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**STORM DAMAGE** The remains of a tree damaged from the strong winds the night of June 21 sits alongside the driveway of a home at 7948 Nora in Niles on the morning of June 22. PAGE 3. | Allen Kaleta-For Sun-Times Media

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## PUBLIC WORKS

# Village of Niles cleans up after storm

The Niles Public Works Department has been working tirelessly to clean up the village ever since a powerful storm hit the night of June 21, officials reported.

Public Works Director Scott Jochim said the village lost more than 100 trees as a result of the storm.

"We're still picking up trees and branches," Jochim said the afternoon of June 27. "We're probably about 75-percent done."

The Public Works Department said that during the weekend there were also about five water-main breaks.

Vinezeano said that number of water main breaks usually occurs over a period of several months, as opposed to a couple of days.

At the height of the storm there were about 6,500 residents and businesses that lost power, Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano reported.

Vinezeano said power to all the residents was restored by Saturday afternoon.

Jochim said the night of June 21 his crew worked around the clock, and then in 12-hour shifts, as well as from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

He said that many overtime hours were used to clean up the streets of Niles.

Niles Police Sgt. Robert



Traffic comes to a halt at Oakton and Harlem in Niles on Wednesday morning after Tuesday night's storm caused power outages across Park Ridge and Niles. A police officer directed traffic for most of the morning at the busy intersection. | ALLEN KALETA-FOR



The remains of a tree damaged from the strong winds Tuesday night sits alongside the driveway of a home at 7948 Nora in Niles on Wednesday morning. | ALLEN KALETA-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Tornabene said several vehicles across the village were damaged by fallen trees.

Tornabene said there were no weather-related vehicle accidents reported.

On June 22, the day after the storm, major roadways running through Niles were jammed with traffic as motorists struggled to navigate the many intersections where traffic signals no longer func-

tioned due to large-scale power outages.

Niles Fire Chief Steve Borkowski said about 15 power lines were knocked down across the village due to the storm's heavy winds and the department received calls of six trees that had toppled onto lines.

There were no reports of power-line or transformer fires, Borkowski said. Calls

to the Fire Department were relatively low following the storm, he added.

"Overall I think we had maybe 25 calls. That's not unusual for a storm," he said.

In unincorporated Maine Township winds tore a large section of roofing materials off a multifamily residence at 8671 Josephine St., said Rick Dobrowski, chief of the North Maine Fire Depart-

ment. The building itself is still structurally sound, Dobrowski said.

The affected area measures about 35 feet by 40 feet, said North Maine Fire Marshall Arnie Witzke.

A smaller amount of roof damage was also discovered on a multifamily residence at 8820 Western Ave., Witzke said.

Commonwealth Edison had about 400 crews out after the storm blew through the area, working to restore power to hundreds of thousands of customers.

Electricity had been re-

stored to one of ComEd's top priority areas, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, by the afternoon of June 22, said Park Ridge City Manager Jim Hock.

The Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, was open during the day for residents without electricity who required it for medical purposes, Borkowski said. Residents who needed overnight help had been instructed to contact Niles Family Services, (847) 588-8460.

— Staff Writer Jennifer Johnson and Sun-Times Media contributed.

## COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

# Lawsuit: Glenview owes Niles \$700K for water bill

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Water payments are at the heart of a lawsuit filed by the village of Niles this month against neighboring Glenview.

Niles is seeking a court injunction requiring Glenview to pay nearly \$700,000 for two months worth of water Glenview received from the village of Niles and distrib-

ed to about 44,000 customers of North Maine Utilities but did not pay for, the lawsuit alleges. North Maine Utilities, which was purchased by the village of Glenview in 1997, largely serves residents and businesses in unincorporated Maine Township.

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court on June 23, states that Glenview is in breach of a Water Supply Agreement that the two com-

munities entered into in 1990. Niles is alleging that Glenview is withholding water payments "as part of a water rate protest" and has "refused to pay for any water until it audits records of the village of Niles," according to the lawsuit.

"The Village of Niles continues to buy water from the city of Chicago and transport it to North Maine Utility, losing approximately \$500,000

per month because the Village of Glenview refuses to pay," a statement on the village of Niles website read.

Glenview officials claim Niles has been overcharging their community for water and has put a hold on making payments until an audit is conducted.

In a statement released last week Glenview officials said they could not comment on the lawsuit because they

had not yet seen a copy of it, but could comment on the circumstances preceding it.

"Glenview did withhold two months of water payments — and have put them in escrow — for the North Maine Utility system based on preliminary information that Niles has been overcharging Glenview," the statement read. "Glenview has scheduled an audit of Niles records in early July to verify information related

to the methodology of Niles' water charges."

Niles is denying the allegations that overcharging took place.

The lawsuit states that Niles will not cut off Glenview's supply of water because doing so will harm paying residents who use water provided by North Maine Utilities.

— Sun-Times Media contributed.

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Powerful storm knocks out power and traffic signals, and downs trees.

**2. Niles motorist strikes pedestrian**

A 22-year-old Park Ridge man was struck by a car June 3.

**3. Mind Ms, Qs on mortgage issues**

How well do you know your mortgage alphabet?

**4. Police Blotter**

Weekly crime reports in your community.

**5. Niles new hires welcomed**

Three officers joined Niles police.

**FIELD SCHOOL**

**Students score with historic preservation posters**

Four students from Field Elementary School in Park Ridge were selected as winners of the Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission's poster contest.

The theme of the contest, which was open to all third-grade students, was "Saving Places that Matter to You." Children were invited to submit posters depicting a structure in Park Ridge that they believe is important to the community. The posters were then judged by members of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Julia Jakubik, 8, took first place with her drawing of Iannelli Studios; Ben Tallman, 9, and Marcela Wilk, 9, tied for second place with their drawings of the Pickwick Theatre and Chase Bank, respectively; and Anna Schmeltz, 9, won third place for her drawing of Grant Wood's barn and studio.

The winners were recognized during the June 6 meeting of the Park Ridge City Council. Prizes were donated by the Pickwick Theatre, Lisa's Homemade Italian Ice and the Kalo Foundation.

Posters were submitted by more than 20 students from Field, Mary, Seat of Wisdom and St. Andrews Lutheran schools, said Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman Judy Barclay.

All posters submitted to the contest will be displayed at Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Barclay said.



Julia Jakubik, 1st Place poster contest winner, with Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt and Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman Judy Barclay. | PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE



Marcela Wilk, second-place poster-contest winner, with Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt and Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman Judy Barclay. | PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE



Ben Tallman, 2nd place poster contest winner, with Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt and Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman Judy Barclay. | PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE



Anna Schmeltz, 3rd Place poster contest winner, with Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt and Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman Judy Barclay. | PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE

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**PEACE DRAGON PROJECT**

**Nelson students encouraged to 'drop the myths' for peace**

BY NATASHA WASINSKI  
 Contributor

As the star witness in the Mumbai terror trial finished testifying in Chicago, a victim of the 2008 attacks preached peace to Niles school children.

Bearing witness to the horrific events that claimed the lives of two friends, Linda Ragsdale visited Nelson School on May 31 to teach students how to dispel stereotypes and find love and peace within oneself through art.

Nelson art teacher Tina Daskalopoulos organized the event for the entire student body.

"Every heart has a point, every point a direction," she told the students. "Which way will you go?"

Ragsdale, a Northbrook native who attended New Trier High School and now resides in Nashville, traveled to Chicago for the federal trial of Tahawwur Rana.

Rana faced charges for allowing friend David Coleman Headley, now an admitted terrorist, use his Chicago-based immigration business as a cover in India and Denmark to scout sites for plotted attacks.

The jury reached a split verdict June 9. Rana was convicted for his role in planning an aborted revenge attack against a Danish newspaper but acquitted of participating in the Mumbai terrorist attack, the most serious of the charges.

On the stand Headley told how he conspired with a Pakistani terror group to launch the three-day rampage in Mumbai that killed more than 160 people.

Among the victims were Ragsdale's friends, Alan Scherr and his 13-year-old daughter, Naomi.

Nearly a hundred fifth- and sixth-graders sat in complete silence on the gym floor as Ragsdale recounted that day.

Before the attack, Naomi had asked Ragsdale, an author and illustrator, to teach her how to draw a dragon. They made plans to draw together that Friday. But on Wed., Nov. 26, terrorists entered the restaurant where Ragsdale dined with the Scherrs and began shooting. Innocent bystanders tried to duck and hide.



Linda Ragsdale visited Nelson School on May 31 to teach students how to dispel stereotypes and find love and peace within oneself through art. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Then the gunmen went to each table "execution-style," Ragsdale said.

When Ragsdale said she was shot by an AK-47, boys in the back of the room gasped and looked at one another in disbelief. They had seen deadly assault rifles in video games and movies, yet so rarely do children know personally of someone being shot.

"An AK-47 bullet is like a missile so it literally just burned its way through (my body)," Ragsdale said. Her proof is a nearly three-foot-long scar.

Yet amid all of the tragedy Ragsdale has discovered a way to cope and to honor her young fallen friend.

"Peace dragons fulfill my promise to teach Naomi to draw dragons," Ragsdale said.

She created an interactive website called the "Peace Dragon Project" to collect and promote the work of artists of all ages from across the world.

The dragon is a metaphor for inner conflict and an example of stereotypical thinking.

After asking students to describe dragons — and hearing words like "evil," "fierce" and "mean" — Ragsdale explained: "For you to draw

a peace dragon, you have to drop what you think of the dragon."

Ragsdale said "dropping the myth" and not engaging in gossip, conflict could be stopped.

"If we start dropping the myths today, not only do we create peace for the world but peace for ourselves," she said.

Peace dragons, Ragsdale offered, come in all different sizes and shapes. It's up to the artist to decide their paths.

Once children develop positive self-esteem and believe in themselves as artists, "then they're free, forever," Ragsdale said. "Nothing can hold them back."

Using an overhead projector she showed the students, step-by-step, how to draw dragons by using familiar shapes and lines: numbers, letters and punctuation marks.

Armed with clipboards and pencils the students intently followed her lead and drew colorless, smiling dragons holding cupcakes, soccer balls and globes.

"Who is the artist?" Ragsdale repeatedly asked during the presentation.

The children raised their hands and all shouted in unison: "I am!"



Students followed Linda Ragsdale's lead and drew happier, more fun-loving versions of the typically mean and monstrous mythological dragon. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



"If we start dropping the myths today, not only do we create peace for the world but peace for ourselves," Linda Ragsdale told students during her presentation. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Agnes Grabarkiewicz and Bernadet Azadeh team up with a NEO wireless device in class. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

### DISTRICT 71

## Culver students already 'wired for' wireless tech upgrade

BY NATASHA WASINSKI  
Contributor

Second-graders Victoria Manado and Amrah Kanacevic huddled close as they peered into the small screen. "It's easy," Manado said of using the device as she effortlessly tapped away on its keyboard.

A few more clicks and the girls had transmitted to their teacher's computer a math word problem, which would later be displayed on a classroom board for all students to see.

Culver School integrated the wireless devices called "NEOs" into its second-grade curriculum earlier this year as interactive teaching tools.

The robust, lightweight gadgets are regular-sized keyboards with built-in word-processing screens.

NEOs lack the flair of popular technology like the iPad,

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Bernadet Azadeh works at the Smart Board as the class implements Culver School's new wireless-technology gadgets. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

### ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Districts 64, 207 not affected by computer theft: officials

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Personal information of Park Ridge elementary-school students and faculty members is not believed to be stored on computers recently reported stolen from employ-

ees working for the Illinois State Board of Education.

"It does not appear that this affected us," said Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 spokeswoman Bernadette Tramm.

Dave Beery, spokesman for Maine Township High

School District 207, said he did not believe information about District 207 students and staff was included on the stolen laptops, but at the time was awaiting confirmation from the district's director of special education.

Last week hundreds of Il-

linois parents reportedly received letters from the Harrisburg Project, a data-storage subcontractor working with the Illinois State Board of Education. The letters stated that two laptops had been stolen from Harrisburg employees.

The Harrisburg Project is contracted by the state to store the personal information of special-education students and instructors for reimbursement.

On June 16, ISBE spokesman Matt Vanover confirmed that two computers were

missing. Vanover said records for 7,841 students and 2,613 staff from 42 districts in northern Illinois were on the computers. Social Security numbers were part of that information, he said.

— Sun-Times Media contributed

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yet their computing capabilities are drastically expanding opportunities for classroom instruction and student learning.

"Technology is just going to get increasingly better," said Culver second-grade teacher Kelly Haufle. "The earlier we can get (students) using these skills and get proficient at it, the better."

After testing the devices for several months, Niles School District 71 purchased 50 NEO 2 devices and slipscaes the past spring from Renaissance Learning for about \$7,100, or \$143 each.

"They're a good investment technology-wise," Haufle said. "And, honestly, I have been using (NEOs) across our entire day for multiple subjects."

Haufle's students used their NEOs to solve math equations, write stories and practice typing.

The devices also operated as remote systems to the classroom's Smart Board, an interactive whiteboard that operates like a computer with touch-screen capabilities.

For example, as a writing activity, Haufle said she transmitted a sentence to the NEOs and asked students to

add adjectives to make the sentence more descriptive. The students then transmitted their work to the Smart Board and, as a class, highlighted all of the adjectives.

Students also used NEOs for peer-editing and problem-solving by transmitting word or math problems from NEO to NEO.

"It gives the kids an opportunity to learn from each other," Haufle said.

Another component of the device allows students to answer questions and polls. Teachers can then view or display a graph of their replies.

"I can see their answers

instantly and it gives me feedback as to whether I've covered that topic sufficiently," Haufle said.

Haufle said NEOs have motivated students who struggle or are reluctant writers.

"They see their parents and older siblings and think this is their little laptop they can use for schoolwork," Haufle said.

Culver second-graders quickly learned how to use the wireless devices, and then embraced them, she said.

"This is just another tool they're already used to using," Haufle said. "They're wired for it already."

"Technology is part of their everyday life."



Paul Karabatsos uses his new NEO wireless learning tool in the classroom at Culver School. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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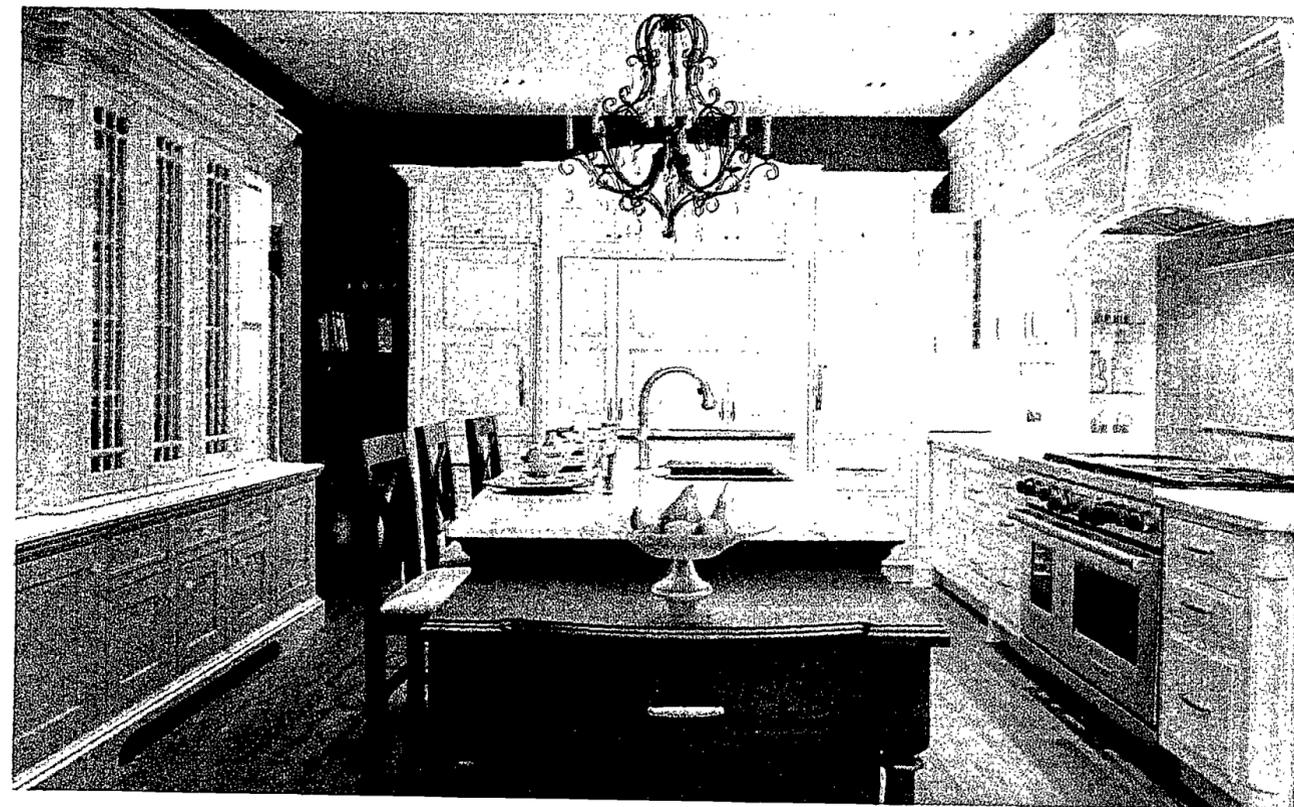
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**EMERSON SCHOOL**

**Principal retires after three decades in District 64**

BY NICKY MARIA PRIOVOLOS  
Contributor

Victoria Mogil, principal of Emerson Middle School is retiring this year.

She has worked in Park Ridge School District 64 for 31 years, first as a physical-education teacher and later as the assistant principal at Lincoln Middle School.

Before going into administration she taught P.E. for 11 years in every school in the district except Carpenter Elementary. She also served as acting principal for Jefferson School before Emerson opened.

"It's been a privilege to have been in a district as long as I've been in District 64, she said. "I appreciate the confidence of the community to have been here and to have had as many positions as I have had."

Timothy Benka, assistant principal at Emerson, said: "Dr. Mogil is one of the most dedicated people I know. I can't think of anyone in the district who outworks her."

"She was an incredible mentor to me, very patient and kind. We're going to miss her tremendously."

Mogil attended Northwestern University, where she received her undergraduate degree in German-language instruction. A year later she went back to school to earn her master's degree from University of Illinois at Chicago in Curriculum and Instruction in Physical Education. The principal also holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Loyola University.

After receiving her master's, Mogil was a substitute teacher in the western suburbs for a year. Her first full-time job was teaching middle-school German in Lincolnwood. Her preferred grade level has always been middle school, she said.

"I was glad when I got a full-time job teaching middle school at that point," she said.

She spent 15 years teaching before deciding to go into administration.

Mogil was appointed principal of Emerson about 15 months before it opened in

August 1998. She had been the assistant principal at Lincoln for four years before.

A piece of advice she has kept with her during her entire time as an administrator came from former superintendent Fred Schroeder: Always take the high road.

"You don't lose anything by being gracious," she said.

Mogil said she decided to go into administration because she "can organize things for other people so they can thrive. The challenge of seeing a bigger picture made it attractive. I felt like I could do a good job for people."

When Emerson was being built, Mogil attended weekly meetings about the construction of the school, helped the architects understand what the needs of the teachers would be in terms of classrooms and made sure to update the district on time line completion.

She also chose all of the surface finishes of the school except for cabinetry; she selected the carpets and the tile designs, and aided in the appearance of the school library and multipurpose room.

Mogil was instrumental in redesigning the curriculum to incorporate sixth grade into the middle schools.

The sixth-grade teachers, who'd previously been teaching at elementary schools, needed to make sure they had the right state credentials to be teaching in a middle school. Mogil made sure they understood the differences between teaching elementary and middle schools, a task she said "was a lot of fun."

"Whether I was a principal or a teacher, having people feel they are doing their best is an accomplishment," she said. "Emerson's history is an accomplishment, but it isn't something that was accomplished, by any means, by just me."

Her favorite part of being a principal has been watching teachers develop and go through stages.

Mogil said she is proud of how the staff has developed.

"They're a special set of teachers; they genuinely care about the kids," she said. "I re-

ally like working with them."

She said she tries to make sure the students know she still interacts with children outside school. Mogil teaches a competition color-guard team of fourth- through eighth-graders at the Naperville Park District.

Emerson students may be surprised to find out their principal used to coach basketball, as well as teach German and P.E.

"How long I've been here and how many of their parents I know is a shock to some students," she said, noting that one current Emerson parent was on a basketball team Mogil coached years ago.

"People give middle school kids such a bad rap," Mogil said. "But they're able to think about others. They're not so closed off that they can't be kids. (Working with the children) is something I have never stopped missing about being a classroom teacher."

Mogil said she is sad to leave.

"One of the attractions of middle-school kids is that they like to work together on things," she said. "It's not easy for them to communicate well without something to do while they communicate, and I'm not too different from that, as an adult."

"To be away from all the people who give me a reason to want to do good work is something I will miss very much."

"I will miss the pleasure of being able to go out and talk to kids anytime you want to. That'll be a huge loss."

She will continue to serve as president of the Board of Directors of the Association of Illinois Middle Schools. She plans to continue teaching color guard and will be working on a federal grant with eight middle schools in Chicago Public Schools.

"I encourage the community to continue to support its public schools," she said. "The kids here have a special experience. I hope the community can continue to see how important what they do for their kids is."

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## Unemployment rates rise in May as slump continues

BY NATALIE HAYES  
Contributor

May unemployment rates rose by almost a full percentage point — in all but two Chicago-area communities within the Pioneer Press coverage area with populations of more than 25,000.

The higher unemployment rate figures in May, which were released June 23 by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, follow the pattern of last month's statistics, which countered recent trends that showed a rise in employment during the past few months.

The highest jump in the Pioneer Press coverage area was in Elmwood Park, where unemployment rose from 8.7 percent in April to 10.3 percent in May, a 1.6 percent month-to-month increase.

In Morton Grove, where rates had remained steady at 6.6 percent for the past three months, unemployment shot up to 7.9 percent in May, a 1.3 percent increase. Employment numbers in Park Ridge and Skokie also decreased, with both cities seeing a 1.2 percent increase in unemployment.

Highland Park and Mundelein were the only two Chicago-area communities covered by the Pioneer Press that had a month-to-month decrease in unemployment. Last month, those same two cities, along with Buffalo Grove, again were the only areas where unemployment fell.

Mundelein had the deepest decrease in unemployment at -1.3 percent, followed by Highland Park with a -0.3 percent drop.

Despite recent month-to-month decreases, unemployment figures in all but two cities — Park Ridge and Elmwood Park — are still slightly less than where they stood at this time in 2010.

Statewide, unemployment grew from 8.6 percent in April to 9 percent in May, a 0.4 percent increase, but it's still 1.1 percent lower than at this time last year.

For the second month in a row, rates decreased in every metropolitan area in the state except the Chicago Metro area, where it increased from 8.7 percent in April to 9.8 percent in May. In April, the Chicago Metro area's rate had remained steady from March.

### Area unemployment statistics

The suburban unemployment rate rose sharply in May in most Chicago-area municipalities served by Pioneer Press following a slight increase in April. Rises averaged about a full percentage point in these communities, with Elmwood Park and Morton Grove particularly hard-hit. Countering this trend for the second straight month is Mundelein, which has seen its jobless rate drop almost four percentage points in two months. The unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Community	Labor force (as of May)	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Monthly change	Yearly change
Buffalo Grove	23,907	6.8	6.5	10.8	0.8	-0.5
Elmwood Park	13,010	10.3	8.7	10.1	1.6	0.2
Evanston	42,117	7.3	6.4	7.7	0.9	-0.4
Glenview	23,691	6.9	5.9	10.2	1.1	-0.2
Highland Park	16,124	5.1	5.4	6.1	-0.3	-1.0
Morton Grove	11,524	7.9	6.6	8.5	1.3	-0.6
Mundelein	17,847	7.3	8.5	9.1	-1.3	-1.8
Niles	13,759	7.8	6.7	9.0	1.1	-1.2
Northbrook	16,823	6.8	5.8	7.3	1.0	-0.5
Oak Park	31,716	6.9	6.0	7.5	0.9	-0.6
Park Ridge	18,930	7.9	6.7	7.7	1.2	0.2
Skokie	33,348	7.8	6.6	8.5	1.2	-0.7
Wilmette	12,412	6.4	5.4	7.0	1.0	-0.6

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security  
Pioneer Press



Members of the Niles-area's own "breakfast club" gather regularly at Panera Bread for coffee, conversation and camaraderie. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

### PANERA BREAD

# John Hughes ain't got nothin' on this 'breakfast club'

BY NATASHA WASINSKI  
Contributor

The popular 1980s movie, "The Breakfast Club," taught that friendship can develop unintentionally in the most unlikely of places.

In Niles, it happened at a chain bakery-cafe.

For nearly a decade Panera Bread, 7023 W. Dempster St., has been a special meeting place for a group of locals. What began as a couple of customers chatting turned into a daily routine shared by two-dozen Niles and Morton Grove residents.

On weekdays between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. they come from their different walks of life to Panera for coffee, conversation and camaraderie.

Most had not known each before meeting at the cafe. And no one is quite sure how long they've been gathering. They estimate it's been at least seven years.

"We're strangers that became family," Karen Berkowky said. "We've lived through a lot together."

This real-life breakfast club is made up of men and women, widowers and wives, whose ages span decades. They're licensed professionals, teachers, parents and retirees. Some shop at Walmart; for others, it's Nordstrom. Politically, they bleed blue, red and everything in-between.

They easily take over six, sometimes seven, tables at the front of the cafe and share more than a morning meal together: They tell stories, meet each others' grandkids and discuss their religious beliefs.

Berkowky said no matter how serious the discussion it always ends up in laughter.

"And we laugh loud," Lorraine Strybel added.

Everyone plays a role. Phil Margolis, always the first to arrive, makes sure everyone has a full cup of coffee.

Lorraine Jacques, 88, is the group's matron and, for some, their "adopted mom."

Alan Bers, an attorney, often gets cornered for legal advice. His "office," he joked, is in the in the back of the

cafe. Berkowky keeps everyone connected through an email list.

Some have discovered they're not complete strangers, after all. By pure coincidence Gloria McDonough was reunited with a classmate from more than half a century ago at the breakfast club.

The Panera group are friends who celebrate holidays and birthdays together, and are there for one another during the hard times, too. When a breakfast-club regular passed away earlier this year, "it was really tough," Berkowky said, so the group stayed close by his wife's side.

The amicability is contagious. Jared Ahmed, who has worked at Panera for nine years, knows everyone's usual order, and often has their favorite drinks ready for them before they even approach the counter.

As the Panera breakfast club expands, its "members" change, too.

"We've grown to be better people because of who we've met," Teresa Kapka said.

## BUSINESS

# Families rule at Kiddie Kingdom

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

As soon as families set foot into Kiddie Kingdom in Niles, it's easy to see why it's a place "Where Kids Rule."

Kiddie Kingdom, at 7411 Milwaukee Ave., opened its doors Jan. 17.

The unique facility features more than 60 arcade games for children of all ages, a full menu that includes tasty offerings such as pizza, pastas, ribs and shrimp, and a banquet hall for birthday parties and other special occasions.

Kiddie Kingdom is owned by Michael Nigro, who is also the owner of Salon M, next door. The salon was voted Business of the Year by the Niles Chamber of Commerce, last year.

Nigro, a father with small children of his own, said he wanted to open a place that was very family-friendly and also offered delicious food. He feels Kiddie Kingdom fits perfectly with Bloomberg BusinessWeek's recent declaration of Niles as the "Best place to Raise Kids."

Children and adults can play various arcade games, including skee ball and basketball. Little kids can enjoy riding on the carousel, playing a unique skee ball designed for younger ones and much more. An inflatable bounce house and a few more rides designed for little children also were to be added to the lively game room.

Farooq Fahimi and his wife, Khatera, have been regularly bringing their two children, ages 2 and 6, to Kiddie Kingdom since it opened. Fahimi said they used to go to Chuck E. Cheese, but now prefer Kiddie Kingdom.

Fahimi said Kiddie Kingdom is closer to his home so it is more convenient and easier to watch his children while they play because it's not overcrowded. He said his children also like the prizes better.

Nigro said customer service is a key component of a successful business.

"We want to know your face and your name," said

Mary Bart, a representative of Kiddie Kingdom, who said they love meeting new members of the community. Bart said Kiddie Kingdom is planning to be involved in various community events, which was to have included school fundraisers and an Easter-egg hunt on Apr. 21.

And though it is designed to be a special place for youngsters and their families, adults can also have a great time at Kiddie Kingdom. Bart said they held a 60th birthday party, and adults, including village employees, sometimes stop in for lunch. They have held a dance party with a disc jockey for a teenager, as well as various birthday parties that can include performances by magicians and other entertainment.

