderful person."

# Library board considers book removal request

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

The Niles Public Library Board met on Feb. 20 and considered a request to remove a critically acclaimed book about drug addiction from its collection.

Chicago resident Julie Koenig made a formal request to the board asking that they remove Nicola Monaghan's award-winning debut novel *The Killing Jar* from their collection.

Koenig could not be reached for comment, but her written request states that she objected to the book because it "glamorized" drug use.

Library administrator Cary Czarnecki said Koenig will appear before the board on March 19 to make her case.

"Requests to remove items from the collection are rare," he said. "In my fifteen years here, the board has never removed an item from the collection. It doesn't mean they never will, but that's the just the history."

Czarnecki said the last such request he can recall came several years ago and involved a biography of David Duke, the former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. The book remains in the collection to-day, he said.

Since it was published in 2006, *The Killing Jar* has won a Betty Trask Award, The Authors' Club Best First Novel Award and the Waverton Good Read Award. Czarnecki said it was unusual for an author's

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## SISTER ACT

Bruce Ingram reviews "The Other Boleyn Girl."

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## Yorkshire's best

Carrying on a great British tradition of home-cooked Sunday dinner.

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## WHAT'S NEW

### Winter concerts slated

Maine South High School will present a winter band concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and a winter choir concert at 7:30 p.m. March 7. Both concerts will be in the Maine South Auditorium, 1111 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge.

## WHAT'S NEXT

### Summer programs offered

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 invites children completing kindergarten through seventh grade to explore Worlds of Wonder in the summer. The morning program offers arts, crafts, cookery, movie-making, sports, music and theater. Skill-building classes in reading, language arts and math, and Spanish and French review classes also are offered.

The kindergarten through third-grade program will be at Franklin School; students completing grades 4-7 will attend Emerson Middle School. Two three-week sessions are offered: June 10 to June 27, and June 30 to July 18 (no class July 4). Students may register for as many as two 90-minute classes each morning. The district offers bus service for either class.

Course brochures are available at the District 64 office, local schools or at www.d64.org. Registration begins March 3. Classes are open to all students; registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, but priority will be given to children who reside in District 64 and enroll by April 18.

# Knights raise funds for missionary motorcycle

BY TONY BERTUCA  
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One motorcycle can impact the lives of hundreds of African children, according to the Knights of Columbus Council 4338, based at St. John Brebeuf Parish in Niles. The council is trying to raise money to buy a motorcycle for a Catholic priest and scouting organizer who preaches to young children in more than 10 far-flung parishes in Uganda's Kampala Archdiocese.

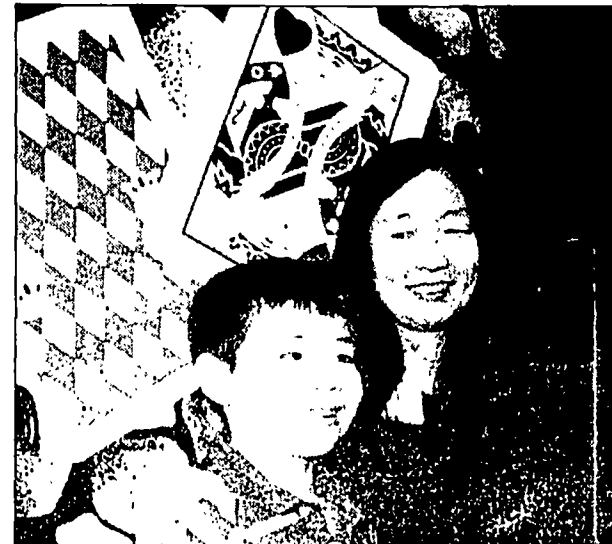
Fr. Ceasar Matovu, who counsels impoverished youths and organizes scouting events, said he has to travel a total of 350 miles if he wants to reach all the children in his parishes. He has no car and must rely on expensive taxi services and the kindness of others.

"A motorcycle can reach very far and is easily driven along hills, potholes, and flooded roads," Matovu wrote in an e-mail. "Sometimes roads in rural areas can be reached only with motorcycles because they are impassable for normal cars."

Matovu also said motorcycles are cheaper to fuel and maintain than cars.

Gordon Stiefel, an administrator with the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, first met Matovu at a conference in London and was amazed to hear about the work he did with children who were spread out across such great distances.

"It's very difficult for him to get around," Stiefel said. "It's all about presence. If Father Matovu can't be there to



**WINNING HER HEART** Lori Bryce, of Niles, and her son, Bryce, pose for a photo at the King of Hearts Ball at the Niles Park District Howard Leisure Center Friday. The ball was a special night for moms, grandmas, aunts or other women to spend with their favorite young man.

minister to the children, he can't help them grow and develop."

Stiefel approached the Knights of Columbus and asked them to help get Matovu a motorcycle.

"The Knights of Columbus have a long history of global service," Stiefel said. "This is so great because we can support 41 parishes with just the cost of one motorcycle."

John O'Keefe, district deputy Knights of Columbus Council 4338, said his organization needed to raise \$3,750 to pay for the motorcycle.

"We want to allow (Father Matovu) to evangelize to the youth — that is very important," O'Keefe said. "We want to give them a strong basis to grow up in the faith rather than try to convert them at a later date. We also want (Fa-

ther Matovu) to have a great rapport with the youth of the diocese. If they see him more and more, we might get more vocations from that region."

O'Keefe said the Knights of Columbus has already raised \$1,200 for the motorcycle.

"We'd love to be able to get it done by the end of April," he said.

Matovu said he was touched when he learned about all those helping him here in America.

"I say that it is a real blessing for me to have them and a blessing for them to give," Matovu wrote. "Their hearts are full of love for the needy."

O'Keefe said donations may be mailed to KC Council 4338 African Assistance at St. John Brebeuf Parish, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL, 60714.

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# The (lamp) doctor is in

## Shop can turn almost anything into lamp

By PAT KROCHMAL  
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Fred Meyerowitz isn't known as the lamp doctor for nothing.

He not only rewires and repairs lamps in his Des Plaines shop, The Lamp Outlet at 621 Central Road, but also brings them to life from almost any component imaginable.

And he makes house calls.

"My wife, Bonne, and I are very, very customer-oriented. We pick up and deliver when people can't come to us and for no extra charge. Because of that, all of the hardware stores around here — and even places like Menards — send their customers here when they don't have what they need," Fred said.

"We have had some of the same customers since 1984. Why? Because we are very honest. And if someone comes in with a question about a lamp, we can answer it, tell them where to get it answered or tell them that there is no answer. And the information is free, in the hope that when the customer wants to make a lamp or shade purchase, he will come back."

The Meyerowitzes, who live in Park Ridge, sell to everybody from homemakers to electricians and from hotels to nursing homes but point to seniors as the largest part of their customer base.

"We really cater to seniors and because of that, about 75 percent of our customers are seniors," Bonne said. "They don't want to get rid of what they already have. They just want to make it look better and want it to be safe. And we do that with a check of wiring and perhaps a new shade."

She advises people who are looking for original lamp bases to visit their grandma's attic to find unique pieces, because almost anything can be made into a lamp.

Probably the Meyerowitzes' most unusual request came from a woman who asked them to make a lamp out of her prosthetic leg as a gift for her doctor because he was ordering a new one for her.

Another customer asked them to incorporate a large, old-fashioned coffee making machine into a lamp for a constant coffee drinker who was retiring from business. The gift would allow him to take some of his most pleasant, on-the-job memories home with him, Fred said.

The couple has made lamps out of a sewing machine, parking meters, baseballs, baseball bats and basket balls.

"The only thing that I won't make a lamp out of is somebody's stuffed pet or mother-in-law," Fred said.

For those with more traditional tastes, The Lamp Outlet offers every style imaginable to match home decor from country to contemporary. The lamps on display are made from crystal, wood, brass, Italian porcelain, cane and cast iron, as well as some from the original molds that created them in the 1920s.

The shop's lamp shades come round, square and rectangular in colors from cream to black, including pink, blue, red and green, some pleated, some with printed patterns, tassels and even feather edging.

Some of the most unusual lamps boast delicate shades of translucent sea shells scattered amid pieces of clear glass. A few Tiffany-style lamps also are available, as well as architecturally designed modern pieces of Plexiglas and stainless steel.

"We have 15,000 square feet of lamps in a 1,000-square-foot store," Bonne



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Fred Meyerowitz and his wife, Bonne, say they have nearly 15,000 square feet of lamps in their 1,000-square-foot Des Plaines shop, The Lamp Outlet.

"The only thing that I won't make a lamp out of is somebody's stuffed pet or mother-in-law."

Fred Meyerowitz

said. "People have to see it to believe it."

Although the shop's customers come from all over the Chicago area, many are from Mount Prospect and Niles, where the Meyerowitzes were in business before coming to Des Plaines, but some also come from as far as Gurnee.

"One customer, who formerly lived not far from here, moved to Ohio and came back to us to buy lamps for the bed and breakfast she was establishing there," Fred said.

"But the customer who lived furthest away was in Tokyo. He said that costs were so high that he could buy one lamp there for the price of 12 here — including shipping."



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Fred Meyerowitz, of Park Ridge, works on repairing a lamp in his shop.

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Val Delacalle parades down the red carpet at the Niles Public Library's 5th Annual Oscar Night Party Sunday.



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(Left to right) Dolores Bonaccorso, Jennie Abbinanti and Rosalie Abbinanti look through their awards packets at the Oscar party.



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**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

- A vehicle window was broken after noon Feb. 22 on the 8200 block of West Elizabeth Street. The vehicle's owner told police that she parked it in front of her house on Feb. 22 at noon, and when she returned the next morning the driver's side window had been broken, though nothing inside the car was taken.
- A window was broken between 2 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 23 on a vehicle parked in the 8800 block of North Prospect Avenue. Unknown individuals used a hard object to shatter the vehicle's rear window.

**BATTERY**

- Richard E. Czubak, 51, of 319 Alexis Court., Glenview, was issued a citation for battery under local ordinance after an altercation with an off-duty police officer around 12:55 p.m. Feb. 23 in a bank parking lot on the 7600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue.
- A woman became violent around midnight Feb. 18 when she and a man attempted to check into a room at a motel in the 7200 block of North Waukegan Road. She and the man asked to buy some cigarettes and rent a room. The clerk told them that if they bought cigarettes they needed to rent a smoking room. The woman became irate and began knocking things over in the office. The clerk went over to her

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in an attempt to calm her and the woman slapped her in the face then ran off.

**BURGLARY**

- Burglars struck around 3 a.m. Feb. 22 at a gas station in the 8000 block of West Golf Road. The station's manager was sleeping inside, intending to open early the next morning. He was awakened by a loud pounding noise around 3 a.m. and heard several people get inside the store. He heard one of them say "grab the boxes." The manager's cell phone went off and apparently frightened away the burglars. The store manager couldn't determine how many cigarette boxes had been taken because a display had been knocked over. No money was taken.
- A house was burglarized Feb. 22 after 2:30 p.m. on the 8300 block of West Ballard Road while the owner was out of town. The owner's grandson came over to borrow his car around 2:30 p.m. and when he came back later that day found the home burglarized. A 42-inch flat television and cable box were taken. The doors were locked but two windows at the rear of the house were unlocked.

**STOLEN VEHICLE**

- A woman's car was stolen around 10:40 p.m. Feb. 23 from a parking lot in the 9000 block of West Golf Road. She told police that she left a retail store in the area with purchases in her shopping cart. She started her car, a 1999 Toyota Corolla, and proceeded to unload her cart. After emptying the cart, she began walk-

ing it towards the store to return it, leaving her vehicle running and unlocked. About halfway to the store she heard a noise and looked behind her. She saw an unknown man at the wheel of her car driving away.

**THEFT**

- A juvenile was cited for petty theft around 2 p.m. Feb. 24 for taking several necklaces from a store in Golf Mill, 239 Golf Mill Center. Employees at the store watched the juvenile take three necklaces worth \$55, put them in her jacket and walk past the last point of purchase without paying. She paid the fine on the scene and was released into the custody of her grandmother.
- Suping Tarcos, 58, 5704 Warren St., Morton Grove, was cited for retail theft around 5 p.m. Feb. 24, accused of leaving Wal-Mart, 5630 W. Touhy Ave., without paying after placing \$96 worth of groceries in a Wal-Mart shopping bag. She paid the fine on the scene and was released.

- Diana A. Tasrikaur, 28, 605 E. Prospect Ave., Mount Prospect, was cited for petty theft around 4 p.m. Feb. 22, accused of taking \$206 worth of clothing from a store at Golf Mill 239 Golf Mill Center without paying. She paid the fine at the scene.

**ARRESTS**

- Oleksandr Kryvenko, 19, 9359 Harrison St., Des Plaines, was arrested and charged with retail theft around 10 a.m. Feb. 23, accused of taking items worth \$80 from a store in Golf Mill Center without paying for them.

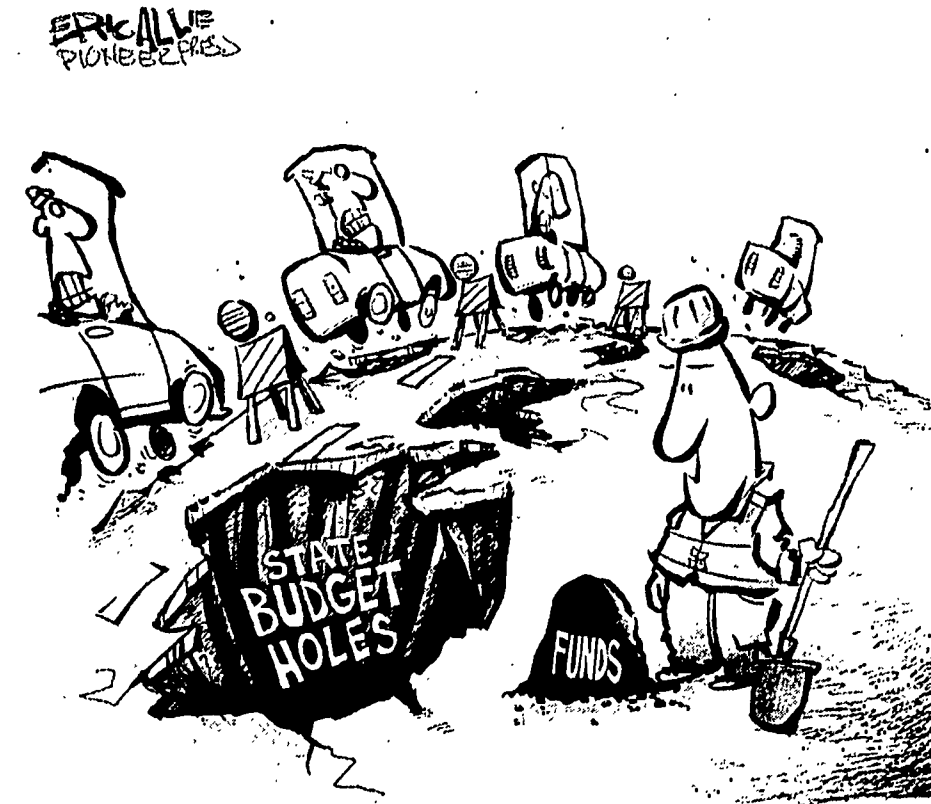
**Opinion**  
**Pothole woes**

Motorists who have grown frustrated by all of the potholes on state routes and local streets should take steps aimed at protecting their cars and eliminating the problem.  
For starters, take it easy out there on the roads. Drive more slowly; it's icy and slippery enough as it is, with or without potholes. Traveling faster decreases the available reaction time for driving around a road hazard. Hitting a giant pothole at 40 mph likely will result in a flat tire, bent rim or other front-end damage. Lower speeds will result in less damage, even when it's impossible to avoid a stretch of pavement that resembles an off-road surface.

