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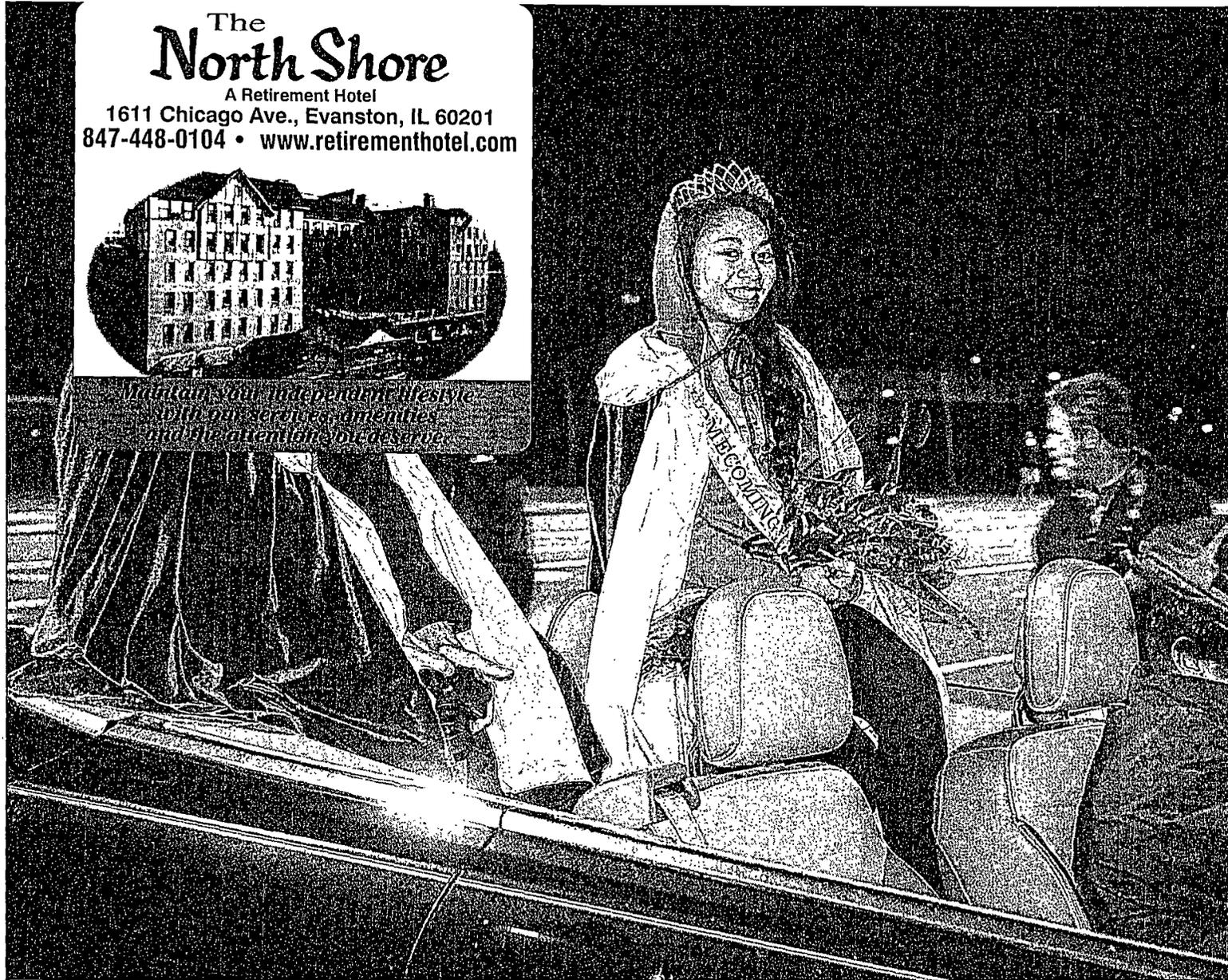
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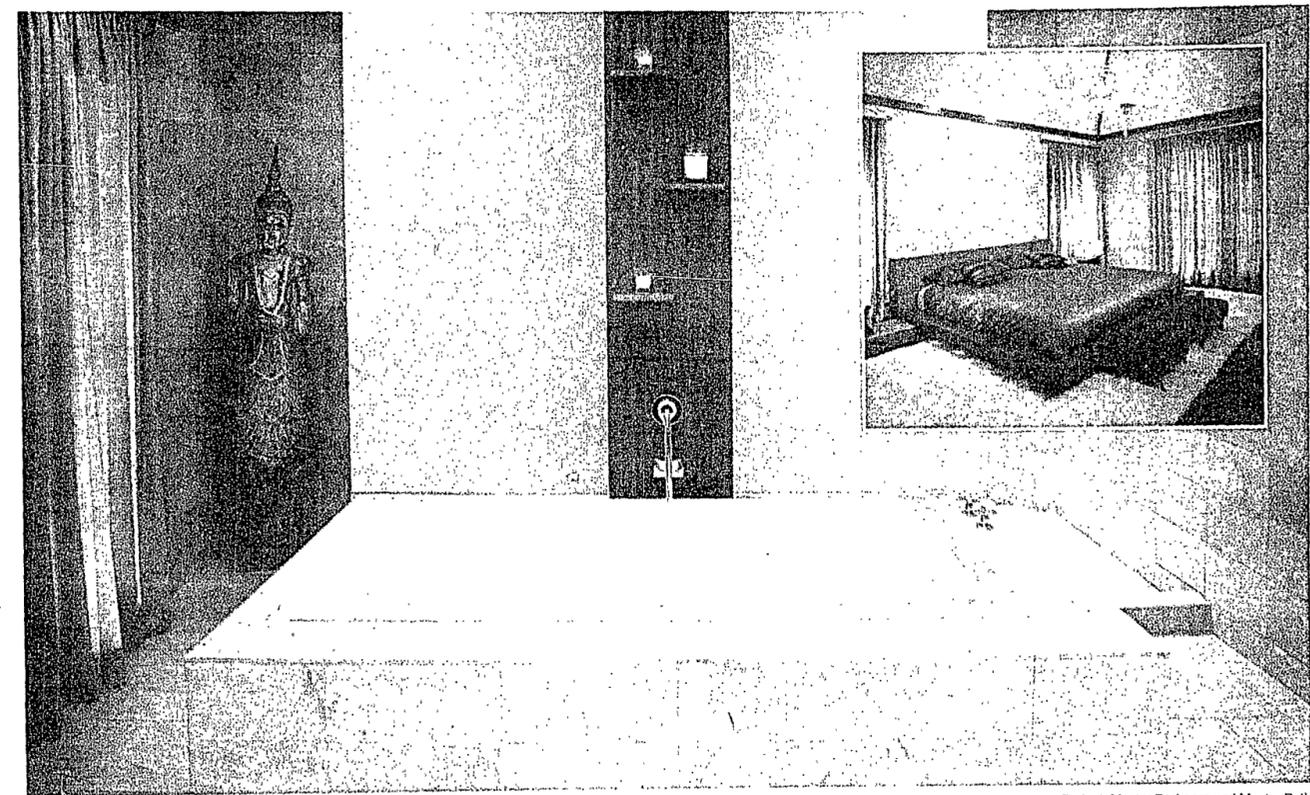
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## LIBRARY BOARD

### Trustees vote to pay off bonds early for tax relief

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

The Niles Public Library District board voted to pay off bonds early at its meeting Sept. 28.

Despite Library Board President Barbara Nakanishi's desire to refinance the bonds at the lowest possible interest rate, the board voted to pay off the bonds in two installments.

One installment would be paid the coming December and the other would be paid in December 2012.

As of Oct. 3, Jim McNutt, the business manager for the library, said he had no precise figures related to the bonds yet.

Library Trustee Morgan Dubiel has been pushing for paying off the bonds in order

to give money back to the taxpayers.

"They need the tax relief now," Dubiel said.

Nakanishi said the library shouldn't consider paying off bonds until it finds out from a recently hired architect what renovations are needed and what the related costs will be.

"We're going to have to have a chunk of change to get this work done," Nakanishi said.

The library board recently selected Product Architecture and Design of Chicago out of three architects in order to complete a space-needs analysis to determine the renovation projects and their order of priority.

At the Sept. 28 board meeting the board approved a contract for \$15,500 for a space

plan and a systems report for \$5,000.

Dubiel said \$5,000 was too high a price for the services being provided.

"People are asking for all kinds of things, but they're not asking for tax relief," said Ann Pasnick, assistant director of the library, who did not support paying off the bonds.

Dubiel also made a motion to discuss videotaping library-board meetings and posting them on the Internet.

Several board members and Library Director Linda Weiss said broadcasting board meetings may discourage the free and open conversations that now take place.

Dubiel decided to withdraw his motion since only executive sessions are required to be recorded.



Former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase leaves the Federal Building in 2008. | BRIAN JACKSON-SUN-TIMES

## VILLAGE HALL

### Blase Plaza sign back up for debate

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

The issue of whether to remove the sign in front of Niles Village Hall honoring convicted ex-Mayor Nicholas Blase will be back on the agenda for this month's Village Board of Trustees meeting, about a year after it was last discussed.

Trustee Rosemary Palicki made a motion at the village-board meeting Sept. 27 to put the removal of the sign on the October agenda and trustees voted 4-2 in favor of the motion.

"I think it should be taken down," Palicki told Pioneer Press. "With (putting) ethics first, we need to start in, literally, our own front yard."

"There's no doubt the mayor admitted to doing actions that put him in prison."

Last year three trustees voted in favor of keeping the sign up and three voted to take it down. Mayor Robert Callero voted to keep the sign up, breaking the tie.

Palicki said she felt the past vote on

the issue was inconclusive.

"I think all we're doing is going backwards again," said Trustee Joseph LoVerde, who wishes to see the Blase Plaza sign remain. "I think it's counterproductive to go backwards."

LoVerde said a survey sent out to the community revealed the majority of people wanted the sign to be left up.

"I think we serve at the will of the people," LoVerde noted. "We have many more important issues on the table that need to be addressed."

Former Mayor Blase was arrested in 2006 on federal charges in a case that involved taking more than \$400,000 in kickbacks from an insurance company in return for steering local businesses to that company. Blase served time in federal prison and at a halfway house in Chicago.

Since that time the Niles Village Board has implemented an Ethics Committee and is looking to videotape board meetings to increase transparency to the public.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### How about the 'Niles 25-cent Bus'?

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

The Niles Free Bus may soon need a new name.

The free bus may cost 25 cents a trip for general riders and 10 cents per ride for senior citizens, if the plan is approved by PACE.

Staff members made a presentation on the proposal at the special village-board meeting on Sept. 27.

During the last budget workshop the village board gave staff the direction to reduce costs in the bus system, and to make it more effective and user-friendly.

Adjustments to the routes have been proposed in order to make them more efficient.

Staff members said if they charged riders a quarter and seniors a dime, the village would have already raised \$58,000 since Jan. 1.

The majority of trustees endorsed the proposal, but Trustee Joseph LoVerde and Trustee Louella Preston said they were unsure whether they would support it.

The 411 Route serves locations including Golf Mill, Notre Dame High School, Civic Center Plaza and the library. The 412 route makes stops at Golf Mill, Four Flags and Golf Glen. The third route, 413, travels to the Leaning Tower YMCA, Pointe Plaza and Village Crossing Shopping Center.

"We have 10 total buses and eight operate consistently," said Duane Paulus, transportation supervisor for the village of Niles. "We would take two of those out of the system and expand the function of the other six."

Paulus, who noted there would still be eight buses operating each day, said: "We can do

more with less." The 411 route would go from six to four routes, with the bus arriving every 45 minutes as opposed to every 30 minutes.

Another North Special bus would be added to travel between shopping centers such as Golf Mill, Four Flags and Golf Glen. Paulus said the North Special is one of the most popular routes.

The plan also involves creating an express route that would go between the Civic Center and Golf Mill.

Paulus said the proposed routes would be more efficient, and more accessible to shopping centers and residential areas. The possibility of a monthly ridership pass for heavy bus users was also discussed.

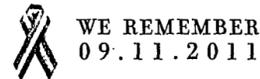
If PACE approval is received, staff said they would like the changes to be implemented in January.



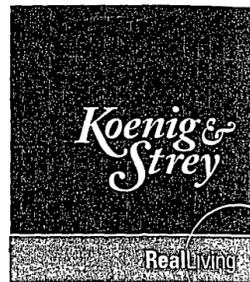


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### 'COURAGEOUS' EFFORT

## Grassroots movie marketer hopes to repeat success of box office hit, 'Fireproof'

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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In 2008, a small, Christian film called "Fireproof" set the box office ablaze when it became the top grossing independent film of the year, earning a surprising \$33.4 million when it cost just \$500,000 to produce.

Park Ridge resident Kristine Fuhr, vice president of marketing for Provident Films, was a big part of that wave of success, having led the national marketing efforts of the Kirk Cameron-starrer. Now she's heading the promotion of the company's latest venture, "Courageous," which opened Sept. 30 at Park Ridge's Pickwick Theatre.

The film tells the story of four police officers and fathers grappling with tragedy and their own faith. It is produced by Stephen Kendrick and directed by Alex Kendrick, the same team from "Fireproof."

Fuhr believes "Courageous" will hit home with area residents, especially the many fathers who can be seen almost everyday across the community taking part in sporting activities with their children.

"... It's about dads really stepping up and being a part of their kids' lives," she explained.

Fuhr's work in "getting



Kris Fuhr

people to the theaters" occurs right in her own Park Ridge home, where she, her husband and two children have lived for nine years.

"I have my Mac on my kitchen counter and I'm very thankful for that FedEx up the street (on Northwest Highway)," she said.

As the leader of the marketing team for "Courageous," Fuhr organizes a public-relations campaign that reaches out to churches, ministries, community groups and theaters across the country, providing each with media kits that include movie posters, handouts explaining the premise of the film, DVDs featuring movie scenes and "everything so they can be a mobile marketing unit for the movie," Fuhr explained.

All of the work is done with the purpose of generat-

ing "local awareness" and promotion through word-of-mouth.

"We've literally done that in thousands of towns across the country," Fuhr said.

There are also special film screenings and spreading the word through social media, like Facebook.

"We do whatever we can do to get as many eyeballs on the film as possible," Fuhr said.

Similar "grassroots" marketing occurred during the promotion of "Fireproof." Fuhr believes this "absolutely" played a big role in the success of "Fireproof" at the box office.

"We cultivate such a passionate community following that we are able to compete (with larger films)," she said.

Fuhr, a 1985 graduate of West Point, served as a U.S. Army commander before becoming involved with films, the first being "Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie," which was released in 2002. She also oversaw the marketing of the "Chronicles of Narnia" films to churches across the country.