The major goal at Kiddie Kingdom is to create a clean, safe, family-friendly atmosphere, Bart explained. Security cameras are placed throughout the facility to ensure the safety of the children.

Kiddie Kingdom is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.



Farooq Fahimi, his wife, Khatera, and his two daughters enjoy pizza before playing their favorite games at Kiddie Kingdom earlier this year. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Fun, games and other monkey business abound at Kiddie Kingdom in Niles. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Customers pick out prizes from the treasure trove of goodies earlier this year at Kiddie Kingdom in Niles. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

**CHICAGO FM CLUB**

**Ham radio enthusiasts practice emergency preparedness**

BY CATHRYN GRAN  
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Morton Grove played host to the Chicago FM Club's annual Field Day exercises.

Usually held in River Grove, Field Day is an annual demonstration of how ham radio can respond to a catastrophic emergency, said Bob Odrowski, club member.

Field Day was held from 1 p.m. June 24 to 1 p.m. June 25 at the north end of Harrer Park, 6250 Dempster St.

"It's a combination emergency-preparedness exercise, operating contest and social experience," Odrowski said. "You can talk on the radio to people around the country. This is a major global event for amateur radio."

He added that the public was invited to participate.

The Chicago FM Club includes members from across Chicago metropolitan area, including Morton Grove.

Club member Stan Wilk noted the importance of ham



Stanley Wilk, of Lincolnwood, makes contact as Menucha Levy, of Skokie, and her son, Jacob, 7 and daughter, Gaia, 4, Chicago FM's ham-radio field day at Harrer Park. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Chicago FM ham-radio club's vice president and president Bob and Tina Odrowski, of Palatine, carry in some equipment for ham-radio field day at Harrer Park. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"And I am glad to see that we play a small part in the communications between our servicemen in Iraq/Afghanistan, though the newer technologies seem more prevalent today."

Many engineers who also happened to be hams worked to deliver this "miracle" to the rest of mankind, Wilk said.

"In any case, it is a good

thing to take the time and get 'primitive' with our hobby, and to operate under unusual conditions during a 24-hour period the last weekend of June," he said. "And hopefully showcase our craft to curious on lookers and potential hams."

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

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

**DOMESTIC BATTERY**

Gustavo Cordero, 21, of 8840 Root, Niles, was arrested June 20 and charged with domestic battery and resisting a peace officer. The victim said the suspect, who lives with her, pulled her, threw her to the floor and struck her in the arm with a closed fist. The man also reportedly attempted to strike an officer. Cordero's court date is July 21.

**THEFT**

Cathy Ippolito, 47, of 1825

Parkside, Park Ridge, was arrested June 18 at a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center and charged with retail theft after allegedly stealing a portable DVD player and DVD case. The value of the items taken was \$26.28. She has a June 30 court date.

**CREDIT-CARD FRAUD**

A 20-year-old Niles woman reported her ex-boyfriend used her store credit card to pay his cell-phone bill June 23.

A 24-year-old Chicago man reported June 23 that someone made an ATM withdrawal using the victim's account number and PIN on the 8500 block of Golf. The transaction totaled \$400, police said.

A 24-year-old man from Morton Grove said someone transferred \$8,000 from his savings account to his checking account June 20 on the 5600 block of Touhy and reportedly used the credit card twice at the store on the 5600 block of Touhy. The total for the transactions was \$625.38, police said.

**BURGLARY**

Someone shattered the passenger-side window of a vehicle June 23 in a parking lot on the 6300 block of Touhy. A brown Coach purse containing two cell phones and an EpiPen was taken, police said.

Someone took \$800 worth of power tools from an unlocked vehicle June 20 on the 8500 block of National.

**SHERIFF'S REPORTS**

The following incidents in unincorporated Maine Township were compiled by the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

**ASSAULT**

Police were called June 2 to Ballard Pointe Condominiums, on the 8800 block of East Point Drive, after a man allegedly kicked open an office door and screamed and swore at an employee of the complex. Police said the man became angry when he asked for pool passes and was told the passes had already been given to the people who were renting his condo unit. The man reportedly left before police arrived.

**BATTERY**

A resident of the 9300 block of Maple Lane told

police he encountered two men who were aggressively trying to sell him magazine subscriptions on June 2. The resident reportedly told police that when he asked the men to leave his property one of them slapped him in the face. Police found the magazine sellers but the resident refused to sign complaints against them and no charges were filed, police said.

**BURGLARY**

A resident of the 9200 block of North Knight Avenue told police on June 3 that a laptop computer was stolen from her kitchen table and about 13 to 15 copper plates were removed from her backyard between May 17 and May 18. Police said there was no visible damage to the home, but the woman reported her front door was open when she returned home.

A 42-inch TV, two video-game systems and 15 video games were reported stolen June 5 from an apartment on the 10000 block of Linda Lane, police said. The resident reported that a window was open when he returned home.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Two vehicles were reported damaged June 12 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Holly Lane and on the 10000 block of Linda Lane.

**HIT-AND-RUN**

Hit-and-run accidents were reported June 9 on the 9400 block of North Dee Road; June 10 on the 9500 block of Culver Street; June 13 on the 8800 block of Carleah Drive; June 13 at David Place and Jody Lane; June 14 on the 9400 block of Sumac Road; and June 15 on the 9000 block of Ballard Road.

**Beer heist investigated**

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Two delivery men were allegedly robbed of a case of beer while unloading their truck outside a liquor store in unincorporated Maine Township.

The men were making a delivery the afternoon of June 22 to Ballard Liquors,

9340 Ballard Road, when they were approached by two men who grabbed a case of beer they were removing from their truck, said Cook County Sheriff's Police Deputy Cmdr. Anthony Brzezniak.

The delivery men, ages 35 and 50, chased the suspects to a green van parked nearby, but at that point two other men exited the van, one carrying a metal pipe and the other holding a knife, Brzezniak said.

The victims backed off and the suspects got back in the van and left, Brzezniak said. The van reportedly struck a parked car as it drove away.

Only an incomplete description of the suspects was available. Police were investigating.

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**1127 Walter Ave.:** Fcft Holdings Llc Series 1127 to Neal A Martin Melanie B Martin, \$280,000, May 18

**1222 Center St.:** Thomas Madalinski to Mary Carl M Froilan Andrew Paul C Froilan, \$255,000, May 18

**1630 Linden St.:** Hsbc Bank Usa Trustee to Joanna Orzel-ska, \$72,000, May 19

**2581 Rusty Drive:** Giese Trust to Cenovio Chavez Sandy Chavez, \$160,000, May 20

**395 Graceland Ave. Unit 702:** Doherty Trust to Lingyu Xie, \$165,000, May 19

**8852 N Leslie Lane Apt 1d:** Federal National Mortgage Assn to Vincent Joseph, \$38,500, May 18

**8912 Steven Drive Apt 1d:** Walter Hanson to Mary Varkey, \$38,000, May 19

**9346 Landings Lane Unit 506:** Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Amel Musanovic, \$95,000, May 19

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**1240 Swainwood Drive:** David A Hamman to Gregory L Hughes Kathleen B Hughes, \$790,000, May 20

**125 Parkside:** Keith B Eix to Timothy Rogers Jane Zera Rogers, \$381,000, May 20

**1543 Hawthorne Lane:** First-merit Bank to Timothy Noffke Mai Lin Noffke, \$810,000, May 19

**1836 Wildberry Drive:** Alan D Grayson to Loralee Robbins, \$267,500, May 20

**2930 Virginia Lane:** Demetri J Poulos to Paul Yi Jina Yi, \$330,000, May 18

**321 Nordica Ave.:** Evan-thia Farmakis to Deborah Borowsky, \$185,000, May 18

**3604 Maple Leaf Drive:** Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Eric G Deloy Jennifer E Deloy, \$365,000, May 20

**3917 Harvest Court:** Brian Slutzky to Jason Campbell Leah Campbell, \$615,000, May 20

**4330 Ivy Drive:** Kousik Krishnan to Brandon C Estes Meredith A Estes, \$492,500, May 18

**607 Glenwood Lane:** Duckworth Trust to John Klimek Kristina Klimek, \$190,000, May 18

**608 Cobblestone Circle:** Don Devito to David Barreca, \$46,000, May 19

**646 Elmgate Drive:** Clada Construction Inc to Michael J Burke Julie Burke, \$1,157,500, May 18

**7140 Beckwith Road:** Federal National Mortgage Assn to Florin Iva Simona Iva, \$140,000, May 20

**8340 Callie Ave. Unit 202 Unit E:** Krawitz Trust to Carol L Long, \$186,000, May 18

**8630 Waukegan Road:** Fannie Mae to Mitchell B Webber, \$110,000, May 20

**8664 Narragansett Ave.:** Toll II Iv Lp to Mark W Werwath Janet G Werwath, \$250,000, May 18

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**4833 N Olcott Ave. Unit 608:** Umberto J Zitella to Robert Burkart Shirley Burkart, \$330,000, May 18

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**4545 W Touhy Ave. Apt 612:** Terry J Cohen to Louis Saxon Eleanor Saxon, \$161,000, May 20

**6450 N Leroy Ave.:** Shapiro Trust to Iqbal Ahmed Salma Ahmed, \$505,000, May 20

**MORTON GROVE**

**5728 Main St.:** Fannie Mae to Peter R Cabal Melouise Gigi Cabal, \$168,000, May 20

**5936 Cleveland St.:** Sof-fos Trust to Pouls Namrood Bertha Alkhas, \$154,000, May 19

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**1663 Longvalley Drive:** Robert A Lammert to Robert Wehrle Iii, \$335,000, May 18

**3595 Garden St.:** Patricia Demarzo Estate to Sherry Jean Samia David, \$320,000, May 20

**556 Greenwood Road:** Svetlana Lapan to Walter Shekman Jane Shekman, \$1,200,000, May 20

**8910 Mansfield Ave.:** Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Tiffany K Mcgovern, \$243,500, May 18

**MOUNT PROSPECT**

**11 S Wille St. Apt 707:** Sneed Trust to Lawrence Bernstein Dawn Bernstein, \$200,000, May 19

**1103 S Hunt Club Drive Apt 319:** Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Bartosz S Niemczewski, \$95,000, May 19

**1468 N Picadilly Circle:** Bryan Kletzing to Enid Durbin, \$200,000, May 20

**1511 W Greenbriar Drive:** Bowyer Trust to Edward Kaszubowski Christina Kaszubowski, \$405,000, May 20

**1727 W Crystal Lane Unit 311:** Thomas C Gardynski to Naum Shkarovsky Yanina Shkarovsky, \$115,000, May 20

**601 W Huntington Commons Road Apt 213:** Smith Trust to Cynthia J Centella, \$70,000, May 18

**NILES**

**6626 W Wood River Drive:** Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Leona M Thomas, \$285,000, May 18

**6980 W Touhy Ave. Apt 405:** Wolfgang Klingl to Joanne E Brown, \$145,000, May 19

**7021 W Touhy Ave. Apt 208:** Efrosinis Trust to Linda Flor Santos, \$130,000, May 18

**7245 W Lill St.:** Thompson Trust to Edward Mallon Stanislaw Bujak, \$261,500, May 20

**7811 N Nordica Ave.:** Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Karol Smyk Emilia Smyk, \$94,000, May 19

**8219 N Octavia Ave.:** John R Thomas Co to Carl Kosowski Victoria M Morariu, \$218,000, May 19

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## HOT PROPERTIES BY PETER FOURNIER

# Cozy bungalow

Property, built in 1926, has ample parking

8715 School St., Morton Grove — \$315,000

Located in Niles Township, this two-story bungalow features a skylight, a covered porch and full basement.

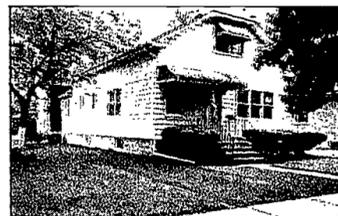
Built in 1926, this home includes a detached two-car garage, and an asphalt drive allows for more parking next to the home.

The home has a full bedroom and bathroom on the first floor, while the master and second bedrooms on the upper floor feature wood laminate flooring.

The living room features a gas fireplace, and the furnace is only five years old.

The property is about one mile from Interstate Highway 94 and is within walking distance to the Morton Grove Metra Station.

Listing agent: John DerMatoian, Century 21 Marino, (847) 967-5500, ext. 223, John.DerMatoian@century21.com



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A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

**A three-bedroom, two-bath**

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**A five-bedroom, 4.5-bath home**

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**A three-bedroom, two-bath**

home at 9314 Mason Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$319,000. Built in 1960, this brick bi-level home contains hardwood floors throughout. A one-car attached garage comes with the property, which also has a Florida room with a built-in grill. Maria Hs Kim of Peace Realty is the listing agent.

— Nathan Spicer

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Glenview	3.25%	\$436,250	15.08%	537	81
Lincolnwood	2.81%	\$295,750	13.85%	130	18
Morton Grove	2.62%	\$242,500	23.28%	189	44
Niles	2.41%	\$208,500	22.32%	233	52
Norwood Park	2.51%	\$280,000	20.27%	148	30
Park Ridge	2.55%	\$349,500	13.58%	346	47
Skokie	2.64%	\$235,000	30.21%	523	158
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**BUSINESS**

**Pizza, pasta aplenty at Graziano's**

BY NATASHA WASINSKI  
Contributor

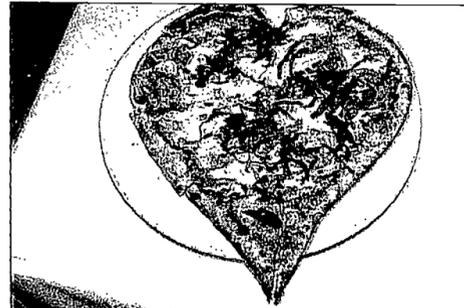
In the shadow of Niles' Leaning Tower YMCA is family restaurant serving Italian dishes that might just make the village's sister city, Pisa, proud.

Graziano's, 5960 W. Touhy Ave., prides itself on its cost-friendliness, use of locally produced ingredients and hand-tossed, brick oven-baked pizzas.

As owner Steven Demet puts it, "pizza and pasta are the breakfast of champions."

Demet grew up working at his family's restaurant in Morton Grove, called Parfais in the 1970s and then Maxwell's in the '80s. He met his future wife, Maria Gonzalez Demet, while they studied at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. The couple opened Graziano's in 1994 with Demet's longtime friend, Robert Graziano. Graziano left his namesake after four years and the restaurant's current general manager, Paul Cipolla, joined the partnership.

Demet's father, Nick,



For Valentine's Day weekend Graziano's served heart-shaped margherita pizzas. Its marquee read: "Love Bites." | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

worked his first job in the Graziano's building when it was the Red Balloon. Now the 82-year-old takes phone orders at Graziano's on weekends.

"It's his first job and last job," Demet says. It's like Graziano's was meant to be, Gonzalez Demet adds.

Demet says Graziano's opened when there weren't too many family restaurants in the area. Now two and three generations of families are dining there, he says.

The restaurant's two brick ovens can reach up to 900 degrees and create crispy, lightly burnt-crust pizzas that take only 5 minutes to bake. A combination of apple, cherry and oak hardwoods give Graziano's pizza a distinct flavor. As the restaurant explains, "it's the wood that makes it good."

Saying Graziano's serves a variety of pizzas is an understatement: There are 28 topping choices and a dozen signature pizzas, like the grilled steak fajita, vodka prosciutto



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and barbecue-chicken pies.

The eatery originally made authentic Italian-style pizza with light layers of tomatoes and mozzarella. Customers want lots of cheese and sauce, Demet says, so the pizzas have evolved into a Chicago-style thin-crust loaded

with toppings.

The kids menu has peanut butter-and-jelly and mac 'n' cheese pizzas that adults will often order, Gonzalez Demet says.

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marquee read: "Love Bites."

The pizza may be more fun but it's the pasta dishes that sell the most at Graziano's. Favorites include the baked ziti chicken ragu, bow-tie pasta with vodka sauce, and classic spaghetti and marinara with two baseball-sized

meatballs. For dessert, old-fashioned black cows, ice cream shakes and banana splits are served from the restaurant's retro fountain bar made by Chicago's Bastian-Blessing, one of the earliest and most renowned manufacturers of soda fountains.

The majority of Graziano's menu will make carbohydrate-lovers drool. To accommodate others the restaurant serves dishes that are vegan, gluten-free and low-carb.

A key to Graziano's success is importance the owners' place on supporting local charities and businesses. The restaurant regularly provides catered food for up to 100 at Catholic Charities events in Des Plaines. Recently Graziano's donated 20 pizzas to District 219's first "Pizza Wars" fundraiser to benefit the Education Foundation for Excellence. Graziano's also participates in the Taste of Sister Cities and Taste Morton Grove.

"We like to stay close to the local community that has supported us all these years," Demet says. Graziano's philosophy

is the freshest ingredients are those locally grown and produced. Fresh blueberries for the crostada dessert come from Ciopolla's family's blueberry farm in Michigan. Homer's in Wilmette supplies the ice cream.

The father of Graziano's produce vendor used to sell to Demet's father. Graziano's gets its meat from the 120-year-old Harrison's Poultry Farm in Glenview, and Chicago's L&L Packing, a third-generation family-owned and -operated business established in 1955.

Graziano's has been buying Bella Rosa tomatoes from a farm in Escalon, Calif., for the past 17 years. Demet says that unlike other suppliers the California farm doesn't package the tomatoes with citric acid, which interferes with their true flavor.

"Maybe people wouldn't know if we used frozen or cheaper ingredients but I would know," Demet says.

Graziano's uses 60 cases of tomatoes, 1,200 pounds of flour and 40 pounds of fresh basil a week. Garlic is a staple ingredient for everything, Demet says, except for may-

is also the only food that's frozen. Everything else is made from scratch and made to order, Demet says. Shell Berman, of Skokie, used to frequent the Demet family's restaurant, Maxwell's. After it was sold, Berman followed Demet to Graziano's. He now dines there two to three times a week. Sometimes his children and grandchildren travel from Milwaukee to join him.

"Every good restaurant can have a bad meal once in a while," Berman says, "but I haven't had mine (at Graziano's)."

Most days Berman dines with friends John and Marion Engler. The three often split a single dish because the portions are

Berman says he's only seen one person finish an entire plate at Graziano's, a teenager who "probably had to run a marathon the next day," Berman jokes. Berman and the Englers say they keep coming back for the tasty food and great service.

Laughing, Marion Engler says: "I hope it doesn't get too popular or we won't get a seat."

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# Oh, wondrous summer!

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If spring is a pretty girl twirling in her yellow gingham dress, summer enters the room like a seductive woman moving in rich greens and reds, promising wonderful things if only you give yourself over to her.

For youngsters, it's so easy because it's so natural. Their buoyant bodies have been itching for these fat, succulent days all winter long. With the sun rising in the morning sky, they're ripping ready to plunge into summer's wide-open arms. So many games to play, pools to swim, trees to climb, heroics to achieve. Why even their ubiquitous keypads and screens can't match what the woman called summer is offering outside.

For adolescents, summer is still spectacular, although a bit prickly. It's no longer quite so easy to throw yourself into it with such glorious abandon. Now suddenly you're aware of other eyes you know are watching you, other conversations you're sure are about you. Now games and pools and trees are not simply there; now they are there for you to prove yourself. When did fun become so hard?

For adults, summer is a stunningly mature woman beckoning you. For the male, a call to adventure; for the female, a call to enjoy. Either way, it's a call you feel as you first wake to the crisp, green fragrances of the morning outside your bedroom window.

Of course, the lady known as summer takes on slightly different auras in different venues. In the mountain country, she is the intoxicating beauty that explodes from among the slopes and peaks; along the seashore, she is the laughing foam of the waves that splash across the sands beneath your feet; in the scattered towns and villages of the country, she is the perfumes of the fields and the songs of the jaybirds.

But in the city, where I come from, summer is the exquisite woman who takes her place among our parks and boulevards and side streets as if she always belonged; has only been reluctantly away for awhile. Now that she's back, may I insist just for me, I once more find myself falling desperately in love. And yet, exactly like the moment the curtains open on a play I have long waited to see, I am already a little sad to think her visit will be so short.

Ahh, but what a visit. What a gift. What a chance.

Jack Spatafora  
Park Ridge

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Mary, Seat of Wisdom School celebrated the end of the school year on June 3.

The entire day was dedicated to celebrating not only the end of the school year, but the students' achievements throughout the school year.

The students enjoyed a morning filled with activities at Southwest Park. There were inflatables, various games, popcorn machines and a disc jockey.

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A happy, safe and blessed summer to all!

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## 1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



# A lawnmower man vs. nature story



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN  
Van Mom Strikes Again

With the exception of "The Simpsons" hillbillies, an estimated 54 million Americans mow their lawns every

weekend.

Environmental Protection Agency experts calculate that more than 17 million gallons of fuel, mostly gasoline, are spilled every year while refueling lawn equipment — more than all the oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez.

From my office, I smelled gas fumes and saw our own Valdez, our old push lawnmower. As my young gladiators strode toward the yard, dragging the handle, ready to do battle, the mower rattled, its tires squeaked, the engine wheezed. Soon, the familiar roar started. The scent of freshly chopped grass filtered through the house. Glancing out a window, I saw my husband yelling and pointing. My two sons collected sticks, took turns pushing

As I tidied the house, I listened to that mower tear through something, heard a sickening thud and a rrrrrummpff! that only a chainsaw could love.

Either those three had hacked their way through a dense Amazon forest and unveiled a Mayan ruin, or some neighbor would wind up suing us.

I gripped my throat in terror. My children were in back, far from the demonic blades. I saw my husband's

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arms, his white-knuckled hands wrestling with the mower handle. The dog. Was he safe? That mower was a Stephen King monster.

Panicked, I searched through empty rooms and stopped when I saw our pooch. Kirby lifted his head from the couch, blinked, and went back to sleep.

"Mom!" My youngest sprinted

in through our front door, sweaty and red-faced. "Dad killed a huge plant!"

Shirtless, grimacing, my husband entered, wiping his perspiring face with a paper towel. "That thing was huge. Leaves like this." He gestured the approximate size of a Zepplin. "We're talking pod-people scary."

"Oh, not that beautiful set of leaves under that small tree," I said, alarmed.

"Thing looked like something out of 'Little Shop of Horrors.'" My husband shook his head. "It called me Seymour. When I got too close, it tried to chomp my leg. It was either me or it."

Later, he researched the Web. Not a pod plant. Not Morticia Addams's Venus flytrap. A harmless rhubarb.

# Credit card replaces casting couch



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN  
The Fixer

extra you have to give them your credit card number. What do you think?

W. Brown

Dear W.: We called the toll-free number, too, and got connected with a heavily accented woman in a call center representing a website called Casting360.com. She also wanted our credit card number — which The Fixer wouldn't give — to bill us for a \$1.98 registration fee to post an online portfolio that casting agents supposedly look at. She read us a scripted pitch all about how casting directors are "always looking" for people to be in movies, TV shows, reality shows, dancing shows and modeling jobs and how some people make up to \$300 a day! Well, The Fixer was already dreaming of being on "Real Housewives of Cook County" — until we figured out how Casting360.com is making its money.

According to its own posted terms and conditions, everyone who signs up is automatically enrolled in a \$34.90-a-month subscription beginning on the 15th day after you first give them your credit card for the registration fee. This is automatically billed to your card. They say you can cancel the monthly subscription, but our guess is that it takes most people longer than 14 days to gather their photos, post their information and think hard about whether they want to continue. By then, the 14 days is up and Casting360.com has at least \$34.90 of your money. If you take longer, they'll get another \$34.90 for the next month, and so on.

Interestingly, the guy behind Casting360.com is Igor Reiant, whose other company, Casting Talent Network Inc. (also known as Talent6), in 2010 entered into a consent decree with the San Mateo County, Calif., district attorney's office. In that agreement, the company agreed to stop a variety of business practices including misrepresenting its casting opportunities, service charges and cancellation terms, and pay \$45,000 in civil penalties.

Our advice? Steer clear of any advance-fee operation, whether it's for supposed casting calls or modeling jobs or anything else. If you want to break into show business, this is not the way.

Dear Fixer: You are our last hope. This may sound insignificant, but it is important to us.

My wife and I are 79 and 80 years old. Two years ago, we ordered an extended subscription to Reader's Digest. We are still paid up until 2014.

We requested the large-print version due to our ages, but for the past two years we have received the regular-print issues.

We have spoken to many people in customer service and management just trying to get what we ordered. All we get is more runaround.

Charles Ball

Dear Charles: Your wife told Team Fixer that each time you spoke with someone at Reader's Digest, they swore that the problem was being fixed. But that was a little hard to swallow, much less digest, as time went on and this still wasn't resolved.

We got in touch with Reader's Digest spokesman Michael Penn, who promised he'd investigate. Soon after, your wife got a call from the magazine's customer-service department. They promised that the large-print magazine was on its way — and this time it was! You got the current issue as well as last month's.

## In the gutters

A Fixer reader who works in the home remodeling industry wants you all to beware of pricing issues when purchasing gutters, windows or siding.

He told us he used to work for a couple of shady companies until he got fed up with their sales tactics. First, they would mail out coupons offering hundreds of dollars in savings. But when the estimate was drawn up, they would inflate the quote by the value of the coupon, so the homeowner wouldn't save anything.

It didn't stop there. When dealing with unsophisticated homeowners, the salespeople would tack on other charges, then split the profit with the company as their commission. Our caller told The Fixer he was actually encouraged to do that in his training session.

How to protect yourself? First, don't be swayed by a big coupon or flashy ad. Ask friends and relatives for referrals, and check out the complaint records of any company you're considering. Get several in-home estimates. Once you've narrowed down your list, ask the potential contractors for their supply vendors' contact info, then call the vendors to make sure they're up to date with their accounts. Also, make sure they have insurance to cover the job.

## Protection for consumers on trade-ins

A bill that would help protect consumers when they trade in a vehicle at a car dealership has passed the Illinois House and Senate and is awaiting Gov. Quinn's signature.

The legislation, pushed by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Rep. Marlow Colvin (D-Chicago) and Sen. Dan Kotowski (D-Park Ridge), would protect against situations in which a consumer who traded in a vehicle finds he's still on the hook for the rest of the loan because the dealership never paid the balance before going out of business.

Madigan said at least 60 Illinois auto dealerships have closed and failed to pay off loans since 2000.

The legislation would create a Dealer Recovery Trust Fund to pay off outstanding trade-in balances when a dealership closes. It would be funded with \$500 annual contributions from all Illinois auto dealers.

Thanks to contributor Mike Nolan. Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at [www.pioneerlocal.com/fixer](http://www.pioneerlocal.com/fixer), where you'll find a simple form to fill out. Or, you can mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026.

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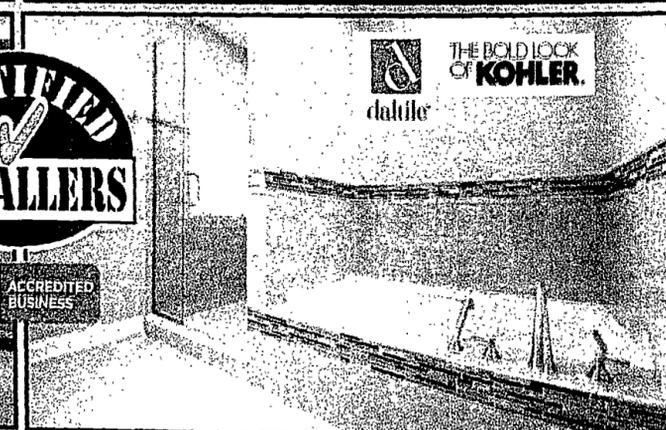


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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "With a Voice of Singing," featuring professional singers from the Lyric Opera of Chicago, will be presented at 7 p.m. July 2 at Lakeside Church of Chicago, 3939 W. Howard St., Skokie. Guest artists are sopranos Robin Wiper and Desirée Hassler, and mezzo-soprano Pamela Williams, accompanied by pianist Bill Billingham. The program includes American music theater, opera, gospel and art song. Admission is free. A reception follows the concert.

2. Tony Bernard & the Boppers present "The Era and the Music of the Million Dollar Quartet" at 8 p.m. July 2 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

3. Puppet theatre company Blair Thomas & Company presents "A Kite's Tale," set to the music of "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Modest Mussorgsky, at 2 p.m. July 2 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The performance is appropriate for children ages 3-12. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.musicinst.org or (847) 905-1500, ext. 108.

4. Northwestern University's Block Cinema presents "Some Like It Hot" (1959) at 9 p.m. July 6 as part of its summer outdoor film series on the east lawn of Norris University Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. Admission is free. Bring chairs and blankets for seating. Free parking is available after 4 p.m. in the university's two-level lakeside parking structure directly south of Norris Center. In the event of rain, the screening will be held in McCormick Auditorium, located on the first floor of Norris Center. Call (847) 491-4000 or visit www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/blockcinema.