**"When encountering a big pothole, motorists should take note of the location and alert the appropriate state or local officials about the road hazard."**

When encountering a big pothole, motorists should take note of the location and alert the appropriate state or local officials about the road hazard. Some "local" streets fall under state jurisdiction, but a town's public works department officials will gladly alert state authorities to the pothole problem.  
Weather this winter has been a pain for residents and municipal officials alike. First the temperature rises above normal, then dips below normal. The National Weather Service reported that the seasonal snowfall total of 41.8 inches through Feb. 7 marked the seventh highest total in the Chicago area on record. In the winter of 1885-86, 42.9 inches of the white stuff was tallied. The most snow ever recorded in Chicago was 79 inches in the winter of 1978-79, according to the National Weather Service.  
Despite the big snow and pothole totals, we'll get through this. We can cope. And besides, spring is just a few short weeks away.

**1000 WORDS**



**My life as a fleshy chifforobe**



**PAUL SASSONE**

It was as if I were auditioning for the part of a human being but didn't get it. I stopped at the convenience store Sunday morning to buy the papers. I stood at the counter, money in one hand and papers in the other. There was no one ahead of me.  
The clerk was talking to another clerk.  
Me? I seemed to be a fleshy chifforobe.  
After a bit the clerk nearest the cash register — without looking at me and still talking to the other clerk — held out her hand. I put money in it. She made change — without looking at me and still talking to the other clerk — and I left.

A small matter, I suppose. And yet, I felt a little bit humiliated. Not enough to keep me from eating a hearty lunch shortly thereafter. But humiliated, or maybe more accurately, I felt somewhat diminished.  
Happens a lot. Happens to you, I bet. Why does this have to be? Why are we, as a matter of habit, rude to each other?  
A survey funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts

**"Why are we, as a matter of habit, rude to each other?"**

found that eight in 10 Americans say that courtesy and lack of respect is a serious problem. And six in 10 say the problem has become worse in recent years.  
Stores are a regular petri dish of rudeness. Three-quarters of those surveyed said they'd seen customer's treat sales staff rudely. And 46 percent said

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Where do you encounter rudeness most?  
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I don't mean you should do anything suicidal, like tell me your boss or your spouse is the rudest person you know.  
In general, I mean. Use a simile, if you want. I'll start: As rude as a convenience store clerk.  
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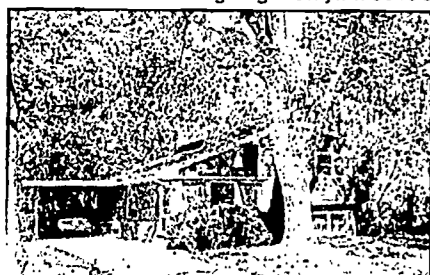
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## Oasis

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vations includes a new 11,000-square-foot building with showers and bath-houses, as well as rental rooms for parties. The pool itself is going through an estimated \$900,000 in renovations that include new plumbing, a drop slide, and a 3,500-square-foot spray play area.

Later at the meeting, Board of Trustees President William Terpinas said

that he was planning to schedule several "town hall style" meetings for residents who wished to discuss park district issues.

"Anybody can attend if they want," he said. "You never know what they could come up with."

Terpinas said he thought of the idea after receiving several phone calls from village residents who said they were unable to make the board's regularly scheduled meetings (the third Tuesday of each month).

"I think we'll have about

four of them, maybe five," he said, referring to the town hall meetings. "Anybody can attend if they want."

There was no one in the audience at the board's most recent meeting on Feb. 19.

"When things run smoothly, nobody shows up," Terpinas said. "If it wasn't going well, we'd have a thousand people in here."

Terpinas said the town hall meetings would be publicized once he and the board could agree on when to schedule them.

## Board

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first novel to be so praised.

Even if Koenig does not appear before the board on March 19, the board will still have to consider her request, Czarnecki said.

"The board still has to

consider it based on the written request," he said.

### Other board news:

• At the beginning of the meeting, the board swore in new trustee Chris Ball.

Attempts to reach Ball were unsuccessful.

Ball fills the vacancy left by Linda Sroka, who died Oct. 10. Sroka was elected to a six-year term in April 2007. Ball, who was appoint-

ed by the board, will be allowed to serve in Sroka's place until in April 2009. He then will have to win an election if he hopes to continue for the remainder of the term, which expires in 2013.

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### SCHOOLS DIGEST

#### DISTRICT 64

Parents interested in early entrance for their child to kindergarten or first grade in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 must submit a completed application and required documentation by March 15.

To be eligible for admission to kindergarten in 2008-09, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. The district may allow a younger child to enter "if there is compelling evidence that the child is exceptionally advanced as compared to children who are of kindergarten age," said Kathy Nelson, director of Pupil Services. Similar standards also must be met for early admission to first grade.

Contact the district, (847) 318-4337, immediately for more information about the early-en-

trance criteria and procedures. A fact sheet also is available on the registration page of the district Web site: [www.d64.org](http://www.d64.org).

#### GRANTS

Educators in the Chicagoland area will be awarded \$750,000 in grants and scholarships through the 2008 A+ for Energy program, which recognizes innovative energy education programs in the classroom. In addition to \$5,000 or \$10,000 to implement their programs, teachers will be awarded a full scholarship to attend a three-day Energy Educator Training Conference, as well as a Science of Energy kit and other classroom materials valued at \$500.

BP, a global energy provider, sponsors this program designed to provide teachers resources for projects that educate

students about energy and energy conservation. The program is available to any prekindergarten to high school classroom teacher in an accredited or licensed public or private school within Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. Winners are recognized for developing creative and student-focused classroom, after-school, extracurricular or summer programs. While these programs must be centered on energy, they may incorporate reading, math, history, geography or the arts.

Applications for the 2008 program have been mailed to all eligible schools. For more information go to [www.aplusforenergy.org](http://www.aplusforenergy.org). In addition to the online application, teachers will find resources including a grant-writing tutorial and links

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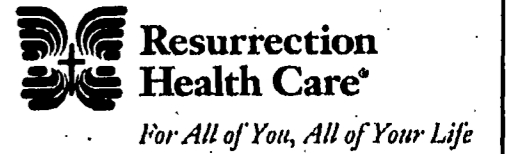
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to interactive energy education tools and downloadable materials. Applications must be post-marked or submitted online by March 7. Winners will be notified in mid-May.

For more information contact Valerie Corr, (630) 821-3206, or Doris Salomón Chagin, (630) 821-3216.

**MAINE SOUTH**  
Carson's Community Day Sale coupon books for March 1 are available for \$5 by e-mailing Ann at ahalley3@sbcglobal.net, or by calling Kathy, (847) 823-0983. Included in the book is a \$10 coupon. All proceeds from the books will be applied to the Celebration 2008 post-prom event fund. E-mail ed.schipp@sbcglobal.net to be included on the

investments. The instructor is a professional financial and investment planner who has taught graduate-level personal-financial-planning classes. Class will meet 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 at Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave. The fee is \$22.

**OAKTON**  
Enroll in a variety of new courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton starting in March. Stress Management and Beyond: Wellness As a Way of Life (PSY S38-02) explores the role stress plays in life and offers techniques to reduce its effects. The four-week class will meet 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays starting March 5 at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. The fee is \$69; a \$6 materials fee is due at the first class.

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

**WASHINGTON**  
"His 'N Hercules" is the 47th annual production of the Washington School PTO Playmakers. The original comedy musical, written and performed by

school parents, will be at 7:30 p.m. today (Feb. 28) through March 1, and March 7-8, and at 3 p.m. March 2 at Washington School's auditorium, 1500 Stewart Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets are \$8 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$5 for the Thursday and Sunday performances. Contact Kelly Muno, (847) 823-1219, or e-mail kellymuno@comcast.net, for reservations.

The plot begins as a popular TV talk-show host in Greece interviews members of a delegation who hope to bring the 2016 Olympics to Chicago. A Wandering Comet appears, throwing everyone back into ancient Greece. Chicagoans are shocked when ancient Greek statues come to life. Will ancient gods and goddesses help Chicagoans beat three epic challenges, win the Olympics and get back home?

Proceeds from the annual production benefit special school projects.

# Schools

## Maine South students try history, hands on

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Maine South junior Kevin Muszynski (right) goes flying after his character, David Deilinger — one of the Chicago Seven — is thrown by a Chicago police officer, played by junior David Martin, in a performance prepared for the Chicago Metro History Fair. Students re-created the protests which took place in Chicago during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.



History students re-created one of the pivotal events of 1968, the riots surrounding Chicago's 1968 Democratic National Convention, as they participated in the school-level Metro History Fair competition Feb. 16 at Maine South High School. Kevin Muszynski holds his head after his protestor character, was beaten in the fray.



Junior Alex Baldi tries on a riot helmet, part of a costume representing Chicago Police Department riot gear, preparing for a presentation on the 1968 Democratic National Convention riots.

Twenty-one student projects were selected by teachers, administrators and counselors to advance to the Regional History Fair on Saturday, March 1 at Maine South. The exhibits selected were "Give the Lady What She Wants!": Conflicts and Compromises in the History of Marshall Field's," by Megan Gluchman and Amanda Koch; "Conflict Without Compromise: The Haymarket Square Riot," by Allison Bende and Elizabeth Clarke; "From Ashe to Awe: Reconstructing Chicago After the Great Fire of 1871," by Bobby Porter; Michael San Gabino and Laura Walsh; "Jane Addams and Hull House: Our Hope's Door," by Missy Ryan; "Sprawl Out or Build Up: The Chicago Conflict and Compromise Over Population in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries," by Anne Householder; "The Amazing U-505: the Conflicts and Compromises in Getting a WWII Submarine to Chicago," by Natalie Mielecki; "The Black Hawk War: Illinois' Birth in Blood," by Anthony

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**I-355 extension  
paves the way to  
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developments**

By Marcy Marro  
*Special to Pioneer Press*

With the opening of the I-355 extension, accessing the southwest suburbs has never been easier. Restaurants, shopping, medical centers and other conveniences are all close-by. Transportation is a breeze with Metra train stations in Wheaton and Hanover Park, while O'Hare airport is approximately 20 minutes away. Communities near the I-355 extension include:

**Easton Park**

Lakewood Homes' Easton Park is located in west suburban Carol Stream, just minutes from I-355. The low maintenance neighborhood is irresistible to buyers who want style, space, convenience and value.

The community features 270 English row-style town homes, priced from \$299,990. Buyers have a choice of three floor plans, with English architectural cues such as stone fronts with Tudor-style exposed wood beams, arched window openings and copper roofs over select windows and doorways. Homes also include a rear-loading or side-load two-car garage. Fully furnished and decorated models are open for tours daily.

"What has made Easton Park a destination town home community is our beautiful floor plans, which give buyers a stylish exterior look with incredibly flexible layouts on the inside," says Robin Johnson, vice president of sales for Lakewood Homes. "Other factors that have made Easton Park a buyer favorite is a prime location in a well established suburb that is close to shopping and convenient to transportation."

Homes are almost 1,900 square feet up to nearly 2,500 square feet; each covers either two or three levels. Features include two to four bedrooms, up to three-and-a-half baths, lofts, living and dining rooms plus large family rooms open to eat-in kitchens. Luxury master suites include a walk-in closet and private bath. Private decks or balconies are also included. Finished lower levels provide flexible living space with options for extra bedrooms and baths, storage and access to the two-car attached garages. Some plans feature a second private rear entry adjacent to the garage.

The community also includes a garden-themed setting styled after a traditional English countryside that includes walking paths, a pond and a grand lawn with a trellis and garden walk.

"Easton Park is really unique among town home communities because buyers don't have to compromise on anything to get what they want," Johnson says. "This

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neighborhood offers space and style, convenience and value all backed by the Lakewood Homes name, which means quality and great service. Our decorated models continue to draw raves and it's a great time to stop by and see how this community is rapidly taking shape."

Easton Park is located at 369 W. North Ave. in Carol Stream, on North Avenue (Route 64), just west of Gary Avenue. The sales center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (630) 665-0531 or visit lakewoodhomes.com.

Goodings Grove

Located in Homer Glen, Goodings Grove offers a selection of condos. Brisk sales in the first two buildings have prompted builder Gallagher and Henry to release all 16 homes in building four for sale.

"All brick buildings, heated underground parking, storage space and elevator access have all contributed to the success at Goodings Grove," says Linda Reichert, sales manager. "In addition, the buildings consist of only 16 homes per building and four homes per floor which our buyers really appreciate. Each home is a corner

unit offering maximum sunlight and privacy."

Goodings Grove is a community of semi-custom single-family homes and maintenance-free condominiums. Ninety-six condominiums offered in six buildings are priced starting in the \$260s. Two professionally decorated models are open daily for touring.

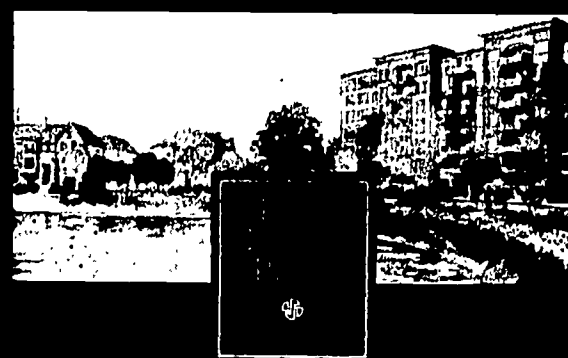
"In addition to the maintenance-free environment, our condominiums have numerous features that other condo communities simply don't offer," Reichert says. "The large eat-in kitchens include Corian countertops and ceramic tile

flooring. And, buyers appreciate having the informal kitchen dining space as well as the formal dining area. The loft space in six of the newly released homes is a favorite particularly with our young professional buyers who tend to use the space as an in-home office or second-floor family room."

To visit Goodings Grove, take I-355 to 143rd Street east to the community entrance. The sales center and models are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the Goodings Grove condominiums, please call (708) 301-9790 or visit www.gallagherandhenry.com.



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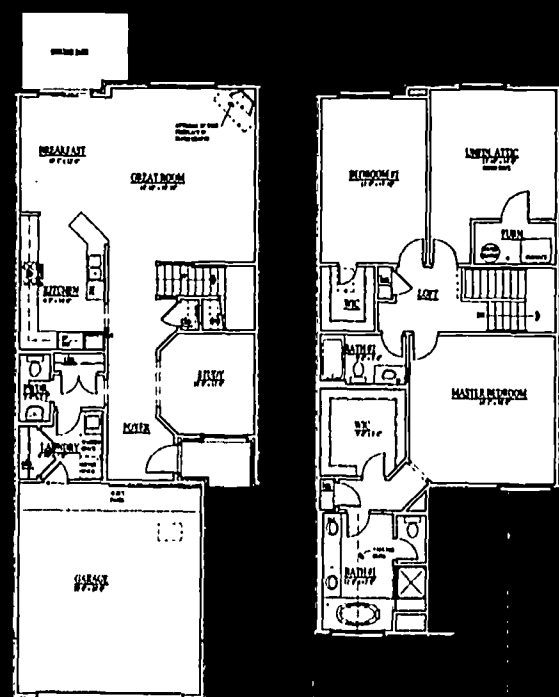
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"Regardless of what may be in the news or seen on television, now is a great time to purchase a new home, especially ones of the caliber seen here at Stonebridge Woods," says Don Price, president of Wexford Homes.

One ranch and six two-story designs ranging in size from 3,300 to 3,869 square feet are available at Stonebridge Woods. The two-story homes include four bedrooms, up to four-and-a-half baths, full basements and two or three-car attached garages. The ranch plan has three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, a full basement and a two-car garage, with a three-car garage as an option.

Homes also include hearth rooms, generous bonus rooms, master suites with walk-in closets, luxury private baths and sitting areas, dual staircases, volume ceilings, gallery ledges, formal parlors and much more. Included luxury features are a masonry fireplace, beautiful deluxe millwork with oak staircases, hardwood floors, granite countertops and vanities in the kitchen and bath, ceramic tile baths, recessed lighting, patios or decks and full basements with roughed-in baths.

Home sites at Stonebridge Woods range from about one-third of an acre to more than one acre in size, with most locations suitable for walkout or lookout basements. The homes at Stonebridge Woods include the home site and are priced from the \$740s to \$1.2 million.