For "Courageous," Fuhr was part of the editing process and she provided input on the script, as well.

She points out that the movie business isn't reserved for the West Coast.

"Hollywood can be in Park Ridge, too," she said.

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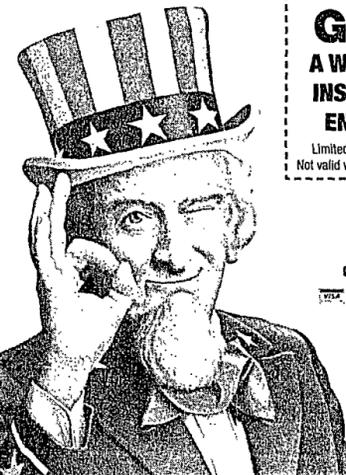
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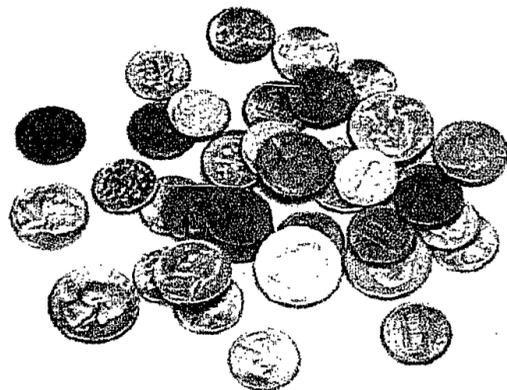
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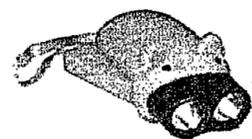


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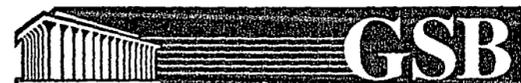
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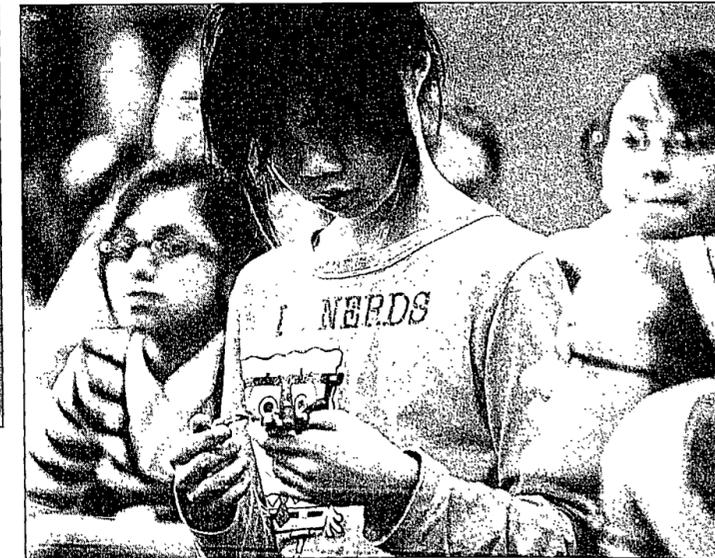
Craig Hendee, with the International Heritage Conservancy, brought two birds of prey to Golf Middle School for the sixth-grade class to see and learn about as a lesson plan on medieval times. Anna Starobinets passes around the lease used to hold the Falcons.



Sixth-graders Khushbo Nisar (front), Jamie Frake and Olivia Klafra watch the presentation of birds of prey at Golf Middle School on Sept. 22.

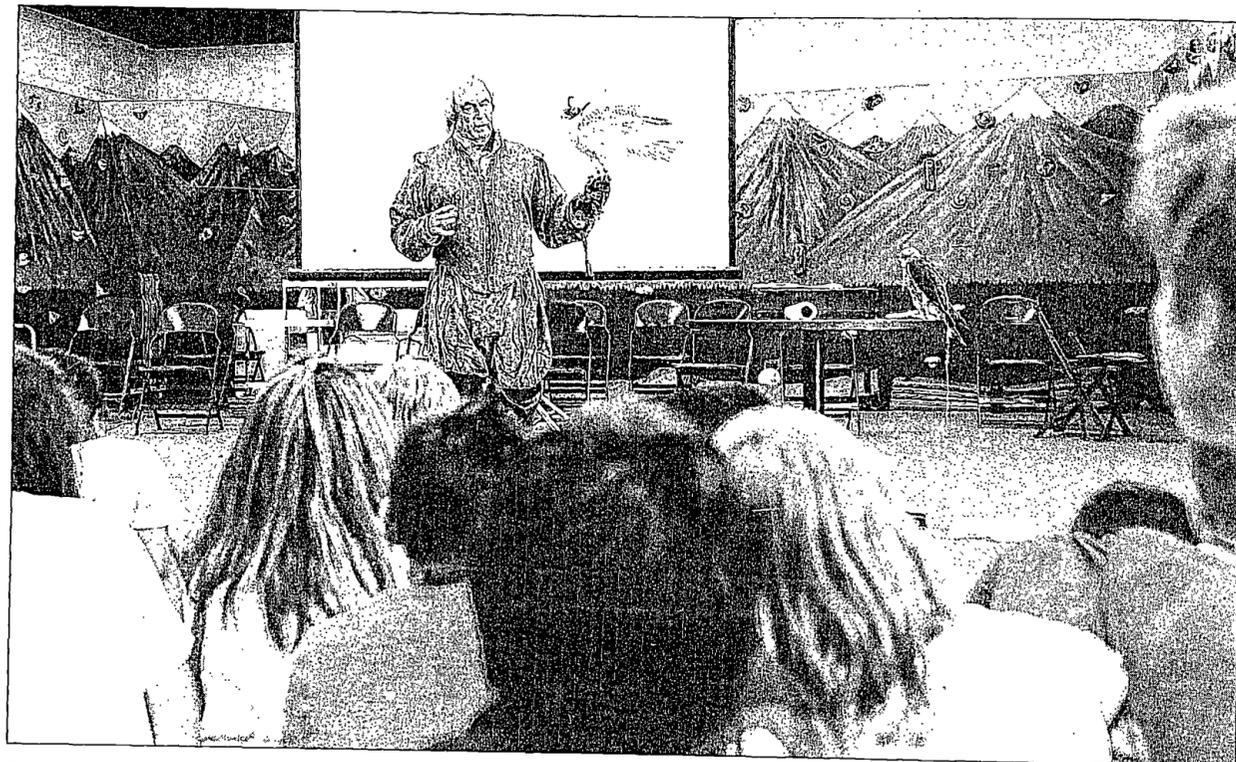


Craig Hendee displays Boo the White Falcon, a bird of prey, on Sept. 22 at Golf Middle School as part of a lesson about medieval times.



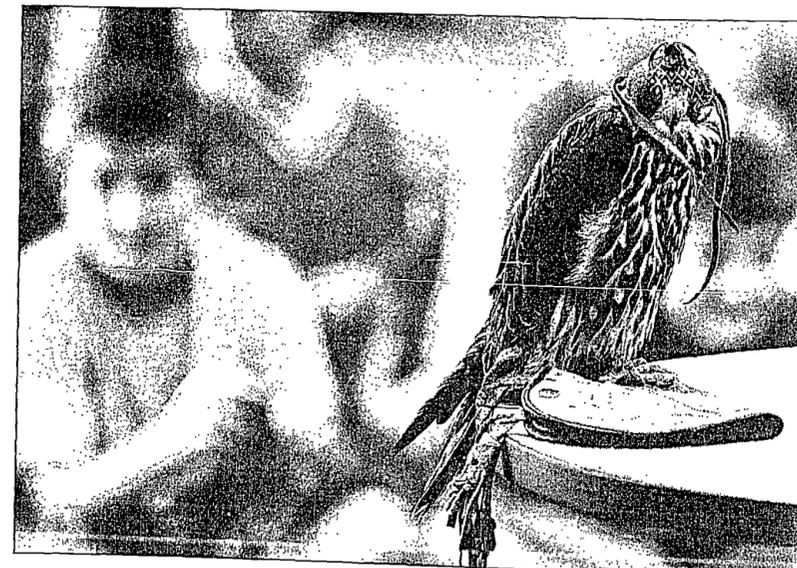
Rachel Song looks at a leash used to hold the falcons displayed by Craig Hendee, with the International Heritage Conservancy, who visited the sixth-grade class on Sept. 22.

Photos by  
**Tamara Bell**  
For Sun-Times Media



Craig Hendee, with the International Heritage Conservancy, brought a pair of birds of prey to Golf Middle School for sixth-graders to see and learn about as part of a lesson plan on medieval times. Hendee talks students with Boo the White Falcon.

Craig Hendee, with the International Heritage Conservancy, shows off his white falcon. Hendee brought two birds of prey Sept. 22 for the sixth grade class to see and learn about.



One of Craig Hendee's hawks, which was raised from the time it was a baby hawk, meets the students. Hendee, with the International Heritage Conservancy, brought two birds of prey to Golf Middle School for the sixth-grade class to see and learn about Sept. 22.

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**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**

Andrew Starzynski, 50, of the 9800 block of

Bianco Terrace, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with assault Sept. 16, police said. According to police, officers responded to Starzynski's residence, where a large crowd alleged that Starzynski was screaming at children in the apartment complex, dressed only in a bathrobe. Starzynski then allegedly threatened to kill a police officer and a police sergeant who were attempting to interview him.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

The following incidents were listed in the weekly bulletin prepared by 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.

**SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT**

Two teenagers, ages 14 and 15, on Sept. 28 reportedly asked adult patrons who entered a gas station on the

7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue to purchase cigarettes for them. The two teenagers left before police arrived.

**GRAFFITI**

Niles police observed black spray-paint on two signs near an alley on the 8900 block of Wisner Sept. 29. The graffiti appeared to be gang-related.

**BURGLARY**

A 58-year-old Niles woman said that on Sept. 23 her residence on the 8500 block of Chester was burglarized. Police said the incident was under investigation.

**BURGLARY TO VEHICLE**

A vehicle was burglarized Sept. 25 on the 8900 block of Robin Drive.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Property-damage complaints were filed Sept. 22 on the 9600 block of Reding Circle; Sept. 27 at Bay Colony Condominiums on the 9300 block of Bay Colony Drive; and Sept. 27 on the 8700 block of Ballard Road.

**THEFT**

A man in his 30s or 40s allegedly selected \$245 worth of clothing Sept. 29 and walked past the last point of purchase without paying for the items at a store on the 7200 block of Dempster. An investigation was pending.

While shopping in the meat department Sept. 27 at a grocery store on the 5600 block of Touhy, a woman said she was approached by a man and a woman, both in their 30s, who asked her questions about chicken. The victim reported that the female removed the

victim's wallet from her purse.

**HIT-AND-RUN**

Hit-and-run accidents were reported Sept. 16 on the 8900 block of Robin Drive; Sept. 18 at Golf and Dee Roads; Sept. 19 on the 8900 block of Robin Drive; Sept. 23 on the 9500 block of Park Lane; and Sept. 25 on the 9000 block of North Washington Drive.

**DUI**

Aymen Yonan, 22, of 8430 Oak, was arrested Oct. 3 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at Cumberland and Oakton. He has a Nov. 1 court date.

**SUSPENDED LICENSE**

Jose Cruz, 24, of 7503 Cleveland, was arrested Oct. 1 on the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue and charged with driving with a suspended license. Police said he was driving 60 mph in a 35-mph zone. He has a Nov. 4 court date.

**Report: Maine East student beaten, robbed on way to school Sept. 28**

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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A 15-year-old girl reported that she was attacked and robbed of her lunch money last week while walking home from school in unincorporated Maine Township, Cook County Sheriff's Police said.

Deputy Cmdr. Anthony Brzezniak said the girl told police she was walking home from Maine East High School just after 9 p.m. Sept. 28, when she was confronted by a man in the east alley of the 8900 block of Robin Drive, just north of the Park Ridge high school.

The girl reportedly told police that the man asked for her name and when she refused to tell him he demanded she refused to give the man money he grabbed her by the hair, punched her in the stomach and again demanded cash. She then reportedly reached into her pocket and handed him \$15, which she later told police was her lunch money for the week, Brzezniak said. The man, described as being in his late-teens or early-20s, was last seen running west from the area.

Brzezniak said the teenager contacted her mother to report the robbery and ask for a ride, but the girl's mother did not believe her story and told her to walk home.

Later police met with the girl and her mother to look at photographs of possible suspects, but the teenager did not identify any of the men as the person responsible for the robbery, Brzezniak said.

The victim refused medical treatment and appeared to be uninjured, the police commander said.

The Robin Drive neighborhood is known for gang activity, and Cook County Sheriff's Police with the Park Ridge Police Department try to maintain a presence in the area immediately following the dismissal of students at the end of the school day.