## Good friends, good music honor 4th of July

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

An Evanston native will prove that it's possible to be equally successful at two careers when Rabbi Joe Black performs at the Skokie Theatre on Sunday, July 3. The singer, guitarist and songwriter will be joined by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band for a "Red, White, Blue and Black!" concert.

Black, who is currently senior rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Denver, said that his two careers evolved simultaneously. "When I was in high school and college, I worked as a musician in the Chicago area," said the Northwestern University graduate. "I used to host a local television program in Chicago, 'The Magic Door.' I played in clubs and I was always involved in the Jewish community as a cantorial soloist and a guitar player and singer/songwriter. It was something I loved to do but rabbinical school was my true calling. Any success that I've had musically really has been in tandem with my rabbinate."

### For the kids

After being ordained in 1987, Black accepted a position with a synagogue in Minneapolis. "At my first pulpit there, I started singing with the kids in the nursery school," Black said. "Then they asked me to write some songs." Next, he was requested to make a cassette of those songs as a fundraiser.

The cassette drew some attention, so the rabbi expanded it a bit and, he reported, "It got a lot of national exposure." After that, Black recorded a second children's album.

Following nine years in Minneapolis, Black moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where he had his own pulpit for 14 years. He joined the Denver congregation this year. Temple Emanuel serves around 2,000 households. "It's a dream job of a lifetime for me," Black said.

While he was serving in Albuquerque, Black recorded three CDs. The last one, a Hanukkah album entitled, "Eight Nights of Joy," was recorded with the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band at a live Chicago concert.

### 'RED, WHITE, BLUE AND BLACK! RABBI JOE BLACK AND THE MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER BAND'

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That collaboration came about because Black and Maxwell Street Klezmer Band leader Lori Lippitz have known each other since their junior high school days in Evanston. They both attended Beth Emet Synagogue in Evanston.

Black first worked with the klezmer group five years ago at the Old Town School of Folk Music during a concert that was recorded for the WTTW television station.

"We loved playing together," Black recalled. "We always said we wanted to do more." They joined forces for a benefit for the Chicago Jewish Day School and recorded that concert as "Eight Nights of Joy."

Skokie resident Lippitz said that one reason she wanted to collaborate with Black on that album was "to reach the young audiences that tend to be his base with the traditional music. We're always trying to get this to young people. It wouldn't have worked if I didn't like his music, but the thing we had in common was humor and variety."

### Style and variety

Lippitz noted that Black, "loves trying different styles. He's got something that's in a samba style and something that's supposed to be Elvis Presley, but he does it all in the realm of Jewish music."

During the Skokie Theatre performance, Black and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will do "a little bit of everything," Black said. "What's



The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band

wonderful about Maxwell Street is they're a klezmer band but they're also some of the best musicians I know."

Black reported that this will be the fifth time he and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band have given this concert. They performed it twice in Albuquerque — once as a fundraiser and once as a farewell concert — at a welcome concert in Denver and at the Chicago Jewish Folk Festival.

The Skokie Theatre concert will be a joyful combination of the specialties of Black and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. "They've done arrangements of my original music and I know a lot of their tunes," Black said.

Lippitz reported that a dozen members of her Junior Klezmer Orchestra, of junior high school and high school students, will perform a few numbers with the group.

Black defines his music as Jewish contemporary — including rock and roll, Chicago blues, pop and klezmer. He will also do some solo guitar performances of new work at the concert.

"We will cook up a few surprises in the Independence Day theme," Lippitz added.

Black doesn't view performing as separate from his career as a rabbi. "My music does not define my rabbinate," he said. "But my rabbinate defines my music. I love being Jewish. I use music as a way to convey that."

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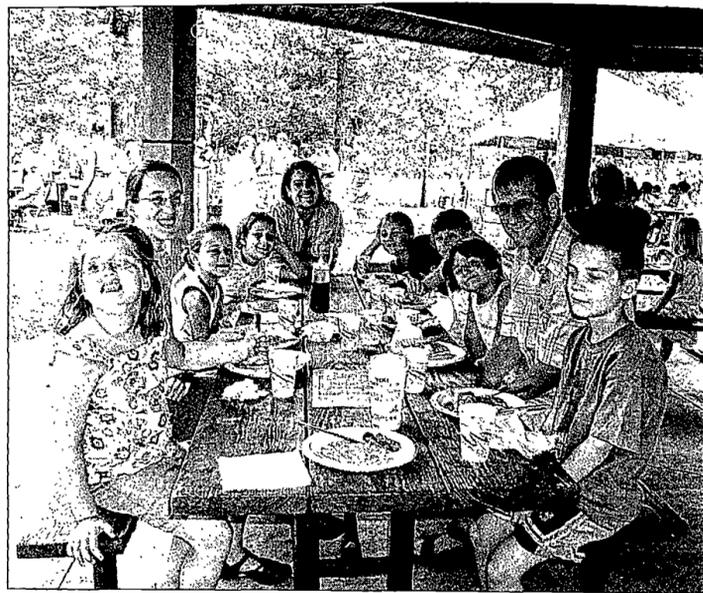


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Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie will host its annual pancake breakfast July 10. Advance ticket purchases are recommended.

**Family event in Skokie will be a piece of 'cake**

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
 Contributor

Eating pancakes cooked on an outdoor griddle in the restful setting of Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, is an annual tradition for many families. This year, volunteers will be flipping flapjacks and serving turkey sausages, strawberries, syrup, orange juice and coffee from 8:30 a.m.-noon July 10.

"It's entirely a volunteer-run event," said Nature Center Manager Lee A. Hansen. "Everybody can come to our fire circle, which usually has campfires, but we'll have our full production line going in it. We've got tents out and picnic tables and our shelter so people can eat their breakfast under the shade of a tent and the trees, and enjoy the great outdoors. Then, after breakfast, they can go for a walk down the trails."

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. People are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance at Emily Oaks.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 or visit [www.skokieparks.com](http://www.skokieparks.com).

**March in July**

Kids are invited to bring a wagon, tricycle or bike to the Notre Dame College Prep parking lot, 7655 W. Dempster St., Niles, at 8:15 a.m., Monday to march in the Niles Fourth of July parade. Decorations will be provided. Every marcher who registers by July 1 receives a free t-shirt and goody bag. Children

must be accompanied by an adult. For details, call (847) 663-1234 or visit [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

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**Pet project**

Learn "How to Train Your Dragon," 6-10 p.m. Wednesday at Centennial Park, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Swim in the pool before the animated movie begins at dusk. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Hot dogs, pizza, popcorn and ice cream will be sold.

For details, call (847) 692-5127 or visit [www.prparks.org](http://www.prparks.org).

**Pioneering spirit**

Kids will be fascinated by Striding Lion Performance Group's telling of a 12-year-old girl's journey from the Midwest to California in the 1860s. The performance, which combines music, dance and theater, is 7-8 p.m., July 7 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program.

For details, call (847) 324-3149 or visit [www.skokieilibrary.info](http://www.skokieilibrary.info).

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**More dim than 'Dark'**

BY BRUCE INGRAM  
 Film Critic

**TRANSFORMERS:  
 DARK OF THE MOON**  
 ★ ★

You kind of have to admire the Decepticons' stick-to-itiveness. The good-guy Autobots keep kicking their metallic behinds, but those giant outer-space robo-creeps keep coming back to do that evil thing they do — not particularly well.

They're not the only ones with a seemingly insatiable appetite for punishment, though. Audiences keep coming back in hordes for director Michael Bay's loud, chaotic, unfeeling and (considering the amount of spectacular on-screen mayhem) mind-numbingly dull special-effects extravaganzas. "Revenge of the Fallen," Bay's 2009 second installment, was an overblown mess that had an effect similar to being beaten on the head with a large mallet while simultaneously being bored to death. Still, people lined up to see it to the tune of roughly \$850 million worldwide. And the same will probably be true of this more-of-the-same third entry, "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," even though there's nothing here they haven't seen before, repeatedly.

(In case you've somehow remained blissfully unaware of the whole Decepticon-Autobot conflict, it's basically a rock-'em/sock-'em super robot war that began in the '80s with a line of Hasbro toys that shape-shifted from trucks and cars into robots and spun off into an animated TV series and various other media. The Decepticons destroyed the Autobots' home world and now they've tracked the survivors to Earth, which they plan to either destroy out of pure meanness or enslave, depending on their mood.)

This time around, our human-interest audience stand-in, our cocky-yet-insecure borderline obnoxious young hero Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf, who spends a surprising amount of time



Some things never change: Shia LaBeouf in "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," the third installment in the series.

in "T3" reduced to hysterical shrieking) has been sidelined after receiving a medal from the president. Basically, Sam's now just another recent college graduate trying to work his way up from the mailroom. Fortunately, there are some Decepticon shenanigans going down on the dark side of the moon, where an Autobot spaceship crashed with some secret teleportation technology that could allow the Decepticons to attack the Earth in force. There's nothing like becoming involved in a cosmic battle between good and evil with the fate of your planet at stake to put a crummy job into perspective.

There's not much more to report, aside from sultry Megan Fox having been replaced by "world-class hottie" Rosie Huntington-Whitely (that's Sam's mother talking) as Sam's girlfriend and the peculiar experience of seeing much of downtown Chicago devastated in the climactic battle. Much of the final robo-showdown takes place in and around the neighborhood of the AMC River East Theatre where the preview screening took place this past Monday. Right across the street from an

abandoned lot where tons of "Transformers" faux rubble was stored during shooting last year.

Compared to the tortuous (and torturous) "Transformers 2," "T3" is comparatively well-defined and perhaps a bit more invested in narrative coherence. It's fairly easy to keep up with what's going on this time, at least in terms of the broad outline of the plot. Even so, specific scenes are frequently baffling, sorted out every now and then by injections of awkward exposition in the dialogue. Bay clearly cares less about telling a story, at least in these films, than laying on enormous helpings of walloping spectacle, with interludes of low comedy and smirking sexism in the interim.

To put those across, he has hired some fairly high-end talent, including Frances McDormand, John Malkovich and John Turturro (the only one who seems to be enjoying himself). Even they have a hard time, though, contending with the tedium of watching a film that's roughly one-half to three-quarters devoted to more-or-less expressionless computer-generated robots whomping each other upside the head.

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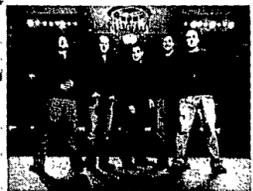
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## FILM CLIPS

### OPENING FRIDAY

**LARRY CROWNE**  
Rated: PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexual content  
Length: 99 minutes  
Stars: Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts  
■ Director/co-writer (with "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" screenwriter Nia Vardalos) Hanks stars as the title character, a downsized, middle-aged corporate veteran who decides to make a new start by getting a college degree — and makes the romantic acquaintance of burned-out teacher Roberts.

**MONTE CARLO**  
Rated: PG for brief mild language  
Length: 109 minutes  
Stars: Selena Gomez, Leighton Meester, Katie Cassidy  
■ Three young women suffering through a disappointing vacation in Paris are suddenly whisked off for an adventure in Monte Carlo when one of them is mistaken for an heiress. Thomas Bezucha ("The Family Stone") directed the comedy.

**TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON**  
★ ★  
Rated: PG-13 for intense, prolonged sequences of sci-fi action violence, mayhem and destruction, and for language, some sexuality and innuendo  
Length: unavailable  
Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Rosie Huntington-Whitely, Tyrese Gibson  
■ The third installment in the automotive shape-shifting sci-fi action/adventure series carries the war between the Autobots and the Decepticons from the streets of Chicago to the far side of the moon, where both sides hope to learn the secrets of hidden space-craft. Michael Bay returns as director.

**BUCK**  
Rated: PG for thematic elements, mild language and an injury  
Length: 88 minutes  
Stars: Buck Brannaman  
■ A documentary on real-life horse whisperer Brannaman, who travels the country nine months a year to help horses with people problems.

**CARS 2**  
★ ★ 1/2  
Rated: G  
Length: 120 minutes  
Stars: Owen Wilson, Larry the Cable Guy, Michael Caine  
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**GREEN LANTERN**  
★ ★ ★  
Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence  
Length: 105 minutes  
Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Blake Lively, Peter Saarsgard  
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**MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS**  
Rated: PG for mild rude humor and some language  
Length: 120 minutes  
Stars: Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino, Angela Lansbury  
■ A wealthy real-estate developer (Carrey) who has sacrificed love and family for his career, finds his life changing after inheriting six penguins from his estranged father. Mark Waters ("Mean Girls," "Freaky Friday") directed the family comedy, based on the classic children's book.

**THE TREE OF LIFE**  
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Stars: Brad Pitt, Jessica Chastain, Sean Penn  
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Class acts: Julia Roberts plays a teacher Tom Hanks meets when he goes back to school in the rom-com "Larry Crowne." The film opens Friday on local screens.

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**NEW THIS WEEK**

**THE LINCOLN LAWYER**  
 ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for some violence, sexual content and language  
 Length: 119 minutes

Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Ryan Phillippe, William H. Macy, Marisa Tomei  
 ■ McConaughey rides in style as a cool, worldly-wise ambulance-chasing L.A. defense attorney who operates out of the back seat of his Lincoln Continental — until he gets mixed up in the case of a wealthy Beverly Hills lad (Phillippe) accused of rape and attempted murder. And begins to think his client might actually be innocent. "The Lincoln Lawyer" is fair-to-middle pulp, featuring characters who are vivid if not particularly original — our

hero's street-wise chauffeur, his best-buddy investigator (Macy), his adoring ex-wife with benefits (Tomei) — but there are funny lines here and there ("1989 ... I was high a lot that year," one sleaze says on the witness stand), the plot is tricky enough to keep you guessing, and the pace never flags. You could do worse.

**13 ASSASSINS**  
 ★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for sequences of bloody violence, some disturbing images and brief nudity

Length: 141 minutes

Stars: Koji Yakusho, Takayuki Yamada, Yusuke Iseya  
 ■ A truly spectacular samurai epic that unfolds along surprisingly traditional lines, considering that it was directed by cult-fave extremist Takashi Miike (best known in the West for the ultra-disturbing gangster and horror rave-ups "Ichi the Killer" and "Audition," though his prolific domestic output includes everything from musicals to children's films). This remake of a 1963 chamber hit about 13 warriors who band together on a suicide mission



Matthew McConaughey plays attorney Mick Haller and John Leguizamo stars as Val Valenzuela in "The Lincoln Lawyer," available Tuesday on home video.

to prevent an evil warlord from taking the throne has all the stateliness and beauty of the samurai genre's best, and it moves a bit slowly while all the dramatic elements are assembled. But the final, hour-long, extraordinarily gory battle royale is one long, cathartic adrenaline-pumping symphony of mayhem.

**RECENT RELEASES**

**BARNEY'S VERSION**  
 ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for language and some sexual content

Length: 134 minutes

Stars: Paul Giamatti, Rosamund Pike, Dustin Hoffman  
 ■ Nobody does irascible, obnoxious, but soulful-underneath-it-all better than Giamatti, and he outdoes himself in this picaresque tale of a hard-drinking schlock-TV producer looking back on his long, colorful, often-painfully bungled life. Unfortunately, it becomes clear, early on, that Barney is more of a grumbly teddy bear than the SOB he's meant to be, which effectively pulls the story's teeth. Rated R for language and some sexual content.

**THE WARRIOR'S WAY**  
 ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for strong bloody violence

Length: 100 minutes

Stars: Dong gun-jang, Kate Bosworth, Geoffrey Rush  
 ■ This hyper-stylized, wannabe-mythic, genre-grafting action extravaganza never quite lives up to its potential, but if you're the type who believes you can never have too many superhuman ninja assassins in a western, it's still a pretty good time. Especially with Rush inexplicably present as the town drunk.

**ALSO NEW**

**DAMNATION ALLEY**

■ George Peppard stars in this 1977 post-apocalyptic thriller about a group of World War III survivors braving giant, radiation-mutated insects in an attempt to find other remnants of surviving humanity. Directed by sci-fi author Roger Zelazny from his novel.

**HOBO WITH A SHOTGUN**

■ Like Robert Rodriguez's "Machete," "Hobo With a Shotgun" is another trash-

ploitation feature evolved from a fake trailer in Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino's "Grindhouse." Rutger Hauer stars in this sensitive drama about a street-dweller who decides to make his urban-hell environment safe for a little lawnmowing business by wiping out all the scum in the neighborhood. Extras include commentary by Hauer. No MPAA rating.

**THE MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT: THE 1960s**

■ The DVD debut of a landmark series of documentaries, based on best-selling books by Theodore H. White, about the presidential campaigns of 1960, '64 and '68. Extras include a tribute to John F. Kennedy (first shown at the 1964 Democratic National Convention), a week-in-the-life documentary of President Lyndon Johnson, and a 16-page viewers guide.

**OBLIVION**

■ Long before "Cowboys & Aliens," this 1994 futuristic Western featured a cyborg deputy defending his town from the danger of an alien lizard-man and his band of exceedingly nasty outlaws — with Issac Hayes and "Star Trek's" George Takei tossed in as a bonus.

**OF GODS AND MEN**

■ A group of Trappist monks, threatened by Muslim extremists in Algeria, must decide whether to leave or stay. Xavier Beauvois ("Le Petit Lieutenant") wrote and directed the fact-based drama. Rated PG-13 for a momentary scene of startling wartime violence, some disturbing images and brief language.

**TRAILERS FROM HELL VOLUME 2**

■ An assortment of horror, sci-fi, action, comedy and fantasy movie trailers compiled by the folks at the award-winning trailersfromhell.com. Extras include commentaries by directors including Joe Dante ("Piranha"), John Landis ("An American Werewolf in London"), and Guillermo del Toro ("Pan's Labyrinth").

**PLAY REVIEW**



"Shout!" singers are Jessie Mueller, (from left), Brooke Jacob, Tammy Mader, Raena White, and Carey Anderson.

**A show to 'Shout!' about at Marriott**

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES  
 Contributor

of costumes, mostly short, including sequined, slinky, glamorous, and even very sharp black-and-white numbers.

The singers are Carey Anderson, Brooke Jacob, Tammy Mader, Jessie Mueller and Raena White, terrific vocalists all and good actors, though don't look for a plot to this delicious revue. The acting mostly comes in the delivery of the songs.

The songs are the only disappointment. Yes, there is the exuberant "Georgy Girl" from the 1966 movie of the same name, the cheery 1967 "Windy" and Nancy Sinatra's 1966 hit "These Boots Were Made for Walkin'," in which the gals indeed do walk out on guys, much to the fellows' dismay. Raena White gives a top-flight rendition of the 1968 "Son of a Preacher Man," and there are plenty of laughs as the singers fall madly in love with their handsome math teacher in the zippy "One, Two, Three," from 1965.

But how can you do a '60s retrospective without the Beatles, the Beach Boys, or Bob Dylan? Certainly it is a matter of getting the rights, however, the show just has too many soupy unfamiliar love songs. Plus, Burt Bacharach's pretty "Wives & Lovers" should be retired in an era when husbands and wives usually arrive home for dinner at the same time!

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Still, the show is lots of fun. The most imaginative moment in the evening has no words at all. Director/choreographer Rachel Rockwell's brilliant dance number to John Barry's score for the 1964 film "Goldfinger," includes the iconic James Bond theme, intoned by the five singers in the style of the Swingle Singers.

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**Proesel Park Shelter,** Kostner and Morse, Lincolnwood, 7-8:30 p.m. on select Wednesdays. Call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org. **July 20:** Rockin' Fendershirts ('50s-'70s rock).

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com/special.concerts. **July 12:** Soda (from Neil Diamond to Black-Eyed Peas). **July 19:** New Invaders ('60s British rock).

**Mount Prospect Park District Summer Concerts** at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Mount Prospect Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St. Visit www.mppd.org. **July 7:** He Said She Said ('80s-now). **July 14:** The Legends (surf music). **July 21:** Smokin' Guns (country). **July 28:** 7th Heaven (rock).

**The Mount Prospect Community Band** gives a series of free concerts at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St. **July 4:** Patriot Spectacular with Wayne & Kathleen Messmer. **July 11:** Stars In The Band. **July 18:** Singin' & Swingin' with Leah Novak. **July 25:** "Do It Yourself" Sousa.

**Free family concerts** from the Niles Park District, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa streets. Visit www.niles-park.org. **July 15:** Penny Carnival Night featuring the music of The Associates (Motown/variety). **July 22:** Vehicle Adventure featuring the music of Soda (all-ages rock). **July**

**29:** Down Home Family Fun featuring the The Stingrays playing country music of the '50s-'70s.

**Island in the City Festival** features live music at Norridge Community Park, 4631 N. Overhill. Call (708) 457-1244 or visit www.islandinthecity.com. **July 7, 7:30 p.m.:** 7th Heaven (rock). **July 8, 8 p.m.:** Final Say (variety). **July 9:** 4 p.m. One Hot Minute (Red Hot Chili Peppers tribute); 6 p.m. Chasing The Day ('70s, '80s, now); 8 p.m. Hi Infidelity ('70s, '80s rock). **July 10:** 4 p.m. Jesus Ramos (jazz, Sinatra); 5:30 p.m. He Said She Said (variety); 7:30 p.m. Piano Man (Billy Joel/Eltan John).

**The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony** performs at 8 p.m. Fridays at Hodges Park on South Prospect Avenue (Maine East Athletic Field on July 1 only), under the direction of Barbara Schubert. Call (847) 604-0026 or visit www.parkridge.info. **July 1:** American Salute. **July 8:** Sixties Splash. **July 15:** Beethoven, Brahms & Bernstein. **July 22:** With A Gypsy Flair. **July 29:** Broadway Special.

**Taste of Park Ridge,** Summit and Prospect avenues. www.tasteofparkridge.com. **July 7:** 6:30 p.m. Peter Oprisko; 8:30 p.m. ARRA (classic rock). **July 8:** 6:30 p.m. The Associates (Motown/variety); 8:30 p.m. Your Villain My Hero (pop/hip-hop). **July 9:** 6:30 p.m. Heartache Tonight (Eagles tribute); 8:30 p.m. American English.

**Free concert series** hosted by Westfield Old Orchard, Skokie Boulevard and Old Orchard Road, Skokie, from 2-4 p.m. Sundays. Visit www.westfield.com/oldorchard. **July 3:** Evanston Symphony Dixieland Band. **July 10:** Larry Eckerling & the Momentum Band. **July 17:** The CoverGirls Violin Show. **Sunday Sundown Concerts** at 7 p.m. at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparkdistrict.org. **July 10:** The Connexion Band (pop). **July 17:** 7th Heaven (pop/rock). **July 24:** The Saturday June Band ('70s music). **July 31:** Pamela Rose and Windy City Country.

**CLASSICAL**  
**Chicago Duo Piano Festival** will be held July 8-17 at Music Institute's Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave. In addition to offering students private and group coaching and the opportunity to perform in recitals, the festival includes three public performances at Nichols Concert Hall. **July 8, 7:30 p.m.:** Gala Opening Concert: Celebrating Liszt. Italian husband and wife piano duo Elisabetta Dessi and Francesco Giammarco perform four-hand transcriptions of works by Liszt, including "Legends of Saint Elisabeth" and the Mephisto Waltzes No. 1 and 2. **July 12, 7:30 p.m.:** "Mozartiana." Chicago Duo Piano Festival founders/directors Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neiweem perform Mozart's Sonata in D Major for Two Pianos, K. 488 and two piano transcriptions of Mozart's music by Busoni and others. **July 15, 7:30 p.m.:** Duo Piano Extravaganza. Members of the Music Institute faculty offer a varied selection of four-hand and two-piano works. Tickets for concerts are each \$25; \$15 for senior citizens;

cal work traces her journey through poverty and abuse in the Jim Crow South, her role as an activist in the civil rights movement and triumph as a Pulitzer Prize-nominated playwright. Performances are at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$10. Call (847) 448-8254 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/fjtheatre.

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**"Spring Rains and Labor Pains,"** the 2011 Mini-Musical Project sponsored by Midwest New Musicals and Light Opera Works, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. **July 17** at the McGaw YMCA Children's Center Auditorium, 1420 Maple, Evanston. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Visit www.LightOperaWorks.com.

**POP/FOLK/JAZZ**  
Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. **July 8, 7:30 p.m.:** Katy Perry - California Dreams 2011 world tour. \$35, \$45. **Aug. 6, 7 p.m.:** American Idol Live! \$45-\$65. **Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.** (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. Music is from 5-9 p.m. Sundays; 7-11 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. **June 30:** Live jazz by John Bany, Charles Braugham and Don Stille.

**InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont.** (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. Ticket prices for shows vary. For information, visit www.montroseroom.com. **July 8:** Haymarket Riot. **July 9:** Up Close @ Montrose with The English Beat. \$30 VIP; \$20 general admission. **July 15:** Voodoo Kings. **July**

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James Graham as Orlando, Kate LoConti as Rosalind in "As You Like It." PHOTO BY ALEXANDER BRUEHL

The costuming is contemporary but Two Pence Shakespeare's production of "As You Like It" is not set in the present day.

"What we're trying to do with the costumes and the set is create the world of the play," said director Kathryn Walsh. "I don't think it will look like those people are in Chicago in 2011. Hopefully, it will look like they are part of a very particular world that is inspired by this play."

The plot revolves around two cousins, Rosalind and Celia, who find themselves in the Forest of Arden after being banished from their home. Rosalind disguises herself as a boy for protection and in that guise falls in love with handsome Orlando.

Ohio native Walsh, who is currently completing her graduate thesis in directing from Northwestern University, said that she wanted to direct "As You Like It" because, "There's something about the journey that Rosalind has to take through the course of the play — her learning how to be a different person in a new environment — that really spoke to me in my post-grad school existence."

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ing to find that through her prose.

The actor has been doing extensive research on Rosalind. "With a role as iconic as this," she said, "you want to figure out what is the truest way to play it and not try to beg, borrow and steal so much."

Two Pence Shakespeare's Managing Director Sarah Augusta, a California native, plays Celia. She noted that the company chose to present "As You Like It" because of its "meaty" roles for women.

## Love vs. independence

Walsh also noted that she relates to the play's issue of figuring out if it's possible to be independent and in love at the same time.

Buffalo, N.Y. native Kate LoConti, who earned a master's degree in theater from Columbia University in New York, plays Rosalind. "She is one of the most amazing heroines of Shakespeare," LoConti said. "She is completely drawn. You see every facet of her character — and of a woman's character. She's really representative of the wit and the emotion and the girliness and the strength."

LoConti noted that most of Rosalind's lines are written in prose, whereas most of Shakespeare's lead characters usually speak in verse. That makes it easier "to get into the rhythm and the meter of the language," she explained. "It's been challeng-

## no language. She observes the courtship of Rosalind, dressed as Ganymede, wooing Orlando.

"It's the most detailed female friendship that Shakespeare has ever written," Augusta said. "Celia's story is really the story of what happens when your best friend falls in love — and how you deal with the change in that relationship." It's a situation all women should be able to relate to, the actor indicated.

Director Walsh concluded, "We're playing a lot with the idea of how one's individual viewpoint on the world shapes one's experience. That has led the acting and design choices from the beginning. We are embracing both the romp of (the play) and the real struggles that the characters are going through."