The Stonebridge Woods neighborhood also features six ponds, a five-acre preserve and 22-acres of dedicated open space. In addition, the Village of Homer Glen is developing a new 5.6-acre park immediately adjacent to the community that will include an open multi-use play field with combination baseball/softball backstop, a walking and biking path, two lighted tennis courts, children's playground, basketball circle court, sand



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Stonebridge Woods is located in southwest suburban Homer Glen, directly across the street from the new Loyola Medical Center at Marian Village. To visit, take 159th Street west, past Parker Road to Stonebridge Drive. Go South on Stonebridge Drive to the model and sales center at 16230 S. Olha Farm Way. The sales center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Monday. For more information, call (708) 301-3535 or visit StonebridgeWoods.com and register for eList updates.

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Death of housing market may be exaggerated

The death of Chicago's housing market as reported recently by some news media pundits may be a bit exaggerated, veteran Realtors say.

"Although the news media would have you believe the sky is falling, an examination of two segments of the upper end of the housing market—properties listed for more than \$1 million—dispel that notion," says Gold Coast sales agent Louise Study, a 14-year veteran at Rubloff Residential Properties.

Study, who compiles an annual MLS resale home study of about a dozen Chicago neighborhoods, noted the following price stability in the luxury home and condominium marketplace:

• 388 upper-bracket single-family homes sold in 2007 for an average price of \$1,716,713 with an average market time of 179 days. That compares with 434 luxury homes sold in 2006 for an average price of \$1,673,223 with an average market time of 149 days.

• 393 luxury condominiums sold in 2007 for an average price of \$1,636,726 with an average market time of 208 days. That compares with 393 upper-bracket condos sold in 2006 for an average price of \$1,757,204 with an average market time of 210 days.

"These statistics covering luxury resales in such neighborhoods as the Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Bucktown, Roscoe Village, Wicker Park, Hyde Park, Ravenswood, Andersonville, the South Loop and West Loop demonstrate that Chicago's high-end market did not suffer a bubble that occurred in other markets across the country," Study notes.

And, an analysis of 2007 MLS of Northern Illinois sales activity by RE/MAX Northern Illinois, showed existing condominiums—especially those in Chicago—were the top performers in the housing market last year.

In Chicago, the number sales for attached homes, mainly condominiums, rose in 27 neighborhoods, with the most striking gains coming in such emerging hot areas as North Center (11 percent), Lincoln Square (18 percent) and Avondale (24 percent).

"The city condo market showed particular resilience in 2007 across almost all parts of the city and all price categories," says Jim Merriam, regional director of RE/MAX Northern Illinois.

"Overall, the current housing market offers and outstanding opportunity for buyers to take advantage of affordable interest rates for mortgages and an extensive inventory of homes for sale in almost every price category," Merriam says.

Four city neighborhoods—Lincoln Square, Forest Glen, Bridgeport and Mount Greenwood—saw sales increase in both the detached and attached categories. In Lincoln Square, total residential sales rose 19 percent to 678 units. In McKinley Park, total residential sales rose 55 percent, with 73 homes changing hands. Bridgeport saw total sales rise 22 percent to 159 units.

The Illinois Association of Realtors recently reported more good news. In 2007, the median resale home price in the Chicago metropolitan area was \$254,000, up 2.4 percent from \$248,000 in 2006. The 2007 Chicago metropolitan condominium median price was \$228,000, up 4.2 percent from \$218,893 in 2006.

So what about the forecast of a collapse in home prices? "Even if housing prices declined 20 percent from peak levels, they would return to the levels first reached in the summer of 2004 and would still be almost 55 percent above their level at the start of the decade," notes Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist for Wells Fargo Capital Management.

The Home Front, Don DeBat's weekly real estate column syndicated by DeBat Media Services, unravels the complexities of home buying, mortgage shopping, homeownership, renting, building, renovation and remodeling. For more home-buying information visit his Web site at: www.dondebat.net.

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**Bankrate mortgage update**

By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

Mortgage rates skyrocketed this week as investors fretted about a pickup in inflation.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 41 basis points, to 6.37 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.4 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.29 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.57 percent. The 30-year fixed hasn't been this high since the middle of October, when it was near 6.5 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 41 basis points, to 5.87 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage rose 27 basis points, to 5.77 percent, and the 30-year fixed jumbo, for loans of more than \$417,000, went up 39 basis points, to 7.55 percent.

The refinancing boomlet of a month ago is merely a wistful memory, like a shipboard romance. A little math explains why: The 30-year fixed has risen more than three-quarters of a percentage point in four weeks. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, refinances have decreased about 31 percent in three weeks.

It was "really party time" when rates were close to 5.5 percent, says Michael Moskowitz, president of Equity Now, a mortgage lender based in New York City. Now business has slowed again. He's waiting for the higher limits on conforming loans to kick in, but no one knows when those will be available.

**Inflation looming**

The reason for the sharply rising rates is simple: "People are concerned about inflation," Moskowitz says. "People see the loosening of Fed rates. They think demand in China and India is still up. Oil is in the high 90s." With worldwide demand strong, and with commodity prices rising, inflation seems a threat.

**Key definitions**

**5/1 ARM:** A 5/1 ARM is an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) that has an initial interest rate for five years, and thereafter has an adjustment interval of one year. The adjustment is based on (or "indexed to") another rate — often the yield on a Treasury note.

**Closing Costs:** Expenses incurred by buyers and sellers when transferring ownership of property. Closing costs include lender fees, title charges, government recording fees, escrow and pre-paid items.

**Points:** A point equals 1 percent of a mortgage or other loan. Some lenders charge "origination points" to cover expenses of making a loan. Some borrowers pay "discount points" to reduce the loan's interest rate.

**Amortization:** The payment of a debt in installments over an agreed-upon period, during which principal and interest are paid off.

**APR:** Annual Percentage Rate. A yearly rate of interest that includes fees and costs paid to acquire the loan. Lenders are required by law to disclose the APR. The rate is calculated in a standard way, taking the average compound interest rate over the term of the loan, so borrowers can compare loans.

**Fixed:** The payment of a debt in installments over an agreed-upon period, during which principal and interest are paid off.

**Term:** The time to the maturity of a loan or deposit, expressed in months or years.

Index	Prime Rate	Fed Funds Rate	11th Dist. COF
This week	6.00	3.00	4.072
Last change	6.50	3.50	4.172
Last year	8.25	5.25	4.396

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Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
1 yr ARM	5.56%	\$943.07
5/1 ARM	5.77%	\$964.99
15 yr fixed	5.87%	\$1,380.80
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30 yr Jumbo	7.55%	\$3,056.49

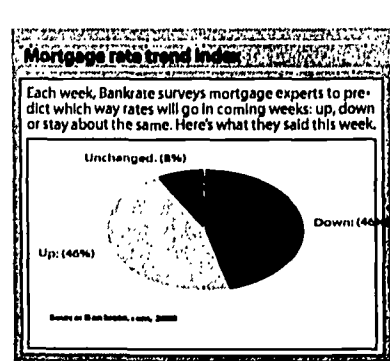
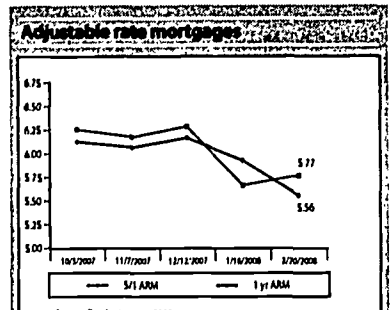
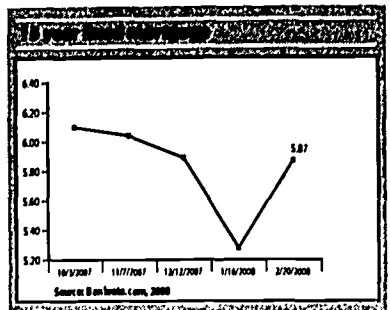
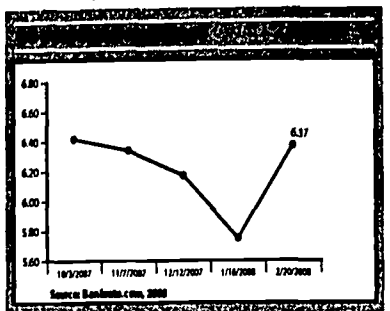
  

Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
30K HEL	7.78%	\$605.14

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Bankrate National Index	30 yr fix	15 yr fix	5 yr ARM
Last week	5.96	5.46	5.50



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Avenue East luxury condominium community, located on Chicago's new Platinum Coast, just steps off Michigan Avenue is another successful venture by Residential Homes of America, Inc. (RHA). The 27-story pet-friendly luxury condominium building with 133 homes, mostly two-bedroom and two-bedroom plus den floor plans is available for immediate occupancy.

"Avenue East is one of the finest luxury condominium communities in recent memory and has helped to inaugurate Chicago's new Platinum Coast neighborhood," said Ann Danner, president and owner of RHA.

Approximately 22 condominiums remain for sale at Avenue East. Homes are available on floors 9 through 23, with most available for immediate occupancy. Most of the final floor plans are two-bedroom or two-bedroom with den layouts. Prices range from the upper \$300,000s to the upper \$900,000s. Indoor parking is also available, starting at \$50,000 per space.

During the final closeout of homes at Avenue East, RHA is offering buyers attractive incentives, including \$5,000 to be used towards closing costs.

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"A big part of Avenue East's stunning success is the absolutely perfect location of the building," Danner says. "It is easily accessible from the expressways or Lake Shore Drive and is just steps from Michigan Avenue and Navy Pier. There have been many buyers who own a home

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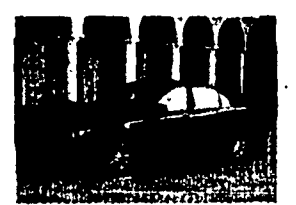
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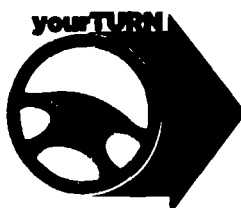


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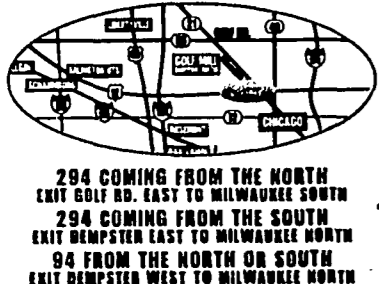
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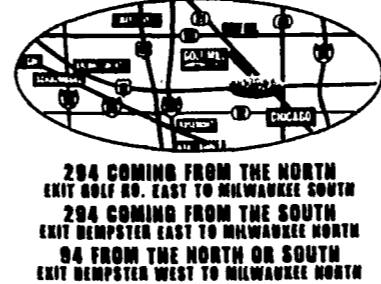
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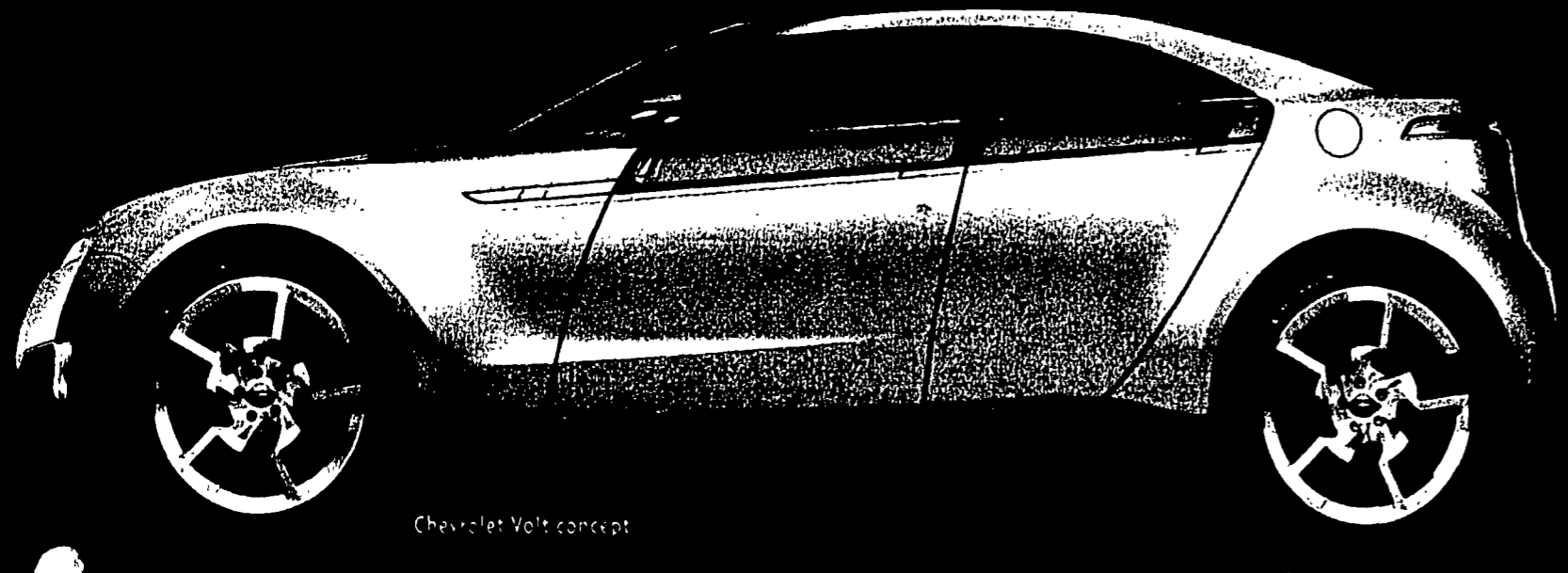
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# GREEN MACHINES



Chevrolet Volt concept



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## Chevrolet's fuel-saving innovations power its 2008 lineup

*Last week I looked at what Chevrolet's fuel-cell-powered Equinox brought to the fuel-solution arena. This week I share my thoughts about Chevy's other fuel-saving innovations.*

### ELECTRIFYING

While the fuel cell is in much more realistic state, Chevrolet is also exploring another viable fuel solution: electric vehicles. Anyone who follows cars has heard of the Volt concept. First launched at the 2007 North American International Auto Show in Detroit, the Volt is powered by the E-Flex System, GM's next-generation all-electric propulsion system.

Also known as a "plug-in," the Volt can be charged by a 110-volt outlet for about six hours. This will enable the car to travel up to about 40 miles purely on electricity. Should the battery deplete, the vehicle has a 1-liter, three-cylinder turbocharged engine that will create enough electricity to provide triple-digit fuel economy. Chevrolet has been showing various engines and motors in the Volt that will help create additional electricity to extend the range of the vehicle. Options thus far have included an E85-

capable engine, bio-diesel engine and a fuel cell.

### HYBRID HYPE

While plug-ins and fuel cells are the future of vehicle motivation, hybrids are happening now. Toyota long has been the undisputed leader in hybrid technology, but General Motors is ready to give the Japanese automaker a run for its money. GM will roll out its first full hybrid when the Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid hits the streets this year.

With the Tahoe, we're talking about a behemoth vehicle that has a 6.0-liter V-8 and a 6,200-pound towing capacity. Yet this vehicle with GM's new 2-Mode system offers 50 percent better fuel economy than its gasoline sibling in city driving, and 30 percent better fuel economy in highway driving. EPA estimates city/highway fuel economy at 21/22 miles per gallon for the two-wheel-drive model and 20/20 miles per gallon for the four-wheel-drive model. And we're talking about vehicles that weigh more than 5,000 pounds. Typical two-wheel- and four-wheel-drive Tahoes get 14/20 and 14/19 miles per gallon respectively. I've had the chance to drive this vehicle a couple times briefly, and each time I've been

impressed with the quality of the hybrid system. It is much quieter than the Toyota systems I've tested recently, and the switch between gas and electric is almost imperceptible.

In addition to this new 2-Mode system, which also will be rolling out in the Silverado as well as other GM vehicles, GM has a mild hybrid similar to the Honda system currently in place. This system ups the fuel economy by about two miles per gallon in city and highway driving. So, in a vehicle like the Malibu, city/highway estimates go from 22/30 miles per gallon in the gasoline model to 24/32 in the hybrid model. In the mild hybrid, the engine can shut off at idle and gets some electric boost during acceleration, both of which aid in fuel economy.