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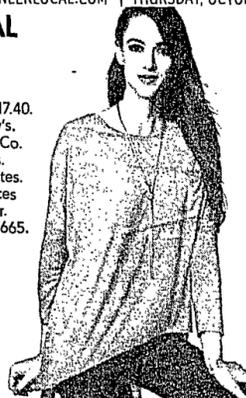
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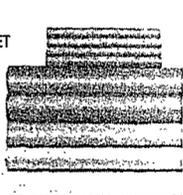
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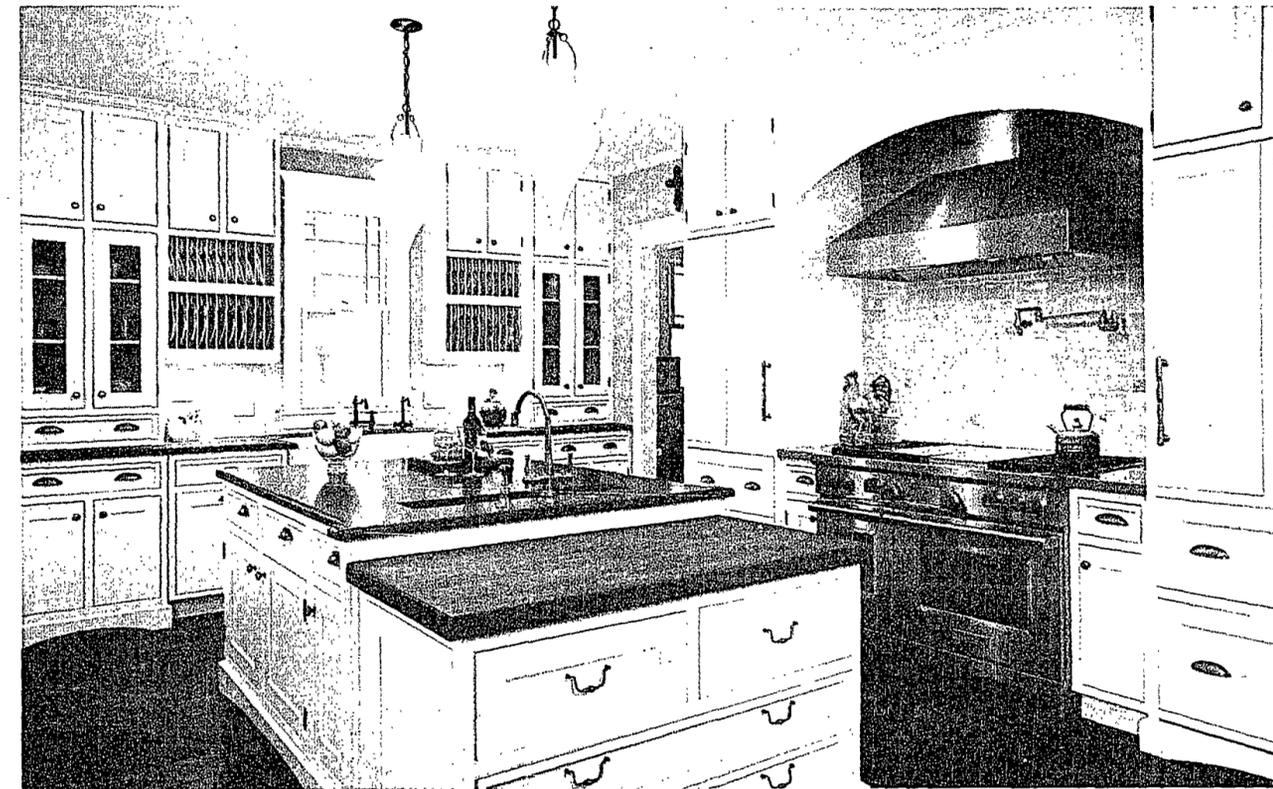


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**Niles West job fair**

Looking for a job? Attend the free Illinois workNet/Illinois Department of Employment Security Job Fair held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street in Skokie. No registration is required. Dress professionally, bring copies of your resume and come prepared for an immediate interview. Some employers

may make immediate job offers. Public transportation is available from CTA and PACE bus service with connections to the RTA Skokie Swift-CTA Yellow line. There is ample free parking at Niles West High School.

Contact Mohammed Faheem at mfaheem@worknetncc.com or Deb Lawrence at dlawrence@worknetncc.com for more information.

**Master singers at Niles West**

Calling all gleeks and fans of masterful singing—the Niles West Master Singers will be performing from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, at the Barnes & Noble store located at Westfield Old Orchard, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. The Master Singers will perform several songs to excite and warm up the crowd in advance of the book signing with actress Jane Lynch, who plays Sue Sylvester on the Fox television show "Glee."

**Niles North newspaper earns top rating**

The North Star newspaper earned a First Class rating from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) for its 2010-11 publications. The NSPA judge lauded North Star for the scope of student opinion expressed in its Ed-Op pages and its coverage of news and opinion that "related directly to students' concerns." Editorial cartoons

garnered praise for quality and humor. The staff also earned high marks for design and layout as well as "crisp and clean" photography, with sharp contrast for both black-and-white and color photos.

Noting that the staff's teamwork produced a series of excellent editions, the judge said their efforts "make it a pleasure to pick up this newspaper and read stories about people and events so far removed from this area and feel involved. Keep it up."

Graduate Mara Joaquin served as editor-in-chief and

editorial/opinion editor for 2010-2011. Graduate Maya Erf was managing editor and feature editor. Graduate Rachel Spector served as creative director.

Other staff included graduates Sophie Martin, Sarah Horton, and Sofia Teplitskya as well as juniors Ayana Jamal, Alissa Hirsh, Tommy Dixon, Michael Rowen, Brett Nagel and Jocelyn Warner, sophomore Steffie Drucker and freshmen Ethan Brown and Glenn Weissman.

English teacher Charles Pratt is the newspaper

adviser and English teacher Ivan Silverberg is the technical adviser. The 2011-2012 staff is gearing up for the digital debut of northstarnews.org by the end of the calendar year.

A non-profit educational organization headquartered in Minnesota, NSPA provides materials, media critiques and training programs for high school student publications, including print and online newspapers, yearbooks, and literary magazines.

**District 219 National Merit**

The names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced recently. Michael Nissan from Niles West High School and Benjamin Marks from Niles North High School were named as 2012 Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. The students share the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 Merit Scholarship Scholarships worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will be awarded a National Merit Scholarship.

**Physical Welfare Dept. lauded for work**

The District 219 Physical Welfare Department was recently profiled in the Sept./Oct. 2011 issue Strategies: A Journal for Physical and Sport Educators. District 219, a Blue Ribbon Award Winner for the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD), has been using heart rate monitors in their physical welfare classes for over a decade, whereby students can target their maximum heart rate and improve their overall physical fitness. This school year, Niles North and Niles West schools are implementing a program for incoming freshmen to utilize a heart rate monitor every day. Teachers will get immediate feedback and can use

that to foster conversations with students about fitness levels. According to Director of Physical Welfare Paul Swanson, "We have also utilized the technology to implement a learning readiness program for students struggling in reading. Based on the John Ratey research highlighted in the book "Spark," we have placed a high-energy PE class right before the students' reading class. We have seen small sample results that indicate a correlation between exercise and learning."

Niles Township High Schools have been designed as National Showcase Schools for Polar Electro, Inc., a manufacturer of the Polar heart rate monitor. This honor has been awarded to one other high school in the state of Illinois.

**Nurses volunteer for Emergency Corps**

Should a disaster or emergency occur in Skokie, nurses from Niles Township High School District 219 are trained and ready to assist. Niles North nurse Ellen Zagazdon and Niles West nurse Peggy Bassrawi are part of the Skokie Medical Reserve Corps, a unit of licensed health and medical personnel volunteers that will respond to local disasters, set up and maintain shelters as necessary and participate in mass vaccinations/prophylaxis or other major public health needs. The volunteers are trained by the Skokie Health Department and complete coursework to meet federal, state, county and village requirements for certification.

**Niles North geometry students learn from sculpture**

Recently, Danny Newman's Geometry 12-22 class at Niles North was visited by volunteers from Sculpture in the Classroom, an outreach program from the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park. While the geometry students typically work with shapes along a two-dimensional plane, they welcomed this opportunity to expand their horizons by creating art and forms on a three-dimensional plane. Students used markers to

decorate a wooden base, then twisted and shaped colored wire to create fanciful shapes and works of art. The class will also visit the Sculpture Park to view the large-scale sculptures by noted regional, national and international artists.

The mission of the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park is to offer an ongoing exhibition of large-scale art of the highest caliber and educational programs to promote the appreciation and understanding of contemporary art.

**Live NASA webcast**

Students in Niles West teacher Ami LeFevre's Honors Chemistry class and members of the Chemistry Club represented one of only three high schools in the country that participated in a live webcast on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Digital Learning Network. The students took part in the Sept. 22 webcast with scientists from NASA and the American Chemical Society as part of the Inter-

national Year of Chemistry's Global Water Experiment.

The webinar originated at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. Niles West students took part in the session via a live hook-up in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics lab. Schools across the country were able to participate by logging on to the NASA website, watching and typing in questions. Niles West students were seen in the broadcast and were able to speak directly to the scientists.

In the global experiment, called "Water: A Chemical Solution," students worldwide are testing local water sources and posting their analysis to an Internet data map where they will be able to view their results and compare them to others. During the webcast, ACS and NASA scientists performed a filtration and purification experiment and discussed how it relates to water purification on earth and on NASA's International Space Station.

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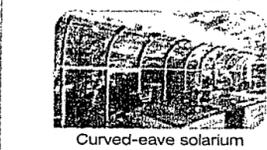


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The Being an American Essay Contest explores the Founding principles outlined in the Constitution. The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a nonprofit educational organization in the Washington, D.C., area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and Founding principles. The 2011-12 contest is sponsored by the History Channel.

Specifically, students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

The Top 3 student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (first place), \$500 (second place) and \$250 (third place). Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100.

The essay is to be no more than 1,000 words. Deadline for submission is Dec. 15. All essays must be submitted at [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Submit](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Submit). Winners will be announced in February 2012.

Further information, including submission criteria, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Founders and the Founding principles are available at [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest).

#### DISTRICT 207

Michael B. Plummer, a student at Maine East High School in Park Ridge, was named a Semifinalist in the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Semifinalists have an opportunity to continue in the competition for scholarship awards to be offered next spring.

#### RESURRECTION

Resurrection College Prep High School Presi-

dent/Principal Dr. Lynne Saccaro announces the hiring of Lou Marrese as the athletic director/associate principal at Resurrection College Prep High School.

Marrese is a 2000 graduate of Notre Dame College Prep High School and received his bachelor's degree from De Paul University and Master of Education degree in administration and supervision from National Louis University. He was athletic director and physical education department chair in School District 92 1/2 in Westchester. In addition to administrative responsibilities, Marrese's experience includes coaching volleyball, basketball, cross-country, track, softball, football, wrestling, baseball and intramurals.

One hundred and fourteen girls and boys in first through sixth grades attended Camp Invention, a weeklong science camp, at Resurrection College Prep High School during the week of June 27 to July 1. Resurrection hosted the Camp Invention SPARK Program, sponsored by Invent Now Kids, a subsidiary of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation. Camp Invention is a hands-on camp program that explores science applications through inventions, experiments and games.

The Camp Invention program at Resurrection was coordinated by Science Department Chair Dawn Konow. This is the third summer that Resurrection College Prep hosted the program. Students from Resurrection and other area schools worked as volunteer counselors during the week to facilitate each group of children as they explored the modules. Thirty-three Resurrection students or alumnae volunteered a total of 1,254 volunteer hours to help make the program a success. Many of the Resurrection students volunteers are members of the National Honor Society or Future Educators of America. A teaching staff of five certified teachers and 15 teacher's aids taught the

five modules that made up the week's curriculum.

During the Curious Cypher Club module, children helped to stop mysterious messages being sent to the Curious Cypher Club. They built a clubhouse and cracked puzzling codes. In the Bounce! An Atomic Journey module, students bounced their way through atoms, molecules, mixtures, and compounds to discover the science behind balls, and they created their own bouncy ball to take home. The WILD: Wondrous Innovations and Living Designs module taught children to explore how cuttlefish, beetles, and geckos alike and investigate the most innovative survival traits on the planet.

One of the highlights of the program is the I Can Invent: Edison's Workshop module. Students take apart a broken machine and see what's inside. Then they use its gears, guts, and gadgets to create ball-rolling and complex machines to perform simple tasks. During the Game On: Power Play module, students practiced teamwork, coordination, and creative problem-solving skills as they explored new games and add their own twist to create high-energy challenges.

On July 1, parents had the opportunity to attend the Camp Invention Inventor's Showcase. The showcase presented the work that the students created during the week and was an opportunity for parents and children to share what was learned.

Resurrection College Prep High School plans to offer Camp Invention again next summer.

#### TRINITY

The following local students from Trinity High School, 7574 W. Division St., River Forest, were named to the honor roll for the fourth block of the 2010-11 academic year.

First honors  
Niles: Sophomore Shannon McGinnis.

Norridge: Juniors Monica Kenar, Molly Krebs; freshman Miljana Marjanovic.

Park Ridge Freshman Kaitlin Leen.

## Valet sends car to dreaded valley of scratches and dents



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN  
The Fixer

tional Hotel & Tower.

We drove up to the valet stand; everyone was very gracious. We put my brand-new 2011 Buick LaCrosse — which was clean without any scratches — in the hands of the on-duty valet, who worked for Standard Parking.

We enjoyed a beautiful and expensive evening and night at the Trump Tower.

The next morning, we checked out and waited a few extra minutes for my vehicle to be driven down from the parking garage. When it arrived, the valet driver stepped out and opened the driver's side door for my husband, waiting in front of the door until my husband sat down. We had two fresh bottles of cold water in our center console; what a nice gesture.

On our way home, we stopped at the store. As we exited our vehicle, my husband observed a dent and scratch along the front driver's side headlight and along the front quarter panel/bumper. Our first thought was, what the hell! Then we realized that a valet worker must have hit the inside of the Trump

Tower parking garage (the winding road that goes up).

I immediately contacted the garage manager and he said he would submit a claim with Standard Parking's insurance company. He said he would pull the video of my vehicle entering and exiting and he also told me he would be in touch with me every step of the way.

Let me tell you, after that I had to call him four times; not once did he try to contact me in seven days.

My husband and I are Chicago police officers. We are aware that a car accident report has to be filed within seven days. The report taker needs particular info about the name of the driver and the parking garage insurance info, etc.

When I attempted to contact the manager that Friday, he said he was away due to the Labor Day weekend. On Tuesday, I finally reached him and he gave me the name of the valet who damaged my vehicle, his driver's license number and also the garage's insurance info.

Later that day, I received a letter from the insurance company saying that their client had no alternative but to deny the claim because I reported the damage after I left the facility.

I am really angry. I don't understand — the manager gave me the valet's name and info, but he did not give me the video of my car entering and exiting. Then their insurance company denies the claim. If they aren't at fault, then why did the manager give me the driver's personal information?

I have yet to get an estimate, but I will need

a new headlight and bumper. Why should I have to pay for their negligence?

Kristen Fahey

Dear Kristen: Your parking garage problem reminds The Fixer of our own family road trip to New York City this summer. After a day and a half on the road, we were exhausted. We pulled the minivan into a private parking garage in Manhattan, and the guy running the place handed us a receipt, which we didn't bother to look at.

Later, we pulled out the receipt. On the back was a black-and-white diagram of a vehicle. Every side of the drawing was covered in hand-written "x" marks to indicate "prior damage" to our still-pristine minivan.

Luckily, nothing happened to our vehicle, but we would have had a hard time recovering damages if it had.

In your case, we got a happy ending. We went to Michael Wolf, executive vice president at Standard Parking, and asked him to take a closer look, because it seemed as if their insurer had issued a pretty quick denial.

Apparently, the insurer had denied it because you had left the garage before reporting the damage — which, of course, you hadn't seen. That made it difficult to assess what had occurred, Wolf said.

However, given all the other circumstances, Wolf was able to intervene and get the claim honored, and you've gotten the two estimates they required.

There's a lesson here: Take a moment to

check out your car before you drive away from the valet stand. And if there's any problem, be sure to report it right away.

#### Costly lesson

This tale of woe is from A.W., who has a nagging feeling that she didn't get her money's worth when she hired a plumbing and sewerage company.