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22: Callaloo. July 29: Robert Hynes Band. Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. [www.maynestage.com](http://www.maynestage.com). July 1, 10 p.m.: Colombian fusion electronica band Systema Solar. \$20. July 9, 8 p.m.: Sons of the Never Wrong (folk). \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. July 13, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.: René Marie sings jazz, soul, blues and gospel. \$22 general admission; \$29 reserved. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit [www.rosemonttheatre.com](http://www.rosemonttheatre.com). July 28, 7:30 p.m.: Dolly Parton. \$60, \$85, \$150. Aug. 13, 7 p.m.: Selena Gomez & The Scene with Allstar Weekend. \$27.50, \$123. Aug. 23, 8 p.m.: Stevie Nicks. \$39, \$65, \$95, \$125. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokietheatre.com](http://www.skokietheatre.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. July 2, 8 p.m.: Tony Bernard & the Boppers present "The Era And The Music Of The Million Dollar Quartet." July 3, 1:30 p.m.: "Red, White, Blue and Black! An Independence Day Weekend with Rabbi Joe Black and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band." July 6, 1:30 p.m.: Jimmy Niteclub's "Bobby Darin & Sounds of the Sixties." July 8, 8 p.m.: The Adam Kromelow Trio performs jazz from its newly released CD, "Upgrade." July 9, 8 p.m.: Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael in "Isn't It Iconic?" July 10, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Motown Tribute. July 13, 1:30 p.m.: Jack Miuccio's "Forever Frank" (Sinatra). July 16, 8 p.m.: Bucky Halker presents "This Land Is Your Land: Celebrating Woody Guthrie's 99th Birthday." July 20, 1:30 p.m.: Tony Bernard's "Rock 'n' Roll Legacy." July 22, 8 p.m.: Directions Jazz Orchestra presents "Groovin' Hard: A Tribute to Buddy

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The Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra invites area musicians to join the orchestra for the summer session. There is no age requirement for players, but previous musical training is mandatory. Summer rehearsals will begin July 5, from 7 to 9:15 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall of the Events Building, Room 207, at Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. Rehearsals will continue each Tuesday evening until Aug. 2, when the orchestra will perform in a public concert in the Wright College Theater. To schedule an audition, or for more information, call (773) 481-8863 or visit [www.NWCSO.org](http://www.NWCSO.org). S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. [www.evanstonpace.com](http://www.evanstonpace.com). (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. June 30: Joel Frankel & Down Boy Down (folk rock). \$12/\$15. July 1: JD Souther with Jill Andrews (country rock). \$22/\$26. July 2: Erwin Helfer's Chicago Boogie Ensemble with Ken Saydak (blues/jazz). \$12/\$15. July 7: The Spares (Americana). \$12/\$15. July 8: Anders Osborne (blues). \$22/\$25. July 9: Tracy Nelson (blues/folk). \$17/\$20. July 10: Billy Branch & the Sons of the Blues, \$15/\$20. July 12: Carrie Rodriguez. \$14/\$18. July 13: Shawn Phillips and Steve Forbert (folk/rock). \$17/\$20. July 15: Janiva Magness, \$15/\$18.

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Gand Music and Sound offers Camp MusicTech, a rock music summer camp for ages 9-16, at Niles North High School, Skokie. Sessions are available July 11-15 and July 18-22. For information and to register, visit [www.campmusictech.com](http://www.campmusictech.com) or call (847) 446-4263, ext. 113. Light Opera Works is currently taking enrollments for its 2011 Musical Theater Summer Workshop, to be held at Lake Street Church in Evanston. Students ages 8-15 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a public performance of a mini-musical at the McGaw YMCA. Workshops include "H.M.S. Pinafore," July 11-16; "Fiddler on the Roof," July 18-23; and "Willy Wonka," July 25-30. Each workshop

meets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with the performance on Saturday. Fee is \$350 per workshop. Register online at [www.LightOperaWorks.com](http://www.LightOperaWorks.com) or call (847) 869-6300. Puppet theatre company Blair Thomas & Company presents "A Kite's Tale," set to the music "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Modest Musorgsky, at 2 p.m. July 2 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The performance is appropriate for children ages 3-12. Tickets are \$10 and are available at [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org) or (847) 905-1500, ext. 108. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit [www.rosemonttheatre.com](http://www.rosemonttheatre.com). July 30, 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.: The Wiggles Big Birthday Tour. Tickets: \$15.50-\$85.50.

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InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. [www.montroseroom.com](http://www.montroseroom.com). July 9, 8:30 p.m.: Second Saturdays with The Second City in the Montrose Room. \$15-\$20 in advance; \$20-\$25 at the door. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokietheatre.com](http://www.skokietheatre.com). July 1, 8:30 p.m.: The Edge Comedy Club, \$15. July 3, 7:30 p.m.: Comedian Caryn Bark presents "Enough Already!" \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

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# Evanston actors in a tale of Asian identity

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

Two Evanston actors portray playwright David Henry Hwang and his father in Silk Road Theatre Project's production of "Yellow Face." They've had the benefit of the renowned playwright's input because Hwang's in town shepherding the world premiere of his play "Chinglish" at Goodman Theatre.

David Rhee's character in "Yellow Face" goes by the name DHH; Joseph Anthony Foronda plays HYH.

Rhee noted that the first time the playwright visited a rehearsal, "You could feel the energy changing in the room. When David came in, there was a sense of reverence." Rhee reported that Hwang has been very positive.

### Friendly guidance

Foronda admitted that having the playwright around is "a little intimidating. He's still so young to have made such an impact in theater. We're kind of in awe of him but he's extremely cordial, very accessible, very friendly. And he's very, very open to what we're doing. He's letting the director (Steve Scott) and the actors do what they need to do. If we need a little guidance, he puts in a little input. He's a positive presence."

Rhee admitted that it's difficult to describe this show and particularly his role because, "There's so many layers to it in terms of what the story's about, what (DHH) is dealing with."

The play begins with DHH winning the Tony Award for "M. Butterfly."

"He becomes the poster child for the Asian-American — whether it's the 'voice of,' what does Asian-American stand for? What is the thinking of Asian-Americans?" Rhee said. It's a role "that one man can't embody."

Things suddenly change for Hwang when he learns that a white actor has been cast in the lead role of a Vietnamese man in



Joseph Anthony Foronda, (from left), Tanya McBride, David Rhee, Lydia Berger, and Christopher Meister in "Yellow Face" at the Silk Road Theatre Project.

### 'YELLOW FACE'

Silk Road Theatre Project, The Historic Chicago Temple Building, Pierce Hall, 77 W. Washington St., Chicago

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the Broadway production of "Miss Saigon." "There's a huge uproar, and that demonstration was led by David Hwang," Rhee said. "All of a sudden, everyone turns on him — Equity, the newspapers, actors."

This leads Hwang to question the idea of identity, specifically

what it means to be an Asian-American. "When everyone who was giving you all these accolades turns on you, then who are you?" Rhee said.

Despite this serious issue, the play is a comedy, which Silk Road describes as a "ferociously funny, utterly unreliable memoir."

Rhee believes that the relationship between DHH and his father "is the heart of the story."

Foronda, who plays HYH, reported that his character is a banker who emigrated from China. "He's a self-made millionaire," the actor said. "When he first came over to the United States, he worked in a laundry."

### American dream

"He worked his way up and became an accountant eventually. He ended up owning the first American bank that did business in China." The character's history is based on the actual history of Hwang's father. "He's a pretty driven man," Foronda said, "although he's not what you would call your American capitalist. He did it through a lot of

hard work. He's a very optimistic man."

Foronda believes that father and son are very close but, as with most fathers and sons, "There's a generational disconnect. I'm not sure if (DHH) was driven to be a success like his father but certainly his father was a good guy."

Foronda also plays a variety of other parts including a Japanese-American actor, an actual Chinese-American nuclear physicist who was unjustly accused of treason, several senators and a Russian.

Like Rhee, Foronda thinks the question of identity is central to this play. "It's a debate that's been going on for years," he said. "We all come from immigrant parents essentially. It's a new twist on that debate and how it fits into our modern world."

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A painting by Agnes Rathonyi, an exhibitor at the Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival.

## Art fair returns to Chicago Botanic Garden

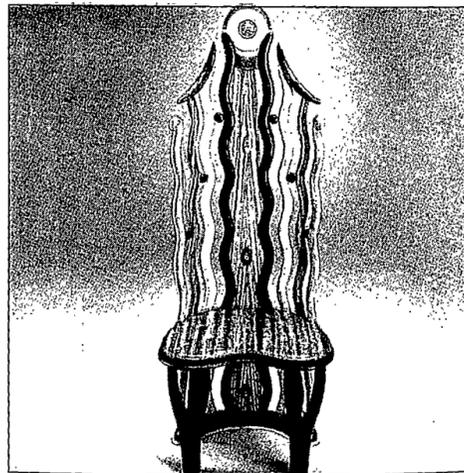
BY SARA BURROWS  
Contributor

Art fairs and summer are a happy tradition in the north suburbs, and fair fans will have one more to schedule this year. The Chicago Botanic Garden adds the Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival to its already long list of programs. It's set for the holiday weekend, July 1-3, and offers plenty to do and see for all ages.

"People can really make a day of it," says Amy Amdur of Highland Park. Her Amdur Productions, Inc., has worked closely with the Botanic Garden staff to organize the fair.

Amdur notes that the Botanic Garden had held an art fair back in the 1980s, but that "went into hibernation."

But just last year, says Amdur, Sophia Siskel, CEO of the Botanic Garden, decided that the fair would be a great way for people to experience

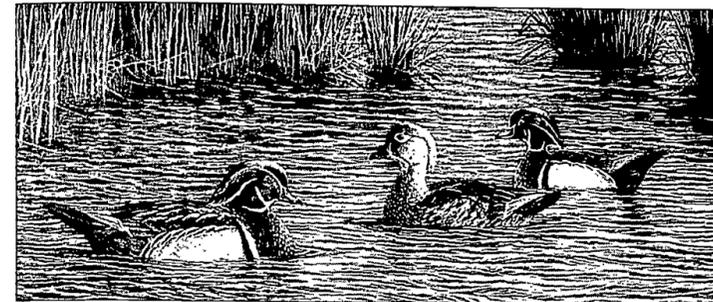


A wooden chair by Steven Spiro, who uses only natural colored, exotic woods in his creations.

the place, and would return. "So this is the first annual," says Amdur, and adds that it would be a lovely tradition to establish.

### Super setting

What makes this event really special is the setting. "The garden itself is art, so it's an ideal place to see art,"



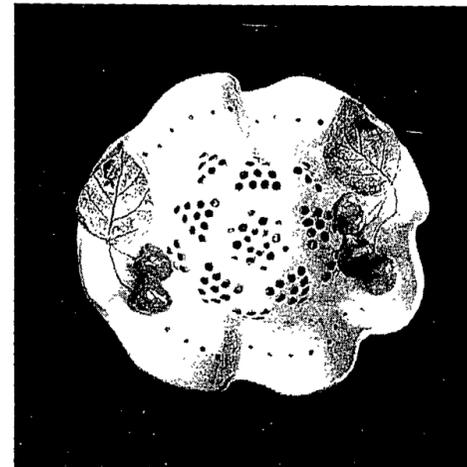
Painter Gerardo Valerio Trigueros of Wauconda will exhibit his nature work at the Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival.

### CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN ART FESTIVAL

1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 1-3

Free admission to festival. Parking is \$20 per car; free for Chicago Botanic Garden members. Become a Chicago Botanic Garden Member during the festival weekend and your parking fee will be reimbursed at the Membership Desk in the Visitor Center. For public transportation or other information, see [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org) or call (847) 835-5440



A cherry bowl, created by ceramicist Karen Russell of Barrington.

Amdur says.

The exhibitors will be ranged along the garden's esplanade, with the garden's lake and its fountain as a backdrop. "I think it's the most spectacular setting for an art fair in the entire world," she says.

Some 80 artists from all over the world were juried into the show. All of them either create work on botanic and natural themes, or use materials that are natural, Amdur explained.

The art work will include lots of sculpture, paintings, prints and drawings, photography, jewelry, "and some art for gardens," she says.

Some artists Amdur recommends looking for are Steven Spiro, who creates furniture out of exotic, multi-colored woods; Agnes Rathonyi, a painter originally from Hungary, whose canvases can have as many as 36 layers of paint; and photographer Shelley Lawler, who "takes wonderful photographs in her own garden."

During the three days of

the fair, many artists will demonstrate how they create their work, and special stations for kids will offer hands-on projects, so youngsters can take home art they make at the fair.

### Barrington artist

Among local artists exhibiting will be ceramicist Karen Russell of Barrington.

She creates "hand-built pottery" that's both beautiful and useful. Many of her pieces are large bowls and platters, that look as good standing in a china closet as they do filled with summer fruits or other fine edibles.

"I like to think of my plates being used, and to use them myself," says Russell.

All Russell's pieces have some kind of botanical embellishment. She'll fashion the petals and leaves of a flower, then attach them to a plate. Often, she says, "the leaves are pressed from the actual leaves of the plant," which gives her the precise detail she appreciates. Because she loves its tiny

pop of red, Russell's flowers often harbor a ceramic ladybug, as just about any healthy flower might.

"But if it's a water lily, it doesn't get one," she says.

Russell hasn't always been a ceramicist.

It was about 10 years ago that a friend signed her up for a pottery class, because that friend needed some new plates and bowls. "I never liked dishes," says Russell.

But she went to the class, took another, and kept on taking them. "Pretty soon I ended up with two kilns in my basement," she says.

She's also spent two months in Portugal, learning about that country's ceramics. "I went crazy for their ceramic tiles," she recalls.

Between her art fair work, and special orders she fills for customers, Russell's ceramics work has morphed into a real job, and she's happy with that. "I do love it," she says. "It's a lot of fun."

And she's also learned to like dishes.

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for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. **July 11:** "Flags and Firecrackers." **July 25:** "Hulas & Leis."

### FAIRS & FESTIVALS

**Irish American Heritage Festival, July 8-10** at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. Hours are 6 p.m.-midnight Friday; noon-midnight Saturday; and noon-11 p.m. Sunday. The festival features music on five stages, including performers Gaelic Storm, The Tossers, the Makem and Spain Brothers, Baal Tinne, Chicago Celtic Pipe Band, Finbarr Fagan's Band and others, a folk tent with demonstrations of Irish instruments, dances and sing-alongs, Irish and American food, vendors and artisans selling Irish clothing, music and jewelry, poetry readings, language lessons and one-act plays. Tickets \$14 per day; \$8 in advance; \$7 for seniors; and free for children 12 and under when accompanied by a paid adult. Call (773) 282-7035, ext. 10, or visit [www.irish-festchicago.com](http://www.irish-festchicago.com).

**Skokie Art Guild's 50th annual Art Fair** will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **July 9-10** on the Skokie Village Green, 5211 Oakton, Skokie. Free admission and parking. Visit [www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org).

**North Shore Festival of Art Old Orchard**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **July 22-24** at Westfield Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. More than 140 juried artists from across the country will offer ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, drawings and more. There will also be live music, food and children's activities. Admission is free. For more information, call (847) 926-4300 or visit [www.amdurproductions.com](http://www.amdurproductions.com).

**Lakeshore Arts Festival**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **Aug. 6-7** on the lakefront at Dawes Park, Sheridan Road at Church Street, Evanston. Free admission. For more information, call (847) 448-8260.

**An Arts & Crafts Adventure II**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Sept. 17** on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, downtown Park Ridge. Visit [www.americansocietyofartists.org](http://www.americansocietyofartists.org).

### FILM

**Lincolnwood Public Library**, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org). **Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. — **July 1:**

"Casino Jack and the United States of Money."

**Niles Public Library**, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org). **July 21**, 2 p.m.: "Hereafter," rated PG-13 (closed captioned).

**Northwestern University's Block Cinema** presents its summer outdoor film series at 9 p.m. Wednesdays, July 6-Aug. 3, on the east lawn of Norris University Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. Admission is free. In the event of rain, screenings will be held in McCormick Auditorium, located on the first floor of Norris Center. Call (847) 491-4000 or visit [www.block-museum.northwestern.edu/blockcinema](http://www.block-museum.northwestern.edu/blockcinema). **July 6:** "Some Like It Hot" (1959). **July 13:** "Toy Story 3" (2010).

**Shakespeare's Globe London Cinema Series**, featuring performances of Shakespeare's classic plays filmed in 2010 at the Globe Theatre in London, will be screened at the Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and the Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Each showing begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in Niles; \$15, \$14 for seniors and students, in Evanston. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com). **Aug. 1:** "Henry IV, Part 1." **Aug. 18:** "Henry IV, Part 2."

**"Tekken Blood Vegeance"** in 3D, based on the video game Tekken, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. **July 26** at the Village Crossing 18 with IMAX, 7000 Carpenter Road, Skokie, and the Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$15, available at the theater box office and at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com).

### SINGLES

**Spares Singles Sunday Evening Club** holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. **July 3 and Aug. 21:** Music by Chuck and Friends. **July 17 and Aug. 7:** Music by the Dick Elliot Band.

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**Antique and Classic Car Shows** will be held **July 14 and Aug. 11** at the Village Plaza Shopping Center, Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue, Morton Grove. Rain dates are the following Thursdays.

Show car registration begins at 5 p.m., show opens to the public at 6 p.m. Kid-friendly entertainment, auto products auction, raffles, police and fire department demonstrations are featured. Free admission; food and beverages available for purchase.

**Wednesdays on the Green** presents free family-friendly events every Wednesday through Aug. 24 on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton St., downtown Skokie. **July 6,** 7 p.m.: Music on the Green features the Skokie Valley Symphony Performers. **July 13,** 7 p.m.: Dancing on the Green, '70s Night. **July 20,** 6 p.m.: Classic Cars on the Green. **July 27,** 7 p.m.: Movies on the Green, "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure." **Aug. 3,** 7 p.m.: Music on the Green features The Michael Lerich Orchestra. **Aug. 10,** 7 p.m.: Dancing on the Green, Groove to '80s. **Aug. 17,** 6 p.m.: Classic Cars on the Green. Visit [www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com](http://www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com).

### MUSEUMS

**Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. [www.ilholocaust-museum.org](http://www.ilholocaust-museum.org). Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Through Sept. 6:** "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust," an international exhibition that focuses exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust. **July 10,** 1:30 p.m.: Screening of the documentary "Watermarks." After having survived the Holocaust, a group of women, champion swimmers of a legendary Jewish sports club in Vienna, are reunited. Free with museum admission. **July 14,** 6:30 p.m.: Panel discussion, "Courage & Resilience: Women in the Holocaust." Moderated by WBBM Newsradio 780 anchor Regine Schlesinger, a panel of women who survived the Holocaust will share their experiences. Free with museum admission. **July 19,** 7 p.m.: "Their Stories: Reflections of Survival on Stage and Screen." Live scenes from Lookingglass Theatre Company's play, "The Last Act of Lilka Kadison," and clips from Kartemquin Film's documentary, "Prisoner of Her Past," will be paired with recollections of a Holocaust survivor. A reception at 6:30 p.m. will precede the program. Free with museum admission. Reservations are required.

# THE ICE CREAM PLACES YOU SCREAM FOR

Summer and ice cream are two things that were always meant to go together. From favorite flavors to the way it's served up — cups, cones, bowls, fountain

glasses and more — Sun-Times Media readers have a soft-serve spot in their hearts for specific ice cream emporiums. We asked our readers to nominate their favorite ice cream

places, and from those 68 nominees, they cast their votes for the "Best Ice Cream" in the Chicago area.

So here's your winner, Chicagoland, along with the rest of the Top Ten:

## America's love affair with ice cream runs deep

BY DARRYL HOLLIDAY

Staff Reporter/dholliday@suntimes.com

It seems that ice cream has been destined for greatness in the U.S. ever since the first cow arrived in 1611. Over time, the sweet, frozen treat has become one of the most popular desserts in the country.

President Ronald Reagan in 1984, proclaimed July "National Ice Cream Month." July 17 is officially "National Ice Cream Day."

Chances are high that you have ice cream in your home right now, as more than 90 percent of U.S. homes purchase the frozen snack — fueling an industry that has stayed mostly stable for decades. According to the most recent statistics from the International Dairy Foods Association, 920 million gallons of regular ice cream were produced in the U.S. in 2009, down 10 million gallons from the year before.

Illinois, which has produced its fair share of historical ice cream lore, including claims from Evanston as the originator of the ice cream sundae, is the ninth-leading producer of ice cream and related products nationally at 36 million gallons for 2009. California remains the nation's leading ice cream producer with 169 million gallons.

Though vanilla is still far and away the favorite flavor for ice cream among U.S. residents, with nearly 28 percent of the market, chocolate has been steadily gaining over the long-time leader, most recently topping at 14.3 percent — an increase of 4 percent from 2008. Strawberry, chocolate chip and butter pecan round out the top five.

But according to Peggy Armstrong, vice president of communications for the IDFA, vanilla's lead is easily explained and well known to many.

"It's that you can use it for so many things," she said. "It just goes good with everything."

Armstrong also noted that the latest trends in ice cream flavor selection seem to be leaning in increasingly experimental directions. As new technologies create opportunities for new flavors, companies are responding with flavors that incorporate well as flavors that "reminiscent of," she said, such as cake cream.

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### THE BEST ICE CREAM IN CHICAGO 2011



ABOVE: Brothers Tommy (left) and Todd Zarlengo, owners of Zarlengo's Italian Ice and Gelato.

**1** Chicago, you nominated your favorites and for one week, you voted for whom you rank as the best ice cream in Chicago. The winner? Zarlengo's Italian Ice and Gelato (257 W. Joe Orr Rd., Chicago Heights, 708-754-9080, [zarlengositalianice.com](http://zarlengositalianice.com)).

Since 1983, the Zarlengo family has served Chicago Heights with unique recipes and fresh ingredients. With more than 40 flavors of handmade frozen treats all produced in-house, the family, which makes up the majority of the restaurant's staff, stays busy churning out quality treats to loyal customers.

"It's hard, but it's a labor of love," said Todd Zarlengo, 25, a manager at the restaurant. Todd and his siblings, who grew up in the business founded by their father and grandparents, have since become involved in its operation, from business planning to the creation of gourmet menu items, while staying true to family traditions.

"The way we produce our products hasn't changed," Zarlengo said. "Everything is still made from scratch and with small batches. There's an emphasis on quality — if we wouldn't eat it, we wouldn't serve it, basically."

What began as a hamburger and

## CHICAGO'S BEST ICE CREAM TOP TEN LIST 2011



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### 2 DUFF'S DOGS

4835 N. Austin, (773) 628-7454; [duffsdogs.com](http://duffsdogs.com).

Staffer Lynda Duffy treats herself to the "The Avalanche" at Duff's Dogs.



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### 5 ORIGINAL RAINBOW CONE

9233 S. Western, Chicago, (773) 238-7075, [rainbowcone.com](http://rainbowcone.com)

Cashier Christina Vogt, (left), hands familiar multi-colored Rainbow ice cream cones to Moira (foreground) and Molly McKee.



### 3 SCOOTER'S FROZEN CUSTARD

1658 W. Belmont, Chicago, (773) 244-6415; [scootersfrozenscustard.com](http://scootersfrozenscustard.com)

Ola Kusznerko serves up vanilla ice cream in a sprinkled waffle cone. | AL PODGORSKI-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



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### 7 2 SISTERS FROZEN CUSTARD

4734 147th St., Midlothian, (708) 385-0574, [2sistersfrozenscustard.com](http://2sistersfrozenscustard.com)

Bev Thomas (left) shows off the "Abby's Brownie Special" while her sister, Lisa Callaghan, enjoys a two-scoop cone at their aptly named 2 Sisters Frozen Custard shop.



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### 8 BLACK DOG GELATO

859 N. Damen, (773) 235-3116; [blackdogchicago.com](http://blackdogchicago.com)

The goat cheese cashew caramel gelato is a must at Black Dog Gelato.



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### 9 SHAWN MICHELLE'S

11925 Western, Blue Island, (708) 239-1380, [shawnmichelles.com](http://shawnmichelles.com)

A Jamaican rum raisin/banana pudding waffle cone is served up at Shawn Michelle's Homemade Ice Cream.



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### 6 DAIRY BAR

1015 Harlem Ave., Glenview, (847) 724-2029

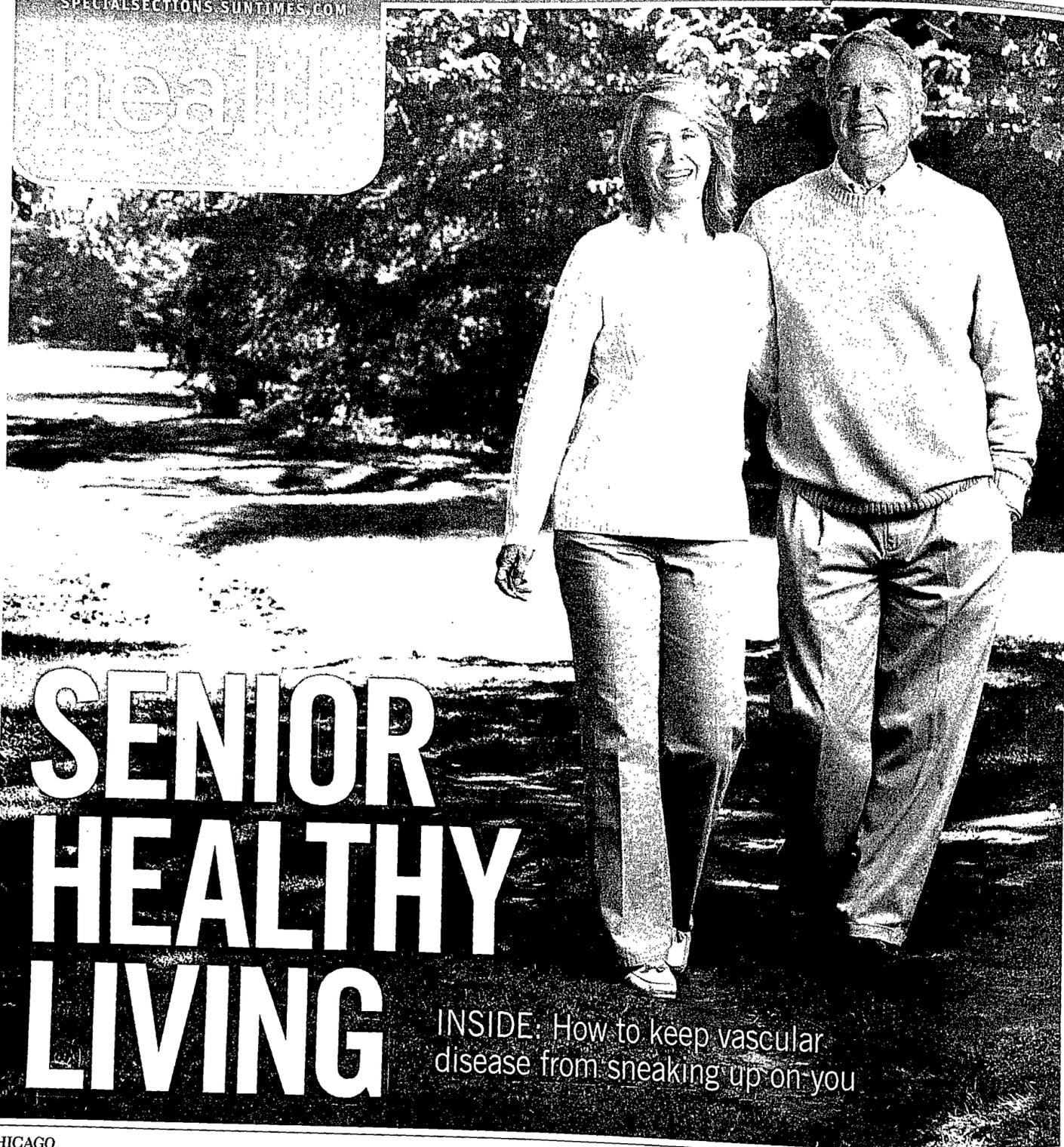
Luane Gabuzzi, daughter of Dairy Bar owner Chuck Boedicker, dishes out some soft-serve with Flavorburst stripes at the Glenview establishment.

### 10 THE BROWN COW ICE CREAM PARLOR

7347 W. Madison St., Forest Park, (708) 366-7970; [browncowicecream.com](http://browncowicecream.com)

The Brown Cow, made with home-made root beer and vanilla ice cream, is the namesake treat at the Brown Cow Ice Cream Parlor in Forest Park. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA





# SENIOR HEALTHY LIVING

INSIDE: How to keep vascular disease from sneaking up on you

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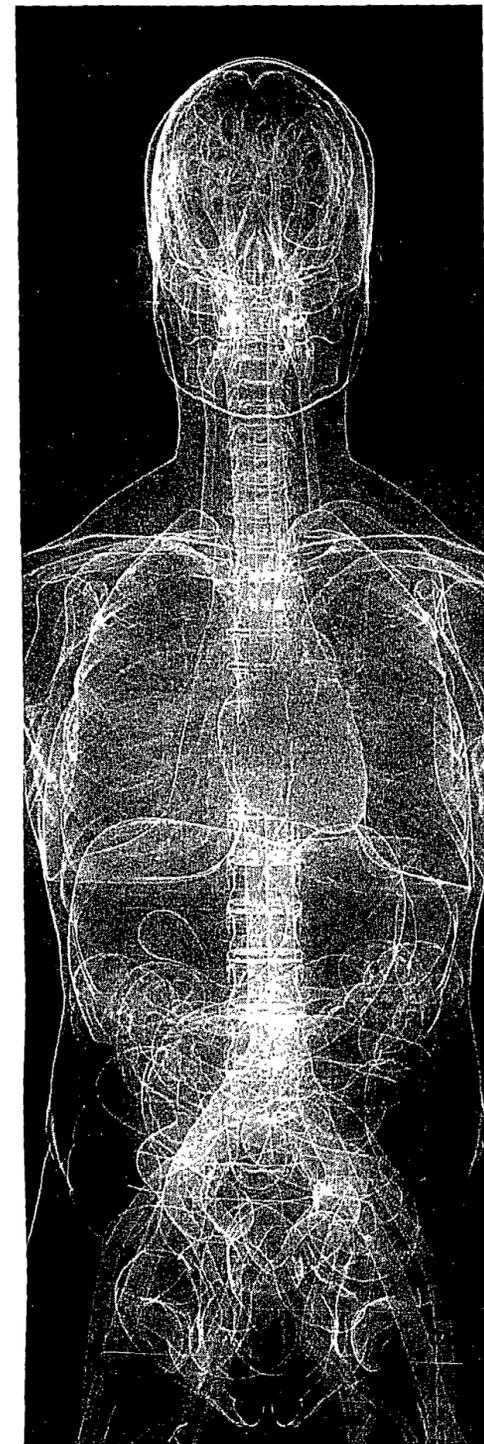
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# Beyond heart health

What you don't know about vascular disease can kill you

**BY KATIE FOUTZ**  
For Sun-Times Media

**Dr. Mark Morasch has a warning for seniors: Don't wait until an emergency to check the health of your blood vessels.**

"Often vascular disease is silent," said Morasch, a vascular surgeon at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. "Asymptomatic carotid artery atherosclerosis can lead to stroke. Aortic aneurysms can develop silently and burst."