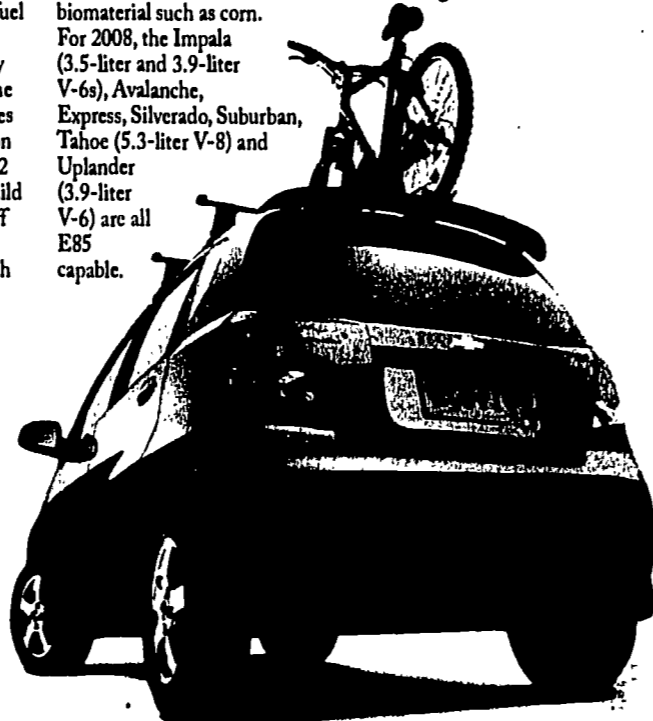
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Consider all this, and you'll see a brand that is most definitely turning a solid shade of green. Chevrolet already has a lot going on, but even a cursory glance at its future plans, including the Equinox and the Volt, will show you Chevy is far from done. So stay tuned as Chevrolet follows its new slogan, moving its vehicles from "gas-friendly to gas-free."

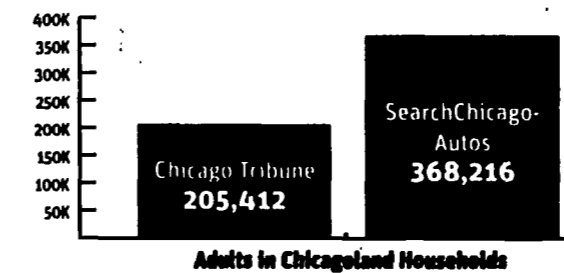


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# Rovers' songs remain the same

**THE IRISH ROVERS**  
8 p.m. Saturday (March 1) at Centre East in The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$55. (847) 673-63DD; [www.centreeast.org](http://www.centreeast.org).

By **ROBERT LOERZEL**  
Contributor

Irish folk music and step dancing were not in vogue back when the Irish Rovers first started performing back in the early 1960s.

"It was more folk music than it was Irish music," says George Millar, one of the founding members of the Irish Rovers, who play March 1 at Centre East in Skokie.

Nevertheless, the music that Millar and the other Rovers played was quintessentially Irish. Millar formed the band in Toronto with Jim Ferguson, a fel-

low immigrant from Belfast, and they soon added Millar's cousin, Joe Millar, and brother, Will.

"Most of the songs we started with were songs we heard growing up," Millar says.

Some of the songs were 200 or 300 years old, but they had changed with each generation as people sang them in pubs.

"It becomes your song," Millar says, comparing the oral traditions of Irish folk music to today's hip-hop. "Rap music is the same thing. It's the story of the streets."

## Folk hot spot

One of the venues where the Irish Rovers played often was a folk-music hangout near the Loyola University campus in Chicago called It's Here. Other performers at the place included the Smothers Brothers and the Chad

Mitchell Trio. "Everybody sat on cushions on the floor," Millar recalls. "There was all this strange smoke in the air."

As the '60s went on and rock music overtook folk in popularity, the Irish Rovers continued doing their thing. They moved to California and became regulars at San Francisco venues frequented by hippies. One concert featured a triple bill of the Mummas and Pappas, the Irish Rovers and Frank Zappa's Mothers of Invention.

Millar says the psychedelic rockers of that era knew and loved folk music as well as the wilder and louder music.

"It was an era when you could do anything," he says. Still, he says, it did seem a little strange that the hippies, known for partaking in contraband substances, would applaud when the Irish Rovers sang lines like,

"Oh, whiskey, you're the devil."  
"We don't know why they liked us, but they did," he says.

## 'Unicorn' hit

The Irish Rovers' biggest hit, a cover of Shel Silverstein's "The Unicorn," became popular before the band was even aware of it.

Millar says the group was staying for a time in Vail, Colo., where radios could pick up only a few stations. "The Unicorn" shot up the Billboard charts and the Irish Rovers didn't even know they had a hit on their hands.

"I don't know how that little song slipped in," Millar says.

Other Celtic groups that came along after the Irish Rovers strived for a more authentic and traditional sound, while the Rovers also put an emphasis on entertaining audiences

with memorable songs. Coming from Northern Ireland at a time before the strife between Protestants and Catholics became violent, the Rovers weren't interested in singing rebel songs — like many of the musicians from other parts of the island, Millar says.

"There's too many Irish songs to be done without the police songs," he says. The Irish Rovers currently include Millar, his brother Joe, Wilcil McDowell, Kevin McKeown, John Reynolds, Wallace Hood and Sean O'Driscoll. "It's authentic as you can get," Millar says, adding that the recent boom in Celtic music hasn't changed the band all that much.

"We have a very loyal audience," he says. "Our audiences have always been there for us, and they always come out and support us."

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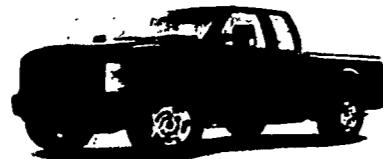
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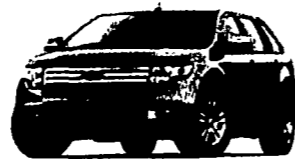
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## Making the impossible happen

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

You won't believe your eyes when magician Gary Kantor presents "Magical March," 1:15-2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at South Park, Talcott and Cumberland, Park Ridge. In one of his most amazing feats, Kantor will have children from the audience draw a large face on a drawing board. When the drawing is completed, the face will become animated on its own.

"It's a very visual show so I'm going to be doing a lot of objects appearing and disappearing — tons of audience participation and tons of comedy," Kantor reported. "My shows are very family-oriented."

Kantor, who works full time as a school social worker in addition to being a professional magician, began doing magic as a hobby

when he was a child. "As I got older, it was a passion that I never lost interest in. I teach at 110 park districts," he related. Kids love learning magic and watching magic shows because "they're getting a chance to make the impossible happen," Kantor said. "Magic appeals to all ages. It's a blast watching the audience members watch what you're doing."

Tickets are \$5 for residents, \$11 for nonresidents. Preregistration required.

For details, call (847) 692-5127.

### Hoppy times

Bring a camera to "Lunch with Bunny," 11 a.m.-noon or 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, so your kids can pose for a picture with the celebrity of the hour. You'll also enjoy a

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### Top stories

Kids can wear a hat they've created or borrow one at the performance when the Mad Hatters' Children's Theater Project comes to the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 1. The drop-in program, for ages 3-9, features songs, skits and poems by the Junior League of Chicago's Mad Hatters.

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### You're Ghana love this

Bring your children, in kindergarten through third

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For details, call (847) 324-3149.

### Fancy that

If your little girl, in kindergarten through second grade, is a fan of the "Fancy Nancy" books, she will love putting on her glitziest clothes for a "Fancy Nancy" party at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2. Children will learn how to make sparkling accessories and eat ice cream with sprinkles on top at this event. Registration is required.

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## Correction

Last week's Diversions cover story, "Young actor

goes pro with 'Les Miz,' incorrectly identified Grace

Goble as playing the part of the young Cosette. Actually, she

is an understudy for the part. We apologize for the error.

## STAGE

# New library debuts with 'Experiment!'

**'THE EXPERIMENT!'**  
 7 p.m. March 5 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, Harwood Heights. Free. Call (708) 867-7828 or visit [www.stockyardstheatreproject.org/ELP\\_Project/ELPProject.html](http://www.stockyardstheatreproject.org/ELP_Project/ELPProject.html).

By MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

Jazz musicians are forever tinkering with tunes: starting one, playing another, going back to the first. Lori Howard and Aaron Preusse wondered why actors couldn't do something similar. They have developed a theatrical equivalent, which they are calling Experimental Repertory. The first public performance of "The Experiment!" will be presented at the new Eisenhower Public Library, on Wednesday evening, March 5.

"We have three scenes that we are performing, and what we do with 'The Experiment!' is improvise a new scene, creating new characters, using only dialogue from the scenes we've just performed," Howard explained. "You can't say whatever pops into your head like you might with traditional improv. You are restricted, or inspired, by the dialogue that you've just used."

The audience will play a role, perhaps choosing the relationship between the characters or the setting.

"We start off knowing a beginning and end point and what our relationships are to each other," Preusse said. "We start off with whatever scene we've decided, and somewhere after the first couple of lines one of us uses a different line from a different scene and starts something new."

For the Eisenhower performance, the three scenes will be from "Sure Thing" by David Ives, "Three Days



Aaron Preusse (left) and Lori Howard in a scene from "The Experiment!" staged at the new Eisenhower Public Library.

The purpose is "to see what happens when you take three scenes and then distort them, and change what they were, and see if we can come up with something new that's both entertaining and also has meaning to it."

Aaron Preusse

of Rain" by Richard Greenberg and "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window" by Lorraine Hansberry.

### Big first step

"This is kind of our first step, so we picked two-person scenes for us to play with," Howard said. "Since this is our first foray into this, we decided we would stick with contemporary works. We didn't want to do anything with dialects. And we picked relationships that were somewhat similar. They're all male-female love relationships."

Eventually the pair hopes

to expand the concept. "We would love to see what would happen if you have an ensemble performing plays in repertory and you would create a new play using dialogue from the plays that you've been performing in repertory," Howard said.

Preusse and Howard have practiced their new concept by performing twice for groups of theater professionals, improvisers and musicians in an informal setting. Adrienne Cury is directing the individual scenes.

Howard, a working Chicago actor for more than eight

years, is director of the artistic council for Stockyards Theatre Project. Equity and Screen Actors Guild actor Preusse studied at the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. He performed in Minneapolis, San Francisco and Idaho, before coming to Chicago five years ago.

### See what happens

Preusse said the purpose of "The Experiment!" is "to see what happens when you take three scenes and then distort them, and change

what they were, and see if we can come up with something new that's both entertaining and also has meaning to it."

He added that it's also an interesting challenge for an actor to "try and keep all of those lines of dialogue in your head and be able to perform them at any given point with whatever the scene you're improvising is calling for."

It sounds somewhat overwhelming to sift through your memory bank and pull out lines from three separate scenes that make sense in the context of a new scene. "It's an interesting thing that happens in your brain when you're waiting for a line to come from somewhere," Howard said with a laugh. "There's a great deal of trust. You need to be in the moment and totally following wherever your partner is."

# Sisterhood is dangerous



**BRUCE INGRAM**

FILM CRITIC

## The Other Boleyn Girl ★★ 1/2

"Lord help the sister, who comes between me and my man"

—Irving Berlin  
Forget whatever you think you know about King Henry VIII ditching his first wife (and splitting from the Catholic church) because she couldn't give him a male heir. It turns out what he was really after — according to this unlikely Masterpiece Theater/trashy soap opera hybrid — was a world-class strumpet who wouldn't put out until he forked over a wedding ring. And what she

was really after (in addition to supreme power and position) was the chance to stick it to her sister for getting to him first.

Personally, I think the whole thing might have played a little better if it had been updated and set in a trailer park, but there's still enough tawdry tragedy in "The Other Boleyn Girl" to keep your blood moving if you're into scheming, treachery and lust among the royals.

Philippa Gregory's best-selling novel has already been adapted to the screen for a BBC-TV movie, but what this version offers is the Hollywood treatment: Lavish sets and costumes and A-list stars. Natalie Portman plays off-the-charts ambitious Anne Boleyn, whose fate is foreshadowed early on with a close-up of a cleaver chopping the head off dinner before a royal visit to her father's estate. Scarlett Johansson is her kind-hearted, some-

what frumpy sister Mary, who wants nothing more out of life than a loving husband. Eric Bana is the testosterone-charged King Henry, who's used to getting what he wants, when he wants it, and whose thinking gets a little fuzzy when Anne defaults to tease mode.

The stage is set for blue-blooded Jerry Springer action when Anne's uncle, the morally challenged Duke of Norfolk, and her conniving father encourage her to seduce the king and become his mistress. Especially when the king decides he likes her sister better. For starters.

It's kind of interesting to see history go into soft-focus and serve as a backdrop for the story of two sisters competing for one man — and the ante is upped considerably when a misstep can mean banishment or beheading. Unfortunately, screenwriter Peter Morgan (who also wrote



Going for the throat: Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman in "The Other Boleyn Girl."

"The Queen"), in an effort to keep things respectable, never gives them the chance to sharpen their claws on each other. Of course, he's hampered by Gregory's decision to make Mary saintly, long-suffering

and a little dull. As a result, the film winds up trapped in a tasteful limbo, with precious little passion.

But "The Other Boleyn Girl" does serve as a pretty mind-blowing back story for Anne's daughter: The

future Queen Elizabeth. Even before she was born that kid was surrounded by jealousy, bitter betrayal and life-and-death power struggles. Compared to family life, court intrigue must have seemed like a snap.

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and up, March 10 and April 14, 10:15 a.m.; Musikgarten by Wunder Studios, for children 18 months-3 years with adult. March 12 and April 9, 3:45 p.m.: Wacky Wednesday, for children in kindergarten-grade 1. March 15, 2 p.m.: "Surely You Jest," presented by Questor the Jester. March 20 and April 17, 4 p.m.: Brickton Art Center classes for grades 2-5. March 24, 3:30-5 p.m.: Dance Dance Revolution for all ages. April 4, 4 p.m.: "Grow a Poe-Tree," for grades 3-6, in celebration of National Poetry month. April 9, 5:30 p.m.: "Graphic Novels: The Good, the Bad, and the Fun." Graphic novel author/artist Josh Elder will demonstrate how a graphic novel is made and help children in grades 2-5 create one. April 19, 10 a.m.-noon: Brickton Art Center graphic novel design workshop, for grades 3-6. April 20, 2 p.m.: Robin's Dog Stars. **Starbucks Book Discussion**—Meet at Starbucks on Northwest Highway in Park Ridge. March 15, 3 p.m.: *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray. April 12, 3 p.m.: *Extras* by Scott Westerfeld.

Rosemont Theatre. 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. March 8, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.: Doodlebops Live! Tickets: \$46, \$34, \$25 and \$16. Wunder Studios Performing Arts Conservatory offers group musical theater, guitar and drum classes for children 5 and older, as well as private music lessons for all instruments. There are also Musikgarten classes that build music and movement skills for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. All classes are in the Pickwick Building in Uptown Park Ridge, 3 S. Prospect Ave. Visit [www.wunderstudios.com](http://www.wunderstudios.com) or call (847) 685-2030.

www.centreeast.org. April 26, 8 p.m.: Thodos Dance Chicago. \$40. May 3, 8 p.m.: Joffrey Ballet. \$65. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300.

www.northshorecenter.org. March 7, 7 p.m. and March 9, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Evanston Dance Ensemble, with 33 members ranging in age from 12 to 18, presents "FABI Evanston Dance Ensemble Dances the Beatles." Tickets: \$21; \$15 for children under 18, students and seniors.

Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4836. March 15-16, 8 p.m.: Repertory Dance Ensemble Concert, in the NEIU auditorium. Tickets: \$5; free for NEIU students, faculty and staff.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. March 13, 7 p.m.: The McNully Irish Dancers will perform jigs, reels and other traditional dances of Ireland.