It started when she walked into her laundry room and found water and black dirt coming up from the pipes.

"What an awful smell," she wrote The Fixer. "I went to flush the downstairs toilet, which is near the laundry room, and found it was filling up with water and the laundry room floor was filling up with more water and dirt."

She quickly called the plumbing and sewerage service. A guy showed up with a camera and some cable and soon said he found the cause of the problem. He fixed it and handed A.W. a bill for \$495.

"I was not informed of the pricing till after the job," she wrote. "Should he have looked outside at the entrance to the pipe? Would it have been cheaper? I think I was taken advantage of."

Later, her husband complained and got a \$50 credit. A.W. still felt ripped off, but at least she learned one thing from this episode: Never let a service person start the job until you know exactly what he or she is doing and exactly what it will cost. A quick Google search for complaints against a company is a good idea, too.

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**1654 Stockton Ave.:** Jacobs Trust to Mohammad Y Ali Myra Syed, \$170,000, Sept. 12  
**1662 Webster Lane:** Dolores J Baron Estate to Carlos Rodriguez Emma Rodriguez, \$80,000, Sept. 7  
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**8920 Robin Drive:** Youkhanna Isa to Mir Mohammed Khurram Ali Khan Mashkooor Fatima, \$115,000, Sept. 8

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**9581 Dee Road Apt 1b:** Deutsche Bank Natl Tr Co Ttee to Manjulaben Patel, \$40,500, Sept. 12

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**9128 Mason Ave.:** Scott Poulos to Gerry G Noorts Andrea S Uchtman, \$435,000, Sept. 8

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**7035 W Main St.:** Maryann Bandemer to Ourania Koutavas Spiros Koutavas, \$200,000, Sept. 7

**7041 W Touhy Ave. Apt 610:** Fannie Mae to Slavojka Ratic, \$58,000, Sept. 9

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**8155 N Prospect St.:** Aurora Loan Services Inc to James Restivo, \$144,000, Sept. 7

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The master bedroom has picture frame trim, a ceiling fan and a bathroom equipped with a walk-in shower.

This property provides a two-car garage and is a mile southeast from the Golf Road Metra station.

**Listing agent:** Lee Grosky, Century 21 Marino,



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**Q: What factors should homeowners consider when pricing a home to sell?**

**A:** You have to consider the other homes on the market. If you overprice, the home is just going to sit on the market. That's why it's so important to call in a good real estate agent who knows the market.

It's very hard these days for someone to sell their own home; they just don't know what their home is worth. That's why it's important to have a good, knowledgeable



real estate agent.

The better a house looks, the better price it'll get. Not many people realize that if a house looks good, it will sell; but if it needs updates, it will sit on the market. Owners can look at paint, cleanliness, too much clutter in the house — all these are not good. And I've seen people

just walk in and walk out of a house if it's not clean.

Usually, buyers will see at least a half-dozen houses before making their decision. Some see more, but often they come back to a house they like and it's gone, so a half-dozen homes is what I recommend to buyers.

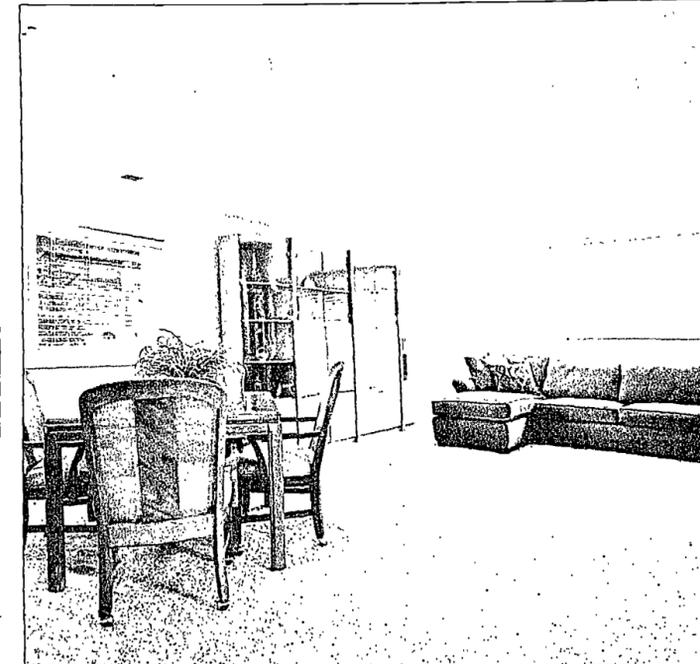
Of those half-dozen, the seller must be ready to make his home pop, or the buyer will move on. There are just too many homes on the market for them to choose from.

— Rosalyn Grossman, R & R Realtors, Inc., 847-414-6540, rozgrossman@comcast.net

## MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Evanston	3.11%	\$322,750	13.1%	649	85
Glencoe	4.41%	\$775,000	3.17%	126	4
Glenview	2.98%	\$399,000*	15.28%	563	86
Golf	5.78%	\$1,376,750	33.33%	3	1
Highland Park	3.54%	\$420,000	2.02%	346	7
Lake Forest	5.14%	\$775,000	0.98%	204	2
Morton Grove	2.4%	\$240,000	19.7%	198	39
Northbrook	2.62%	\$375,000	11.29%	443	50
Northfield	4.24%	\$420,000	11.1%	72	8
Skokie	2.5%	\$225,000	28.12%	537	151
Wilmette	2.35%	\$610,000	5.88%	323	19
Winnetka	4.18%	\$842,500	3%	200	6

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The living room in this '60s-era property features carpet, a drop ceiling, trim and exposed lighting.

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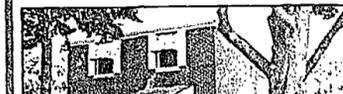
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## The scary truth of Halloween candy



BY PAUL SASSONE  
Columnist

computer and I Googled Halloween.

There was this entry called Halloween Calorie Counter. I summoned it. There were several kinds of candy listed, kinds you might receive trick-or-treating, together with calorie counts.

You could put a checkmark by the various candies and then you could find out how far you'd have to walk to burn off all those calories.

So — and again, don't ask me why — I checked one mini Reese's peanut butter cup (33 calories), one mini candy bar (55 calories), one mini Tootsie Roll (25), 20 pieces of candy corn (100), one full-sized candy bar (275), two caramels (80) and two Hershey kisses (50).

A reasonable and prudent amount of candy, don't you

**SPOILER ALERT:** If you are a fan of Halloween, read the following at your own risk.

Is it too early to talk about Halloween?

My grocery store doesn't think so.

It has converted one aisle into Halloween Candyland. Shelf after shelf of bag after bag of candy. There are full-sized candy bars and there are little candy bars. There is candy by the piece and candy by the bag. But mostly there is bite-sized candy

**"I checked one mini Reese's peanut butter cup (33 calories), one mini candy bar (55 calories), one mini Tootsie Roll (25), 20 pieces of candy corn (100), one full-sized candy bar (275), two caramels (80) and two Hershey kisses (50). A reasonable and prudent amount of candy, don't you agree? ... The computer told me that to burn those calories I would have to walk 6.18 miles, or 12,360 steps. 6.18 miles? Walking? I get tired driving 6.18 miles."**

just right for buying off little goblins who come a-calling on Halloween night.

If you could see me — not just the headshot that accompanies this column — you could tell that I am a guy who likes his candy. So, being surrounded by candy in the grocery store doesn't bother me one bit.

And when I was a kid I would range far and wide through the town to collect as much candy as I possibly could on Halloween.

So, why I did something so stupid, I can't begin to tell you. But I did it.

I was fooling around on the

agree? Though why I included candy corn, I don't know. I hate the waxy stuff.

OK, so I pressed the button. The computer told me that to burn those calories I would have to walk 6.18 miles, or 12,360 steps.

6.18 miles? Walking? I get tired driving 6.18 miles.

Since I am too old to go trick-or-treating, this terrible computation won't have much effect on me.

But don't let the kids see this column.

And remember, I warned you that reading this column might spoil Halloween.

## 1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



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## The comfort of the ordinary can be extraordinary



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN  
Van Mom Strikes Again

We chug past the elementary school, me and the too-cool teenagers.

We're safe and dry inside the van, while outside it's a chilly

October rain. Little feet splash in shallow puddles as children stream from the entrance. I smile, holding onto a special fondness for its familiar brown brick sprawl, for it's where my boys sprouted and grew. Though they no longer romp on the playgrounds, the school remains a part of us.

The crossing guard emerges, an older woman with wispy hair. Her yellow raincoat is a cheerful streak against the autumn gloom. Flanking her are two kids flaunting patrol belts, young deputies showing off for their friends. I wave at her, and continue driving, stopping at the four-way intersection 50 feet away.

Many weekday afternoons, my ritual is much the same. If it's my week to carpool, I pass her and wave. She is one of the few familiar sights to help anchor my crazy days.

There is something comforting about seeing her. Different cash-iers ring up my groceries and I encounter new clerks at the bank, but she remains at her afternoon post. Children graduate and leave, and her hair, like mine, gets a little grayer, but she's the same, steadfast and protective.

We often complain we are becoming dull, that our lives become wheelbarrows of drudgery, sinking into worn grooves. But I like some of the predictability, the things we can count on, like the crossing guard, the trees that line our street ... and that the dog barks around 2 p.m. when the mail is delivered. Every weeknight, my

husband returns about 5 o'clock, carrying his same black canvas briefcase, usually grumbling about politics. Tail wagging, Kirby greets him with a sock in his mouth.

Meanwhile, I hear the boys downstairs, hooting over a Dwight stunt on "The Office."

There is much comfort in the ordinary loveliness that marks

**"We often complain we are becoming dull, that our lives become wheelbarrows of drudgery, sinking into worn grooves. But I like some of the predictability ..."**

our days, and I never take it for granted.

Hafez, a Persian poet who lived centuries ago and who would later influence Ralph Waldo Emerson, wrote:

"Even after all this time, The sun never says to the earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with A love like that. It lights the whole sky."

## 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 emailed 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:

Mondays, through Oct. 31 — Employment counseling, by appointment.

Monday, Oct. 10 — Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 8 and 22 — Legal counseling, by appointment.

### Civic

An Oktoberfest fundraiser for Maine Township Incumbents will be held Oct. 20 at Lone Tree Manor, 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a German family-style dinner at 6:30.

A cash bar will also be available. Political Commentator and WLS Radio (890AM) personality Dan Profit will be the guest speaker. Profit is a former candidate for Illinois governor. The fundraising event will be hosted by Carol A. Teschky, supervisor; Gary K. Warner, clerk; Tom Rueckert, assessor; Mary E. Rohde, collector; Robert Provenzano, highway commissioner; and Trustees Walter Kazmierczak, Laura J. Morask, Susan Moylan Krey, and Peter Gialamas. The evening will also feature entertainment by the German band, Die Musikmeisters. Dinner features homemade mushroom soup, ham, roast beef, pork or chicken, brats, sauerkraut, potato dumplings and a large variety of salads and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$75 each. Reservations are requested by Oct. 11. Make checks payable to Maine Township Incumbents and return to P.O. Box 265, Des Plaines IL 60016. Call (847) 390-8964.

State Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, R-65th, has opened her 65th District office at the

following address: 1420 Renaissance Drive, Suite 306, Park Ridge IL 60068. Her other contact information remains the same: Phone: (847) 297-6533; fax: (847) 297-2978; e-mail: repmulligan@usa.net; website and E-News sign-up: http://repmulligan.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 hand-capped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine

Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

### Classes

Niles Township Government Computer Training Center will offer Introduction to Computing; Internet Basics; and Beginner's Guide to Digital Photo Editing classes at the offices of Niles Township, 5255 Main St., Skokie. Also, available will be Computer Lab Sessions: Practice, Review, Tutoring. The Introduction to Computing course meets two days a week for four weeks, Oct. 17 through Nov. 9, fulfilling all prerequisites for more advanced classes. Internet Basics and Beginner's Guide to Digital Photo

Editing classes meet one day a week for five weeks, Oct. 20 through Nov. 17. These courses both require basic computing skills (PC) including familiarity with Internet and email. All township residents are welcome to sign-up for the Computer Lab which meets one day a week for five weeks on Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., Oct. 21 through Dec. 2. Individual course fee is \$75 for Niles Township residents, and \$65 for out-of-district applicants. The Computer Lab fee is \$30 per student. Note: course fees include an instructional workbook. Students must bring their own USB flash drive to save and transfer files needed for all classes. All ages welcome. A Certificate of Completion is awarded last day of class. The first 12 students to register and pay will be enrolled for this session. Any remaining students will be deferred to the next scheduled class. Call (847) 673-9300.

The Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, offers

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

### Clubs

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will meet at 12:15 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Park Ridge South Recreational Center, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. The program will be a presentation entitled "Recalling Fatima." Dessert and coffee will follow the program. Members are asked to bring an infant item for donation to Infant, Inc.;

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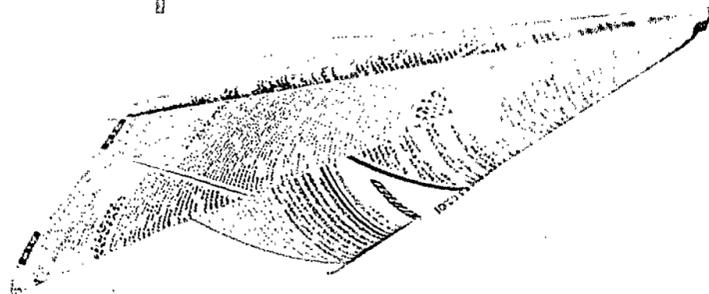
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# Diversions

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## 4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Cloud 9," a satiric exploration of sexual repression and liberation set in British colonial Africa in Victorian times and in 1979 London, Oct. 13-Dec. 4 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago (Jefferson Park). Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. No performances on Nov. 18 or 24. Tickets are \$25-\$30; \$20 for previews, Oct. 13-16. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit [www.thegifttheatre.org](http://www.thegifttheatre.org).

2. The Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra will present "Colors of Spain" at 8 p.m. Oct. 9 in the Events Building at Wright College, 4600 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. The program includes Chabrier's "España, Rhapsody for Orchestra"; Rodrigo's "Concierto Andaluz" for Four Guitars and Orchestra, featuring the Avanti Guitar Trio with guest Jesse Mazzocchi; H. Villa-Lobos' "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5"; and Turina's "Danzas Fantásticas." Tickets are \$12; \$6 for students and senior citizens. Visit [www.nwco.org](http://www.nwco.org).

3. Baritone singer/songwriter Andrew Calhoun performs original songs, Irish and American folk songs and Scottish ballads at 8 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. Admission of \$8 includes refreshments. Call (847) 677-3334 or visit [www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse](http://www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse).