While some vascular disease patients are younger than 50, most are seniors, he said. That's because as people age, their arteries tend to thicken, stiffen and narrow — creating a condition called arteriosclerosis.

Most people know plaque and cholesterol buildup in the vessels that carry blood to and from the heart can cause cardiac disease and heart attack. Vascular disease is lesser known but is being diagnosed more frequently as baby boomers age and the senior population grows. Awareness is growing, too, Morasch said.

Blockages in arteries throughout the body can lead to three main vascular diseases: aneurysm (a bulge in an artery), stroke (a blockage that breaks off and travels to the brain) and peripheral artery disease (reduced blood flow to the limbs), according to the Society for Vascular Surgery. The organization is based in Chicago and includes vascular specialists nationwide, with nearly 100 members in Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

Vascular surgeons can treat these conditions with

balloon angioplasty and stents, wire-mesh tubes that keep arteries open. They also can graft vessels within the body to bypass damaged vessels.

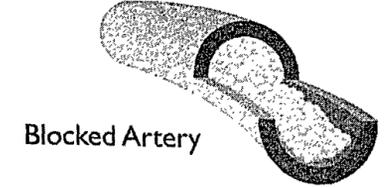
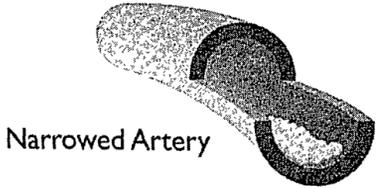
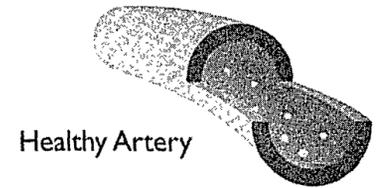
To prevent vascular disease in the first place, seniors' best defense is not smoking, Morasch said. They also should control their blood pressure and diabetes and follow their doctors' orders to take a daily aspirin and statin medication.

High-risk individuals, such as smokers and those with known heart disease, should get screened for vascular disease as early as age 55. Most men and at-risk women can start screening at 65.

If cost is a concern, Medicare offers a screening benefit to patients during their "welcome to Medicare" physical, Morasch said.

Early detection can save a life. If vascular disease goes undetected, an aneurysm could burst and cause internal bleeding and death. Carotid artery disease could cause a fatal stroke. And peripheral arterial disease increases the risk of dying by stroke or heart attack threefold.

"Ultrasound can detect carotid narrowing before it becomes a problem," Morasch said. "It can also find aortic aneurysms before they burst."



**Silent killer:** Most people know plaque and cholesterol buildup in the vessels that carry blood to and from the heart can cause cardiac disease and heart attack. Vascular disease is lesser known, but is being diagnosed more frequently as baby boomers age. | FILE PHOTO



## WHEN TO GET CHECKED

The Society for Vascular Surgery recommends the following screenings.

**For all men 65 and older:**  
■ One-time ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA).

**For women 65 and older with a family history of AAA or who have smoked:**  
■ One-time ultrasound screening for AAA.

**For people 65 or older whose initial ultrasound shows an aortic diameter of less than 2.6 cm:**  
■ Re-screening is not recommended.

**For individuals 55 or older with a history of hypertension, diabetes, smoking, high cholesterol or known cardiovascular disease:**  
■ Ultrasound scan of the aorta to identify aortic aneurysms.

■ Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries to assess stroke risk.

■ Blood pressure measurements in the legs to identify peripheral arterial disease and risk of heart disease.

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# LUXURY WORKHORSE

**BY BILL VISNIC**  
Motor Matters

General Motors' truck division — GMC — has for some time used the Alaska-inspired Denali name for the flashiest and most opulently equipped premium trucks. But 2011 marks the first time GMC has ever chiseled the Denali name into the metal of its toughest, work-oriented pickups: the 2500/3500 Heavy Duty lineup.

The Denali trim is available for the Sierra 2500 (¾ ton) and 3500 (1 ton) series in the four-door Crew Cab body style only. You'll know it's a Denali by the four-bar chromed grille (standard Sierra HD pickups have three-bar grilles). The interior of the Denali Sierra HD is boosted with brushed-aluminum trim and 12-way adjustable front seats and power-adjustable pedals.

For a Sierra Denali 2500HD with four-wheel drive like our tester and a gasoline V-8, the price is \$45,865. A vital option for any heavy-duty pickup: a turbodiesel engine.

The GM-made Duramax V-8 diesel already was a formidable propulsion tool, but for 2011 it's upgraded to a thunderous specification, in keep-

ing with the diesel-engine battle GM, Ford and Chrysler have been waging for years. Duramax upgrades this year bring horsepower to 397 (from the previous 360), but the important number, of course, is trailer- and load-tugging torque, and the revised Duramax churns out a concrete-crunching 765 pound-feet of torque.

The reason Detroit automakers continually try to upstage one another over diesel-engine power ratings rests mostly in bragging rights. The Duramax is a \$7,195 option in the Sierra HD lineup — and this is the lowest-priced of the GM, Ford and Chrysler diesels.

The Duramax, coupled with the magnificent Allison 1000 six-speed automatic transmission, makes the Sierra 2500HD a beast with impeccable table manners. A little reluctant with power until fully warmed, the revised Duramax then runs surprisingly quiet for 6.6 liters of turbo-charged diesel, is a claimed 11 percent more frugal in highway driving than before and accelerates the 3¼-ton Sierra Denali 2500 HD with flagrant ease.

With the Duramax, the Sierra Denali 2500 HD could be the ultimate do-anything limousine. The turbodiesel engine can cruise this 20-foot-long pickup at 80 mph while front and rear passengers

converse in normal volumes (it doesn't hurt that wind and road noise are acutely muted by the cabin's soundproofing measures).

We have to give a shout out to the Allison six-speed automatic. T romp the pedal in the lower of its six gears and it cracks off the kind of quick and aggressive upshifts that wouldn't be unacceptable in a big-money sport sedan. Lay off a little and the shifts remain firm and concise but now with the imperceptible modulation of a luxury car. This is a \$1,200 option every Sierra HD buyer should select without hesitation.

This automatic transmission and more efficient Duramax combine for good efficiency, too: This class of pickups isn't required by the Environmental Protection Agency to report fuel economy, but GMC claims a range of up to 680 miles from the 36-gallon fuel tank, meaning you could expect as much as 18 miles per gallon. In a week of driving all over — and hammering the Duramax most of the time — we could run through only three-quarters of the tank.

We could go on about the 2011 Sierra Denali 2500 HD's unexpectedly agile handling (Is that the revised independent front suspension we're enjoying?) and the brilliance of the reworked brakes, but then you'd be thinking we weren't really testing

this truck for its trucklike capabilities. Truth be told, the biggest load we hauled was the five-gallon kerosene jug over to the convenience store.

If you insist on using the Duramax-equipped Sierra Denali 2500HD for its intended workhorse purposes, this configuration can tow up to 13,000 pounds with the standard trailer hitch and more than 8 tons with a fifth-wheel hookup. Payloads can run to almost 3,000 pounds.

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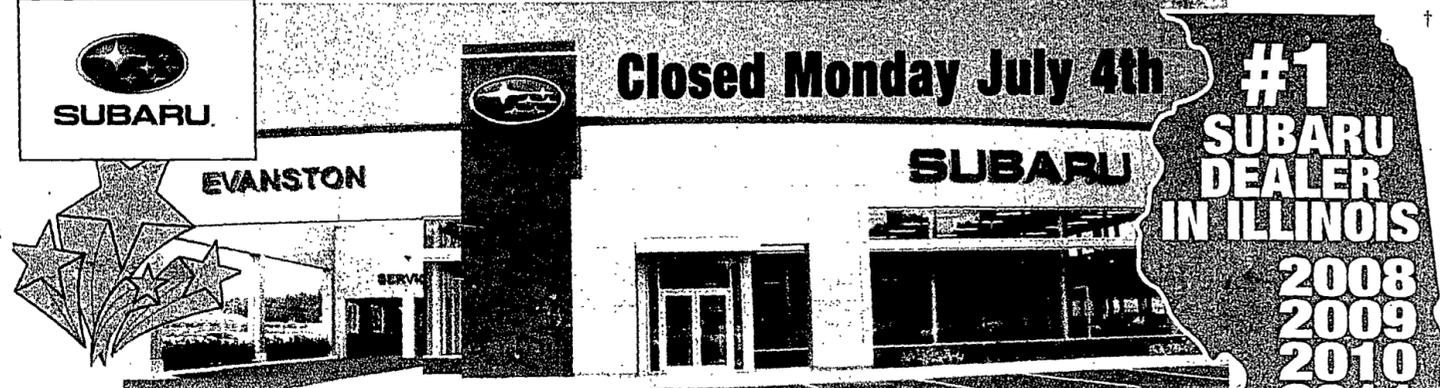
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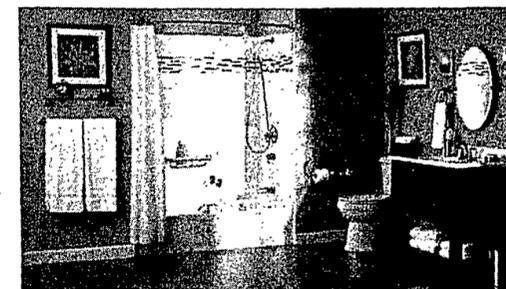
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- **Keep your mind moving.** Cognitive performance levels drop earlier in countries that have younger retirement age, according to a study published by the RAND Center for the Study of Aging and the University of Michigan. But if you're no longer in the workforce, don't fear. Just be sure to keep your brain busy by engaging in activities that combine social, physical and intellectual stimulation.

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**SENIOR HEALTHY LIVING**

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BY KATIE MORELL  
 For Sun-Times Media

**1. Decrease in personal cleanliness.**

"If there is a problem with personal cleanliness, it might be time to look for a senior community," said Jean Elliott, associate vice president of advocacy and technical support for Life Services Network of Illinois. "It could relate to incontinence which can be a very embarrassing thing to admit."

**2. Lack of mobility.**

"If someone has been social all of their life and you see them staying at home all the time, that is another sign," she said. "Senior communities can provide a place to socialize with others."

**3. Bruises.**

"Falls increase the older you get," Elliott said. "A lot of older people will not admit to falling because they're worried about being sent away. I recommend looking for bruises and may alert you to problems with balance."

**4. Confusion with medication.**

"If they can't remember if they took it or if they took too much, this can be a problem," she said.

**5. Change in home appearance.**

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Do your research: Choosing a senior community is a big decision. Regardless of which kind of community you choose — independent, assisted living or a nursing home — area senior service providers encourage you to ask prospective communities lots of questions. FILE PHOTO

# Senior housing FAQ

## How to find a community that works for you

BY KATIE MORELL  
For Sun-Times Media

Senior living communities are opening up every day, and choosing the right one for you or your loved one is a very hot topic. Chances are, you know someone who is shopping around for a venue suited for their parent, or you yourself are in the market.

The population is getting older en masse. According to the Administration on Aging, more than 39 million people (12.9 percent of the country's population) is over 65 years old. By 2030, more than 72.1 million people in the United States will be older than retirement age, driving the demand for senior housing.

The Assisted Living Federation of America cites on its website a report by The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University that predicts massive changes in housing trends as baby boom-

ers retire and amplify the demand for senior housing. "Researchers emphasize that the desire to age in place will drive the housing choices of both the pre-boomer and baby boomer generation," the website reports.

### Types of communities

There are three main types of senior living communities: independent, assisted living, and nursing homes.

Independent living communities are made for those who require little assistance, but may need some help opening medicine cases, for example.

"Many independent living facilities look like high-class hotels where seniors have their own apartments," said Judith Miller, social service director at Elmwood Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Chicago's western suburbs. "They have the option to cook for themselves, but can also opt for group meals with

other residents."

Assisted living communities are one step closer to complete medical care. Those who live in these facilities usually need help taking medications, getting dressed, and doing daily activities.

"Their meals are prepared at a central location and staff help them with bathing," said Cecelia Sanders, marketing coordinator at Sunnymere Senior Living Community in Chicago's western suburbs.

Nursing homes provide in-depth medical care, according to Miller.

"These are places seniors go when they need significant help with daily activities such as brushing their teeth and getting out of bed," she said. "Most rooms are shared occupancy and not apartment-like."

### Vital questions

Here are a few important questions to ask when choosing a senior living community:

### Do you like living here?

"This is a question to ask other residents as you walk around," said Jean Elliott, associate vice president of advocacy and technical support for Life Services Network of Illinois. "It will give you a feel for what it is like to live there."

### Can I see your most recent state survey report?

"Every year and at every senior community, public health comes in to review charts, rate how they are giving care, etcetera," Miller said. "This is public record. It is your right to know how the community is doing."

### What are your costs?

"Some communities charge a flat rental fee, some charge extra for meals, and some charge extra for things such as incontinence," Sanders said. "Look at fees ahead of time, figure out what each fee includes and see if there is a buy-in fee to live there."

### What kind of staff turnover do you have?

"Find out how long everyone has been there," Miller advised. "If they are losing people on a two-year rotation, that is a bad sign."

### What is your refund policy?

"If your loved one ends up not liking it there, you need to find out about refunds," Elliott said. "Also, make sure to ask about security deposits."

### What is your ratio of nurses/staff to residents?

"Ask what the ratio is at any given time — it could be different depending on the time of day," Miller said.

### What are your food options?

"Food is a big deal; we are used to eating wherever and whenever we want," Miller said. "When you go into a facility, ask to eat a meal."

## RESOURCES

**AARP:** This nonprofit, nonpartisan organization aims to help people 50 and over improve the quality of their lives. Visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

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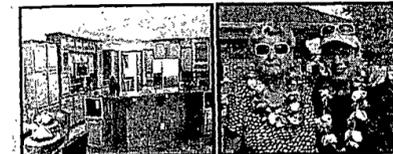
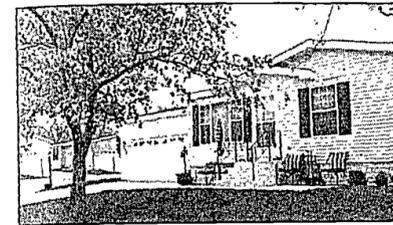
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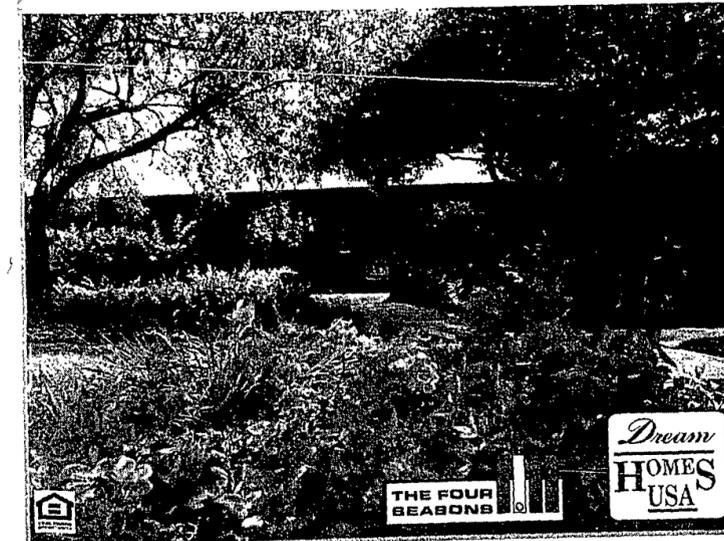


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# Supplemental coverage

## Melatonin could help reset the body's age clock

Melatonin is a supplement widely used to combat jet lag and alleviate short-term bouts of insomnia. There is also evidence that melatonin as a regular dietary supplement could have antioxidant effects and help slow down the aging process.

Melatonin is a hormone produced in the pineal gland of the body. The onset of darkness triggers the pineal gland to release melatonin into the bloodstream, which helps to induce sleep.

Younger people, especially children, produce a large amount of melatonin. The ability to fall asleep quickly and sleep deeply has benefits for the growing body, allowing cells to rejuvenate and the body to grow and heal. As individuals age, melatonin production decreases. This can be why many older adults have difficulty falling asleep or seem to need less sleep.

Study after study indicates that lack of sleep can lead to myriad health problems, including mental health deficits, added stress, heart disease and others. Each of these conditions can contribute to the aging process. It makes sense, then, that getting frequent and restful sleep can help turn back the clock.

But that isn't the only benefit of melatonin, say experts. According to "The Aging Clock: The Pineal Gland and Other Pacemakers in the Progression of Aging and Carcinogenesis," by Walter Pierpaoli M.D., Ph.D., melatonin is the

regulator of almost all hormones in the body. Clinical trials have shown that melatonin can diminish the effects of hormones that trigger certain cancers.

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## START SMART

While it is best not to start any supplement program without first asking a doctor (especially if a person is pregnant or has other medical conditions), those who want to take melatonin should look for the synthetic variety. These are made from plant material to mimic melatonin produced in the body. Animal-based melatonin can contain diseases and other pathogens. A relatively small amount of melatonin is needed to produce large effects. Consult with a specialist on the right amount to take for desired results.

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# Presbyterian Homes Helps Seniors Sell Their Houses

Presbyterian Homes, based in Evanston, has recently announced an initiative to help older adults sell their houses. People are anxious about selling their homes in the current real estate market. But a unique Home Sale Program can help ease their worries.

The retirement communities of Presbyterian Homes have long been at the forefront of mission-driven programs to meet the needs of seniors. From its founding in 1904, to its expansions to Lake Forest and Arlington Heights, the organization has adapted to its customers' needs.

This constant focus on serving seniors led to offering FREE independent, expert advice from top real-estate professionals to seniors who seek to move to a Presbyterian Homes community. These communities include Westminster Place (the original campus on Golf Road in Evanston), King Home and Ten Twenty Grove in downtown Evanston, Lake Forest Place in Lake Forest and The Moorings of Arlington Heights.

## Seniors will get free real estate assistance and support

The free program of real estate assistance and support works like this: Presbyterian Homes has entered into a relationship with one of the nation's most experienced, well-connected relocation firms. This network of knowledgeable, top-notch real-estate agents will work on the homeowner's behalf to find the right buyer at the right price.



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It's the kind of detail-oriented, professional service that top executives enjoy – and Presbyterian Homes is paying for this service on behalf of their future residents. The results benefit both future residents and Presbyterian Homes. Typically, the number of days on market is reduced from a national average of 150 days to just 67 days on market for seniors using this service!

## Professional moving services are provided

Additional support comes in the form of moving services, also financed by the organization. They will pay for the services of professional moving and transition specialists to provide the personal attention and careful consideration that their future residents deserve.

Moving experts work to organize the move, using a floor plan of the new residence to help guide the decisions concerning what to bring and where to place it. They can also arrange to send items to friends, family, or a favorite charity.

Then, as moving day approaches, this team will make sure that all the precious possessions are expertly packed and arrive safely. The professionals hired by Presbyterian Homes help the future residents all the way, looking after every detail – literally thousands of dollars of professional assistance!

## Moving to a Presbyterian Homes community will be easy and stress-free

The support is designed to help seniors stop worrying about how they are going to move, and assist them in planning the new-found freedom they will enjoy without the responsibilities of property management.

Bob Werdan, vice president of Presbyterian Homes, explains, "We've created this *Home Sale Program* to eliminate the concerns that seniors have shared with us. And in the unlikely event our expert relocation team can't sell your house, ask us about low interim-financing rates and our Deferred Entrance Fee Program.

"We offer a great opportunity to ensure that the best move you can make – to a Presbyterian Homes community – is your easiest move ever."

Werdan suggests, "Ask yourself: What's more important? **Appreciating real estate or APPRECIATING LIFE?**"

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# Leading the way to wellness

## Fitness centers catering to the exercise needs of older adults

BY KATIE MORELL  
For Sun-Times Media

"You are only as old as you feel," as the saying goes. While products such as skin-firming lotions and magic diet supplements claim to keep you young, exercise is the only tried and true solution for feeling and looking good. According to David Bustamante, general manager at World Gym in Chicago's western suburbs, it is incredibly important for senior citizens to stay active. "It keeps the body healthy, it rejuvenates you, and keeps your blood circulating," he said. "Once you retire, it is important to keep doing things. Our bodies are like machines; if you leave them alone, they will rust." Many seniors may worry about exercising at public fitness centers, for fear of not fitting in with a younger crowd.

But Bustamante said it isn't so bad. "Watching other people work out can motivate you to work out," he said. Venue options — from fitness centers to seniors centers — specifically geared toward older adults are growing. Also, programs are designed with seniors' needs in mind — classes can be modified for less chance of injury. For example, the Functionally Fit program offered at Rush-Copley Healthplex in Chicago's western suburbs helps with strength, flexibility and range of motion. Another program, Seniors of Steel, is a weekly bodybuilding program. The center also offers water tai chi and exercise programs specifically designed for patients of Parkinson's disease. Some programs are even covered by health insurance. Silver Sneakers,



Mobile applications: Exercising improves muscle tone, which can take pressure off of joints and help seniors with mobility. More and more fitness centers are catering to the needs of older adults. I FILE PHOTO

a national fitness program for older adults, is available through some health insurance plans and to people who are eligible for Medicare. Silver Sneakers locations offer fitness equipment, fitness classes designed specifically for older adults, a designated on-site staff member trained to help seniors and health education seminars and social events. Visit [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com) for more information.

# Take a seat

These exercises are for seniors with limited mobility



Exercise is important for all people, including older adults. Yet, seniors who have limited mobility or are confined to a wheelchair may think they couldn't possibly exercise. However there are many things such individuals can do to stay in shape — all while sitting down. Doctors recommend at least 30 minutes of daily exercise for most people. Exercise is beneficial for seniors because it keeps muscles from atrophying, improves mental alertness, strengthens bones, and leads to a healthier metabolism, among other things. For seniors who think they won't be able to handle tradi-

tional exercise, chair exercises or modified Pilates can be effective, even for those with trouble walking or standing for extended periods of time.

**Stretch, stretch, stretch**  
To get started, all one needs is some loose-fitting clothing and a chair. Begin by doing some stretching movements of the neck, arms and legs. Rotate the head left and right and in circles to stretch the neck and back muscles. Lift arms over the head and slowly drop down to the sides of the body to stretch arms and back muscles. Lift and lower the legs a few times to warm them up.

**Start slowly**  
To begin exercises, start slowly and gradually build up repetitions. Exercises to try include boxing or punching into the air, arm circles, and arm curls. For the legs, work the back and front of the legs. Kick the legs out in front of the body several times. Hold legs parallel to the floor (as much as possible) and do leg crosses. Put feet flat on the floor and lift up the heels. Keep feet on the floor and push down to work the buttocks and the top of the thighs.

**Add weights**  
Individuals who have mastered these exercises and have been told by a doctor that it is OK to do something a bit more strenuous may want to add very light weights to the equation for more resistance. Two or five pound weights are all that's needed to give muscles even more of a workout.

**Add variety**  
Those looking to change things up from day to day can think about doing yoga in a chair or even tai chi exercises. Deep breathing and meditation after workouts can be part of a cool down and stress-relief program.

If swimming is possible, or even simply entering a pool, water provides gentle resistance and could be a good way to work the body in a gradual manner. Buoyancy from the water will be easy on joints and this type of exercise is very low-impact.

Remember to always consult a doctor before beginning any type of exercise regimen, be it with a personal trainer or on your own. The doctor can discuss which type of exercises may be safe.

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# PRESCRIPTION FOR SAVINGS

## Mail-order meds a less expensive alternative

If you're tired of waiting in long lines at the pharmacy to drop off or pick up your prescriptions, find yourself forgetting to refill your meds, or worry about your conversations with the pharmacist being overheard by other customers in the store, there's a safe, convenient, money-saving alternative available to you. "Mail service is a great option if you are looking for ways to lower your prescription drug costs and save time," said Randell J. Correia, head of Mail Service for Prescription Solutions. "With mail service, you don't have to drive to a drug store each time you need to fill a prescription, ordering is easy and the medications arrive at your doorstep. You also get the added feature of having 24/7 access to pharmacists and the highest level of accuracy and safety." Millions of Americans are enjoying having a "pharmacy in their mailbox" by using mail-order pharmacy services. Today, almost 10 percent of all prescriptions in the United States are sent through the mail. The reasons more people are turning mail include:

**1. Convenience.** After sending in your prescription just once, your medication is sent to you directly and can be automatically refilled. In fact, most mail order services send a three-month supply of the medication so you don't have to worry about receiving your medication every month. And, with automatic refill programs, the pharmacy reminds you

when a refill is due.

**2. Cost savings.** Most mail service prescriptions are for generic drugs, which work as well as the brand name products, but often cost substantially less. Also, because mail service facilities do not have the same overhead costs as a retail pharmacy, their drug prices are much lower and those savings get passed on to you. While health plan benefits vary, you can typically get a 90-day supply of prescription drugs for the same cost as a 60-day supply at retail — a 30 percent savings.

**3. Security and privacy.** Mail service prescriptions are sent in non-identifiable tamper evident and water resistant packaging. The patient information shared with the mail order pharmacy remains confidential at all times and the mailing packages are plainly labeled and do not identify what is inside or that it was sent from a pharmacy.

**4. Quality.** Today's mail service facilities feature state-of-the-art technologies, highly trained clinical pharmacists, and quality control measures not available at your local pharmacy. For example, Prescription Solutions, a mail order pharmacy, has two large fulfillment facilities. The company invested \$100 million in its Kansas facility, nearly half of which was devoted to automation equipment that pay-off in higher quality and accuracy.

**5. Lots of valuable "extras."** Many people who use mail service pharmacies have chronic or progressive conditions, such as diabetes, that require them to take medication on a continuous basis. Living with a chronic disease can be challenging and confusing, which is why mail service pharmacies such as Prescription Solutions offer free education and counseling to their members. Also available are mobile-friendly versions of websites that allow on-the-go access to prescription information.

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"Ten or 15 years ago, you never saw a child with Type 2 diabetes," she said. "Now I see them all the time. It's the same thing with high cholesterol."

Rollins says people could be healthier by paying better

attention to what they eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"For breakfast, I recommend eating a whole-grain hot cereal, such as oatmeal, because it provides fiber and helps keep cholesterol at a healthy level," she said. "Try a half-cup of unflavored oatmeal mixed with a half-cup of fresh or frozen fruit — I like blueberries — and add a little hot water. That makes a good portion, and it is filling."

If you choose to eat dry cereal, be sure to read the labels.

"A lot of dry cereals are marketed as grains, but some are better. Raisin bran and kashi are better cereals," Rollins said.

Eggs are also a good source of protein.

"The American Heart Association doesn't totally limit eating eggs," Rollins said. "If you are eating to lower cholesterol levels, try eating one egg with a yolk and a couple of egg whites, or you can use Egg Beaters."

Lunch and dinner should include at least one portion of fruits and vegetables, Rollins



said. A portion is about the amount of food a woman could hold in her hand.

"There is a new slogan that refers to fruits and vegetables. It is 'More a day for better health.' If you are eating a sandwich, put lettuce and tomato on it. For a snack, eat some carrot sticks," she said.

Finally, don't forget to exercise. The CDC recommends

that people exercise at least 30 minutes a day at least five days a week.

"I know that everyone can't buy a treadmill or join a gym, but everyone can walk," Levin said. "I tell people to start with 10 minutes a day and go up from there. And if they can't walk, there are exercises they can do. They just need to start exercising."