#### GROUPS & LESSONS

Chicago Dance Club. (847) 622-4466. Dance to DJ music from the '50s to today from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays at American Legion Hall, 8664 W. Grand Ave., River Grove. Mostly swing dancing, some ballroom, Latin and line dancing. Open to ages 21 and older. \$5 members; \$9 nonmembers. Membership fee \$25. Upcoming dates: March 8 and 22; April 12 and 26; May 10 and 24.

Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and more, from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission to club dances is \$5 for members; \$10 for nonmembers. Proper attire required: no blue jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com). March 1: Guest DJ Fast Freddy. Free River Waltz dance lesson starts at 7 p.m. March 15: DJ Norm Oden.

Chicagoland Chapter of USA Dance, the national organization representing amateur ballroom dancers. Lesson begins at 7:30 p.m.; general dancing begins at 8:15 p.m. Admission: \$8 members; \$10 nonmembers; \$6 college students with ID. Call (847) 426-7978 for more information. Dance music for all swing, Latin and ballroom dances. Partners not required - singles welcome. Beginning dancers encouraged. [www.chicagosabda.com](http://www.chicagosabda.com). March 8: "Sassy Salsa," a social dance, at The Center at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park. Featured lesson is salsa, taught by Mariano Carreno.

Denim and Diamonds hosts line dances from 7:10-15 p.m. Tuesdays at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. All ages. Beginner lessons given at 7:30 p.m. Retro Night is on third Tuesday. Admission of \$6, \$4 for those 17 years and under, includes weekly lessons and review. Call (847) 965-6353.

The Flying Squares Square Dance Club dances the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month, September-mid-May, at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights. Round dancing at 7:30 p.m. and square dancing at 8 p.m. Guest callers. The group dances Plus level. New dancers welcome. Call (847) 934-1469.

Frisbie Senior Center, 52 E. Northwest Highway, Des Plaines. Mondays: Big Band Night, 7-9 p.m., dance to big band music; \$3 for members, \$5 nonmembers. Tuesdays: Line dancing from 10-11 a.m.; \$2.50 for members,

\$3 nonmembers; square dancing, 12:30-2:30 p.m., \$3 per person. Wednesdays: Square dancing, 10 a.m.-noon; \$1.50 for members, \$2 nonmembers. Fridays: Round dancing, 9:30-10:30 a.m. for beginners, 10:30 a.m.-noon for regulars; \$3.50 for members, \$4 nonmembers. Call (847) 7688-5944.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing on the second Saturday of the month, September-May, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m. Call (847) 827-6500 or (773) 685-0407.

International folk dancing from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays at the Lake Street Church, Lake Street and Chicago Avenue, Evanston. Beginners are welcome and no partner is needed. \$5. Call (847) 492-9393.

Kaleidoscope Dance & Movement Center, 3944 Church St., Skokie, offers classes in ballet, jazz, hip-hop, tap, and modern. Call (847) 679-7842 or visit [www.kaleidoscopedance.com](http://www.kaleidoscopedance.com).

Karen's School of Acrobatics and Dance, 805 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. (847) 292-0255. Offering professional instruction in acrobatics, tumbling, jazz, hip-hop, ballet, tap, and musical theater. Competitive Dance classes and one-day "Flip" clinics for cheerleaders also available. Karen's is also offering adult group and private dance instruction for singles and couples. Professional ballroom dance instructor Patricia Kassinits offers group classes in social dance, salsa dance, ballroom dance and swing dance. Kassinits also specializes in preparing wedding couples for their "first dance" and is available by appointment for private or group instruction: call (630) 306-1761 or (630) 671-9407.

Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 Touhy Ave., Niles, offers ballroom dance classes in the Skyline Room on Tuesdays. Levels 1 and 2 meet 6:45-8:15 p.m.; Levels 3 and 4, 8:15-9:45 p.m. Singles and couples welcome. Dance parties are held 7-10 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the Skyline room; cost is \$10; \$7 for Y members. Register by calling (847) 410-5118.

Leikarringen "Heimhug" dancers welcome those age 16 and older interested in Scandinavian folk dance to join them from 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, 666 Graceland Ave. No prior dance experience or partner necessary. Call (847) 823-7596 or (847) 692-6616.

Lynette's School of Dance, 517 Talcott Road, Park Ridge, offers classes in ballet, pointe, tap, hip-hop, jazz and tumbling, beginners to advanced, for ages 3 to adults. All teachers are certified degree instructors. Call (847) 823-7334.

Maine East High School, 2601 Dempster (at Potter), Park Ridge. Oakton Community College is offering a spring nine-week ballroom dance course that will meet Tuesday evenings, beginning April 8. Intermediate, 7:30-8:45 p.m.; beginners, 8:45-10 p.m. The classes include cha-cha, fox trot, waltz, rumba and tango, and are taught by Alice Lowy. For information and registration, contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888 option 3, or Alice Lowy. (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637.

May I Have This Dance, 6137 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. (773) 635-3000. [www.mayihavethisdance.com](http://www.mayihavethisdance.com). S.O.S. (Swing on Sundays) for basic and intermediate levels. **every Sunday**. Basic and intermediate levels. All ages welcome and no partner is necessary. Hustle lesson from 6-6:30 p.m.; West Coast Swing lesson from 6:30-7 p.m.; open dancing to contemporary music from 7-9:30 p.m. TGIF dance parties on first, third and fifth Fridays of the month, all ages welcome and no partner necessary. Beginners to experienced dance sessions, 7:30-8 p.m.; basic lesson from 8-8:30 p.m.; intermediate/advanced lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; open dancing to ballroom, salsa, swing, hustle, cha-cha, waltz, foxtrot from 9-11 p.m.; late night jam after 11 p.m. \$15 before 9 p.m., \$10 afterward.

North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford, Skokie. Ongoing classes in hip-hop, ballet, jazz, tap, modern, ballroom, musical theater and drama for ages 3 to adult. Call (847) 674-2216 or e-mail [nsdcskokie@aol.com](mailto:nsdcskokie@aol.com). **Picture Us Different Dance Studio**, 1011 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. (847) 692-3600. Professional and nonprofessional classes for ages 3 to adult in tap, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical ballet and classical ballet/pointe. **Prairie Lakes Senior Center**, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. March 1 and March 22, 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy hosts ballroom dancing with taped music. Admission is \$15 per couple at the door. March 14, 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy hosts ballroom dancing to live music. Admission is \$25 per couple at the door. Contact Lowy at (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637. **Square Spares & Pairs**, a nonprofit square dance club, 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. Admis-

sion: \$5 for members; \$6 for visitors. Square dance lessons are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Tuesdays** at the Glen Park Center, Room 201, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview. First lesson is free. For information on lessons, call (847) 663-0116 or (847) 398-8087. **Square Wheels Square Dance Club** dances the fourth Saturday of each month, through May 24, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road, Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., with Howard and Anna Hoffman, and square dancing starts at 8 p.m. with guest callers. Refreshments served. Banner available through April 26. Admission: \$6. (847) 392-5512 or (847) 253-3206. **March 22: Special dance** with the Fox Valley Mixers at Baker Community Center, St. Charles. Dale McRoberts, caller. **April 26: Mike Arque**. **May 24: Chuck Jaworski**. **Swing 'N' Country Dance Club** offers dances and lessons in couples country western and swing dances. Dance lessons are offered on **Wednesdays** every month: 7:30 p.m. for beginners; 8:35 p.m. for intermediate dancers. Cost for monthly lessons \$30 for members; \$40 nonmembers. Dances are held the first and third Friday of every month. Doors open at 7:15 p.m.; open dancing from 9 p.m.-midnight. Admission is \$6 for members; \$12 for nonmembers. All lessons and dances are held at Centre at North Park, 10040 W. Addison, Franklin Park. For information, visit [www.swingncountry.org](http://www.swingncountry.org) or call (847) 638-7621.

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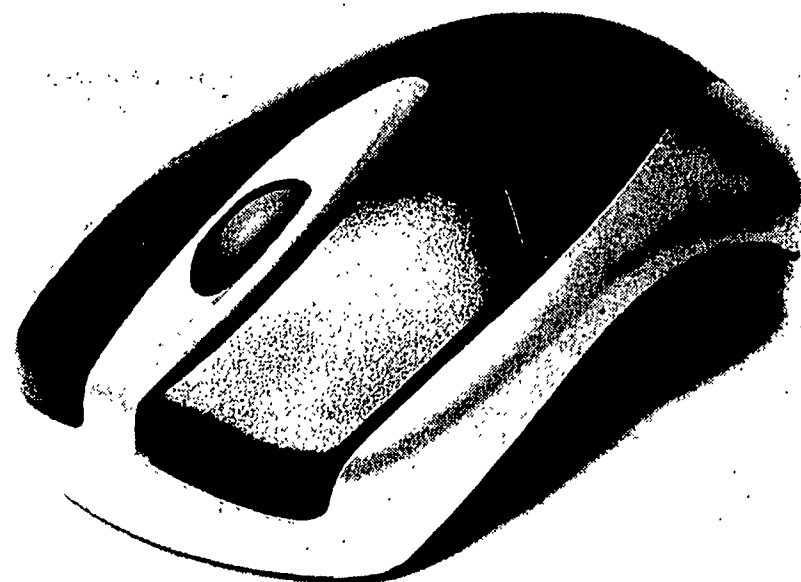
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2847 for a free information package. Jack Hubble, jazz pianist, has openings for beginning and advanced students. Accent is on jazz theory and harmony. Hourly lessons are \$40 in his Skokie home. Call (847) 966-8462.

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0846 or e-mail play@ParkRidgeStrings.com. George Peyovlich, Suzuki specialist, offers lessons in violin, piano and voice on an individual basis in his Skokie and Glenview studios. Call (847) 674-8235.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787.

www.dppl.org. Inside Writing and Publishing Series - March 15, 10 a.m.-noon: Author Stacey Klemstein will present "The Secret to a Good Query Letter." March 19, 7-8:30 p.m.: Writing coach Lisa Rosenthal will present "How to Create an Effective Writing Group."

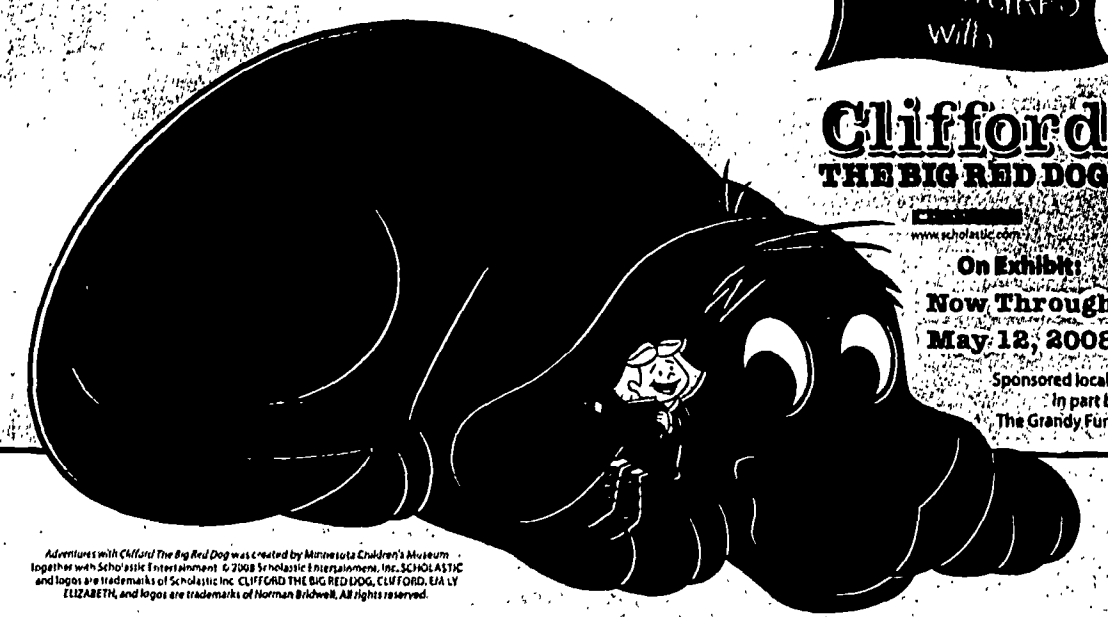
Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.Irishamhc.com. April 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: International Women's Writing Guild will present a writing workshop. "Writing Our Sto-

ries: From Journal to Essay to Memoir." \$80 for International Women's Writing Guild members; \$95 for non-members. A deposit and reservation are required by calling (212) 737-7536.

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The Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox Ave., Chicago, offers three family-oriented St. Patrick's Day events. March 14, 7 p.m.: Irish Dance Chicago, a large-scale Irish dance concert featuring the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance, the Mullane Champion Irish Dancers, The World Academy of Irish Dancing, Spiorad Damnsa and special musical guests, the Academy of Irish Music. Tickets: \$10; free for children under 12 with a paying adult. March 15, 1 p.m.-midnight: St. Patrick's Festival, following the downtown Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. Festivities include traditional and contemporary Irish music, dance, food and children's activities. Live entertainment includes The Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band, Tim O'Shea and Jonathan Roche, The Dooley Brothers, The Academy of Irish Music, Anish and Finbarr Fagan's Band. Tickets are \$12 if purchased by March 14; \$15 at the door. Free admission for children 12 and under with a paying adult. March 17, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.: St. Patrick's Day party in the center's Fifth Province Lounge. Events include Irish dancing, traditional and modern Irish music and food. Entertainers include the Matt Stedman Band and the Chancey Brothers. Admission is \$10. For information on all events, call (773) 282-7035.

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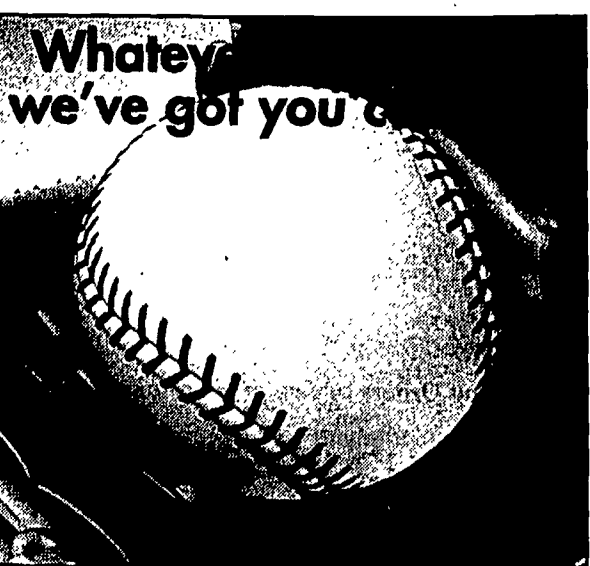
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Predictions for Mar. 3-9

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) — Your soft-hearted self is drawn to a tempting offer. But your hard-headed half isn't so sure. Best advice: Do it only after every detail is checked out to your liking.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) — Your inventive mind should help you find a way to get around an apparently impassable barrier and make yourself heard. Your efforts get you noticed by the right people.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) — You're enjoying this creative period. But by midweek, you'll need to emphasize your more pragmatic talents as you consider a risky but potentially lucrative move.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) — An unexpected rejection could turn into something positive if you pocket your pride and ask for advice on how you can make changes that will make the difference.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) — Your Lion's heart gives you the courage to push for answers to a job-related situation. Stay with it. You'll soon find more believers coming out of the ranks of the doubters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) — Your curiosity pays off this week as you push past the gossip to find the facts. What you ultimately discover could lead you to make some changes in your plans.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) — A new sense of enthusiasm helps get you out of on-the-job doldrums and back into a productive phase. Family matters also benefit from your more positive attitude.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) — A bit of nostalgia is fine. But don't stay back in the past too long or you might miss seeing the signpost up ahead pointing the way to a new opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) — If you feel you need to take more time to study a situation before making a decision, do so. Don't let anyone push you into acting until you're ready.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) — As the Great Adversity Giver, the Goat really shines this week as family and friends seek your wisdom. Someone especially close to you might make a surprising request.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) — Spiritual concerns dominate part of the week before more worldly matters demand your attention. An old promise resurfaces with some surprises attached.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) — You're in a highly productive period and are eager to finish all the projects you've taken on. But don't let yourself get swamped. Take a breather now and again.