4. An artists' reception gala for "Journey," an exhibit of photographs by Viral Joshi and paintings by Meredith Dyttch, Wendy Segal and Joseph Taylor, will be held from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The exhibit, presented by Simply Chicago Art, is on display through Dec. 31. For more information, visit [www.simplychicagoart.com](http://www.simplychicagoart.com).

## Acting Up acts out its love affair with theater

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

Members of a senior citizens' performance group are on their own when their director fails to make it to a final rehearsal. That's the situation facing Still Acting Up! in "Which Way to Stage Left?" opening Oct. 12 at Skokie's Devonshire Cultural Center.

In real life, the company is under the watchful eye of professional actor and director Jill Shellabarger.

Shellabarger said the premise of the show is that when the director can't make it to the rehearsal, she asks a group newcomer to fill in for her. "There's some hard feelings about that and some confusion. But, of course, it has a happy ending," Shellabarger said.

"We wanted to pull the curtain back to let people see what the process is like," she continued. "We do have such a good time but there are challenges with learning material, writing material, rehearsing material, learning dance steps." And, of course, getting familiar with stage lingo.

### Song and dance

A recent rehearsal started with vocal warm-ups to such familiar tunes as "It Had to be You" and "Ain't She Sweet." A couple of the energetic company members couldn't resist the temptation to dance to the music.

Then the 19 cast members headed to the stage for a run-through of the all-original musical, primarily written by Barbara Brown, Georgia Cohen and Brenda Segal. It's lively and laugh-filled, beginning with a song that declares, "Acting up for you is what we like to do." The show is sprinkled with gentle humor and filled with lively, hummable songs.

We spoke to a few cast members about their experiences with Still Acting Up!

Chuck Block of Lincolnshire, an 8-year member of the troupe and a semi-retired professional marketing and communications writer, has begun writing lyrics and dialogue for the shows. "I love performing and the writing is so much fun," he said. His contribution to the current show includes a song he wrote about an experience he had at Macy's.

Bob Heinzen of Wilmette has been with Still Acting Up! for 18 years. He praised the group for "keeping me alive. It's just a wonderful group of people. We have such inspirational musicians and our director is fantastic." Heinzen, who has been an amateur perform-



The actors and actresses of the troupe Still Acting Up! run through their vocal warm-ups. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Jack Rasof of Wilmette (from left), Bob Heinzen of Wilmette and Rhea Freeman of Evanston rehearse with Still Acting Up! | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

er since grammar school, delivers a rousing number, "I Like to be Boss."

"It's amazing at my age I can still sing," joked Heinzen, who turns 89 just before the show opens.

Retired teacher Sally Jablo of Niles did a lot of community theater before joining the group 10 years ago. "Everybody is so friendly. We're all one happy family," Jablo said. She sings two duets, "Music Was" and "Friendship."

Sheldon Cooper, a former Skokie resident who now lives in Northbrook, joined Still Acting Up! 13 years ago. "I write for the group, I sing and dance for the group," said the retired salesman and former

store owner. He sings a song about crossword puzzles. "This is a song I did not write but I am a crossword puzzle addict," Cooper said.

Ray Gilbert of Lincolnwood, a semi-retired financial planner, joined the company 11 years ago. "It's not a troupe, it's a family," he declared. Gilbert noted that he has a lot of lines in this year's show. He also sings, "The Blog."

### 'WHICH WAY TO STAGE LEFT?'

Still Acting Up! at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie

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81st production since he returned to theater in 1999. The retired insurance agent is scheduled to play Jacob in the November North Shore Theater Company of Wilmette production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." He has a romantic solo in this show.

"I can hardly remember when I wasn't a member," said Evanston resident Marilyn Grey, who joined after retiring from her secretarial job. Appropriately enough, Grey said, one of her two solos "is about how I love being in the troupe."

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**FAMILY FRIENDLY**



Dancers, singers, magicians and more will be part of the fun for kids and adults when the Devonshire County Fair is held Sunday at Devonshire Cultural Center in Skokie.

## Family circus fun for all at Devonshire fair

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

Kids and parents can learn a circus skill, try on costumes or make a cornhusk doll at Devonshire County Fair, 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie.

"We'll be doing a whole afternoon of entertainment on the stage — dancers, singers, musicians," said Cultural Center Manager Robin Horwitz. "Our circus staff will have their trapeze and silks up. Anybody can try to climb and swing, with proper supervision." The circus staff will also perform.

Horwitz thinks the biggest attraction for little attendees will be Cameron the Caterpillar, a huge inflatable kids can crawl through. There will also be races, relay games, hayrides, a car show, free apple cider, food on a stick, a pumpkin decorating contest and a pie eating contest.

The cost is \$10 per person for 10 tickets; \$25 for a family of four for 40 tickets; individual tickets are \$2. Each activity requires one ticket.

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

### Chemical reaction

There'll be some changes made when the Discovery Center Museum of Rockford presents: The Captivating Chemistry Show, 2-3 p.m., Monday at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Chemical compounds will be combined to produce light, color changes, balls of slime, foam towers and small

explosions during this family show. For details, call (847) 965-4220 or visit [www.webrary.org](http://www.webrary.org).

### Don't carve, color!

Families can create a one-of-a-kind holiday decoration at Pumpkin Painting, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. Bright paints and interesting patterns will be used. Cost is \$25 per family of 3 or 4, \$21 for members, which includes a pumpkin. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 823-6611 or visit [www.bricktoncenter.org](http://www.bricktoncenter.org).

### Crime fighter

"Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil" is the Kid Flick scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Monday at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. The 2011, PG-rated, computer-animated action comedy is a sequel to "Hoodwinked!"

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or visit [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

### Fright-free night

Despite its ominous title, "Things That Go Bump in the Night!" is a family-friendly, non-scary event, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 14, and 6-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. You'll meet costumed characters who are part of the Nighttime Symphony, then sing songs and snack around the campfire. Cost is \$5 per person. Advance purchases are recommended.

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



Hugh Jackman plays Charlie, a trainer and promoter for robotic boxing matches in the science-fiction offering "Real Steel."

### MOVIE REVIEW

## No man of 'Steel'

BY BRUCE INGRAM  
Film Critic

### REAL STEEL

★ ★ 1/2

Though it tries to mix the robo-thrills of the "Transformers" with the emotional uplift of "Rocky" and the heart of "E.T.," this frequently spectacular, generally entertaining, but soulless sci-fi boxing melodrama is far too pre-programmed and manipulative to generate anything but a semblance of an emotional response.

If you feel what the script calls for you to be feeling at any point along the way, it will only be because director Shawn Levy (best known for his "Night at the Museum" comedies, which are similarly dependent on dazzling, but distancing, visual effects), with his all-pro team of technicians (including his actors) knows precisely where to whack your knee with his little hammer.

That's a shame, because "Real Steel" has a pedigree that underscores the importance of the human factor — and narrative originality. The film is based on a 1956 Richard Matheson short story, which he later adapted into a "Twilight Zone" episode starring Lee Marvin as an aging ex-boxer who impersonates a robot in a bout against an android opponent after human boxing has been outlawed.

"Real Steel" works in some of Matheson's intriguing plot elements, but it doesn't do anything much more interesting with them than go through the motions of a root-for-the-underdog sports

saga pumped up with a tale of personal redemption and father-son reconciliation.

The only thing that's really unexpected in this film is the degree to which the hero is genuinely scummy. Charlie Kenton (Hugh Jackman) is a former boxer turned sleazy, small-time promoter after robots, with their ability to deliver "true, no-holds barred violence," have taken over the ring. After a fall from grace from the World Robot Boxing League, Charlie becomes a bit of a bottom feeder, scraping up fights for his second-hand robots wherever he can find them in the robo-boxing underground. He's cocky, obnoxious and utterly unprincipled, with a predilection for making large, winner-take-all bets and then welching when he loses.

Charlie's also a deadbeat dad, we learn, who has apparently abandoned his girlfriend and young son. The ties of fatherhood aren't completely meaningless to him, though: When he learns that his girlfriend has died and her sister wants to adopt young Max Kenton (Dakota Goyo, who played the young god of thunder in "Thor"), Charlie offers to sell the boy to her wealthy boyfriend for \$100,000 — enough to pay his accumulated gambling debts. Then he reluctantly agrees to look after the boy for the summer while the future parents go on a vacation.

Seriously, he sells the kid. Of course, young Max, who's a feisty, pugnacious, hustling chip off the old block, and seriously judgment-impaired romantic

interest Bailey (Evangeline Lilly of TV's "Lost"), daughter of Charlie's old trainer-mentor, still see the real Charlie. The one who could still be a winner if only he could believe in himself again.

That means the boy has one summer in which to discover an old, discarded sparring 'bot in a junkyard. The robot is named Atom (who gives the vague impression of having a heart and a soul), and Max spiffs him up with some fancy programming and his dad's boxing know-how, and works his metal man up from the bottom to a world-championship bout with an undefeated contender-crusher named Zeus. At which point Charlie will have one last chance to be a champ, when he guides Atom in shadow-boxing mode from outside the ring.

To be fair, it must be noted that "Real Steel" does have some admirable qualities, including a substantial element of fun. The boxing sequences are imaginative (especially an early bout between one of Charlie's bots and a 2,000-pound bull), exciting and entirely believable. The film also has a loose, easy-going quality within the confines of the various formulas built into the plot. Until the David-vs.-Goliath finale, that is, when the director decides to leave nothing to chance and milks the scene by inserting slo-mo close-ups of tears of joy and assorted expressions of elation and triumph — feeding us pre-digested emotions as if we were so many hungry baby birds.

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'Beautiful Boy,' bad bosses

BY BRUCE INGRAM Contributor

NEW THIS WEEK

BEAUTIFUL BOY ★★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for some language and a scene of sexuality.

Length: 100 minutes

Stars: Michael Sheen, Maria Bello

A campus massacre leads to an advanced education in parental misery in this heavy-hitting drama, which does such a fine job exploring every emotional nook and cranny of the tragic aftermath in one family that it's sometimes punishing to watch. In other words, "Beautiful Boy" is so good it hurts. Bill and Kate (Sheen and Bello are each excellent, Bello in particular) are already on the verge of a breakup when they receive the news that their 18-year-old son Sammy (Kyle Gallner) has killed 21 of his classmates and himself. Forced together by the tragedy, Bill and Kate's close proximity sets the stage for individual and mutual grief, guilt, shame, shock and blame—and a dim, slight chance for forgiveness.

HORRIBLE BOSSES ★★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for crude and sexual language, pervasive language, and some drug content.

Length: 100 minutes

Stars: Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis.

So far, director Seth Gordon's straight-ahead comedies ("Horrible Bosses" and "Four Christmases") have little of the creative spark and genuine humor of "The King of Kong," his brilliant 2007 documentary about the rivalry between two world-class players of "Donkey Kong." Here, three lifelong friends (Bateman, Day and Sudeikis) are satisfied to complain about their bullying, sex-abusing, drug-friend bosses (Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Aniston and Colin Farrell) until one of them has an inspiration: Why not just murder them? That's a fun idea and one that's likely



In the film comedy coming out on video, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis and Jason Bateman play middle-aged men who work for "Horrible Bosses" and intend to do something about it.

to resonate with a whole lot of disgruntled employees. Unfortunately, "Horrible Bosses" never really racks up much in the way of laughs because it never feels real. There's no sense of real emotion or real danger — nothing is at stake. Gordon opts for the ridiculous, the exaggerated, the downright silly instead, with results that are intermittently clever and amusing, but never truly funny. The film never generates the sort of laughs that come with the ring of truth.

ALSO NEW

ARENA

An ordinary citizen (Samuel L. Jackson) finds himself being forced to participate in modern gladiatorial combat for an online audience. Visual effects artist Jonah Loop makes his directorial debut with the action drama. Rated R for strong, brutal and bloody violence throughout, graphic nudity and language.

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Zoltan Korda's classic 1939 technicolor adaptation of the adventure novel about the British Empire's exploits in South Africa — in particular a young officer (John Clements) who must clear his name of a charge of cowardice. The Criterion Collection's new high-definition restoration features commentary by film historian Charles Drazin and a short 1939 film featuring footage of Korda on the "Four Feathers" set.

JUDY MOODY AND THE NOT SUMMER SUMMER

Third-grader Judy (Jordana Beatty) is temporarily bummed when she's left behind while her parents go on vacation, until she finds out her cool aunt (Heather Graham) will be looking after her. John Schultz ("Aliens in the Attic") directed the family comedy. Rated PG for some mild rude humor and

language. Extras include a behind-the-scenes cast vignette, a music video and a Judy Moody Activity Book.

MANIAC COP BLU-RAY DEBUT

This 1988 cult exploitation item about a psycho-killer cop features a script by the great Larry Cohen ("It's Alive") and performances by Bruce "Evil Dead" Campbell and Richard "Shaft" Roundtree. This Synapse Films Blu-ray release features a high-definition transfer, a stills gallery and additional scenes from Japanese TV.

MASTER HAROLD ... AND THE BOYS

South African playwright Athol Fugard's coming-of-age story of a boy (Freddie Highmore) torn between his intolerant father and his black caretakers. Rated PG-13 for some brief sexuality and some language.

ZOOKEEPER

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Halloween feature film, "Nosferatu," will be screened at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$10 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.com.

"Halloween Magic," featuring The Magic Dentist, Dr. Mark Kaschube, will be presented at 2 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$20; \$10 for children ages 12 and younger. \$30 VIP tickets include a backstage meet and greet with the cast and some of the animals used in the production. Proceeds benefit Salute, Inc., a non-profit

organization that provides financial support for military men and women and their families. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. For more information, visit www.rosemonththeatre.com.

SCREAMS in the Park at Rosemont, a haunted house, will be open through Oct. 31 at the Park at Rosemont, just west of River Road between Bryn Mawr and Balmoral, next to Muvico, in Rosemont. The indoor attraction operates rain or shine, 7-11 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 6-10 p.m. Sundays. General admission is \$20. The attraction is wheelchair accessible. Parental discretion is advised. Visit www.screamsinthepark.com or call (847) 868-9279.

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"Cat's Paw" will be presented as a staged reading at 8 p.m. Oct. 15 and 2 p.m. Oct. 16 at Oakton Community College's Studio One Theatre, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. \$8 for general admission. Call (847) 635-1900. "Cloud 9," Oct. 13-Dec. 4 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N.

Milwaukee, Chicago (Jefferson Park). Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. No performances on Nov. 18 or 24. Tickets: \$25-\$30; \$20 for previews, Oct. 13-16. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

"The Comedy of Errors" will be presented by Piccolo Theatre through Oct. 22 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$22 senior citizens; \$15 students. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolothatre.com.