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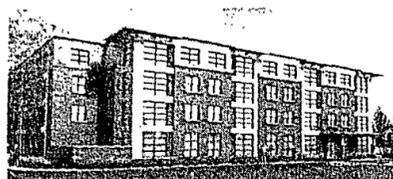
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"Ten or 15 years ago, you never saw a child with Type 2 diabetes," she said. "Now I see them all the time. It's the same thing with high cholesterol."

Rollins says people could be healthier by paying better

attention to what they eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"For breakfast, I recommend eating a whole-grain hot cereal, such as oatmeal, because it provides fiber and helps keep cholesterol at a healthy level," she said. "Try a half-cup of unflavored oatmeal mixed with a half-cup of fresh or frozen fruit — I like blueberries — and add a little hot water. That makes a good portion, and it is filling."

If you choose to eat dry cereal, be sure to read the labels. "A lot of dry cereals are marketed as grains, but some are better. Raisin bran and kashi are better cereals," Rollins said.

Eggs are also a good source of protein.

"The American Heart Association doesn't totally limit eating eggs," Rollins said. "If you are eating to lower cholesterol levels, try eating one egg with a yolk and a couple of egg whites, or you can use Egg Beaters."

Lunch and dinner should include at least one portion of fruits and vegetables, Rollins



said. A portion is about the amount of food a woman could hold in her hand.

"There is a new slogan that refers to fruits and vegetables. It is 'More a day for better health.' If you are eating a sandwich, put lettuce and tomato on it. For a snack, eat some carrot sticks," she said.

Finally, don't forget to exercise. The CDC recommends

that people exercise at least 30 minutes a day at least five days a week.

"I know that everyone can't buy a treadmill or join a gym, but everyone can walk," Levin said. "I tell people to start with 10 minutes a day and go up from there. And if they can't walk, there are exercises they can do. They just need to start exercising."

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I might add that our children, Dakota and Danilee, have been taught from the time they could understand words that what you put in your mouth should have purpose for your health. It's not that they aren't like other kids; they also want ice cream. It is like anything else they learn by watching what their parents do. Like my kids, I like a good bowl of Blue Bell ice cream!

We keep fresh fruit and vegetables readily available to snack on. Lunch is usually tuna, in moderation because of mercury levels, or avocado sandwiches. We try to have dinner at 5 or 5:30 p.m., no later than 6. By doing this, we have been able to maintain our weight and feel better the next morning by not waking up sluggish.

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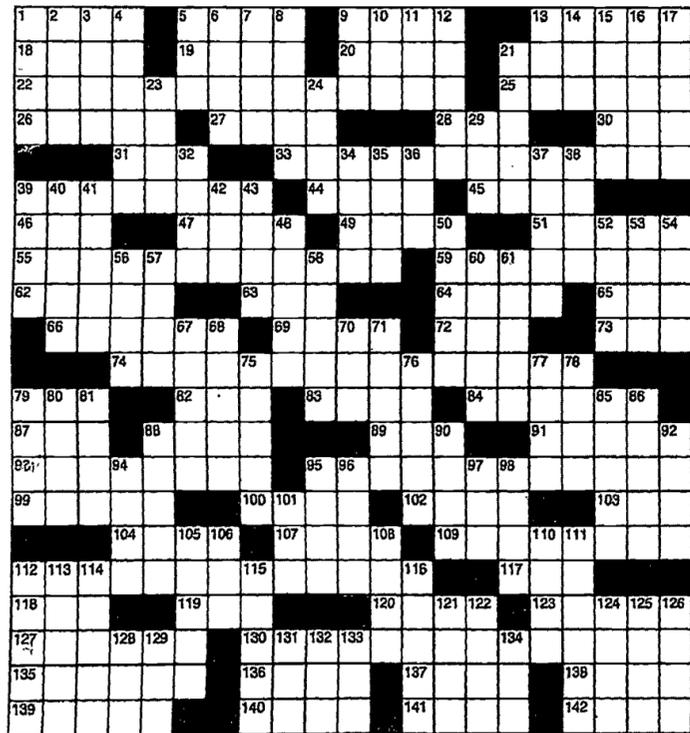


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Beauty spot
  - 5 Relative of PDQ
  - 9 Wattle's partner
  - 13 Grating
  - 18 Schipa solo
  - 19 Actor O'Shea
  - 20 One of "The Three Sisters"
  - 21 Kind of roof
  - 22 Pianist from Maine?
  - 25 Pearl harbor?
  - 26 Assert
  - 27 Lascivious look
  - 28 Leather-worker's tool
  - 30 Cat (winter wheels)
  - 31 Cover
  - 33 Talk-show host from Colorado?
  - 39 Nineveh native
  - 44 Tibia
  - 45 Miami's county
  - 46 Railroad dep.
  - 47 rug
  - 49 Verba
  - 51 Kim of "True Girl"
  - 55 Singer from Arkansas?
  - 59 Hamlet's home
  - 62 "There's —"
- DOWN**
- 1 Cahn or Connolly
  - 2 Spoken
  - 3 Tenor Luis
  - 4 Far and away
  - 5 Breneman or Linker
  - 6 Doorway part
  - 7 Opposite of aweather
  - 8 Might
  - 9 John
  - 10 Cockpit fig.
  - 11 Actor
  - 12 Trite
  - 13 Flicka's food
  - 14 Jarreau and Jolson
  - 15 Role for Dustin
  - 16 Pool person
  - 17 Biblical tyrant
  - 21 Lively dance
  - 23 Kuwaili
  - 24 Author
  - 25 Cotton clump
  - 32 Anthropologist
  - 34 "The Way of Love"
  - 35 Metric measure
  - 36 blind
  - 37 Rocker Van Halen
  - 38 Estrange
  - 39 Hammett
  - 40 "The Bristol" (61 hit)
  - 41 Apla's locale
  - 42 Exist
  - 43 Tree
  - 44 house? song, e.g.
  - 48 Embarrass
  - 50 Mideastern desert
  - 52 "... where the buffalo
  - 53 Cheese-board choice
  - 54 Roar
  - 56 Actor
  - 57 Formerly
  - 58 Abhorrence
  - 60 lazuli
  - 61 Celery
  - 67 Hilo hello
  - 68 Russian revolutionary
  - 70 Vana dir.
  - 71 Get side-tracked
  - 75 Jay of "Dennis the Menace"
  - 76 Murcia
  - 77 "Why don't we?"
  - 78 "L—, c'est moi"
  - 79 Express
  - 80 Notion
  - 81 Hindman or Holliman
  - 85 Cathedral feature
  - 86 Comedian
  - 88 Darling child
  - 90 Chad and Jeremy
  - 92 "Lullaby of the King"
  - 94 Stimulus
  - 95 Burrowing critter
  - 96 Jerky toy?
  - 97 Angus'
  - 98 Expanded
  - 101 Hibachi residue
  - 105 Shady spot
  - 106 "O Sole —"
  - 108 Cut a cuticle
  - 110 Taj Mahal, for one
  - 111 TV's "Eight is —"
  - 112 Knobs
  - 113 Bathsheba's first husband
  - 114 Patriot Silas
  - 115 Mongoose foe
  - 116 Like a prune
  - 121 Kitchen addition
  - 122 Loony Laurel
  - 124 Banana-rama, e.g.
  - 125 Souffle ingredients
  - 126 Freightier or ferry
  - 128 Taradiddle
  - 129 Decimal base
  - 131 King's handle?
  - 132 Herriot title
  - 133 Start supply
  - 134 Furtive



Answers: Inside today's classified section

# HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 6 — July 12

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You dislike waiting for promises to be fulfilled and for commitments to be kept, but resist your headstrong tendency to push things along. Your patience will be rewarded.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Expect continuing opposition to your plans from die-hard detractors. However, your determination to see things through will carry the day. A Pisces has romantic ideas.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might be too close to a troublesome workplace situation to deal with it successfully. Step away in order to get a better perspective. A solution soon becomes obvious.

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**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Some hazy issues still need to be cleared up before you can move on with your new plans. A friend from the past reaches out to re-establish old ties.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Continued positive fall-out follows that risky workplace decision you made some time ago. Your payoff will soon prove to be more substantial than you expected.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A personal relationship continues to be affected by a recent unexpected turn of events. Things need to work themselves out without finger-pointing.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** It's a wonderful week for all you capricious Goats to kick up your heels with friends or family members in some well-earned fun and frivolity.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Caution is advised before making a financial commitment to someone you don't really know. There are better ways to build friendships than with risky fiscal dealings.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Travel plans continue to be favored. A change of scenery brings new opportunities, both personally and professionally. Be open to the possibilities.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a strong sense of loyalty that shows itself best in your relationships with family and friends.

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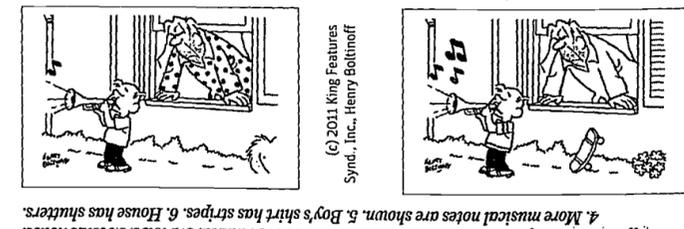


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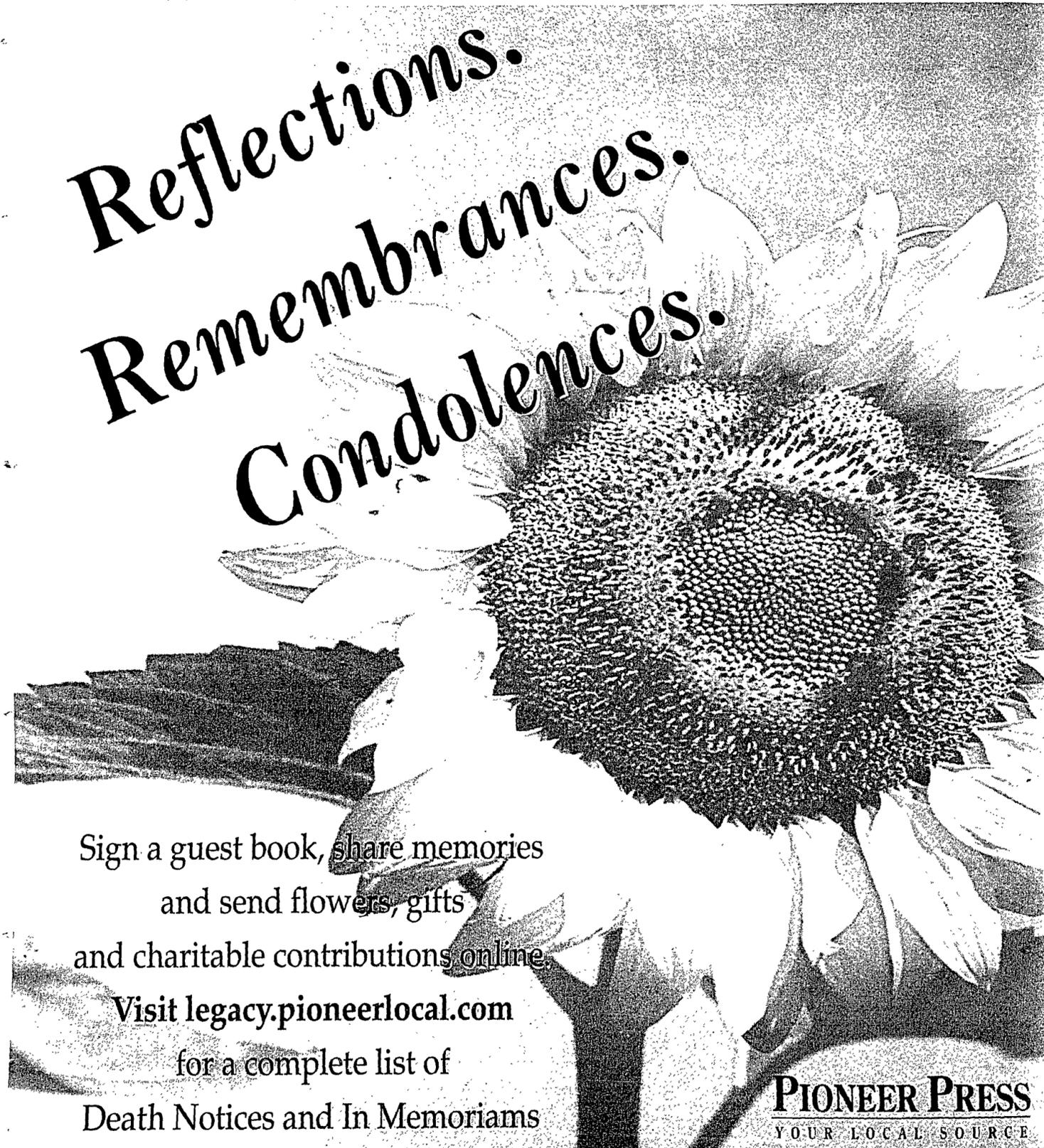
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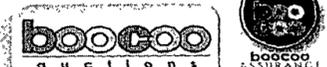
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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, GRANTOR TRUSTEE OF THE PROTUM MASTER GRANTOR TRUST.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ARVIDAS CEPAS AKA ARVIDAS CEPAS; AUDRONE CEPINE; CAL INC; CONTRA STAR'S ELECTRICAL CORP; AG MECHANICAL INC; CONTRA STAR'S ELECTRICAL CORP; UNITED STATES FIRE PROTECTION ILLINOIS, INC; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS.  
Defendants.  
08 CH 33569  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 26, 2011 Intercity Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 25, 2011 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
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**SKOKIE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ASHFAQ SAYEED; ABDUL I. SUBHAN; ANOORJA IFFAN MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, LP; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ENHANCED BROTHERS BANK FSB ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.  
Defendants.  
08 CH 33568  
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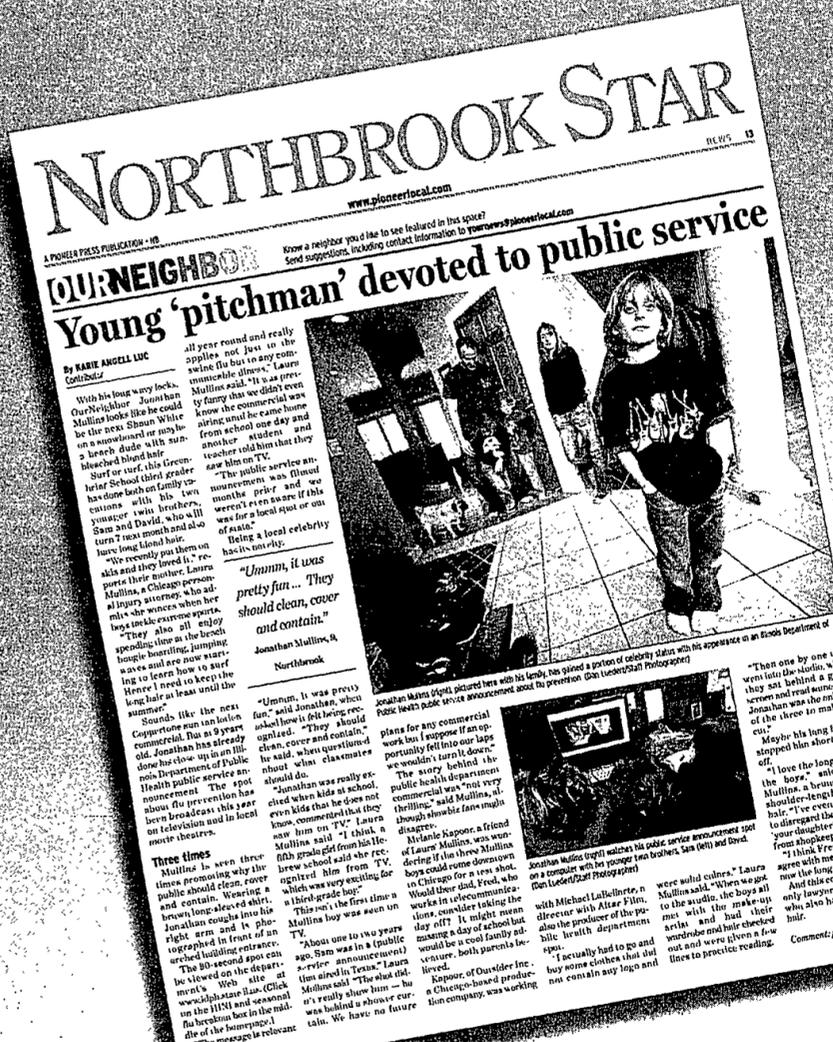
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FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
WILLIAM G. RESURRECCION, et al  
Defendant  
10 CH 023494  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 27, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, will at 10:30 AM on July 22, 2011, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5200 LEE STREET, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-21-125-048. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney, upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGEE (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-170(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-10-18910. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit the Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.jscc.com](http://www.jscc.com) for a 7 day status report on pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-10-18910 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 10 CH 023494 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1363357 Pub: 6/30, 7/7, 7/14/2011 #95514

**SKOKIE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
AURORA BANK, FSB F/K/A LEHMAN BROTHERS BANK, FSB  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
WARTHA MORENO, et al  
Defendant  
10 CH 032320  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 3, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, will at 10:30 AM on August 5, 2011, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7600 KARLOV AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-27-230-048. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney, upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGEE (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-170(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-10-30252. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit the Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.jscc.com](http://www.jscc.com) for a 7 day status report on pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-10-30252 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 10 CH 032320 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1358105 Pub: 6/23, 6/30, 7/17/2011 #92156 C

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**SKOKIE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
US BANK NA  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
DONG WOOK SHIN, et al  
Defendant  
10 CH 023747  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, will at 10:30 AM on August 1, 2011, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5055 W. MADISON STREET UNIT # 205, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-09-304-031-1181. Property Index No. 10-09-304-031-1499. Property Index No. 10-09-304-031-1411. Property Index No. 10-09-304-031-1412. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney, upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGEE (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-170(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-10-15404. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit the Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.jscc.com](http://www.jscc.com) for a 7 day status report on pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-10-30252 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 10 CH 023747 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1357536 Pub: 6/30, 7/7, 7/14/2011 #95515

**SKOKIE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
US BANK NA TRUSTEE  
SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NA (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK), AS TRUSTEE FOR PARK PLACE SECURITIES TRUST-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-WWV  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
DONG WOOK SHIN, et al  
Defendant  
10 CH 038439  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 29, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, will at 10:30 AM on August 1, 2011, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5055 W. MADISON STREET UNIT # 205, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-21-125-048. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney, upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGEE (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-170(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-10-30252. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit the Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.jscc.com](http://www.jscc.com) for a 7 day status report on pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No. 14-10-30252 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 10 CH 038439 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1357536 Pub: 6/23, 6/30, 7/17/2011 #92142 C

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Public Notices STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CONEE CHARLES VERRIO KEESE Plaintiff vs. SHALINZ GONZALEZ, Defendant IN RE: YAZMIN M. KEESE, DOB: 3-13-90 TO: DEFENDANT, SHALINA GONZALEZ: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy of herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer on the subscriber at his office, P.O. Box 1498, Seneca, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. THE ROSEMOND LAW FIRM, P.A. By: E. Delane Rosemond Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 1498 Seneca, South Carolina 29679 (864) 888-2832 (864) 886-9072 FAX Pub: 6/16, 6/23, 6/30 (86655)

Public Notices IN THE FAMILY COURT CASE NO: 2010-DR-37-660 SUMMONS

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS, 2011-2012, OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 69, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has enacted "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, being Section 39-1 through 39-12, Chapter 48, Illinois Revised Statutes (the "Act"); and WHEREAS, The Act requires that the Board of Education of School District Number 69 investigate and ascertain the prevailing wages as defined in the Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of the School District employed in performing construction of public works for the School District. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 69, Cook County, Illinois, as follows: Section 1: To the extent and as required by the Act, the prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in the construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing wages for construction work in the Cook County area as determined by the Department of Labor at the State of Illinois as of June of the year in which this Resolution is adopted, a copy of that determination being incorporated herein by reference. The definition of any terms appearing in this Resolution which are also used in the Act shall be the same as in the Act. Section 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply the general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work of employment except to the extent required by the Act. Section 3: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the School District this determination of the prevailing wages. Section 4: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rate. Section 5: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall promptly file a certified copy of this Resolution with both Secretary of State and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois. Section 6: Within 30 days after filing of a certified copy of this Resolution with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Board of Education shall cause to be published in a local newspaper of general circulation within the School District a copy of this Resolution and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this public body. Section 7: This Resolution shall be in force and effect upon its adoption. ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2011, by a roll call vote as follows: AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT:

Zachary Williams President, Board of Education School District Number 69 Cook County, Illinois Barbara Poddig Secretary, Board of Education School District Number 69 Cook County, Illinois Pub: 6-30-11 (86428)

Public Notices NOTICE OF INTENTION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 535, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000,000 FUNDING BONDS PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that on the 28th day of June, 2011, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Community College District No. 535, County of Cook and State of Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$31,000,000 for the purpose of paying presently outstanding and unpaid claims against the District, all of which unpaid claims have been heretofore authorized and allowed under the jurisdiction of the Library District is the same as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois for Cook County as of July 2011. A copy of the full Ordinance and the Department of Labor determination is available for inspection by any interested parties in the Administration Office of the Library at 4000 Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, IL, and to any employer or association of employers and any person or association of employees who have filed, or file, their names and addresses, requesting copies of the same. Pub: 6-30-11 (86905)

Public Notices LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 2010-11/6 PREVAILING WAGE RATES TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District, Lincolnwood, IL, pursuant to "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works," approved January 1941, as amended, has determined on, and effective from, June 23, 2011, that the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics, and other workers engaged in the construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Library District is the same as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois for Cook County as of July 2011. A copy of the full Ordinance and the Department of Labor determination is available for inspection by any interested parties in the Administration Office of the Library at 4000 Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, IL, and to any employer or association of employers and any person or association of employees who have filed, or file, their names and addresses, requesting copies of the same. Pub: 6-30-11 (86905)

Public Notices VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 7:00PM, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following: Property Address: 3472 West Devon Avenue Property P.I.N.: 10-35-420-030-000 Applicant: Nicole Meola, South Water Signs on Behalf of Mary Kerstan, Property Owner Nature of Request: The requested action is to grant approval of the replacement pole/pylon sign. Special Sign approval is requested per Section 11.10(j)(1)iv.2 to permit the pole/pylon sign which was erected to replace the previously damaged pole/pylon sign. The pole/pylon sign also requires a variation from Section 11.10(j)(1)v.2 to permit the pole/pylon sign to exceed the maximum sign area of 48 square feet, a variation from Section 11.10(j)(1)v.3 to permit the sign to be within the required 10 foot setback, a variation from Section 11.10(j)(1)v.10 to permit the pole/pylon sign to not be installed with the required landscaping at the base of the sign, and a variation from Section 11.10(j)(1)v.12 to permit the pole/pylon sign face to not be constructed with a primarily dark sign face. At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application. Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting, fixing the time and place of its reconvening. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "interested party," with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing, must file an appearance form with the Village of Lincolnwood no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Appearance forms are available in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This is not a "notice to appear." It is an invitation to all interested persons to submit oral or written comments concerning this application. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-973-7402. Dated: June 27, 2011 Village Clerk Pub: 6/30/11(87294) C

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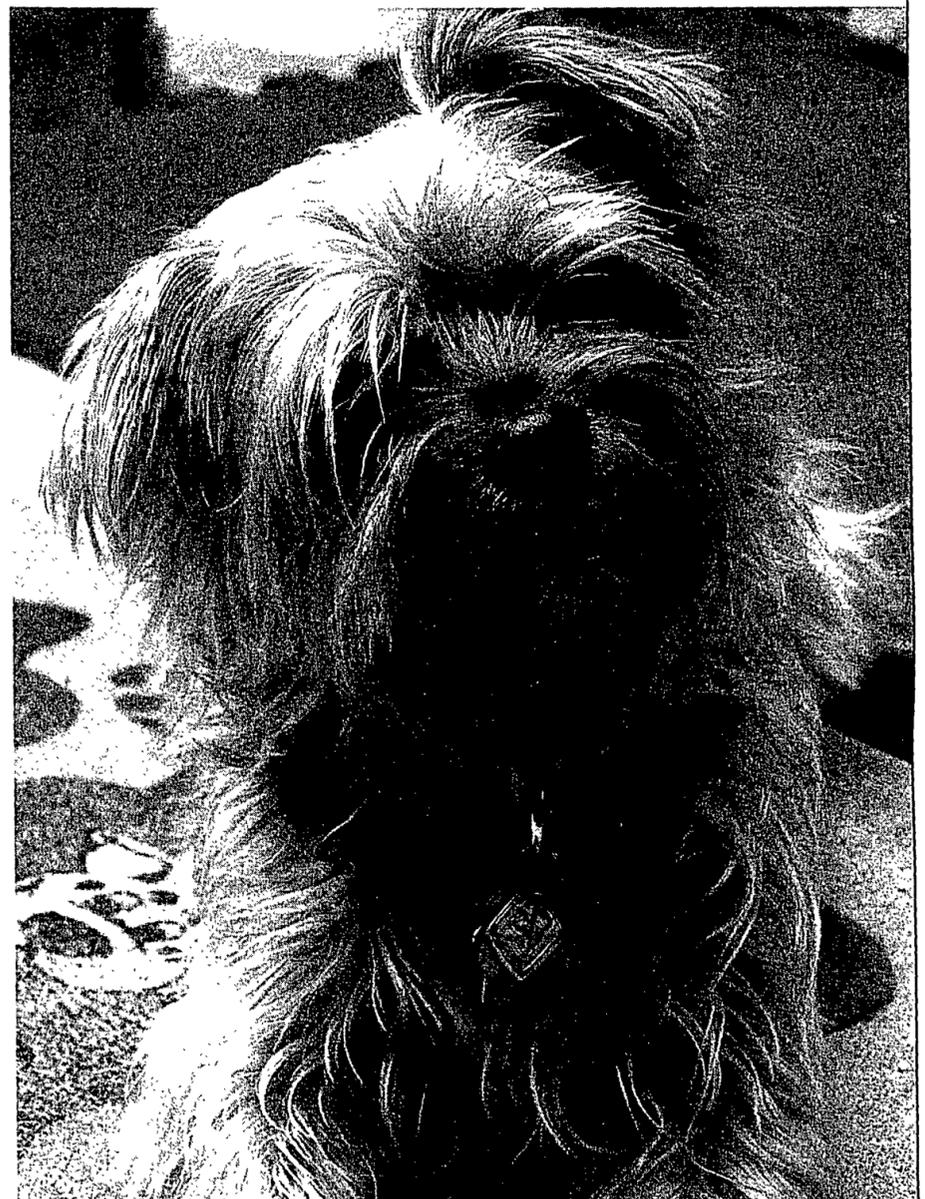
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## MAINE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

# Grads share last meal as class at senior breakfast

Maine East High School's Senior Breakfast was held June 2 at Fountain Blue Banquets in Des Plaines.

Students shared a last meal as a class, signed yearbooks and enjoyed performances by students.



Laksmi Gil, of Des Plaines, signs her friend's yearbook during the Maine East High School Senior Breakfast on June 2. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Ewelina Przybylowicz, of Mount Prospect, signs her friend's yearbook during the Maine East High School Senior Breakfast at Fountain Blue Banquets in Des Plaines on June 2. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Zenya Yap, of Glenview, records video of her friends as they perform the song, "Seasons of Love," during the Maine East High School Senior Breakfast. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Peter Fox, Jon Levinson, Marco Patino, M. Jay Cunnanan and Jason Thomas perform the song, "Seasons of Love," from the musical, "Rent," during senior breakfast. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## CALENDAR

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

### Center of Concern

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

Monday, July 11 - Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.

Mondays, July 11, 18, and 25 - Employment counseling, by appointment.

Tuesdays, July 5 and 19 - Medicare counseling, by appointment.

Wednesdays, July 13 and 27 - Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturdays, July 16 and 30 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, July 30 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Note: The Center will be closed July 2-4 for the Independence Day holiday.

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, # 310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (The center is open only until noon on Fridays.) The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See [www.centerofconcern.org](http://www.centerofconcern.org).

Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption.

### Chamber

Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 8060 Oakton St. (847) 268-8180.

### Civic

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

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

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

The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

### Classes

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St. in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at [dhking4@yahoo.com](mailto:dhking4@yahoo.com) or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

### Clubs

The Sweet Singers of

Congregation Ezras Israel which entertains at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenberg Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, e-mail [jamesbond54762@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesbond54762@yahoo.com) or call (847) 470-9890.

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

Join the Catholic Women's Bowling League for Ladies Night Out at Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Drozd at (224) 628-4009 or [d.drozd@comcast.net](mailto:d.drozd@comcast.net).