IF YOU WERE BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for learning new things quickly and applying your knowledge to best advantage where needed.

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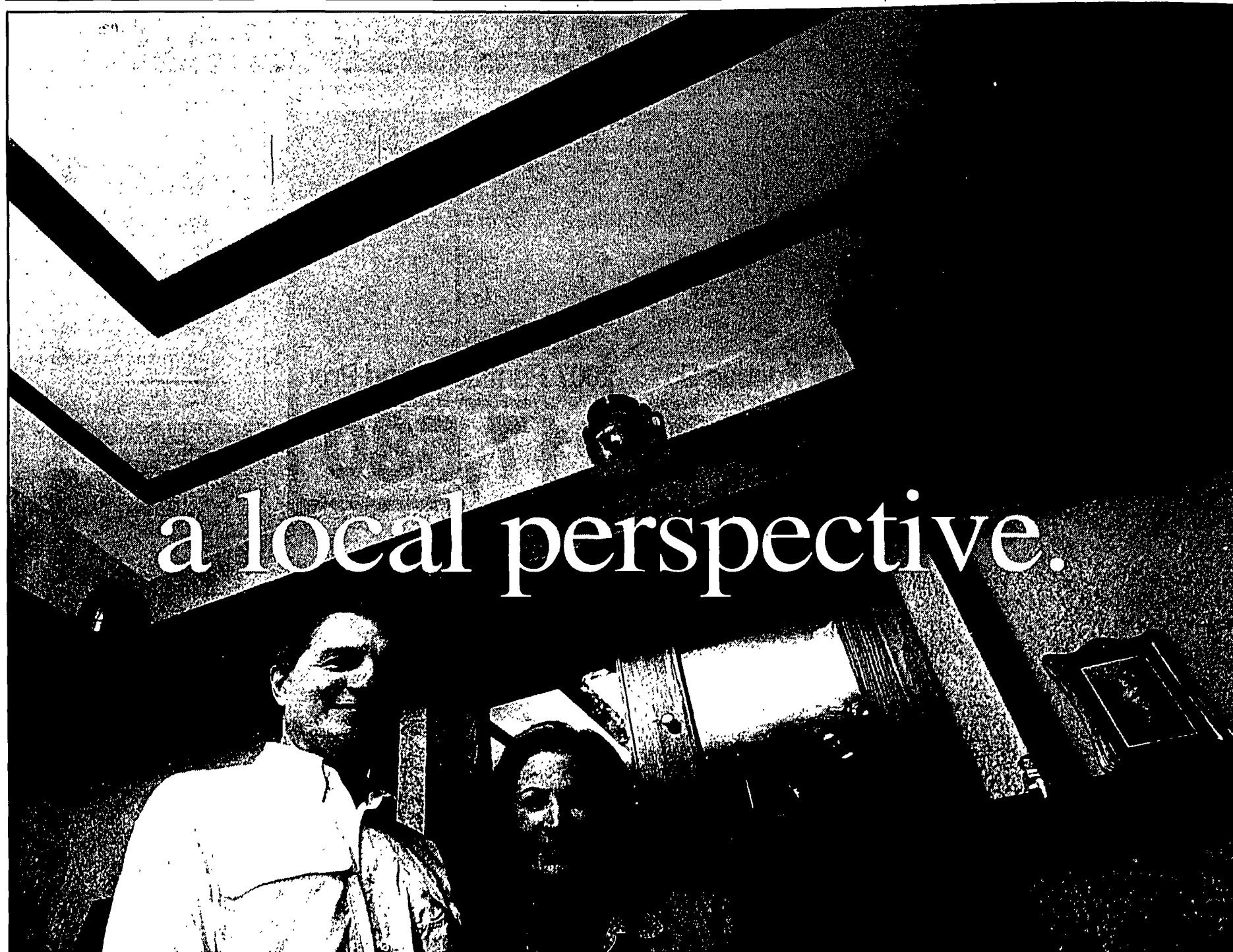
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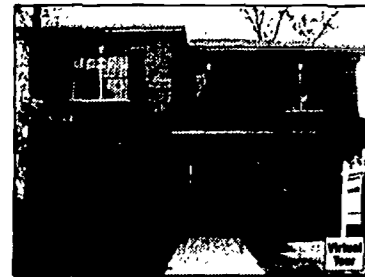
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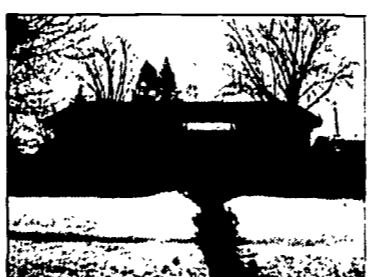
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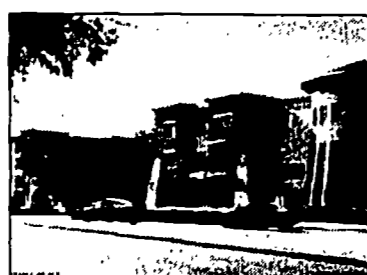
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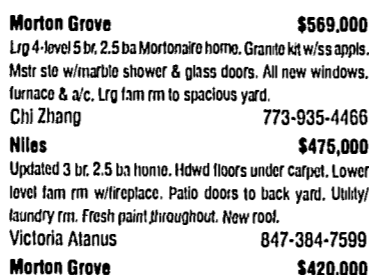
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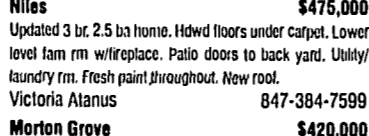
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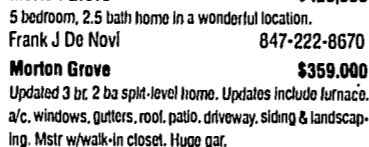
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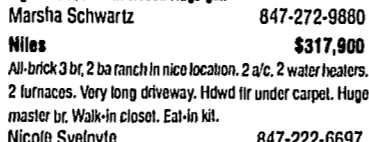
**Niles \$475,000**  
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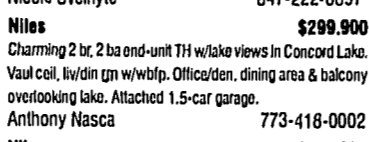
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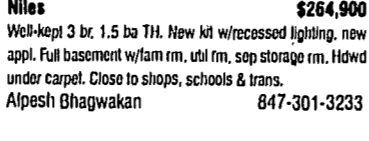
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Updated 3 br. 2 ba split-level home. Updates include furnace, a/c, windows, gutters, roof, patio, driveway, siding & landscaping. Mstr w/walk-in closet. Huge gar.

Marsha Schwartz 847-272-9880



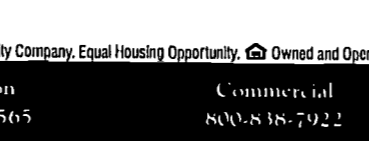
**Niles \$317,900**  
All-brick 3 br. 2 ba ranch in nice location. 2 a/c. 2 water heaters. 2 furnaces. Very long driveway. Hdwd flr under carpet. Huge master br. Walk-in closet. Eat-in kit.

Nicote Svelnyto 847-222-6697



**Niles \$299,900**  
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Anthony Nasca 773-418-0002



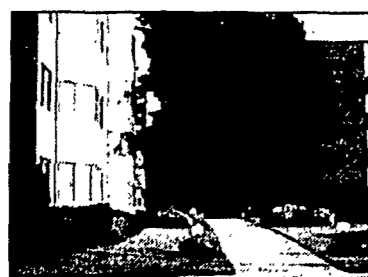
**Niles \$264,900**  
Well-kept 3 br. 1.5 ba TH. New kit w/recessed lighting, new appl. Full basement w/lam rm, util rm, sep storage rm. Hdwd under carpet. Close to shops, schools & trans.

Alpesh Bhagwakan 847-301-3233



**Morton Grove \$219,900**  
Bright 2 br. 2 ba unit. Large liv & din rm. Master suite w/walk-in closet & pvt ba. Eat-in kit w/updated cab. flr & appl. 2 sliders to balcony. Close to shopping. Metra.

Anya Wikidmer 847-724-5800



**Morton Grove \$144,500**  
Terrific 1 br condo in E Morton Grove. Bay window in liv rm. sep din rm. Remodeled kit & bath w/newer ceramic tiles. Lots of outside parking. waiting list for gar space.

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Ed Delgau, proprietor of European Imports, describes the vast array of knickknacks and gifts available at his shop in Oak Mill Mall.

JOEL LERNER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Oak Mill Mall offers diverse selections

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER  
aschneider@pioneerlocal.com



JOEL LERNER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laurie Wagner of Minotti's Meat and Deli moves some freshly sliced sub rolls off the cutting board as the business continues at the deli counter.

At the intersection of Oakton Street and Milwaukee Avenue the pragmatically named Oak Mill Mall sits back from the south-west corner, soaring higher than any other buildings there.

Traffic in the mall area is dominated by a Jewel-Osco. Hundreds of shoppers walk in and out of the grocery store, many of them without ever setting foot in the hidden gem a few steps away.

In the L-shaped mall proper, two-story glass windows draw natural light

into an atrium space. Retail outlets and professional offices on the first and second floors open onto the atrium and staircases and balconies continue a theme of openness throughout the mall. Large plants highlighted by fountains of running water surround an elevator at the center of the mall. It even features a small aviary maintained by tenants.

Stable tenants on the first floor, European Imports, Golden Shoe and others continue to draw shoppers from as far away as In-

diana, Wisconsin and even Michigan. Professional offices predominate on the second floor promenade, making big investments in their spaces, ensuring a measure of stability unknown in many larger, more retail-oriented malls.

"This is a nice mall," said Bill Schmidt, a State Farm agent who moved into Oak Mill in 2000. "It's very well maintained, it has easy parking. It's great for customer convenience."

Schmidt believes the  
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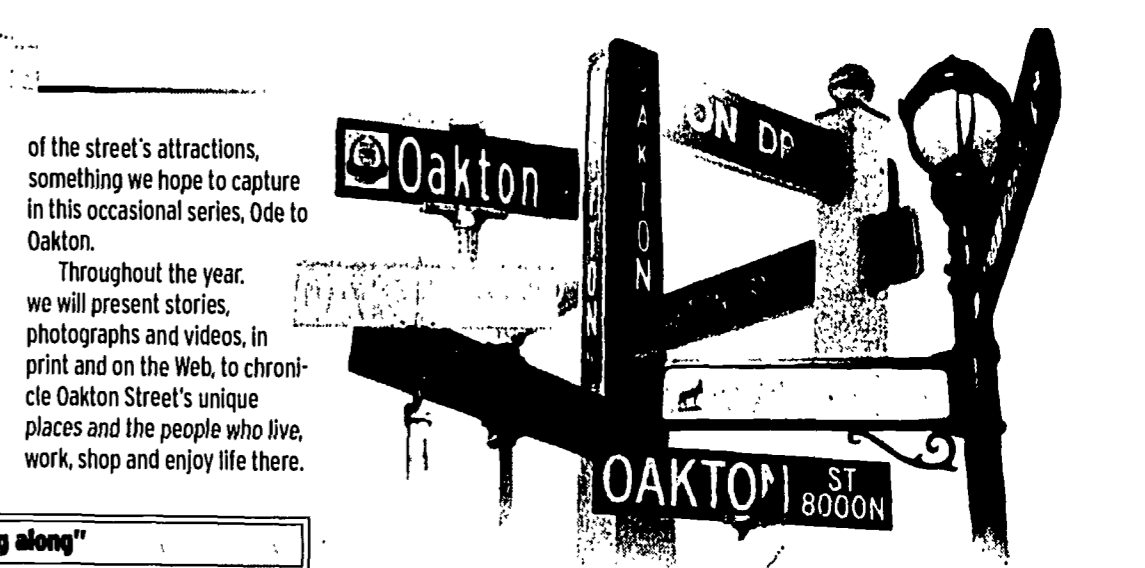
**Street ballads**  
Oakton Street, from Evanston to Arlington Heights, courses almost 16 miles through eight communities, passing through industrial, business and residential districts.

Many drive through it, some work on it, still others call it home and that makes this one incomparable thoroughfare worthy of our attention. The street is home to two municipal centers, three chambers of commerce, two public libraries and two post offices. But those places alone are only a small portion of the diversity

of the street's attractions, something we hope to capture in this occasional series, Ode to Oakton.

Throughout the year, we will present stories, photographs and videos, in print and on the Web, to chronicle Oakton Street's unique places and the people who live, work, shop and enjoy life there.

Next installment March 20: "String along"







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## Food

# Sunday dinner, the Yorkshire way

By **STEPHANIE FOSNIGHT**  
Contributor

Carmen Lester-Williams learned to cook traditional Yorkshire fare at her grandmother's knee as a child growing up in England's most northern county. She's had to make many concessions to modernity over the years, but some of them were welcome. Her grandmother, for example, cooked with a range and warming oven fueled by a coal fire.

Despite the changes in English life since her childhood, 32-year-old Lester-Williams is one of many Brits determined to hold onto a sacred English tradition—that of Sunday lunch, also called Sunday dinner.

She, along with 22-year-old Timothy Hulett and 21-year-old Peter Hamilton, grew up relishing the formal meal their families cel-

brated every Sunday. Most often, Sunday dinner consists of roast beef, chicken or pork served with roasted potatoes and parsnips, steamed fresh vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.

Spnd love  
"My mum's roast potatoes are my favorite roast potatoes!" raved Jennifer Whitehead, 22, before adding, "I guess everyone's mum's roast potatoes are his or her favorite roast potatoes. My favorite bit of Sunday dinner, after the roast potatoes, is the bit when we've finished eating and we just sit and drink wine and chill out."

When Hulett moved away from his parents' home near Oxford to start university, he quickly decided to make Sunday dinners as often as possible for his new friends. Years of observing his parents at

work in the kitchen helped him turn out feasts for his grateful university pals.

"I did have to phone my dad many times on Sundays the first year," Hulett recalled.

All three young people bemoan the fact that Sunday dinner seems to have fallen off the radar for many other young Britains.

"People have less time, less knowledge of cooking and they just want to whack something out," Hulett said. "People can't be bothered. Sunday dinner is disappearing. Everyone just has fish and chips."

Sunday lunch will never disappear in Lester-Williams' house, however. Her son and daughter are accustomed to helping their mother turn out family culinary favorites, and while 12-year-old Ethan knows he can get a rise out of his mum by joking that he prefers store-bought Yorkshire puddings, Lester-Williams is determined that he will learn to eat Sunday lunch right.

(England's Yorkshire pudding is a light bun much like a popover.)  
"Treasured traditions  
"All of my recipes are from an authentic Yorkshire kitchen, cooked using traditional methods and fresh ingredients," said Lester-Williams, whose mother still lives in Yorkshire.

Most Sunday lunches feature a roast instead of the exquisite lamb casserole that Lester-Williams, a lawyer, is serving. But this was the first meal she learned to cook, and her grandmother's savory concoction of rosemary-spiced lamb, onions, carrots and potatoes was so famous that her grandfather

work in the kitchen helped him turn out feasts for his grateful university pals.  
"Sunday dinner is just such a great tradition," Whitehead said. "I don't see how it could ever disappear."



—STEPHANIE FOSNIGHT/FOR PIONEER PRESS

A traditional English Sunday dinner of roasted meat and potatoes, steamed fresh vegetables, mashed potatoes and a Yorkshire pudding.

dubbed it "Nationwide Hotpot."

"He said that, if people knew about it, they'd come from nationwide to eat it," Lester-Williams recalls.

When the meal is ready, Lester-Williams heaps plates with Nationwide Hotpot, crispy Yorkshire puddings straight from the oven, fresh steamed cauliflower and broccoli, and a mound of garlic and cheese mashed potatoes. Gravy is eagerly passed round. And after the satisfying main course comes the sweet treacle sponge, served with custard that's been steaming away on the burner all afternoon.