"The Elephant Man" will be presented by the Saint Sebastian Players Oct. 21-Nov. 13 at St. Bonaventure, 1625 W. Diversey, Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for students; \$7 for senior citizens. Call (773) 404-7922 or visit www.saintsebastian-players.org.

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will be presented by Big Noise Theatre Company (a division of Winnetka Theatre) through Oct. 16 at Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$24; \$22 for senior citizens and students. Call (847) 604-0275 or visit www.bignoise.org.

"Maple and Vine" will be presented by Next Theatre Company Oct. 27-Dec. 4 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Kathy and Ryu, a successful New York City couple, have become allergic to their 21st century lives. After meeting a charismatic man from a community of 1950s re-enactors, they forgo cell phones and sushi for cigarettes and Tupperware parties. Ticket

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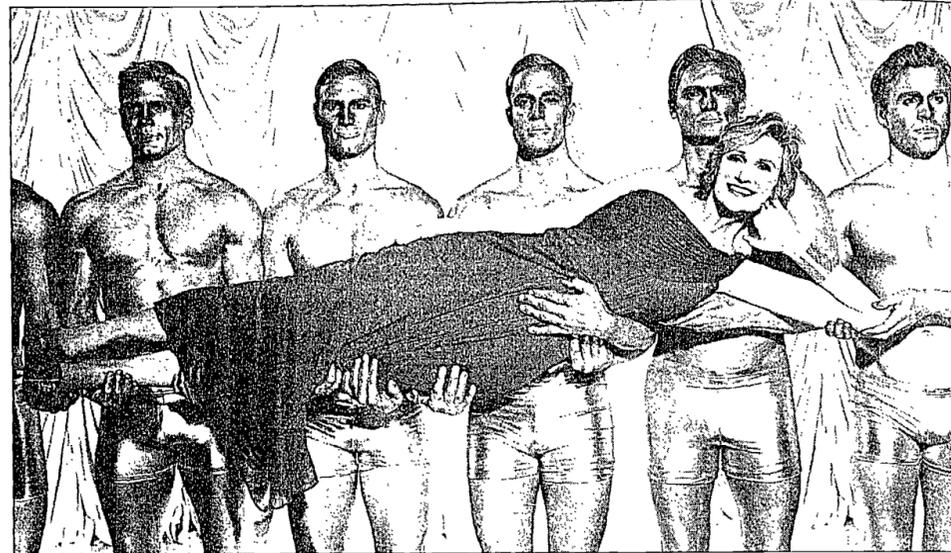
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Jane Lynch, host of the recent Emmy Awards show, and star of "Glee," comes to Old Orchard on Oct. 8.

## Not totally filled with 'Glee'

Getting past dead ends key to Lynch's life journey in *Happy Accidents*

BY MARY HOULIHAN  
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Jane Lynch, tennis star? Could have happened. In her lively and compelling new memoir, *Happy Accidents* (Voice, \$25.99, 304 pages), the actress recounts how in her freshman year at Thornridge High in Dolton, she found herself "paralyzed with fear" during rehearsals for a production of "The Ugly Duckling." She quit and joined the tennis team.

Afterward, she was inconsolable. "I started having dreams in which everyone I knew had gotten a part in a play, and I was the only one who was left out," she writes. "All these years later, I still have those dreams. And when I wake up, I hug my Emmy."

Yes, Lynch got back on track and recently became a household name playing Sue Sylvester, the meaner-than-mean cheerleading coach on "Glee."

### Wishes and worries

Lynch was inspired to write the memoir after reflecting on the successes of the last few years and wishing she could have told her

anxious younger self to not worry so much.

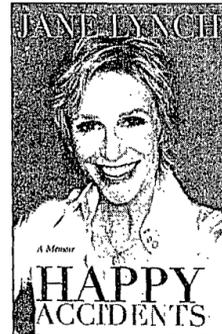
"I found such strength in pulling back the covers on my life," Lynch said in an interview from Los Angeles. "I don't fear exposure the way I used to. I actually had so many secrets that I actually found empowerment in telling the truth."

Lynch is the first to admit the road to her current success has been a long one. She steadily built a name for herself as an actress whose unique comedic skills caught the attention of the powers that be in film and television.

But the pressures of the acting life pushed her to alcohol abuse, and she spent decades conflicted about her sexuality (she finally came out to her family at 32). Through therapy, she says, she conquered her demons.

"When I look back, I'm blown away by how strong my resolve was for someone who was so insecure and had so much angst," Lynch said.

After honing her craft at Illinois State University and Cornell, Lynch came back to Chicago after looking for work in New York, where she confronted "one closed



door after another." In Chicago, she found "really cool projects and really cool people."

"I became immediately energized when I hit Chicago," Lynch, 51, said. "There was just so much going on, and there still is."

Her credits include work at Second City, Steppenwolf Theatre and the Annoyance Theatre, where she would portray Carol Brady in the long-running "The Real Live Brady Bunch," created by Faith and Jill Soloway.

"It was frightening how good Jane was in the role," said Annoyance artistic director Mick Napier, who played Bobby Brady.

Lynch brought the Solo-

ways on to help with the writing for the Emmy show. Faith Soloway says her old friend hasn't changed.

### Expert comedian

"She knows herself comedically; she knows what works for her," Soloway said. "It's been so wonderful to see her in the new light of fame."

In the book, Lynch credits her success on "Glee" to writer Ian Brennan, who pens the crazy things that come out of Sue's mouth.

"Ian has the weirdest, most wonderful sense of humor," Lynch said. "He's the nicest man on the planet, but he also has this really dark side."

Another is-this-for-real moment came when Lynch met her idol, Carol Burnett, on the set of the movie "Post Grad." The comedy legend later would play Sue Sylvester's mother (a former Nazi hunter) on "Glee."

The actresses became friends, and Burnett penned the foreword to *Happy Accidents*.

"I was a huge fan of her television show," Lynch said. "It looked like they were having so much fun, and I said to myself, 'This is what I want to do.' And to have Carol be a part of it is just so surreal."

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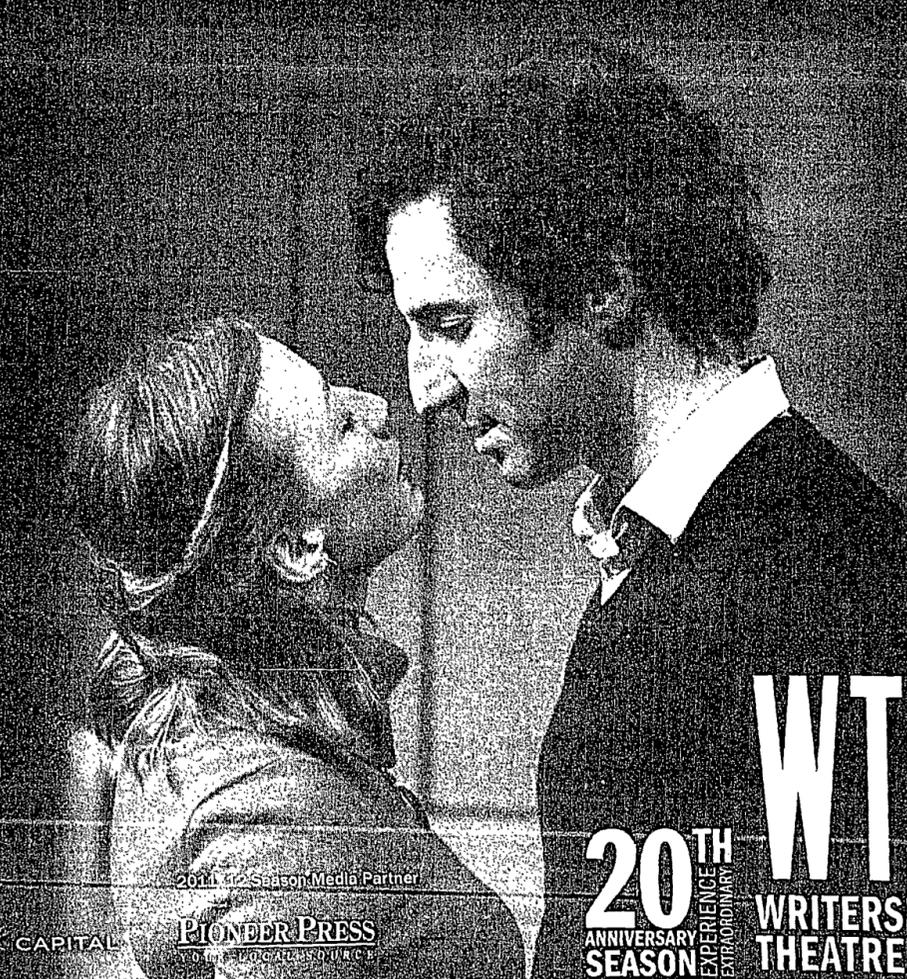
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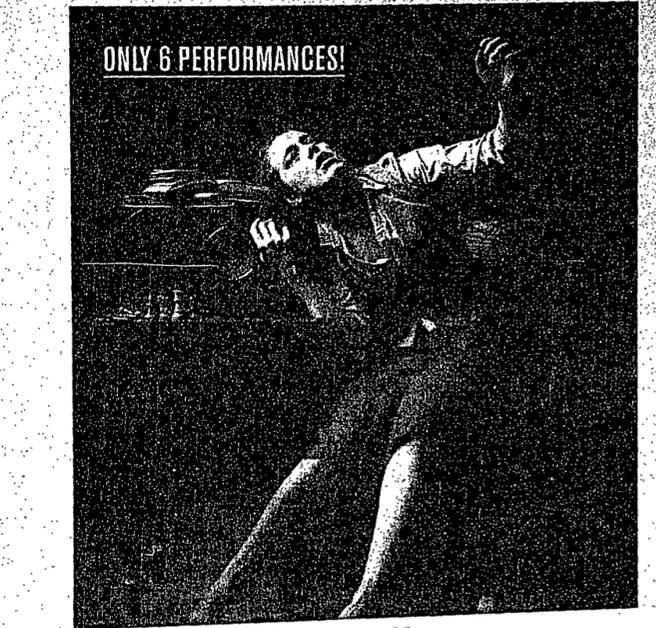
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High Performance Vocal Group

## High Performance in gear and moving to music

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

High Performance Vocal Group is the perfect name for the quintet coming to the Skokie Theatre on Oct. 9 to perform "Motown and More." The four guys and a gal are constantly in motion onstage, stepping in unison to leader Joe Fizer's lively choreography as they recreate songs made famous by The Four Tops, Diana Ross and the Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, Jackie Wilson and other great singers of the 1960s and '70s.

"That's one of the highlights of what we do. We're not just standing there singing. It's hard for this group to just stand still," said Fizer, who started High Performance around 1975, when he was in high school. Initially, it consisted of five men. "A couple of guys left and we replaced them with another guy and a girl," Fizer said.

In addition to Fizer, the current group includes Anthony Thomas, Cornell Brown, Valerie Woodhouse and Al Burrus.

### Variety of hits

Fizer said that adding "and More" to the title of their show allows them to include songs by such non-Motown performers as Tina Turner,

### 'MOTOWN AND MORE'

High Performance Vocal Group, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie  
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the Isley Brothers and Luther Vandross.

Audiences seem to respond most enthusiastically to Chaka Khan songs and such Gladys Knight numbers as "Neither One of Us," "If I Were Your Woman" and "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," Fizer reported.

Valerie Woodhouse joined High Performance 10 years ago because "I loved the charisma and the choreography that they had. I loved the harmony. I love dancing and I love to entertain so I wanted to be a part of that."

Woodhouse had sung with several other groups but was a freelance singer when she connected with High Performance.

Woodhouse has a specific role that allows her to join in for numbers by such groups as the Temptations. "I always sing the higher note," she explained. One of the highlights of the show is Woodhouse's

Tina Turner act.

The newest member, Anthony Thomas, is celebrating his second anniversary with the group. A singer since childhood, Thomas performed extensively in Europe and achieved local fame as one of the top singers of an '80s genre called House Music. His biggest hit was Joe Smooth's "Promised Land."

Thomas has a unique singing style. "I'm the one with the raspy voice," he said, adding that High Performance "is a good match for me."

### Great choreography

As much as Woodhouse enjoys entertaining, what she likes most about being a member of High Performance is "the closeness — being part of a family." She's also very fond of the choreography. "You don't find too many females in a group that does the choreography," she said.

"Joe Fizer's a great choreographer," agreed Thomas. "He's one of the best around." For Fizer, it's all about the audience. "I enjoy the response from the people," he said. "It's not totally about the money. It's really about the people enjoying what you do."

Visit YouTube and you'll see how enthusiastic audiences are about High Performance. "Motown and More" is a real exciting show," Thomas said.

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ets: \$30-\$40; \$15-\$20 for students and young adults under age 26; \$25/\$12.50 for previews, Oct. 27-30. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

**Midwest New Musicals** presents "Verve," by Fran Zell and Karen Mendoza, as part of its concert reading series of original musicals at 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 24** at the Light Opera Works Second Stage, 1420 Maple, Evanston. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Visit www.LightOperaWorks.com.

"**The Phantom of the Opera**" will be broadcast in a fully-staged production from London's Royal Albert Hall at 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 6 and 11** at the Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and Randhurst Village 12, 200 Randhurst Village Drive, Mount Prospect. Visit www.FathomEvents.com.

"**Rodgers & Hart: A Celebration**" will be presented by Light Opera Works through **Nov. 6** at the Light Opera Works Second Stage, 1420 Maple Ave., Evanston. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$27, \$34 and \$42; half-price for ages 21 and younger. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.

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**The Savoyaires**, a Gilbert and Sullivan theater company, will present a triple bill of "Eyes and No Eyes" by Gilbert; "The Zoo" by Sullivan; and Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" at 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 14-15** and 3 p.m. **Oct. 16** in the Chute School auditorium, 1400 Oakton St., Evanston. Tickets: \$12-\$22; \$7-\$17 for ages 12 and under. Call (847) 563-0155 or visit www.savoyaires.org.