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### Community

The Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 9 and 10 at the White Eagle Banquet Center, 6939 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Exhibitors from around the nation will display an array of precious and semi-precious gemstone beads, sterling silver, unique findings, freshwater pearls, hand blown glass beads, vintage beads, crystals, delicat

and more. All Intergalactic shows are wholesale/retail. If purchasing wholesale, bring copies of sales tax license. Admission is \$5 Saturday; \$4 Sunday; children 12 and under are free. For a \$2-off admission coupon, visit [www.beadshows.com](http://www.beadshows.com) or call 1-888-729-6904.

The Niles Park District will host a free July 4 Post Parade Celebration. This year's festivities are 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. July 4 at Grennan Heights, 8255 Oketo Ave. There will be large blowups, the Fire Department usually

sprays the kids with a fire hose, also pony rides, games and face-painting for kids. The band, Our Gang, will perform. Free hotdogs and drinks will be served, and ice cream will be for sale as will beverages in a beer garden for grown-ups. Call (847) 967-6633 or visit [www.niles-parks.org](http://www.niles-parks.org).

The Polish National Alliance invites Sox Fans to join them along with the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons and the Polish Women's Alliance for their annual Polish-American Night at U.S. Cellular Field (Sox Park)

on July 26, starting at 7:10 p.m.; the Chicago White Sox will play the Detroit Tigers. Price of tickets for lower box seats is \$23.50. Tickets can be purchased from the Polish National Alliance (1-800-621-3723, Ext. 316); Polish Roman Catholic Union (1-800-772-8632, Ext. 2601); Polish Falcons of America (1-574-289-2140); or the Polish Women's Alliance (1-888-522-1898, Ext. 208). Tickets must also be picked up during regular business hours; call ahead be-

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# INDEPENDENCE DAY

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RED'S HAULING SERVICE</b> 2235 W. Belmont Chicago, IL 60618 773-616-0979</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHAWNEE SERVICE CENTER</b> 332 Linden Wilmette, IL 60091 847-251-1234</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VILLAGE OF BERKELEY</b> 5819 Electric Ave 708-449-8840 <a href="http://www.berkeley.il.us">www.berkeley.il.us</a> <b>Mayor Tony Esposito</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK President, Barrett F. Pederson</b> 847-671-4800 9500 W. Belmont Ave. Franklin Park, IL 60131 Have a safe and happy Independence Day Weekend!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE</b> Wishes you a Safe and Happy 4th of July Holiday <b>Mayor Ron Oppedisano</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE Mayor Mari Lynn May</b> 2621 Thatcher Ave River Grove, IL 60171 708-453-8000</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WILMETTE AUTO BODY</b> 1920 Lake Avenue Wilmette, IL 60091 847-251-1535</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY FROM</b> <b>PIONEER PRESS &amp; The Brings</b> <small>YOUR LOCAL SOURCE</small></p>

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fore purchasing tickets. A flyer with complete details may be found on the PNA's website, www.pna-znp.org.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. A special exhibition, "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust," the first international exhibition to focus exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust is featured from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept. 6. This large scale video-art based exhibition conveys the strength, initiative, and courage of these remarkable women. Free with museum admission. Film — "Watermarks": After having survived the Holocaust, a group of women, champion swimmers of a legendary Jewish sports club in Vienna, are reunited in this documentary, 1:30-3 p.m. July 10. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. Panel Discussion — "Courage & Resilience, Women in the Holocaust," moderated by WBBM Newsradio 780 Anchor/Reporter Regine Schlesinger, a panel of women who survived the Holocaust will share their experiences of being in hiding, ghettos and camps, 6:30-8 p.m. July 14. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. Special Event — "Their Stories: Reflections Of Survival On Stage And Screen," in partnership with Lookingglass Theatre Company and Kartemquin Films, an evening examining the way survivors' stories are portrayed in the arts, beginning with reception at 6:30 p.m. July 19 (performance at 7). Live scenes from Lookingglass' world premiere play, "The Last Act of Lilka Kadison," and clips from Kartemquin Film's documentary, "Prisoner of Her Past," will be paired with recollections of a Holocaust survivor. Free with Museum admission. Reservations required.

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

Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities.

Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

**Fundraisers**

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

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**Health**

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

A local dialysis clinic,

Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

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

**Historical Society**

The Niles Historical Society, 8970 Milwaukee Ave. will host a fundraising Ice Cream/Pie Social from noon-4 p.m. July 16; weather permitting, it will be held outdoors. Enjoy a sweet treat (prices vary), talk with old and new friends,

watch old-time movies and take a guided tour of the facilities. (Pies are from Bakers Square in Niles.) Call (847) 390-0610.

**Library**

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org). Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise. Book Buddies — Students entering eighth grade in the fall and adults can become Book Buddies. Buddies read and/or listen to children read once a week for an hour. The Niles Public Library provides all materials and training. During the April Niles Public Library Board meeting, the trustees voted unanimously in favor of keeping the library open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year.

Weekly, counselors from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the Library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of

business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at [www.scorechicago.org/](http://www.scorechicago.org/). If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail [info@scorechicago.org](mailto:info@scorechicago.org).

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

**Maine Township**

Maine Township's FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they

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

**Parks**

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

**Niles**

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son hours: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call Oasis Waterpark at (847) 967-6648 or the Howard Leisure Center at (847) 967-6633.

Tam O'Shanter Family Golf Nights — Up to two children (17 and under) can play free when accompanied by a paying adult on Sunday evenings after 4:30 p.m. all season long at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 Howard St. Junior tees will be set up on the course so beginners of all skill levels can enjoy playing and keeping score from tee to green.

New 3's Preschool — This class offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2010, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year-old preschool. Children will experience their first classroom experience. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs to May 20. Call (847) 967-6633.

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

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The Cook County Bureau of Economic Development is hereby making available for public comment the draft 2011 Annual Action Plan for Year 2 of the Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan 2010-2014. The Annual Action Plan describes the strategies and projects that seek to address Cook County's affordable housing, homeless and social service needs, and community and economic development needs and activities and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance activities.

Federal resources fund the bulk of the activities of the Annual Action Plan (Plan) for the 2011 Program Year. Cook County will allocate \$9,405,820 for 101 CDBG projects, \$432,115 for 23 ESG projects, and \$5,523,940 for HOME program activities. These amounts do not include matching funds and program income.

Cook County will accept comments on the draft Annual Action Plan from June 30, 2011 through August 1, 2011. Final comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2011, for inclusion into the Plan. The draft Plan can be reviewed at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development offices at 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, or on-line at the Cook County website: [www.cookcountyl.gov](http://www.cookcountyl.gov).

For questions or comments regarding the Annual Action Plan contact Sylvia Parham, Grants Manager at 312-603-1000. You can also email your comments to: [sylvia.parham@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:sylvia.parham@cookcountyl.gov). Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

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

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

Water Spray Park now open. 4th-6th Grade Summer Basketball Summer league is under way (clinic). Games on Fridays and Sundays at Feldman.

Summer Camp - Sign up now for summer camp which runs through Aug. 5, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Field trips included. Dee Park.

Ballet & Tap - Ages 3 years to adult. Ongoing classes year round. Dee and Feldman Parks.

Youth Baseball - Leagues available for participants ages 7-15. Register now. Dee Park.

3rd Shift Indoor Adult Soccer League - Join this early morning indoor league Tuesday mornings. Feldman.

The Painting Studio classes for adults: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Feldman.

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

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

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

Youth Soccer Leagues for children ages 4 to sixth grade are under way. Games are played at Prairie Lakes in Des Plaines. Practices at Dee Park.

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

The Golf Maine Park District offers a selection of ENERGY

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

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

**Religion**  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. service each week with "Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch" the first Sunday of each month. Call the church at (847) 673-1434.  
Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian-education hour at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage;

children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Childcare services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

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

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

### Reunions

The Niles Township High School Class of 1956, Skokie, will hold its 55th Class Reunion at the Westin Northwest Chicago, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, at 6 p.m. Sept. 10. An informal get-together will be held on Friday night at Shula's Steak House inside the Westin Hotel from 6-10 p.m. For reservations, contact Donna Cutro Campobasso at (847) 259-3598 or e-mail her at [dc1907@aol.com](mailto:dc1907@aol.com).

The Maine South High School Class of 1971 is holding its 40th reunion on July 15 and 16 at two local venues. All are welcome. For registration and lodging information, e-mail: [mshs1971@yahoo.com](mailto:mshs1971@yahoo.com) or visit Facebook page: Maine South Class of '71 40th Reunion.

USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762 Reunion will be held from Sept. 21-24 at Sheraton National Hotel-Arlington, Va. Contact Allen R. Hope, president, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne IN 46815-4505. Call (260) 486-2221 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time, fax: 260-492-9771 or e-mail: [Hope4391@frontier.com](mailto:Hope4391@frontier.com).

The Maine East Class of 1969 Reunion and 60th Birthday Bash will take place from 7-11 p.m. July 16 at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. Cost is \$69 per person includes dinner and dancing with a cash bar. Contact: Anita Pedersen, [anitawarrenpr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anitawarrenpr@sbcglobal.net), (630) 803-7593.

Maine Township High School, Class of 1966, is spearheading a two-day "Mass Reunion" to be held Aug. 26 and 27. Accompanying classes that represented the

# Food

## Cookbook has Plenty to recommend it

BY TOM WITOM  
Contributor

*Plenty* (Chronicle Books, \$35) challenged stereotypes about vegetarian cooking when it was first published last year in the United Kingdom to widespread acclaim.

The book, by innovative London-based chef and food writer Yotam Ottolenghi, is now drawing similar raves since its recent U.S. release.

Eclectic vegetarian recipes, many pulled from weekly columns Ottolenghi wrote during the past four years for *The Guardian*, are among those featured.

Although Ottolenghi himself is not a vegetarian, his restaurants have stood out for their creative approach with vegetables and grains and the freshness and originality of the salads.

Ottolenghi writes in the preface, "I like meat and I like fish but I can easily cook without them."

His focus is more on high-quality ingredients and what can be done to extract their full potential.

Recipes often begin with one main ingredient, around which a dish is built. It's no surprise to find Mediterranean and Middle East influences; Ottolenghi, who grew up in Jerusalem, says he was raised on real fruit and vegetables regionally grown by Arab and Jewish farmers.

### Know your roots

Various chapters are devoted to root vegetables, zucchini and other squashes, mushrooms, eggplant, tomatoes, brassicas (i.e., broccoli, rutabaga, kohlrabi), pasta and pulses (lentils, beans, peas).

A number of the recipes include eggs or cheese. To those who object, Ottolenghi responds, "I can only be myself and cook what I like to eat. I believe that most seasoned vegetarians would know which elements in the book to adopt and which to disregard, which suit their type of vegetarianism and which don't."

### Step-by-step

The step-by-step instructions provided by Ottolenghi couldn't be clearer, nor the accompanying photography by Jonathan Lovekin more dazzling.

Home cooks, novice or experienced, will find Ottolenghi's Mushroom and Herb Polenta homey yet elegant — a definite winner. He says "serves two," but accompanied by a salad or green vegetable it can easily satisfy four appetites.

It works just as well with either type of polenta (cornmeal): instant or the traditional, slow cooking variety.



Mushroom and Herb Polenta from the book *Plenty* by Yotam Ottolenghi. | PHOTO BY JONATHAN LOVEKIN

### Mushroom and Herb Polenta

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cups mixed mushrooms, very large ones, halved
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon truffle oil
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 1/2 cups vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup polenta (instant or traditional)
- 3 ounces Parmesan, grated
- 2 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chervil
- 4 oz. Taleggio (rind removed), cut into 3/8-inch slices\*
- \* Possible substitute: Fontina

Heat half the olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Once hot, add half of the mushrooms and sauté for a few minutes, or until just cooked; try not to move them much so you get golden-brown patches on their surface. Remove from the pan, and repeat with the rest of the mushrooms and oil. Off heat, return all the mushrooms to the pan and add the garlic, tarragon, thyme, truffle oil and some salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Bring the stock to a boil in a saucepan. Slowly stir in the polenta, then reduce the heat to the minimum and cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. The polenta is ready when it leaves the sides of the pan but is still runny. If you are using instant polenta this shouldn't take more than 5 minutes; with traditional polenta it could take up to 50 minutes (if it seems to dry out, add some more stock or water but just enough to keep it at a thick porridge consistency).

Preheat the broiler. When the polenta is ready, stir in the Parmesan, butter, rosemary and half the chervil. Season with salt and pepper. Spread the polenta over a heatproof dish and top with the Taleggio. Place under the broiler until the cheese bubbles. Remove, top with the mushrooms and their juices, and return to the broiler for a minute to warm up. Serve hot, garnished with the remaining chervil.

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first collective student body to attend the newly opened high school in 1964 as well as their spouses and guests are to be included. The nucleus of new students that celebrated the opening of Maine South High School migrated from both Maine East and Maine West and includes the classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967. The two-day event will be held in Park Ridge at the recently developed Uptown Plaza located at the intersection of Touhy and Prospect avenues and Northwest Highway. The Friday evening event will take place at Houlihan's Restaurant, which will be closed to the general public. The alumni festivities will reignite on Saturday evening, and the venues will include Houlihan's, Jason's Deli and various neighboring entities within the Uptown Plaza. Tickets for one or both evening events are on sale now and must be purchased in advance. For reservations, contact event coordinator, Glenn Woerz (Class of 1966), at [MassReunion@gmail.com](mailto:MassReunion@gmail.com) or (847) 757-8377. Maine South alumni can also subscribe to the "Hawk Droppings" newsletter via the above e-mail address to receive updates and ongoing information on classmates and relevant information.

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

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

### Scouts

Park Ridge Junior Girl Scouts Troop 41675 will collect donations of pet food at the Niles July 4 Parade. The troop is working on their Bronze Award, which is the highest award that a Junior Girl Scout can earn. Troop 41675's project is to raise awareness of pets in low-income/homeless families that rely on food pantries from animal shelters for food. The

Treehouse Humane Society in Chicago maintains a food pantry for qualified pet owners to receive pet food twice a month, but relies on donations to keep their shelves stocked.

### Maine Seniors

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

Day Trip — See the Cubs play the Brewers at the Milwaukee Brewers Miller Park Stadium, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., July 28; \$69 members/\$74 guests. All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles.

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

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

### Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older, and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application. Visit [www.vniles.com](http://www.vniles.com), click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; \$12 for six months for nonmembers.

Weekly Dinner and a Movie Schedule (5-8 p.m.) — Registration is required whether or not dinner is to be included. July 5: "Little Fockers" (PG-13), hot dog, chips, and dessert, \$2 members/\$3 nonmembers. July 12: "True Grit" (PG-13), pizza, soda, and dessert, \$5 members/\$7.50 nonmembers.

July 19: "Just Go With It" (PG-13), hot dog, chips, dessert, \$2 members/\$3 nonmembers. July 26: "The Kids Are Alright" (R), pizza, soda, and dessert, \$5 members/\$7.50 nonmembers.

Variety Cabaret Show at the Niles Senior Center with Grete Pope is 4:30-6:30 p.m. June 30. Prior to the performance, enjoy a catered meal featuring a chicken kabob, rice and dessert; \$11 members/\$16 nonmembers.

Photos for the annual "Picture This" contest for members only are due by 5 p.m. July 1. Photos must be taken within the Village limits; any subject matter (PG) is allowed. Photos may be in color or black and white. Winners will be contacted and photos will be displayed at the Niles Senior Center.

Stroke Screening will be held July 1. Register for one or all of the following screenings by calling 1-800-690-6313. Any vascular screening is \$60 (each) or get all five screenings for \$149 (a savings of \$126). Available screenings are as follows: Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening; Heart Rhythm Screening; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening; Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening; and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment.

Cabaret Cruise & Navy Pier Trip is 10:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m. July 12. Come aboard the Spirit of Chicago and enjoy an entertaining luncheon experience in Chicago featuring the Grand Lunch Buffet. Also, enjoy a two-hour cruise and the Spirit of Chicago Cabaret Show. Along the way, learn some fascinating facts about the famous Chicago skyline. Following the luncheon cruise, take a one-hour walk around the pier "on your own" before boarding the deluxe motorcoach for the ride home. Members pay \$66; nonmembers, \$71.

Twilight Dinner Group — Join fellow members from the center for a casual dinner outing at local community restaurants. Transportation to and from the restaurant is "on your own." Advance registration is required. July 20, 5:30 p.m.: L Woods, 7110 Lincoln Ave, Lincolnwood. Dinner includes appetizers of fried calamari and barbecue chicken, flat bread, Caesar and chopped salads, barbecued baby back ribs, grilled salmon, mashed

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# Your Local Worship Guide

Central Zone

CHICAGO	CHICAGO	NILES	PARK RIDGE
<p><b>Edison Park Lutheran Church</b> 6826 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL (Across park from Edison Park Metra) 773.631.9131, <a href="http://www.edisonparkchurch.com">www.edisonparkchurch.com</a> Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m. Evensong, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Spirit Bridge 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor Carole Edwards, Parish Musician Matt Haider, Worship /Music Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family</p>	<p><b>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b> 6201 W Peterson Ave. Chicago, IL (773) 631-0715 Saturday Worship 5:30PM Sunday Worship 10:30AM Holy Communion Weekly Pastors: Barbara Berry-Bailey and Jeffery King</p>	<p><b>St. John Lutheran Church</b> 7429 Milwaukee Ave., Niles 847-647-9867 <a href="http://www.st-john-niles.org">www.st-john-niles.org</a> Sunday Service 9:30AM</p>	<p><b>Park Ridge Presbyterian Church</b> 1300 West Crescent Avenue 847-823-4135 <a href="http://www.parkridgepresby.org">www.parkridgepresby.org</a> Sunday Service: 10:00 AM</p>
CHICAGO	DEERFIELD	NORTHFIELD	NORWOOD PARK
<p><b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b> 5650 N. Canfield, 60631, (708)867-5044, <a href="http://www.stpaulcanfield.org">www.stpaulcanfield.org</a> Street Level, Air Conditioned Sunday Worship 8:15 &amp; 10:45AM Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible 9:30AM Saturday Worship 6PM St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School, Pre K-Grade 8, SHARING GOD, TOUCHING LIVES EVERYWHERE</p>	<p><b>North Shore Unitarian Church</b> Deerfield, IL Phone: 847-234-2460 <a href="http://www.nsuc.org">www.nsuc.org</a> Every Sunday at 9:15AM &amp; 11:15AM</p>	<p><b>Willow Creek Community Church</b> North Shore Campus 315 Waukegan Road 847-441-6599 Sunday Services: 9 &amp; 11 a.m. Promiseland (Infants - Grade 5): 9 &amp; 11 a.m. Elevate (Grades 6 - 8): 11 a.m. Impact (Grades 9 - 12): 6 p.m. For more information visit <a href="http://www.WillowCreekNorthShore.org">www.WillowCreekNorthShore.org</a></p>	<p><b>Norwood Park Lutheran Church</b> 5917 N. Nina Ave. Chicago, IL 773-631-2860 Fax: 773-631-0142 Sunday Service 10AM Sunday School 9AM (September thru May) Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor</p>
MORTON GROVE			NORWOOD PARK
<p><b>All Saints Cathedral Parish</b> <b>National Catholic Church</b> 9201 W. Higgins Road Chicago, IL 60631, 773-380-7131 Website: <a href="http://www.ascpncc.org">www.ascpncc.org</a> "Catholic in Faith--A People Empowered" Saturday Mass at 5:00 PM Sunday Mass at 9:00AM Bishop Anthony Kopka, Pastor</p>	<p><b>Morton Grove Community Church</b> Presbyterian Church (USA) 8944 Austin Avenue (Lake and Austin) Morton Grove, IL (847) 965-2982 <a href="http://www.mgccpresbyterian.org">www.mgccpresbyterian.org</a> Sunday Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Rev. Lolly Dominski Handicapped Accessible ALL ARE WELCOME!</p>		<p><b>Norwood Park Lutheran Church</b> 5917 N. Nina Ave. Chicago, IL 773-631-2860 Fax: 773-631-0142 Sunday Service 10AM Sunday School 9AM (September thru May) Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor</p>

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**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie  
847-676-1300  
www.StTimothySkokie.org  
Worship: Sundays at 10AM

**Congregation Bene Shalom**  
4435 Oakton, Skokie, (847) 677-3330  
www.beneshalom.org  
Friday Shabbat Services 7:30pm;  
Family Shabbat 6:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri./month  
Kabbalistic Prayer Service 10:30am.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sat./month  
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### Seniors

**Mather's** – More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips. Call (773) 774-4804 for more information, except where noted. **Chess Club** for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies. Sessions are Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. **Jazzercise** – Jazzercise is a fitness program that combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardio-kickboxing, and other fitness styles. The classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, \$5.35. **Line Dancing** is offered at 11:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Each class costs \$3.25. A variety of exercise classes fit for every level is available. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 Mondays and 10 a.m. Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning routines. Each class costs \$3.25. **Computer Classes** – All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month. **A tribute to the Andrew Sisters** will be given by Kat Litrenta at 5:30 p.m. July 1. Dinner (\$10) precedes at 4:30 p.m. Entertainment suggested donation is \$8.

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

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

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

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**Super Seniors**, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

**The National Alliance on Mental Illness**, Cook County North Suburban Chapter, offers the Family-to-Family Education Program, a 12-week course for families of adults diagnosed with serious mental illness. The classes start in Skokie on Tuesdays, through Aug. 30, from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Knox Center, 9701 Knox Ave., on the west side of the Skokie Hospital campus. The course, designed to help family members and friends understand and support their loved ones with mental disorders, is free of charge and is taught by trained family members who have lived the experience. Course topics include the major mental illnesses, treatments and medications, services available, and communication and coping strategies. Call NAMI, (847) 716-2252, to register.

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

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

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

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago** invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717



Skaters from the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District's Tot 3 and 4 classes perform to a Spice Girls song during the Oakton Ice Arena's annual ice skating show April 16. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Andrea Vavrinek performs during "Club Oakton," Oakton Ice Arena's annual ice-skating show, on April 16. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# OAKTON ICE ARENA Annual ice show features skaters of all ages

The Oakton Ice Arena's annual show, this year titled "Club Oakton," took place April 15-17 in Park Ridge. The show featured performances from more than 250 ice skaters of varying ages and skill levels, from small children to adults.



Mary Clare Nagai runs through her routine during the Oakton Ice Arena's annual show April 16. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Asia Szymanski performs a solo during "Club Oakton." | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Jacob Kahn performs during the Oakton Ice Arena's annual skating show April 16 in Park Ridge. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit [www.catholiccharities.net/loss](http://www.catholiccharities.net/loss). Groups meet 7-9 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and also on the second Wednesday of each month.

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

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

Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible.

TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call 800-932-8677.

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

One Hope United, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit [www.onehopeunited.org](http://www.onehopeunited.org).

The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery, which opened in 2006, is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as: job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence or other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 24-hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its Family Support Group for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Nettet Center, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

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

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

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

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms G952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

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

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Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home+Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

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

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

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends

Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

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lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

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

in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

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

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month. The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

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20 yr fixed	4.250	0.000	\$1600	20%	4.373
15 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$1600	20%	3.906
10 yr fixed	Call for Rates				
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15 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$1175	20%	3.855
10 yr fixed	3.250	0.000	\$1175	20%	3.400
30 yr jumbo	5.500	0.000	\$1325	20%	5.528
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1 yr ARM	4.09%	\$796.32
5/1 ARM	3.36%	\$728.09
15 yr fixed	3.83%	\$1,206.48
30 yr fixed	4.66%	\$851.79

\$435,000 loan amount

Loan Program	Rate	Monthly Payment
30 yr jumbo	5.23%	\$2,396.70

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

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

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of

Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

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

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

Building, Entrance C.

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

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

The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share informa-

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# Vikings believe later camp is better

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

Niles North head coach Scott Smith is conducting summer camp later than usual.

He hopes to avoid conflicts with other sports and vacations, while ensuring new schemes stay fresh when preseason practice begins.

The switch from June to July, however, will not correct Niles North's biggest problem: small turnout for the varsity.

However, Smith said numbers in the program are increasing, even if it will take a few more years before the varsity truly benefits.

Last season, the Vikings went 3-6, which included a 38-37 loss at Evanston. North also dropped competitive games to Highland Park and Deerfield.

Though Smith is not making excuses, the fact that Niles North only had 28 varsity players was a constant source of problems, especially when they were playing teams that dressed 40, 50 and 60 players.

Smith said North would have about 32 varsity players this fall, including just eight seniors.

But the coach expects to have about a 30-member sophomore team.

There also are 35 freshmen registered for summer football.

Smith, who said the freshman team's numbers could continue to swell, said there had not been more than 19 freshmen for a summer in his six years at North.

The coach said District 219's 2009



Niles North coach Scott Smith will have more players to work with this summer during training camp. | PAUL GOYETTE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

agreement to beef up the community's feeder programs is already producing better numbers, and he sometimes allows his mind to wander ahead to 2013.

"We're reaping the benefits (of the agreement) and I look forward to two and three years down the road," Smith said. "The year after next, we should have 45 or 46 (varsity) players, which is something we've not had."

Not that Smith has too much time to think about the future when

he's got to prepare for the 2011 campaign. The Vikings will again fight the numbers game and miss George Neuhaus, an all-state linebacker/lineman, running back Sam Sharples, receiver/defensive back Sunil Rehmani and safety Danny Khouri.

The small senior class includes experienced players in running back O'Shayne Brown, lineman Tom Bouleau, linebacker Romeo Montiel and Mychael Henley, who played receiver last year and could be used

in a number of skill positions this season.

A handful of players also were important contributors as sophomores last season. Dan Fricano should play linebacker this season, Chris Achim served as a defensive back and Eugene Edmunds beefs up the line. Edmunds sustained a knee injury in club wrestling and is expected to miss some time early in the season.

Hard-nosed Billy Voitik, who is 6-foot-3, is expected to replace the

graduated Bo Bradaraich at quarterback for the Vikings.

Smith said he will rely on his seniors to step up as leaders, but said the experienced juniors also will play a role in that department.

The players received some coaching in leadership and football skills at an NFL-sponsored High School Player Development camp in mid-June at Niles West.

The camp, which West head coach Scott Baum arranged through his contacts, brought together players from North, West and Maine East. All players learned from all the coaching staffs and had an opportunity to compete against players from the other schools in various football drills.

Each player also received a handbook with lessons about leadership, character, setting goals and time management. Former Chicago Bears linebacker Jim Morrissey was a guest speaker.

"(The handbook) had good stuff about leadership, responsibility and teamwork, it's something we'll utilize this season," Smith said. "I'm glad we did it. It was very valuable for our kids to be there."

At the next level, Neuhaus is going to play at Southeast Missouri State, lineman Dan Egan will play at St. Norbert (Wis.), lineman Rej Hoxha is off to Augustana and Sharples will suit up at Harper JC.

Meanwhile, Rehmani was weighing offers to play at Robert Morris or walk on at South Florida. Khouri will wrestle at Harper.

# Wolves build team fit for new stadium

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

Niles West finished just 1-8 last season, but it wasn't all doom and gloom in the program.

The Wolves sophomore team went 5-3-1, one of the school's best recent performances at that level. This summer, Wolves head coach Scott Baum is integrating the players from the Class of 2013 into the varsity. While there clearly is a learning curve, the coach said the juniors bring a lot of skills and a winning attitude to the big club.

"We've got a talented group of juniors coming up and they're pushing the seniors. It makes for nice competition," said the third-year coach. "It's something that's different since I've been there. Kids are competing harder, working hard and pushing

each other."

The coach said he'll be welcoming a larger junior class than in recent seasons.

"The sophomores had some success and kids like being around when they're winning" Baum offered as an explanation.

This month, Niles West players have been lifting weights and running, and Baum has conducted a few sessions of summer camp. The schedule will grow heavier in July when Baum holds 16 of his IHSA-allowed 25 contact days.

The summer began in mid-June with a NFL-sponsored High School Player Development camp at Niles West. Players from Niles North and Maine East also participated in the week long program in which the high school players ran drills and picked up lessons in leadership.

Baum set up the camp with Mickey Pruitt, the former Robeson High, University of Colorado and Dallas Cowboys running back, who conducts similar NFL-sponsored camps for Chicago Public League kids.

"We put the thing together with Niles North and Maine East, which are similar to us in that they don't have a ton of kids," Baum said. "It worked out in the fact that we got to compete against other kids and we competed pretty hard. It was nice because it brought our kids closer together. Usually they are beating up each other. Now, they can compete against other teams, and that builds camaraderie."

Baum also hopes his kids paid close attention to the program's leadership lessons. After all, he's looking to fill the void left by graduated quarterback Seve Loubriel,

who was noted for his ability to inspire.