"Sunday dinner is just such a great tradition," Whitehead said. "I don't see how it could ever disappear."

Carmen Lester-Williams welcomes reader questions and comments about her family recipes. Contact her in England at: [carmenlester-williams@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carmenlester-williams@hotmail.co.uk)



—STEPHANIE FOSNIGHT/FOR PIONEER PRESS  
Carmen Lester-Williams of Nottingham, England, learned to cook from her grandmother in Yorkshire.

### Nationwide Hotpot

8-12 lamb steaks (or equivalent amount of lamb meat using neck, shoulder or cutlets) with excess fat trimmed off  
1 medium red onion, sliced  
20-30 baby carrots, julienned  
6-8 medium-sized baking potatoes, peeled and thickly sliced  
2 sprigs fresh rosemary  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
About 1 to 2 C lamb or vegetable stock, sufficient to fill your dish  
1 glass red wine with dash of beef bouillon (optional) mixed in

Preheat oven to 285 degrees. Prepare lamb or vegetable stock, add wine mixed with beef bouillon. Set aside.

Season each piece of lamb with salt and pepper. Place meat in one layer inside a Dutch oven or large casserole dish with lid. Cover meat with the onion. Add sprig of rosemary, then cover with another layer of meat, onion and rosemary layers. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Then lay the thickly sliced potatoes over the top of everything else. Overlap potatoes, if necessary, but make sure the lid will still fit.

Carefully pour in stock until dish is full. Bake in oven for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. The dish can then be served, but for superior flavor, refrigerate overnight and then rebake the following day.

If rebaking, preheat oven to 285 degrees on second day. Bake dish once more for about 90 minutes, until hot through. To crisp the top of the potatoes, turn the heat up for the final 20 minutes and take off the lid.

Accompany with Yorkshire puddings, fresh steamed vegetables and garlic and cheese mashed potatoes. makes 6-8 servings.

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Programs for 3- and 4-year-olds are offered. There are a variety of class times and locations to choose from. Registration will be accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until all classes are filled. For more information stop in the Howard Leisure Center, or call (847) 967-6633.

## RELIGION

**The Theology of Park Ridge** winter series, "The Odyssey of Life," is continuing in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge. Programs, from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., include: March 12 — Patrick Utz, Ph.D., psychologist, "Understanding and Coping with Depressions." Men and women are invited. Single-session registration is \$8 per session.

**Registration is open** for the 2008 summer and fall programs at Gan Yeladim, the early-childhood program of Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. The program serves children ages 2 to 5 and their families. The program is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Half- and full-day programs, as well as early morning drop-off, a lunch program and afternoon enrichment classes are offered. It integrates Judaica, literacy, math, science, art, music and drama into its developmental, play-based curriculum with a low teacher-child ratio. Interested families are invited to visit, talk with the director, Betsy Rotberg, and view the facility. Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but first call (847) 675-4152. Visit [www.gan-skokie.org](http://www.gan-skokie.org).

## RUMMAGE

**Our Lady of Ransom Parish**, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles, will hold its annual Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 29. A variety of items will be available, including clothing, glassware, toys, tools, computer items, household items, jewelry, appliances, exercise equipment, small furniture, lamps, bedding, books and more. A "Treasure Room" will have items that are new or slightly used. For more information call Ruth, (847) 823-2550.

## SCOUTS

**Skokie Cub Scout Pack 243** will present a night with one of America's Tuskegee Airmen at 7 p.m. March 19 at the Fairview South School auditorium, 7040 N. Laramie, Skokie. Parking is available in the rear. The event will honor the accomplishments and perpetuating the history of African-Americans who participated in air crew, ground crew and operation support training in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Proceeds will benefit the Tuskegee airmen and Fairview South School. Donations are appreciated. Call (773) 467-1429.

## MAINE SENIORS

**The Maine Township MainStreamers** program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MainStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. For information contact the MainStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or visit [www.mainetownship.com](http://www.mainetownship.com).

**Teaching Manners to Children** for grandparents

will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 11. Come and learn some tips on dealing with bad manners and ideas on how to correct them. Registration is required.

**A "St. Patrick's Day" Luncheon** will be held March 12 at Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Doors open at 11 a.m., and lunch is served at noon. Lunch will feature cream of asparagus soup, corned beef and cabbage, carrots, parsley potatoes, and lime sherbet. Then listen to the music of Cara Anaim; bingo will follow. Cost is \$15 members; \$16 guests plus \$2.50 for fish. Reservations and cancellations are due by March 4.

**A Women's Tea** will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon Feb. 28. The program will include the "History of Buttons." Members are welcome to bring their own buttons for discussion. The cost is \$2. Registration is required.

**An excursion** to the Auditorium Theatre to see "Sate of Georgia — Don Quixote and Mixed Repertory Ballet," with dress circle seats will be from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 9. Before the show participants will stop at Navy Pier for lunch. The cost is \$70 for members; \$75, guests. All Day Trips leave from Golf Mill Mall in Niles.

**A trip to Marcello's** Restaurant and the Victory Gardens Theatre to see the "Botanic Garden: A Walk in the Paradise of Marriage" will be from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 2. Olympia Dukakis directs. Luncheon before the show will be a family-style meal. The cost is \$54 for members; \$59, guests. All Day Trips leave from Golf Mill Mall in Niles.

## SENIOR CENTER

**A trip to the**  
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# The crate that became a plank



**STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN**  
THE FIXER — Chicago Sun-Times

**Dear Fixer:** I purchased a part to repair my classic car, a 1971 Plymouth Barracuda. The part was a brand-new, never-used rear valance. Given the rarity and need for this part, the person I purchased it from had a carpenter build a crate that was literally screwed together. The part was shipped via FedEx, insured with a signature required.

While I was out of town on Oct. 9, FedEx literally left a piece of wood from the crate on my front door step with a shipping label on it. When my wife came home from work, she phoned me and asked why I had a piece of wood delivered.

Both the seller and I contacted FedEx, which requested I ship the piece of wood back and send photographs. Initially, they denied the claim because they said the part was not packed properly. We reopened the claim, and this time they denied it because they said the piece of wood should not have been insured for \$1,000.

We communicated to FedEx that it was not a piece of wood but a car part that did not arrive intact. This time they referred the shipper back to me, as FedEx claims I signed for the part.

We requested a copy of the signature, which is from someone named "C. Biskman."

This person is unknown to me and the signature is not mine, nor the name of any neighbor. I suspect the driver signed the log.

It certainly appears FedEx customer service is simply trained to deny claims. The person we have been assigned will not escalate the matter and refuses to pass the call to a supervisor and keeps telling me the part was delivered.

The value of the part was \$800.  
Ken Noreikis

**Dear Ken:** The Fixer is imagining the mysterious C. Biskman tooling around in a rusty Ford Fiesta, thinking about how much more spiffy it would look with the addition of a 1971 Barracuda's rear valance. Alas, we never did find Biskman. But the good news is you got your money back.

You said you needed the part after your Barracuda had been the lead car in a four-vehicle accident. You had found a guy in Virginia who had an original valance he wanted to sell. The crate was built by a former U.S. Marine Corps carpenter to protect the valance.

After the part went missing, the shipper was nice enough to refund half of what you paid. But we wanted to get more.

We got in touch with Alison Sobczak at FedEx Ground in Pittsburgh. She got them to reopen the claim and by December, they had sent you a reimbursement check. (You refunded a portion of it to the shipper for what he had paid you.)

We tried for another month and a half to get an explanation from FedEx about the whole piece-of-wood-on-your-porch thing. It remains a mystery — just like the identity of one C. Biskman.

## Before shopping for a loan

If the Chicago Auto Show got you lusting after a fancy new car, here's what

to know about your credit score before you shop: Well before you apply for a car loan, order your credit report and correct any inaccurate negative information. Go to [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), the official Web site established by the government where you can get one free report every 12 months from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Fix any mistakes by disputing them in writing, including copies of supporting documents.

Pay down your credit card debts — and don't be late with payments. Don't just move your credit debt around through endless balance transfers.

Don't be tempted to get another card just to get the 20 percent off at the cash register. Your credit score factors in the amount of available credit you have. Get rid of unused cards — and don't apply for any new ones — so it doesn't look like you have a lot of available credit (and thus the ability to get in over your head).

Hang in there. Only time will remove negative, accurate information from your credit report. Most bad stuff stays on for seven years, and bankruptcies remain for 10 years.

Don't be fooled by con artists who promise they can wipe your credit report clean for a hefty fee — they can't.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at [www.pioneerlocal.com](http://www.pioneerlocal.com), where you'll find a simple form to fill out. You can mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 West Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Don't send original documents. Because of the large volume of submissions, The Fixer can't make personal replies. Letters are edited for length and clarity.

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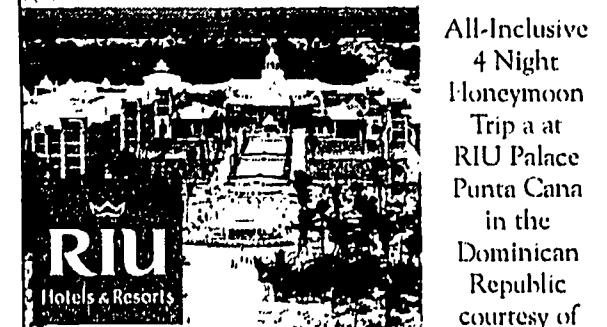


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**Chicagoland Flower and Garden Show** at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont will be from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 11. The first stop will be for lunch at Bailey's in Park Ridge. Walking is required. The cost is \$49.

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

**Qualified individuals** may have their taxes prepared at no cost by an IRS/AARP-certified tax counselor at the Niles Senior Center. This program is designed to assist middle- and low-income seniors with their tax preparation; certain restrictions apply. To schedule an appointment, or to find out if you qualify, call the Niles Senior Center Tax Line, (847) 588-8440.

**The Laughter Club**, facilitated by Om Johari, Certified Laughter Leader, meets from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Research shows that laughter has health and social benefits. Call the center for more information.

**The social Scrabble group** meets at 10 a.m. every Friday in Room 231 and welcomes participants.

### SINGLES

**Spares Sunday Evening Club** will sponsor a dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. March 2 at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, with the Dick Elliot Orchestra. Members pay

\$8; guests, \$9. For more information call the hotline, (847) 965-5730.

**Young at Heart Singles Club** (ballroom dancers of all ages) will feature a dance at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 29 at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, with the It Takes 3 Band. Members pay \$7 for each dance; guests, \$9. Attire is semi-dressy/dressy. Call the hotline at (630) 415-3499 for more information, or for directions, call (847) 678-7068.

**Thunderbird Singles** will host a dance party at 8 p.m. Feb. 29 at the Diplomat West, 681 W. North Ave., Elmhurst. Admission is \$8. Call (847) 604-3446 for more information.

**The Private Eyes Dance Club** will dance at 7 p.m. March 2 in Lamirange Banquets, 3223 W. Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows. Featured will be a free buffet and dance instruction at 6 p.m. Admission is \$8. Call (847) 604-3446.

**The Single Gourmet** will take a culinary trip to the new Roman trattoria, A Mano, at 335 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, on March 7. Reception will begin at 6:15 p.m., with dinner at 7. Cost is \$64, complete. For reservations, call (773) 772-3535.

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**Butterfly Group for Bereaved Parents** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John Brebeuf rectory, 8307 N. Harlem Ave. All bereaved parents, family and friends are welcome whether their loss is recent or many years ago. Call Anna LaCorte, (847) 965-2771, or the rectory, (847) 966-8145.

**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.

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March 10 — Alzheimer's caregivers support group, 10 a.m.

March 4 and 18 — Medicare and tax counseling, by appointment.

March 5 and 19 — Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, and Tuesdays, March 4 and 18 — Income-tax preparation, by appointment.

Saturdays, March 1, 15, and 29 — Legal counseling, by appointment.

March 29 — Blood-pressure and blood-sugar testing, 10 a.m. to noon (no appointment needed).

**Low-cost income-tax preparation** will be available by appointment at the Center of Concern Tuesday and Saturday mornings through April 15. Adults of all ages whose annual incomes are less than \$40,000 (not including Social Security benefits) are welcome. The fee is \$25 for basic federal and state returns, including Schedules A and B and the Earned Income Tax Credit, and as much as \$50 if additional schedules are required.

**The Center of Concern** also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, in-home health-care referrals, friendly visitors for the homebound and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field.

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### MORTGAGE UPDATE

**Rates rise amid market turmoil By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com**

Mortgage rates rose during a week of industry in the past week. First, Congress passed an economic stimulus plan that raised the maximum loan sizes for some conforming and Federal Housing Administration-insured mortgages.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 18 basis points, to 5.96 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.37 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.32 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.75 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 15 basis points, to 5.46 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage fell 1 basis point, to 5.5 percent. Yields on long-term bonds rose this week, especially after investor Warren Buffett offered to reinsure \$800 billion worth of municipal bonds. His action made municipal bonds look safer, and that prompted a flight out of U.S. Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities, causing bond yields — and ultimately, mortgage rates — to rise.

Conforming limit varies  
Two big pieces of news hit the mortgage industry in the past week. First, Congress passed an economic stimulus plan that raised the maximum loan sizes for some conforming and Federal Housing Administration-insured mortgages. The new conforming limit will vary by metropolitan area, depending on median house prices. In some places, the conforming limit will remain \$417,000. In the priciest areas, such as San Francisco, it will be \$729,750. In other places, the new limit will be somewhere in between. A similar formula will apply to limits on FHA-insured mortgages.

Michael Moskowitz, president of Equity Now, a mortgage bank in New York City, is dubious about whether the higher limits are good policy. "It's going to prolong the meandering of (house) values, as opposed to them adjusting" downward, he says. House prices "were pushed up way beyond where they should have been," he says.

The higher loan limits will prolong the sluggish housing market by delaying the inevitable reduction in prices, Moskowitz says. A lifeline for foreclosures

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# Maine South alumni gather to remember 'Mr. Bielak'

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Former Maine South High School broadcast teacher Mark Bielak was remembered by the students he put on WFTH radio and TV in the 1980s and 90s when a group of alumni came together the past weekend for a memorial gathering in his honor.



Mark Bielak

By Governor's Office. A "Gathering in Remembrance for Mark Bielak" was Sunday at The Grouton Irish Pub & Grill, 4820 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. All former students were invited. Dominic Loise, a 1990 Maine South graduate, helped organize the gathering so alumni still living in the Chicago area could share their high school memories of Bielak. "Mark went above and beyond for his students. It's only fitting his students would do something for him," Loise said. And those former students couldn't say enough about the easygoing, often quirky man who taught them

the techniques of TV and radio production, and allowed them to explore their creativity. "The real magic of his teaching was the confidence he encouraged in his students," said 1991 graduate Donald Sebastian Jr. "To him it was not 'wrong.' It was, 'Here is how you can make it better.'" Alexander Burton, a 1994 graduate who hosted a Grouton Irish show on WFTH, the radio station shared by all three Maine high schools, said Bielak focused on building relationships with his students. "He got me interested in school, in being part of the classroom and getting in what educationally as well

as athletically," Burton said. Mike Glennon, a 1994 graduate, said: "He was a patient man who inspired many of his students — myself included — with appreciation for the measured perfection that he believed broadcasting is." Melissa Harrington, a 1989 graduate who became a broadcast meteorologist and worked for "The Weather Channel, credits Bielak with the success she has had in her career. "Students found that he believed in them and that they could achieve anything, even if it wasn't in broadcast," she said. "He was dedicated to making kids do the right thing and to make something great out of our-

selves." Bill Barker, vice president/director of sales for Clear Channel Radio Sales in Chicago, said Bielak is one of the reasons he made radio his career. "His style of teaching was so unique and so un-high-school-like," Barker recalled. "In hindsight, he was more like a college professor than a high school teacher. The freedom to experiment, the loose curriculum and his somewhat distant approach to 'textbook' teaching was so different and refreshing." After leaving Maine South in the mid-1990s, Bielak headed to California, where he joined the communications department at the

University of Southern California and was named director of the school's Multimedia University Academy. He also wrote a book for educators called "Television Production Today." Even though Bielak had moved away from the Chicago area, he left an imprint on the lives of the students he taught, Dominic Loise believes. "If you were going to compare Mark's teaching career to a movie, it would not be something like 'Mr. Holland's Opus,'" Loise said. "It would be a quirky little independent film that really struck a chord with a core audience and had a loyal cult following."