"**Snapshots: A Musical Scrapbook**," featuring works by Broadway composer Stephen Schwartz, will be presented through **Oct. 23** in the Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Curtain times are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Oct. 11 only); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (except Oct. 12); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Oct. 23). Tickets: \$25-\$65; \$10 for ages 25 and under. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

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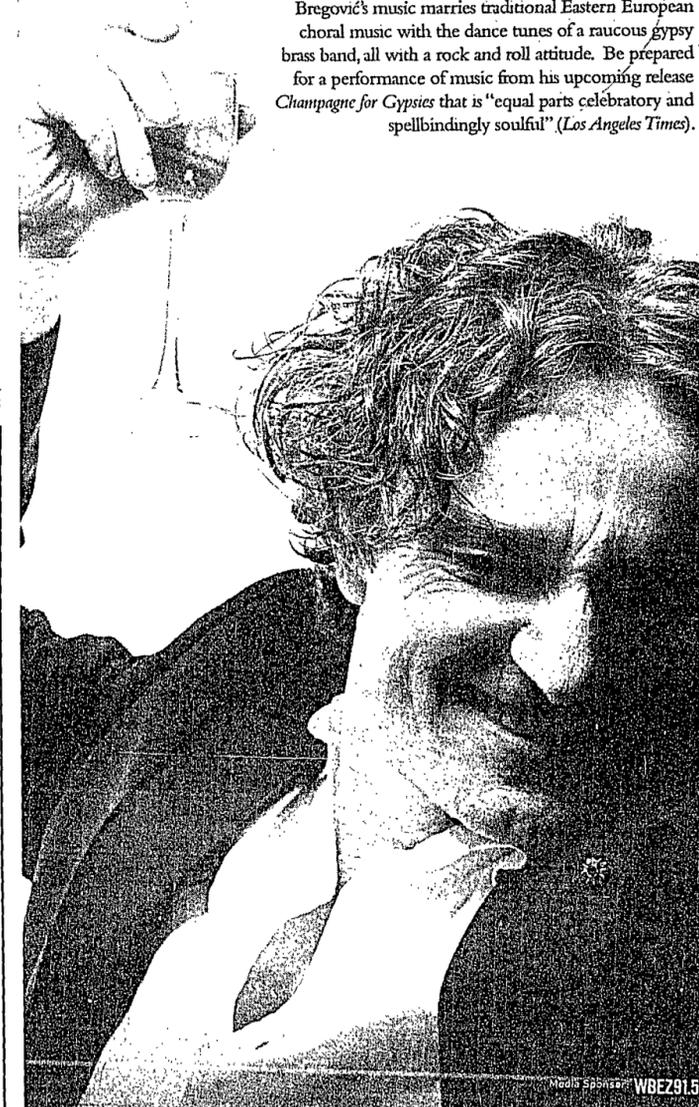
**Baroque Band**, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$35; \$30 senior citizens; \$15 students. Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org. **Oct. 14**, 7:30 p.m.: "Queen of Hearts," featuring Emma Kirkby, soprano. The program

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**Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago**, will host a presentation at 3 p.m. **Oct. 23** at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel, Evanston. Philip Seward, a composer, pianist and performer, will lecture on Lyric Opera of Chicago's production of "Boris Godunov" by Mussorgsky. He will highlight his lecture with musical excerpts from this rarely performed opera. A social hour will precede the program. Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 guests. Call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 475-5345.

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stro Charles Dutoit, will be broadcast live at 7 p.m. **Oct. 22** to local movie theaters including the Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. A re-broadcast of the event is scheduled for 7 p.m. **Oct. 24**. Tickets are available at the theater box office and online at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com).

**The Met: Live in HD**, the Metropolitan Opera's series of live performance transmissions into movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Randhurst Village 12, 200 Randhurst Village Drive, Mount Prospect. Visit [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com). **Oct. 15**, 11:55 a.m.: Donizetti's "Anna Bolena." **Oct. 29**, 11:55 a.m.: Mozart's "Don Giovanni."

**Music Institute of Chicago**, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org). **Oct. 9**, 3 p.m.: The Calidore String Quartet, 2011 Grand Prize winners of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, will perform works by Brahms, Shostakovich and Wolf. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. **Oct. 20-22**, 10 a.m., and **Oct. 23**, 1 p.m.: "Liszt

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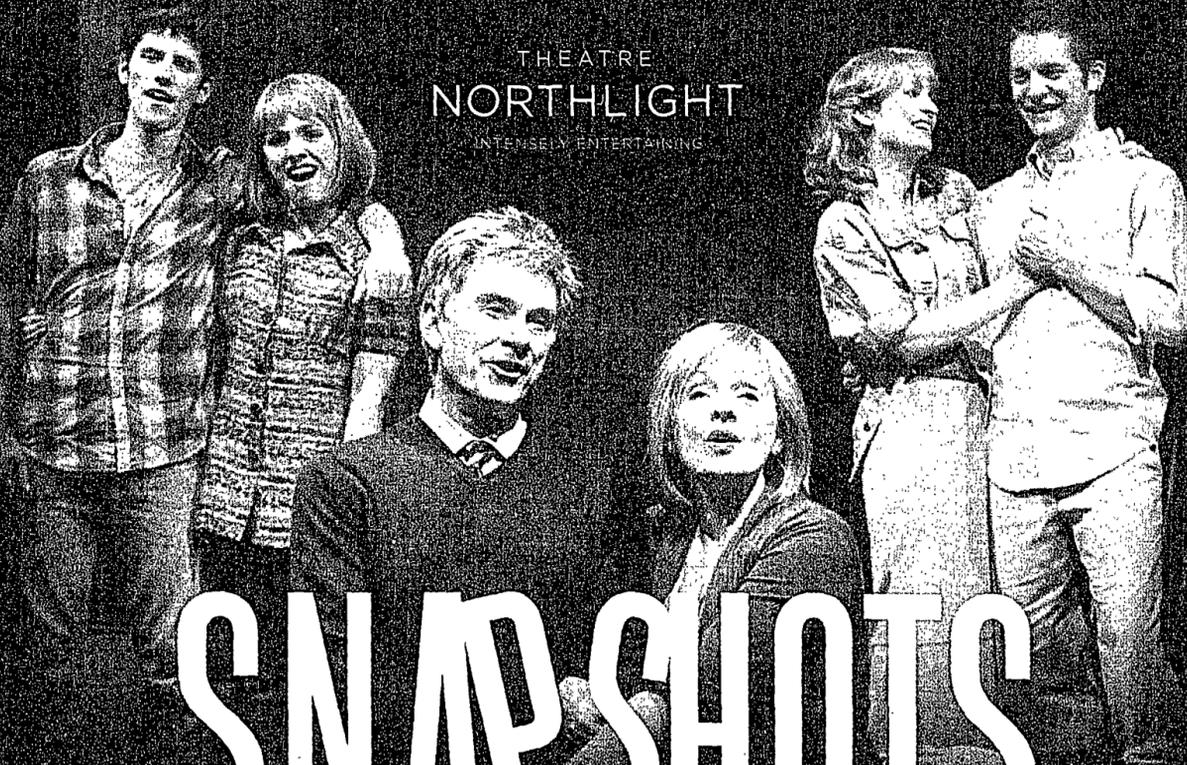
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**Northeastern Illinois University, Fine Arts Center** Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. **Oct. 21, 8 p.m.:** Baritone Robert Heitzinger and pianist Stephen Zivin. Tickets: \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students.

**The Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra** will present "Colors of Spain" at 3 p.m. **Oct. 9** in the Events Building at Wright College, 4600 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. The program includes Chabrier's "España, Rhapsody for Orchestra"; Rodrigo's "Concierto Andaluz" for Four Guitars and Orchestra, featuring the Avanti Guitar Trio with guest Jesse Mazzoccoli; H. Villa-Lobos' "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5"; and Turina's "Danzas Fantasticas." Tickets: \$12; \$6 for students and senior citizens. Visit [www.nwco.org](http://www.nwco.org).

**The Orion Ensemble** performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$26; \$23 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or [www.orionensemble.org](http://www.orionensemble.org). **Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.:** "Classical Romance," featuring Trio in B-flat Major for Clarinet, Cello and Piano, Op. 11 by Beethoven; Trio in B-flat Major for Violin, Viola and Cello by Franz Schubert; and Trio in D Major ("Ghost") for Violin, Cello and Piano, Op. 70, No. 1 by Beethoven.

**Park Ridge Civic Orchestra** presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit [www.parkridgecivicochestra.org](http://www.parkridgecivicochestra.org) or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. **Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.:** "Let's Dance," with Peter Van de Graaff, narrator. The program includes works by Von Weber, Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky.

**Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie.** (847) 677-7761. **www.skokie theatre.com.** **Oct. 23, 2 p.m.:** Northshore Opera Hour. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

**Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra** performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets: \$26-\$40; \$13 for youth 17 and under. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit [www.svso.org](http://www.svso.org). **Oct. 16:** The program includes Bruch: Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor with soloist Alexandra Switala, Young Artist Competition first prize winner; and Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5.

**POP/FOLK/JAZZ**  
**Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont.** Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000. **Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.:** Keith Urban and Jake Owen. \$25, \$59.50. **Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.:** Furthur. \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50. **Dec. 3, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.:** Trans-Siberian Orchestra Winter Tour 2011. \$28-\$68.

**Centre East** in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. **Oct. 22, 8 p.m.:** Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp, stars from the original Broadway cast of "Rent," perform musical theater hits. Tickets: \$60-\$30.

**Ethical Humanist Society** Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. [www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse](http://www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse). **Oct. 8, 8 p.m.:** Baritone singer/songwriter Andrew Calhoun. \$8 includes refreshments.

**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, \$5. Ticket prices for other shows vary. Visit [www.montroseroom.com](http://www.montroseroom.com). **Oct. 7:** Rico (Santana tribute). **Oct. 14, 9 p.m.:** Up Close @ Montrose with Bill Chase and Chase Revisited. \$40 VIP; \$25 general admission. **Oct. 21:** 30 Symphony with crimson reign.

**Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago.** (773) 381-4554. [www.maynestage.com](http://www.maynestage.com). **Oct. 9, 8 p.m.:** Chicago Guitar Festival featuring Grazyna Auguscik, Chris Siebold & John Moulder, and Fareed Haque's Math Games. \$20 general admission; \$30 reserved. **Oct. 16, 7 p.m.:** Forro Party with Swing Brasileiro. **Oct. 26, 8**

p.m.: Marchfourth Marching Band. \$10 general admission; \$20 reserved. **Oct. 28, 10 p.m.:** Eyes Manouche & Bombonne (gypsy jazz). \$12 general admission; \$25 reserved seating. **Nov. 25, 8 p.m.:** Henhouse Prowlers (bluegrass). \$12 general admission; \$18 reserved. **Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont.** Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000. **Nov. 5, 8 p.m.:** Sting — Back to Bass Tour. \$84.50-\$143.95. **Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.:** Paul Simon. \$52, \$87, \$127. **Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.:** Straight No Chaser. \$27.50, \$37.50, \$47.50. **Dec. 11, 3 p.m.:** Celtic Thunder Christmas. \$34.50, \$49.50, \$75.

**Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie.** Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokie theatre.com](http://www.skokie theatre.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. **Oct. 8, 8 p.m.:** The Heisenberg Uncertainty Players perform original compositions and arrangements. **Oct. 9, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.:** "Motown and More" featuring High Performance Vocal Group. **Oct. 14, 8 p.m.:** Guitarist Doyle Dykes. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. **Oct. 15, 8 p.m.:** Hilary Feldman in "I Get a Kick Out of New." **Oct. 16, 2 p.m.:** Catherine O'Connell. **Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.:** Songwriter Stuart Jacobson presents "Love, Love, Love," in a special benefit performance for lymphoma research. For mature audiences. \$18 in advance; \$25 at the door. **Oct. 21, 8 p.m.:** Lou Maningas. **Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.:** Bounding Main presents traditional maritime music and improvisational entertainment. **Oct. 23, 7 p.m.:** Kfar Jewish Arts Center presents Vagabond Opera, offering a Bohemian cabaret of jazz, swing, tango, klezmer and more. **Oct. 28, 8 p.m.:** Folk trio Sons of the Never Wrong. **Oct. 29, 8 p.m.:** Ava Logan. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. **Oct. 30, 2 p.m.:** The Junior Klezmer Orchestra, led by members of Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, presents a benefit for the Klezmer Music Foundation Inc. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$10 for children 12 and under. **Oct. 30, 7 p.m.:** Larry Allen Brown presents Harmony for Humanity — Letters From my Friends.

**S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston.** [www.evanston.space.com](http://www.evanston.space.com). (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Oct. 7:** Dick Dale (surf rock).

**SWING THAT TUNE**



Janet Ring of Mundelein, Sheila Orloff Callahan of Elgin and Teri Lang of Skokie are Spottlighters who will be among the performers in "Sing and Swing," a new musical revue set for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, as part of the Great Age Daytime Program Series at the Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Avenue, Wilmette. The show, a potpourri of great songs and fun, is directed by Joyce Stern Greenberg, with musical direction by Allan Kaye. General admission is \$12. For information or tickets, call (847) 251-7424.

\$30/\$35. **Oct. 8:** Priscilla Ahn, \$12/\$15. **Oct. 9, 7 p.m.:** Tony Furtado (folk). \$12/\$20. **Oct. 12:** Randall Bramblett, \$12/\$15. **Oct. 13:** Tinsley Ellis (blues). \$20/\$25. **Oct. 14:** Lonnie Brooks (blues). \$20/\$25. **Oct. 16:** Redwood Landing with Claudia Schmidt (folk). \$22/\$25. **Oct. 19:** Jim Post with Michael Smith (folk). \$15/\$18. **Oct. 20:** Terrence Blanchard Quintet (jazz). \$25-\$45. **Oct. 20, 10 p.m.:** Rhett Miller. \$20/\$25. **Oct. 21, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.:** So Fine: An AmazinGrace Celebration of Steve Goodman & John Prine (folk). \$15/\$18. **Oct. 22:** Siegel Schwall Band (blues). \$25/\$30. **Oct. 28:** Tom Rush (folk/blues). \$27/\$30. **Oct. 30, 7 p.m.:** Lou & Peter Berryman (folk). \$12/\$15. **Oct. 31:** Communion: Featuring Matthew & the Atlas, The David Mayfield Parade and Lauren Shera (Americana/folk). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 3:** Richie Furay of Buffalo Springfield (country/rock). \$27/\$30. **Nov. 4:** Catie Curtis (folk). \$18/\$22. **Nov. 5:** Dave Barnes

(pop/rock). \$15/\$18. **Nov. 6, 7 p.m.:** David Wilcox (folk). \$18/\$22. **Nov. 8:** John Nemeth and Pete Anderson (blues). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 9:** Michael Kaeshammer (jazz). \$15/\$18. **Nov. 10:** Robbie Fulks (alt country). \$18/\$22. **Nov. 11-12:** 93XRT welcomes Sonny Landreth (blues/rock). \$27/\$30. **Nov. 13, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.:** Suzanne Vega (folk rock). \$30-\$60. **Nov. 15:** Freedy Johnston with Alison Scott. \$18/\$20. **Ye Olde Town Inn, 18 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect.** [www.yeoldetowninn.net](http://www.yeoldetowninn.net). **Oct. 28, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** Project Atlantis CD release show (prog metal). Guest bands include Xanadu (Rush tribute) and Broken Arrow (Neil Young tribute). Halloween costumes encouraged.