"He's a kid who'll need to be replaced (as a leader) by five, six or seven kids," the coach said. "The nice thing is, we have a couple of seniors who are doing a nice job."

Running back/receiver Lavelle Jordan, linebacker Terrance Bramlett and defensive player Brandon Jones are seniors who have shown a willingness to show the way.

Baum said he's still looking for ways to get the ball in Jordan's hands during the season.

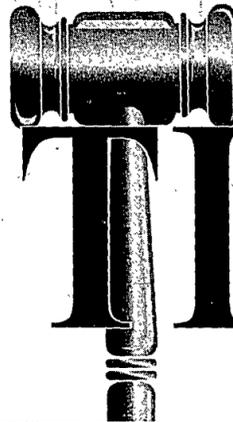
"Tailback, quarterback, receiver — he's just that kind of kid," the coach said. "We'll have to move him around to get him the ball in space."

Junior Mike McGivern was the quarterback on the sophomore team last season and could be under center on the varsity come fall.

Junior Jake Glotzer and sophomore Nick Johnson are two skill position guys looking to make the leap from sophomore team to varsity. Junior Jeremiah Jordan, Lavelle's brother, is a fine athlete who will have a role on the 2011 Wolves.

Niles West is scheduled to open the fall campaign on Aug. 26 when it hosts Chicago Westinghouse. The game will be the first at the school's revamped Basrak Field, which is getting new bleachers and lights this offseason.

"It's out with the pink bleachers and the yellow lights," Baum said jokingly, but accurately. "Our athletic department has worked real hard to give us facilities that are second to none. They've worked hard to give the kids a nice place to play, which makes (the kids) feel appreciated."



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Notre Dame senior receiver Jack Meyer will have a new quarterback throwing to him when the Dons enter their new, eight-game ESCC schedule. | KEVIN TANAKA-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## Dons wary of new schedule

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

Moves by IHSA officials and ESCC athletic directors have produced changes in Notre Dame's upcoming football season.

A recent decision by the IHSA to reevaluate the private-school multiplier means the Dons, who recently have competed in Class 8A, now are likely to be classified as a 6A team for this fall's playoffs.

The ruling is designed to give some programs a chance at playing competitive post-season games. The multiplier was implemented so private schools, like Notre Dame, would be grouped with public schools possessing similar athletic resources.

Now, schools can be categorized on a sport-by-sport basis based on their history of postseason success. Notre Dame has qualified for the IHSA Class 8A playoffs each of the past five seasons, but is 0-for-5 during that span. That record allows the Dons to drop down to 6A this season, although a playoff run could see them move up for future campaigns.

Mike Hennessey, who is ND's football coach and athletic director, said he'll play wherever the IHSA tells him, but also sees some problems.

"Whatever they do is fine," he said. "But if it's going to cause a lot of movement, that could cause confusion. We're used to playing where we play and we're not concerned if we're 8A or 7A. Our conference schedule is such that it prepares us more-than-adequately for the playoffs."

Which brings us to the conference schedule.

With St. Joseph departing for the Chicago Catholic League, the ESCC's nine teams will play a round-robin schedule for the first time. That means there will be only one nonconference game; Notre Dame will face Leo in Week Four.

Instead of having a few games to prepare for the ESCC grind — seven teams advanced last year to the playoffs — the Dons are opening the season with a trip to Marist (Aug. 26) followed by home games against powerhouses Joliet Catholic (Sept. 2) and Carmel (Sept. 9).

"Our schedule this year is as tough as it's ever been," Hennessey said.

Hennessey said the athletic directors who voted for the round-robin schedule already have decided to switch back to two nonconference games for the 2012 season. The conference is looking to add one or three programs in order to once again have an even number.

Now in summer camp, Notre Dame looks to rebuild after a sometimes solid, other times disappointing 5-5 season in 2010. The Dons lost 47-0 to eventual state champion Maine South in the first round of the Class 8A playoffs.

Notre Dame linebacker/running back Jeremy Burgos (Drake) and safety/running back Connor Thomas (Minnesota State) have graduated. Quarterback Tim Whalen (Kansas Benedictine) also has moved on, but the Dons have a ready-made replacement in

Nick Pieruccini, who was the team's short-yardage QB last season, as well as running back and part-time defender.

"Nick is a versatile athlete who runs well, throws well and makes our offense a little more complicated," Hennessey said. "We can run the option and do a lot of things in the backfield. You have to account for him if you're on defense."

Leading receivers Jack Meyer and Brian Fitzsimmons, who will both be seniors, also are back. All-conference safety Connor Gavin, who will be a senior, will likely play one of the offensive skill positions, as well.

"We feel like we have some things set there (with the offensive skill positions)," Hennessey said. "We could be a little young on the offensive line. We're going to have seniors there, but seniors without experience. We'll see how that pans out."

Gavin should be a leader of the defense along with linebacker Sean Flaherty and lineman Sean Kane, who will both be seniors.

At the next level: Mike Grigsby (Class of '11), a lineman, will join Whalen at Kansas Benedictine. Former Don Billy Hughes is already on the team there.

Julian Burgos, who started his career at Bowling Green, will join his brother Jeremy at Drake this fall.

Connor Flahive finished up his career as a fullback at Northern Illinois last fall and is now working as a strength coach at Notre Dame and running a sports performance business in Park Ridge.

# Mustangs beat all comers at tourney

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

The Morton Grove Mustangs were rude hosts of their own tournament last weekend, beating everybody en route to the title.

By going 5-0, the Mustangs, who are playing a combined American Legion and Connie Mack schedule, ran their summer record to 14-4-1.

"Things are going pretty well," Mustangs head coach Ed Toledo said. "We're getting some pretty good wins and hopefully we can keep it going."

The tournament, which was played at Niles North and Maine South, featured a mix of teams from various different leagues. A Marysville, Ohio, team entered after answering an Internet request, while American Legion teams from Libertyville and Waukegan, a high school summer league team from Glenbrook North and a travel team featuring current and former players from Gordon Tech represented local interests.

Morton Grove opened Friday with a 7-6 win over eventual-tournament runner-up Marysville (Ohio).

The Mustangs' Keenan Kelly delivered the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Kelly and teammates Elliot Mark, Gabe Duarte, Lawrence Darlak all had two hits.

In the second of Friday's tripleheader, Morton Grove defeated Libertyville 5-2. Darlak went 3-for-4 with two RBI, John Gobbo was 2-for-3 with a run knocked in and Andy Granato contributed a hit and knocked in a run.

The Mustangs completed the Friday sweep with a 10-2 victory over Gordon. The offensive stars for Morton Grove were Kelly (1-for-3, 2 RBIs), Duarte (1-for-1, 2 runs) and Mark (1-for-1, 2 runs).

Morton Grove returned to the field Sunday with a 6-5 win over Waukegan. Matt McTague went the seven-inning distance for the winners, scattering four hits, striking out two and walking four.

Darlak collected the game-



Niles North leadoff batter Elliot Mark also earned the top-of-the-order job this summer with the Morton Grove Mustangs. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

tying hit in the bottom of the seventh, and then scored the winning run. He finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Zach Jones was 3-for-4 with a double, David Schoenberg delivered two singles and scored twice and Mark was 2-for-3 with two knocked in. Mark won the leadoff job at Niles North during the season and has continued to shine at the top of the order for the Mustangs.

"In the last eight or 10 games, I think he's had at least one bunt for a hit in each game," said Toledo, who coaches at Niles North. "He's taking what they give him, getting singles, working on bunting for hits. During the (high school) season we didn't know who would be our lead-off guy. But (Mark) ended up winning the job and running with it."

Mark continued his hot streak in Sunday's tournament finale, going 2-for-4 with two runs in a 10-5 win over Glenbrook North. The game was cut short after five innings.

Kelly blasted a two-run homer, Darlak plated two runs and Jones wrapped up

2-for-3 with an RBI.

"Jones has been doing the bulk of the catching for us. He's a talented kid and will help a good Maine South team next year," Toledo said. "He can hit the ball and he's batting between No. 2 and No. 5 in our lineup. He's also done well defensively."

Granato pitched the full five innings, giving up five runs, (4 earned), five hits, striking out two and walking five.

Stats: Through 19 games, Darlak led Morton Grove with a .438 average, Gobbo was batting .405 and Kelly was at .400.

Kelly had a team-high 12 RBIs, Darlak had 11 and Gobbo and Jones had seven apiece.

Up next: The Mustangs will host Elk Grove Legion at 6 p.m. today at Maine South.

Morton Grove will visit Wilmette-Loyola for a Connie Mack game at 5 p.m. Friday. The Mustangs host a pair of Connie Mack doubleheaders this weekend beginning a 10:30 a.m. at Niles North. Wilmette Waves visit on Saturday, while Palatine is the guest on Sunday.

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# Demons seniors confident in abilities

RICK BEHREN  
Contributor

Maine East head coach Gabe Corey believes every part of a football player can be measured except for one thing — the size of his heart.

After coaching the Demons from 1993-2002, Corey returned to Maine East in 2009 with the football team in the throes of a 39-game losing streak. The Blue Demons posted a 2-7 record that first season, followed by 1-8 last year.

Corey says combine their talent with some confidence, the Blue Demons could produce the winning season that has eluded them since before his first eight-year stint at the school, which began in 1994.

After last week's National Football League Player Development Camp at Niles West and a 7-on-7 tournament at Elmwood Park, Corey sees the faith and skill starting to develop.

"I think the more we can do these types of camps the more it's going to help these kids believe they can actually put it together," Corey said. "It's a crucial year for us. We going into our third year (since returning to coach) and the kids are starting to understand my system. The first year they were all lost. Everyone was like a freshman. Seniors and juniors included, were all like first-year players.

"We stayed with the program last year and we didn't have a strong senior class but our juniors kept us in ball games. We should have won three or four games, we just didn't know how to put them away. This year what we are hoping is the confidence level improves and that we get off to a good start."

Corey said the camps provide his players with the opportunity to conduct drills against other teams and see who steps up. He calls that experience "the biggest confidence-builder in the world."

"I always tell the kids I can measure everything in football but the one thing I can't measure is the heart," he said. "In high school football, that the biggest equalizer that you can ever have. So we're trying to get them to buy into the program and utilize their talents and their hearts to succeed."

Andrew Lee, a senior who will play tailback and receiver in Corey's offense and safety on defense, is a prime example of what the Maine East coach envisions.

"He (Lee) rolled his ankle a little today (at the Elmwood Park camp) and wanted to continue playing," Corey said. "So I said, 'No, you're not playing. Give some of the other guys a chance to play.' They were able to step up and still play with a pretty athletic team. It was a good test for them. It showed a lot of heart from everyone involved."

Corey said he expects a lot from Lee, not only in terms of talent, but leadership, as well.

"He is our most elusive guy. He has been with me three years now," Corey said. "He's got that foot speed and he's a true 4.5 (second)-40 (yards), so we'll be using a lot of him in our offense, moving him around and I hope the other guys follow his example. He works hard and takes pride in that."

Lee admitted he has learned plenty during the summer camps.

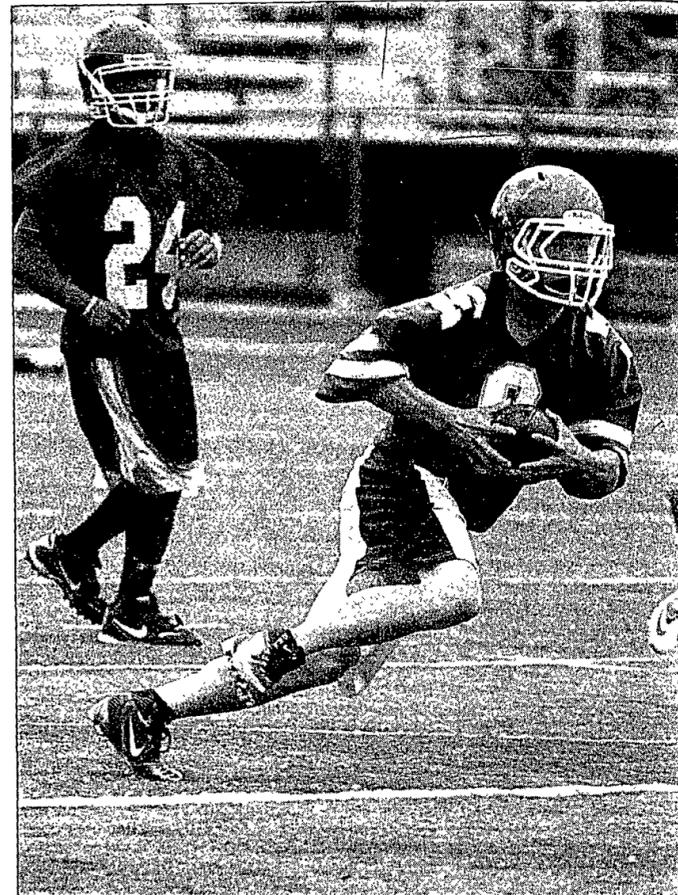
"I found out that you have to go full-speed all the time, every play," he said. "Even if you're the best player on team, you are always going to face players that are a lot better than you. You always have to work hard to stay on their level."

"I like to work on my hands at these camps on offense, but I think I need to improve most defensively. Learning the opponents' offense, being able to read what they are going to do, reading the quarterback all take work. To be successful we all need to work hard each day and push each other."

"Compared to last year, I already see an improved team out there. We have a group that likes to learn. They are not a lazy bunch at all."

Corey hopes a quick start will spark his team's success this season.

"The biggest thing is we're going to have to get that taste of victory," he said. "If we can come out and get a couple of wins early in the season, I think this team can take off. We need to get some victories and confidence early so these kids can believe — and I think that can happen because they already show a lot of heart."



Maine East senior Andrew Lee turns upfield after a reception during the Blue Demons' 7-on-7 camp at Elmwood Park. | JERRY DALIEGE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# Reichert, Reilly show off at Stevenson

BY BLAKE SCHUSTER  
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Kristen Reichert and Brittany Reilly of Niles North grew near each other, have been teammates on numerous teams and last weekend at the Stevenson Softball Showcase displayed their skills to college scouts together.

Although the two won't be graduating until the spring of 2013, Reichert and Reilly were invited with 88 other local high school players to partake in the two-day event to get their names out to colleges.

DePaul University, University of Illinois, University of Chicago, Lake Forest College and Aurora University were among the 17 schools present at the combine.

The athletes invited were divided by high school conference into four teams: DuPage Valley/Upstate Eight, East Suburban Catholic/Mid-Suburban, Central Suburban/Fox Valley, and North Suburban/West Suburban.

On Friday each team played two games, and individual players were tested on their base-running ability and speed.

Saturday morning the girls were put through individual positional tests before competing in their final game of the showcase.

Reichert, who plays first base and outfield, was not only thrilled to be invited to the event, but to be sharing the honor with her teammate and best friend Reilly.

"It's pretty cool playing together, and it's nice that we were playing on a team with people from teams we've played before," Reichert said.

Both agreed it was a different experience taking the field with girls they had previously competed



Niles North base runner Brittany Reilly, sliding under the tag of Deerfield's Emily Shanker this past spring, participated last weekend in an invite-only showcase at Stevenson High School. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

against, but the day was more fun than cutthroat.

"We thought we were just going to do the skills competition, and then we found out we were going to be playing in the games," Reichert said.

Being able to play softball collegiately as well as earning a scholar-

ship was a notion that had been creeping around the girls' minds all weekend.

"It's a big deal," Reilly said. "It's definitely something that I'm trying to do."

Reichert and Reilly had also agreed that if they were not invited to play college ball, that they would

do whatever they could stay involved in the game, either by playing club ball or trying to walk on.

While the prospect of looking forward to a college career can be overwhelming, the girls still have time to work on their game and improve their chances of becoming official recruits. However that

wasn't stopping them from trying to impress a few scouts while they had the audience.

"I think they are looking for the hustle, if you make a mistake if you're still hustling, working through it and trying to make the next play," Reichert said of the recruiters.

# Balco Boys pound the plastic



Mike Maguire, of Skokie, pitches for the Plastic Ono Band during Saturday's National Whiffleball Championships held at Channelside Park. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Teams from across the nation and mostly the Midwest traveled to Skokie to compete in the third annual National Whiffleball Championship at Channelside Park on Saturday.

The one-day tournament began at 8:30 a.m. and drew 29 teams, which was the tournament's biggest turnout. With no age requirement, some teams mixed kids and adults with a wide spread of ages.

After almost eight hours of play, as the park began to clear, the action became more competitive. The Final Four teams all were from Mishawaka, Ind. The Balco Boys, the defending champions, entered the weekend ranked No.1 in the "Super 20 Whiffleball Teams on Planet Earth," according to Whiffleball.org.

But Saturday's tournament crowned a new champion, the Funky Plastic Offspring. It marked the group's first National Championship and second whiffleball title overall.

They will have bull's-eyes on their backs when many of the same teams compete at the World Whiffleball Championship in Mishawaka next month.



Plastic Ono Band batter Griff Murray, of Wilmette, connects with the pitch during Saturday's tournament in Skokie. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# Vikings appear on recruiters' radar screen

BY BLAKE SCHUSTER  
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While Niles West softball players Alyssa Brummitt and Lexi Leftakes have a full year before graduating high school, last weekend they took the first step to becoming possible college softball recruits: getting noticed. The two were invited with 88 other local high school players to partake in the NWS Softball Showcase held at Stevenson Friday and Saturday.

The 90 athletes were divided into four teams, based on high school conferences, and auditioned for

recruiters representing some 17 schools.

On Friday each team played two games, and players were tested on their base-running ability and speed. Saturday morning the girls were put through individual positional tests before playing another game.

While playing in front of college scouts can make some athletes nervous and stressed, Brummitt maintained a nonchalant attitude throughout the weekend. Her relaxed demeanor had something to do with Lexi Leftakes, her high school teammate, also taking the field with her.

"She wasn't here (Friday), but she was here (Saturday), and it was nice having someone I know. I got to know a lot of the other girls, but it's nice to have her around," Brummitt said. "She is always confident, and she goes in there with a good attitude, and she boosts everyone else's playing skills as well."

While the nerves may have simmered down for Brummitt, Leftakes was as tense as anyone would be when being critiqued on their skills.

"I get nervous about everything, but I think if I just calm down, there's not that much pressure," Leftakes

said, "They are all good players."

Brummitt and Leftakes were notified by their high school coach at the end of the spring season that they could participate in the two-day event. Leftakes admitted she didn't even consider the possibility of earning a college scholarship to play softball until she heard about the showcase.

"It's really cool (playing for scouts) but I never thought I would be," Leftakes said. "And it's more fun with Alyssa here."

Having a current teammate on their showcase team proved a huge benefit to Brummitt and Leftakes,

who have learned to gauge each other's playing ability and help each other on the diamond.

"Me and Alyssa have been playing for a while together and we know how we play, what we need to say to each other to help and support each other, so it's really cool that she is here," Leftakes said.

After the showcase, Brummitt could not be more pleased about the invitation and participation in the games.

"It's a great opportunity to play in front of scouts and see where we could be if any (scout) contacts you," Brummitt said.

## Nader makes the grade for NIU

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

After a road filled with twists of turns, Niles North alum Abdel Nader still will be playing college basketball for a coach who played guard in the Big Ten.

But instead of joining former Indiana star Steve Alford at New Mexico, the 2011 all-stater has become a major recruiting coup for new Northern Illinois head coach and former Michigan State point guard Mark Montgomery.

Nader signed with the Huskies late last month, but questions still remained over the 6-foot-7, 195-pounder's eligibility for this coming season. But on Sunday, Nader said he would be eligible to play for NIU as a freshman.

"I'm going to be playing in the fall. I was waiting on my (high school) grades and ACT score. I'm good to go," said Nader, who averaged 23.8 points and 8.6 rebounds for the 2010-11 Vikings, who went 24-6 and won the school's first Central Suburban League and sectional titles.

Speaking on the phone from DeKalb, Nader already is enrolled in summer school and is training and playing pickup ball with his future teammates.

The weight-room sessions are intense. But Nader knew what he was signing up for when he agreed to play for Montgomery, who spent the last decade next to taskmaster Tom Izzo as an assistant at Michigan State.

"That kind of mentality where they demand a lot, that attracted me (to NIU)," Nader said "You have to play for people who are going to push you."

Nader, who transferred to Niles North from Maine East before his junior season, was an inside player early in his prep career. But his game gradually expanded and he became a consistent perimeter threat last season. Northern Illinois coaches have told Nader he will play small forward or shooting guard.

"(Nader) is a talented offensive playmaker, who has the ability to play multiple positions and has unlimited shooting range," Montgomery said. "Abdel is an exceptionally versatile player who had the ability to score in a variety of ways. He can score off the dribble, catch-and-shoot and can score both inside and outside."

Nader headlines Montgomery's strong seven-man recruiting class, which also features highly-rated De

La Salle forward Dre Henley. Nader and Henley are both considered to have "high major" talent. Both players likely will be counted on immediately on a team that returns just two regulars and went 9-21 last season under former coach Ricardo Patton.

Nader verbally committed to Alford and New Mexico shortly after his junior season without ever having visited the Albuquerque campus. He backed out midway through last season when it became apparent he might not qualify academically as a freshman.

He switched plans, with an eye on attending prep school for a year in Vermont and then beginning his college career in the 2012-13 season.

As Nader's stock continued to rise, schools like Illinois, Marquette, Tennessee and Michigan State began to show interest in him as a 2012 recruit. Montgomery recruited him for the Spartans, as was NIU for the Huskies.

When Montgomery accepted the NIU job in March, Nader visited DeKalb and liked what he saw. Nader said he was especially fond of the coaching staff, which includes former New Trier and Marquette forward Todd Townsend.

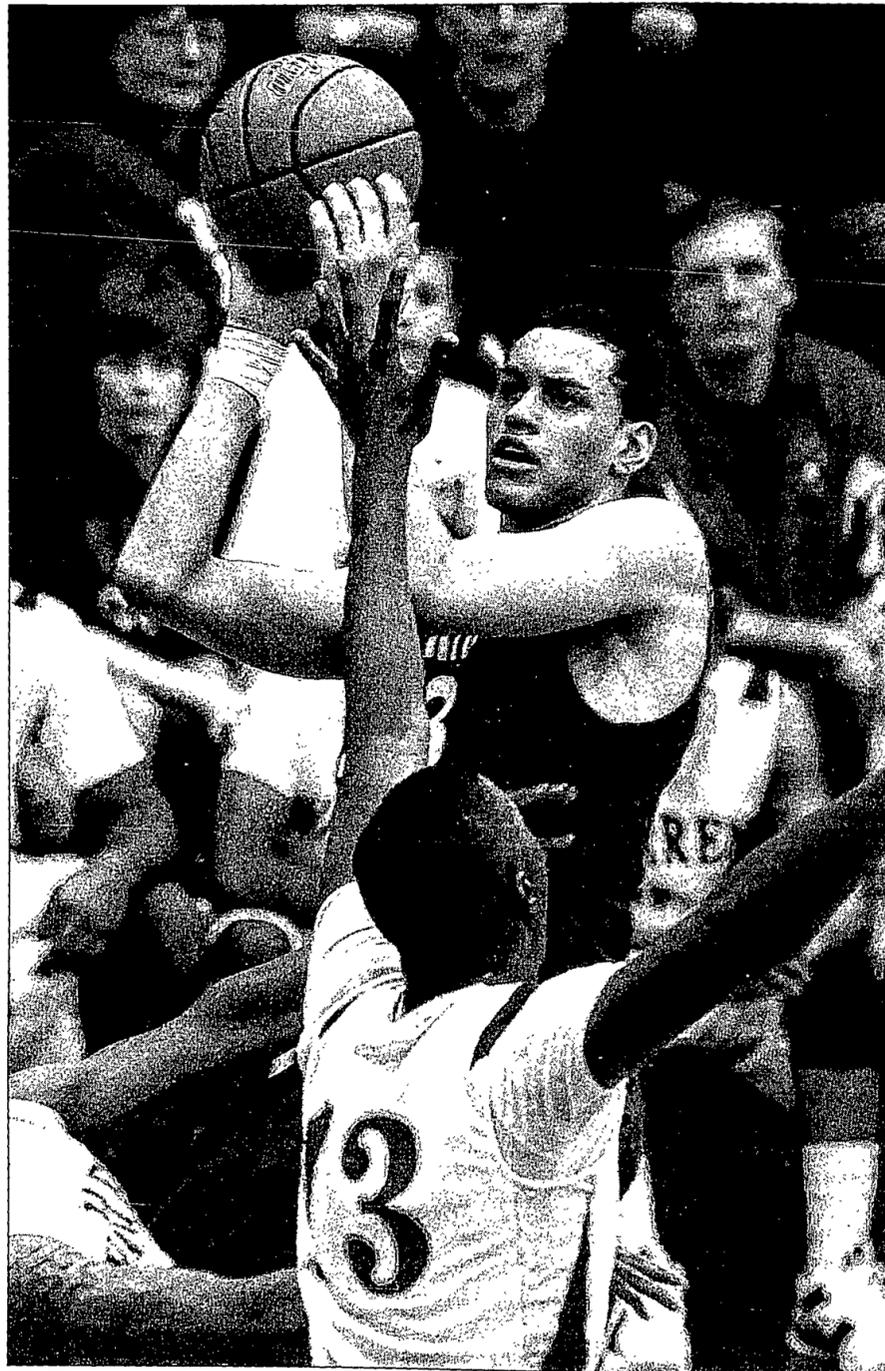
Nader also noted that George Mason, Butler and Virginia Commonwealth have proven a team does not have to play in the Big Ten or Big East to make it to the big time. Nor does a player.

"(The rise of mid-majors) definitely appeals to me," Nader said. "Also, my main goal is to play in the NBA someday and my mentality is that if I'm good enough, they'll sign me. They don't care what college you go to."

Glenn Olson, who coached Nader at both Maine East and Niles North, said he believes his former player has landed in the right spot.

"I think (Nader) was impressed by the coaching staff and (Montgomery's) background at Michigan State and his ability to coach and mold players," Olson said. "Being close to home definitely played into it and had a lot to do with the New Mexico situation. When push came to shove and things got a little closer, it became a little tougher for him (to contemplate going out west). Another important thing is the opportunity to be a major contributor right off the bat. No doubt that was something."

Olson added: "There are drives out to DeKalb in my family's future."

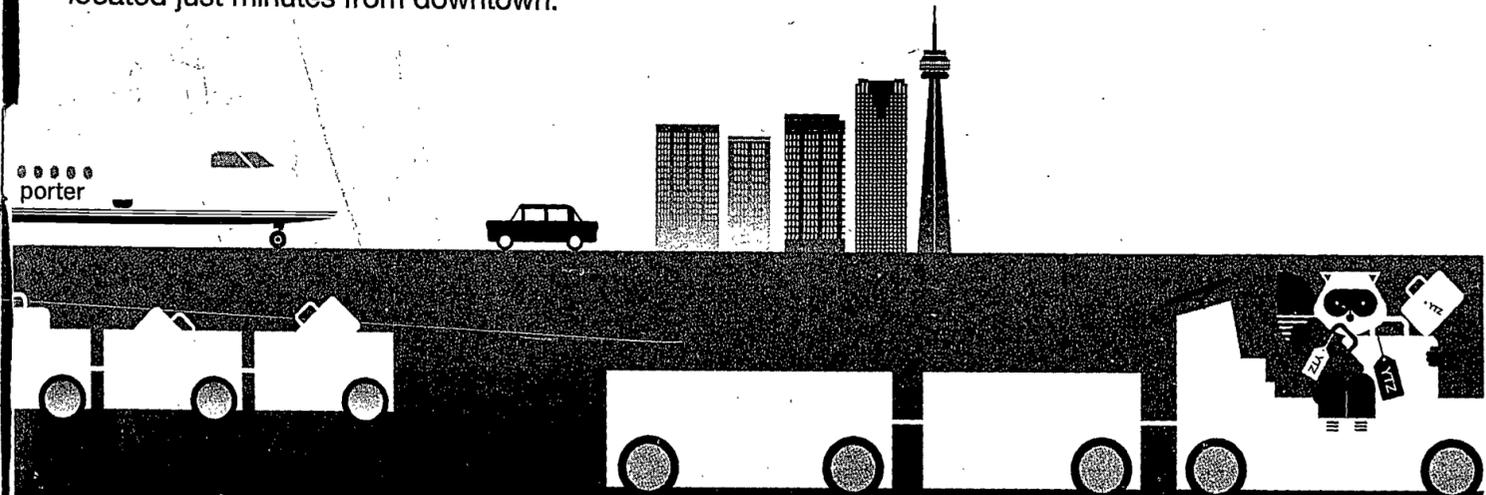


Niles North graduate Abdel Nader averaged 25 points and 8.6 rebounds last season while leading the Vikings to their first sectional crown. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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