# Sports

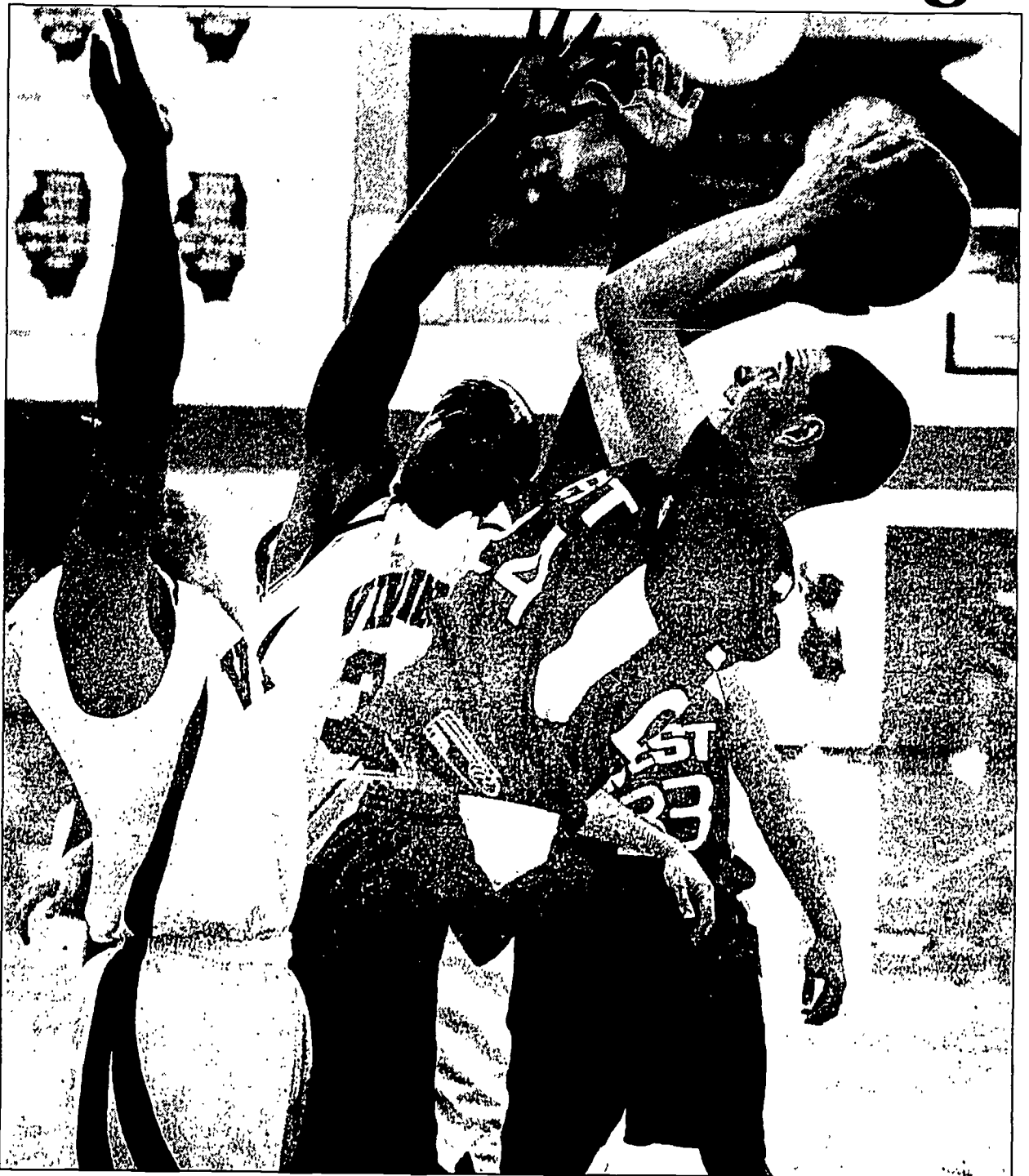
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# Niles North survives Garcia's barrage

**NILES NORTH 70, NILES WEST 66**  
By ROB VALENTIN  
Contributor

Monday night's regional opening showdown between Niles North and Niles West had all the intensity of a sectional championship. Behind a raucous crowd, the host Vikings held off the Wolves 70-66 despite a spectacular 38-point effort by Niles West junior Nik Garcia. "We made posters and told everyone to come out because we needed the support," said Niles North senior guard Anthony Whyte. "It gave us a boost in the end and helped us win."

Mark Green and a free throw by David Kushnir. Whyte sealed the win for the Vikings by going 4-for-4 from the line in the final 37 seconds. "I wasn't really nervous because that's what we practice," said Whyte, who finished with 13 points. "We'll run really hard and then we shoot free throws so you learn how to hit big free throws." Ramin Zacharia led a very balanced Niles North team with 14 points. Josh Evans (10 points), Adam Thalia and Green (9 points apiece) were also key contributors. "Throughout the year we've been trying to stress balance and today we got a little of that," Zacharia said. "I think we play the best as a team when everyone contributes."



Niles North's Anthony Whyte (left) and Mark Green turn away Niles West's Nik Garcia as he puts up a shot under the basket.

The one thing Niles North couldn't do was stop Garcia. The 6-foot-6 junior simply dominated the game. He scored at least eight points in every quarter and almost single-handedly willed the Wolves to a win. "The crowd's continuous chants of 'overrated' and 'so much pressure' when Garcia was at the line did little good as he hit 14-of-17 free throws. "This is definitely the biggest game I've played in," Garcia said. "I just try to not listen to it and pretend like I'm just out there shooting with my mom or dad." Garcia's coach was certainly impressed with his effort, but there's always room for improvement. "The kid is the most gifted scorer I've coached," Wulfram said. "He has got something special, but there is more to his game that needs a ton of work." Garcia doesn't expect to

make a decision on where he'll play college ball until September although he said he would like to play in the Big Ten. R.J. Dilay (9 points) and Danny Zahos (8 points) also chipped in for the Wolves. With the win, Niles North advanced to the regional semifinals against Evanston Tuesday night. The squad feels like they

couldn't have done it without the fan support. "The fans were here for the first time and it's a nice rivalry, so it was pretty intense," Zacharia said. "It's a healthy rivalry for both schools," Pistorius added. "I think that's something the IHSA should keep looking at. You should match up teams that will draw a crowd and be a good competitive

game. "They got a little nervous in the beginning. It was good that they fed off that atmosphere because we were tired and fouling a lot." Meanwhile, a long and tough season for Niles West came to an end. The Wolves' record certainly wasn't where they wanted it to be, but with just one senior starter (Zaem

Raza), the future is looking brighter. "We have a ton of guys coming back," Wulfram said. "We try not to look at wins and losses. Our conference is tough, but it's been three years where Niles West has gone 1-9. We just need to find our size and prepare better because we don't have the 6-6, 220-pound kid to box out."

## OBITUARIES

**John Izykowski**  
John Izykowski, 84, of 1111 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, died Feb. 27 at his home. He was a member of St. Ignace Church, Chicago. Burial was at St. Ignace Cemetery, Chicago. Visitation was Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Ignace Church, Chicago.

He is survived by his children, Andrew Izykowski of Niles and Adam Izykowski and grandchildren, Brady and Brandon. Visitation was at Skajja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles, Mass. Burial was at St. Ignace Cemetery, Chicago.

Church, Niles. Burial was in Marshall Cemetery, Niles. She is survived by her husband, Walter; children, Charlotte (Pat) Kennedy, Wayne (Frank) Petruska and Janice Kennedy; grandchildren, Patrick II and Colleen Kennedy, Rachel and Lauren Petruska, Willy Higgins and Mandy Gorkalick; great-

grandchildren, Shaina and Erin Kennedy; siblings, Sophie Billick and Al (Eileen) Rabiez; and nieces and nephews. Visitation was at Skajja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 22 at St. Juliana Catholic

Church, Chicago. Entombment was in All Saints Mausoleum, Des Plaines. Memorials to the American Cancer Society or the Buddy Foundation, 66 Seegers Road, Arlington Heights IL 60006, are appreciated.

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NOTRE DAME BASKETBALL

# Dons win season finale over Carmel

By JIM EDISON  
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Before heading into the state tournament, Notre Dame's basketball players had to finish off business in the regular season last week.

Hosting Carmel in the final East Suburban Catholic Conference game on Feb. 20, the Dons might have been thinking they had a rather easy test. After all, the Corsairs came into Niles with an unimpressive record of 4-22.

But as most observers of the ESCC know, one can never write off any team on a given night. And while ND had control most of the way, Carmel turned in a spirited surge at the end to make it close. Luckily for ND coach Tom Les, his team was able to can five out of six free throws in the final minute for a 68-61 victory.

"We hit a couple of threes early in the second quarter," Les said. "And that is something that is contagious. We had a few more and we were able to build up that nice (15-point) lead.

"But Carmel has a few good players and is a physical team. They came back at us hard. And to our kids' credit, we held them off."

Notre Dame, which finished the regular campaign with an overall record of 14-11, was slated to begin the Class 4A state tournament Wednesday night. The Dons, who received the 10th seed in the Evanston Sectional, was scheduled to play Prospect (8th seed) in the semifinals of the Niles North Regional.

Before the start of the Carmel game, ND had a ceremony honoring its four senior players as well as senior cheerleaders and band members. The four



JASON BROWN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Notre Dame's Jimmy Martin (#0) shoots during last Friday's game against St. Pat's.

seniors started the game, but it was a junior, Jimmy Martin, who came in off the bench and sparked the Dons.

Martin had a superb offensive night as he hit shots from everywhere on the court. He buried his first of four three-pointers as the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter giving his team a 13-7 lead.

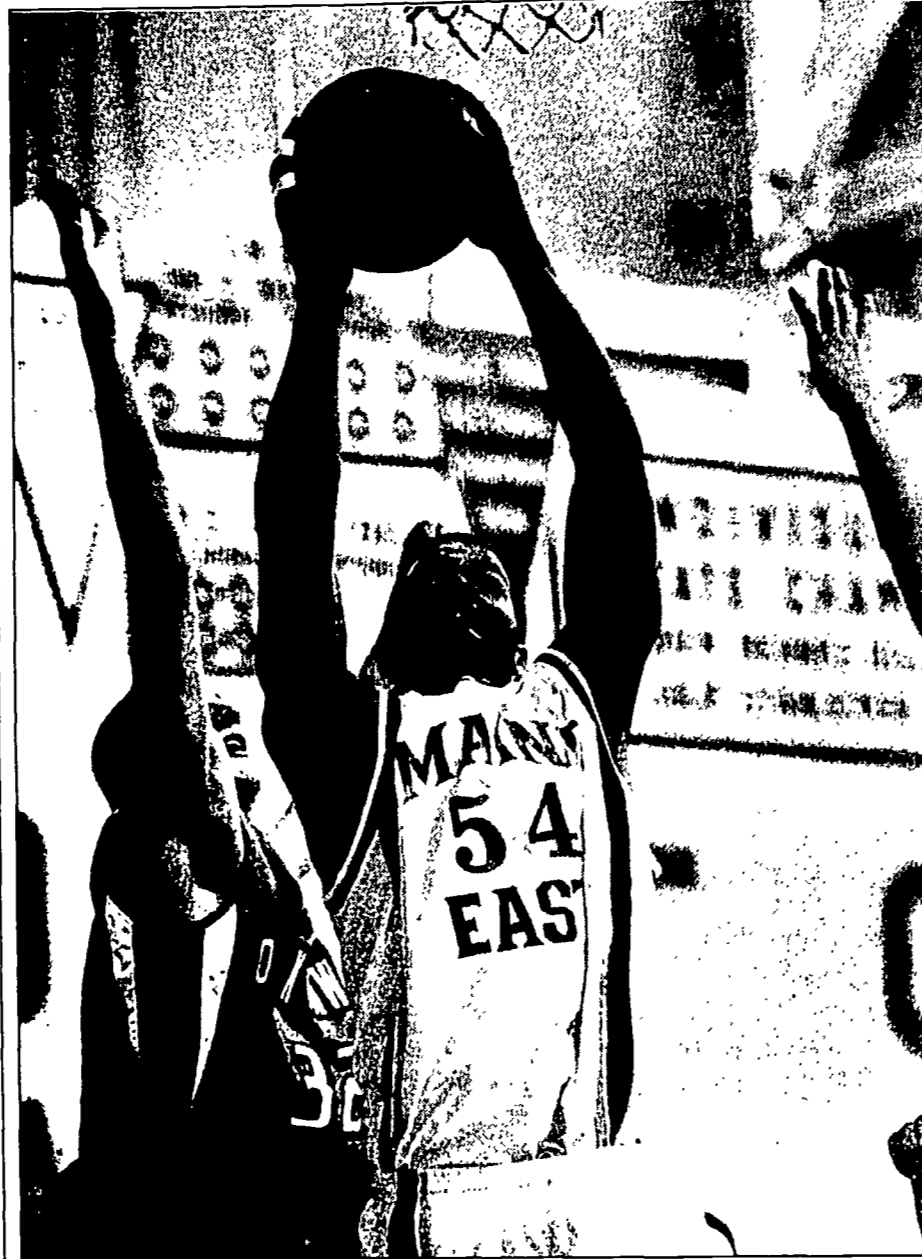
Martin continued his pace in the second quarter and eventually finished the game leading all scorers with 24 points. The Dons led 34-19 with a minute left in the first half.

In the third quarter, the

Corsairs began to chip away at the margin. Jim Baucus (22 points), Carmel's 6-foot-6 center, penetrated for several inside baskets. ND led 48-40 after three quarters.

Carmel kept up the pressure in the fourth quarter and came up with a 9-0 run that cut the deficit to just 63-61 with 1:30 remaining. But in the last 90 seconds, ND's Mike DiGregorio hit three free throws and Martin sank two others to preserve the triumph.

In addition to Martin, sophomore Shawn Wallace had 14 points and DiGregorio added 11.



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Maine East's Avery Roche his Demons teammates had a successful 2007-08 campaign, finishing with a 16-10 regular-season record.

MAINE EAST BOYS BASKETBALL

# Demons finish regular season with 16-10 mark

By JIM EDISON  
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Despite losing its final regular-season game, Maine East's boys basketball team remained upbeat last week with the knowledge it had secured a winning campaign.

But the Demons, who finished the regular season with an overall record of 16-10, and their coach knew the immediate future could go either way.

"We did have a good year," said first-year coach Glenn Olson, who had pre-

viously been a varsity assistant to Roy Wasielewski for several years. "But now as we move into the state tournament, it could end up being either a great year, or a disappointing one."

The Demons, who were awarded the sixth seed in the Evanston Sectional, were scheduled to open the playoffs Wednesday night against Northside Prep (11th seed) in the semifinals of the Maine South Regional in Park Ridge.

East lost to Waukegan 62-52 on Feb. 12 in a Central

Suburban League crossover game. The contest with the visiting Bulldogs was a closer one than the final score might indicate. The Demons trailed just 46-45 with five minutes left.

"It was really a great game," Olson said. "Waukegan has a very quick team and they led most of the way. And we had some uncharacteristic turnovers."

Danhi Wilson led the Demons in scoring with 17 points, while Charles McKinney added 13.



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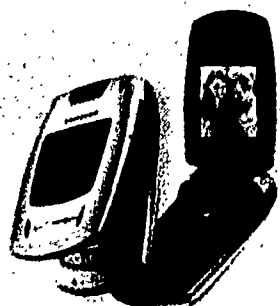
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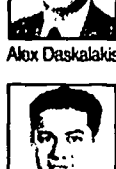
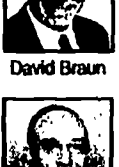
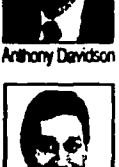
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