**ART GALLERIES**

**Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Highway, Park Ridge.** (847) 823-6611. [www.bricktonartcenter.org](http://www.bricktonartcenter.org). **Through Oct. 7:** Works by mixed media artist Beverly Ellstrand of Park Ridge. The show will

include pencil drawings, watercolor, collage, pastels, prints and acrylics. **Oct. 14-Nov. 11:** "The Nature Project," featuring photography, ceramics, sculptures, drawings, paintings and mixed media by Oakton Community College students and faculty. An opening reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 14. **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Through Dec. 31:** Simply Chicago Art presents "Journey," photographs by Viral Joshi and paintings by Meredith Dytech, Wendy Segal and Joseph Taylor. Artists' reception gala will be held from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 6. **Oakton Community College, Koehnlime Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines.** (847) 635-2633. [www.oakton.edu/museum](http://www.oakton.edu/museum). Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. **Through Oct. 28:** "Call and Response: From Artemisia to Frida," a juried exhibit featuring works by

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<p><b>FEBRUARY 19, 2012</b>                  GERSHWIN                  Cuban Overture                  GRANADOS                  La Maja y el Ruiseñor                  TURINA                  Poeme en foras des canciones  <i>Michelle Areyza, Soprano</i>                  SARASATE                  Fantasy on Bizet's "Carmen", op. 25  <i>Aurelien Fort-Pederzoli, violin</i>                  VILLA-LOBOS                  Bachianas brasileiras #5  <i>Cello Section and Michelle Areyza,                  Soprano</i>                  ALBENIZ                  Suite Espanola #1</p>	<p><b>MAY 20, 2012 POP'S CONCERT</b>                  (Separate from 4-concert series)                  RUSSO                  Street Music: A Blues Concerto, op. 65                  CORKY SIEGEL: <i>Harmonica</i>                  GOULD                  American Suite                  GROFE                  Hollywood Suite                  ANDERSON                  Favorites:  <i>Blue Tango, Belle of the Ball,                  Syncopated Clock, Serenade,                  The Typewriter</i></p>
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**TABLEHOPPING**

# Beer, brats and Bach to celebrate October

BY ELIZABETH OWENS-SCHIELE  
 Contributor

Two Oktoberfests filled with food, drinks and entertainment bring a taste of Germany and plenty of gemütlichkeit to the North Shore this weekend.

**Trax Tavern & Grill**

Filling a niche left by Oktoberfests of yesteryear, Trax Tavern & Grill, 833 Deerfield Road, plans to tap its kegs for its first annual Oktoberfest on Friday, Oct. 7 from 5-10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6-11 p.m.

"We're tenting our rooftop with four heated tents and \$28 will get you all of the food you can eat and all of the German beers including an Oktoberfest dark beer from Frankfurt, Germany," said General Manager Robby Cohn. He said his rooftop seats up to 400 guests, with one half dedicated to dining and the other half for dancing to the live German band which will perform both nights.

"We'll have bratwursts, knockwursts, thuringers, hot dogs for the kids, German potato salad, sauerkraut and pretzel rolls," Cohn said. All those good things are being specially concocted just for this event. "We're going to make it as authentic as we possibly can. It'll be right off the grill onto your plate and into your mouth and hopefully you'll enjoy it. I'll be fun, I'm very excited."

Cohn is even bringing in some native German girls wearing authentic garb to pour beer and shots, and his female staff will be dressing the same. However, he said, though the male staffers were a little hesitant about the Lederhosen, the band won't be.

"Sandy LaClair and the Impact of Brass are six German guys from Madison, Wis., with tubas and trumpets and a lot of chicken songs and chicken dances," Cohn said. "I want people to sit with neighbors and friends because Trax is a community restaurant."

**Bachtoberfest**

The third annual Bachtoberfest takes place Sunday,

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Bach Week music director Richard Webster will emcee Bachtoberfest.

Oct. 9, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The event will raise funds for the 39th annual 2012 Bach Week Festival planned for April 27, May 4 and May 6 of 2012.

A \$50 general admission ticket includes one drink; a \$100 Bachtoberfest Patron ticket includes two drinks; and a \$150 Bachtoberfest Champion ticket includes three drinks. The event also promises an array of "hearty hors d'oeuvres," entertainment and a silent auction. German fare such as hot and cold German sausages and German potato salad, along with German beer and white wines, will be among the tastings.

"The main point of it is to support Bach Week Festival so if you're interested in Bach and the Festival, it'll be a fun time," said Deerfield resident Merlin Lehman, co-chair of Bach Week Festival. "The food is always good and Schaeffer's wines are top of the line as well."

Composer and Bach Week music director Richard Web-

ster will emcee the event. He worked at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston for 31 years before accepting a position as the director of music at Trinity Church in Boston.

"I've been the music director since 1975 and even though I moved to Boston six years

ago, I still come back because it's a great fest," said Webster, 58, who plans to run the Chicago marathon that morning dressed as Robin, Batman's sidekick. Then he'll head on to the fundraiser to perform Bach's "Tocatta," better known as the "Phantom of the Opera" piece, on the organ. "When I come out on stage, I'll play in my costume."

Other entertainment planned for Bachtoberfest includes Bach's "The Musical Offering" with violinist Mathias Tacke and flutist Alyce Johnson. Violinist Dawn Gingrich and harpsichordist Jason Moy will perform a Bach sonata for violin and harpsichord, plus solo works for those instruments. As the evening's organist, Webster will play Bach's Tocatta and Fugue in D minor and will also provide organ accompaniment when young violinist Paul Christian and members of the Bach Week Festival Chorus perform two Bach arias. The musical portion of the Bachtoberfest program will begin at 7:15 p.m.

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nearly 70 women artists, sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Oakton Community College. Opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 6.

**AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

Performing Arts at Oakton will hold auditions for "Urinetown" from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 10-11 at Oakton Community College's Studio One Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The director is seeking male and female actors ages 13 to 70. Those auditioning should prepare a contemporary comedic monologue (no more than two minutes in length) and 16 bars of a song. An accompanist will be provided, or auditions may be performed a cappella. Cold readings also will be heard. No appointment is necessary. Production dates are Dec. 8-18. For information, call (847) 635-1897.

The Caroling Party, a professional caroling group, will hold auditions for singers in all voice ranges on Oct. 13 in Evanston. Seeking good sight-singers who work in

a pop style. Singers must have a car and provide their own costume. For the audition, prepare one a cappella Christmas solo; you may also be asked to sight-sing. For information and to make an audition appointment, e-mail PLupoMusic@aol.com.

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

Crafters are sought for the Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique, sponsored by The Center of Concern, to be held Nov. 12-13 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Space rental is \$20-\$80, plus 10% of sales. Call (847) 823-0920 (evenings). Application deadline is Nov. 4.

**BENEFITS**

"Bachtoberfest" will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 9 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The evening features live music, including selections from Bach's "The Musical

Offering," as well as a Bach sonata and arias. Proceeds benefit the 2012 Bach Week Festival, the 39th consecutive edition of the Evanston-based festival. Tickets to the casual-dress fundraiser range from \$50 to \$150, which includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres. A \$50 general admission ticket includes one drink; a \$100 Bachtoberfest Patron ticket includes two drinks; and a \$150 Bachtoberfest Champion ticket includes three drinks. Call (847) 293-6686 or visit www.bachweek.org.

**BOOKS & POETRY**

Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St., Mount Prospect. (847) 253-5675. Oct. 14-16: Mount Prospect Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, featuring books, CDs, DVDs, video and audio tapes and records. Members only from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, \$5 memberships available at the door. Hours for the general public sale are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and noon-4:30 p.m. Sunday.

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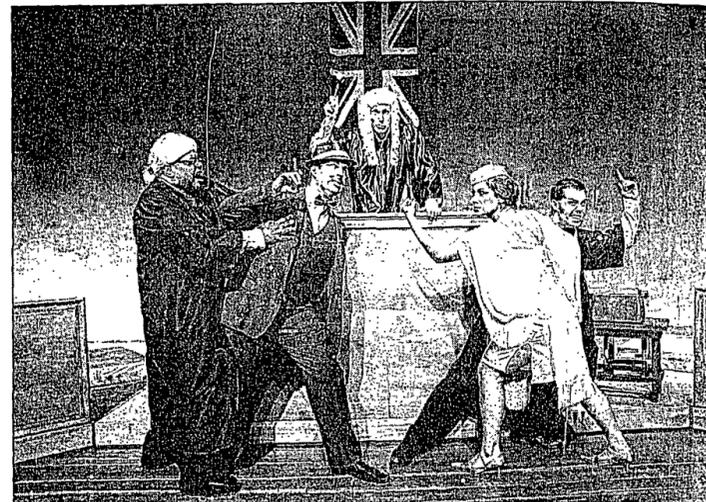
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In Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury," Kingsley Day (center) tries to restore order from Christopher Skyles (from left), Kevin R. Siembor, Olga Bojovic and Matthew Dingels. | PHOTO BY ALAN TELLER

**Early Gilbert and Sullivan  
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BY TOM WITOM  
Contributor

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The farcical "The Zoo" takes place in the London Zoological Gardens where

Carboy (Matthew Dingels), a young apothecary, is at the end of his rope because the father (David Laub) of the girl he seeks to wed, Laetitia (Kristin Lutzeier), won't consent to the match. An unexpected resolution comes from the generosity of Thomas Brown (David Craven), a nobleman in disguise who consumes everything in sight at the refreshment stand in order to woo its virtuous vendor Eliza (Adrienne Blanks).

"Trial by Jury," a collaborative work by Gilbert and Sullivan that mercilessly spoofs law and the legal profession, brings down the house.

Pandemonium reigns in the courtroom where Edwin (Matthew Dingels), the swaggering defendant with wandering eyes, is on trial for breach of promise to marry Angelina (Olga Bojovic). Kingsley Day as the wacky Learned Judge makes no bones about his lack of impartiality towards the aggrieved plaintiff, arguing that were Edwin to wed Angelina he would likely resort to drink and beat her. The magistrate's solution is unconventional but appeases both parties, in happy Gilbert and Sullivan fashion.

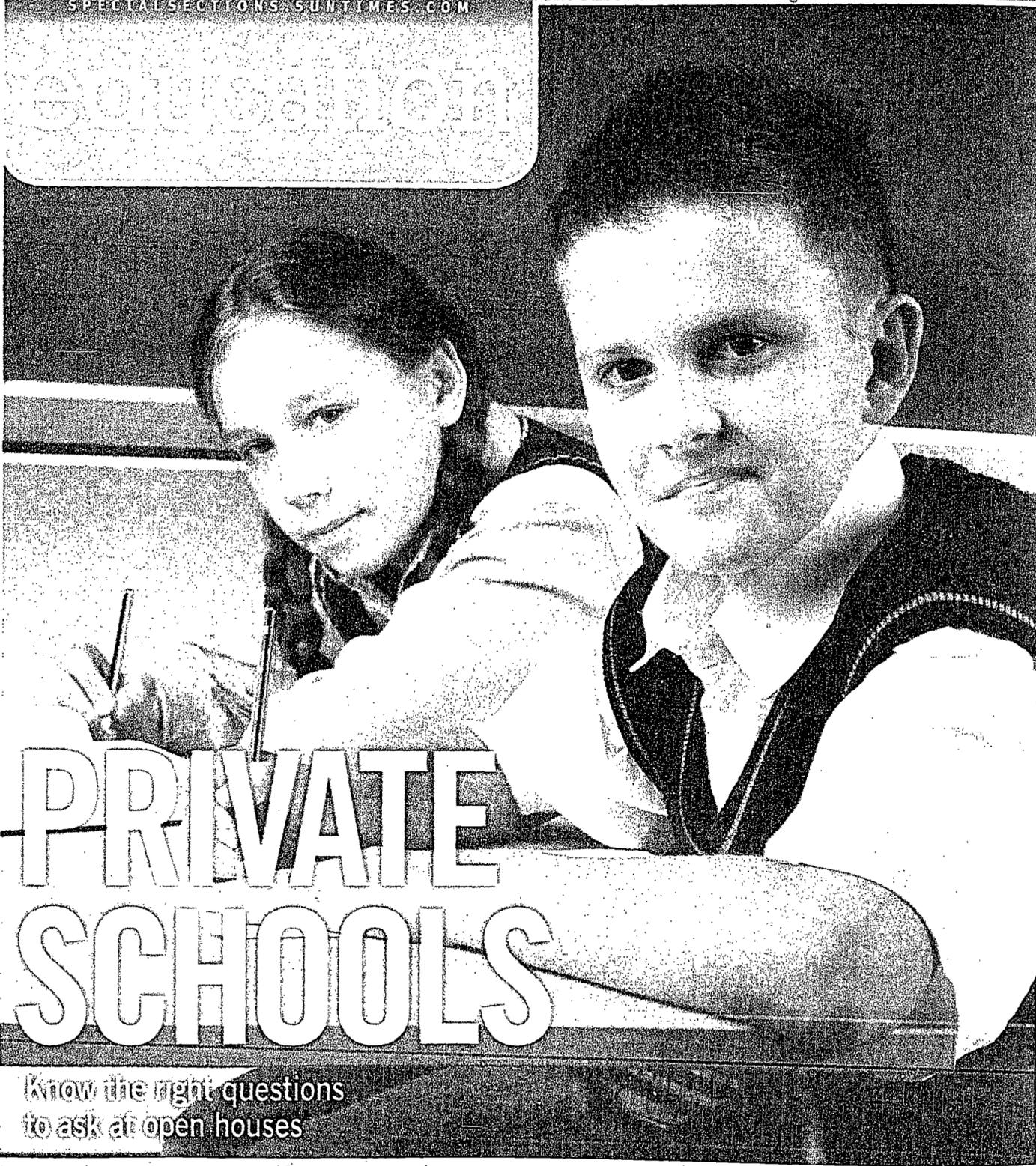
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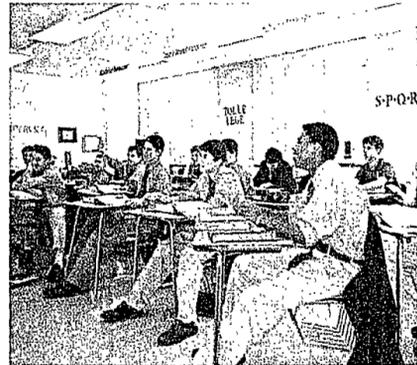
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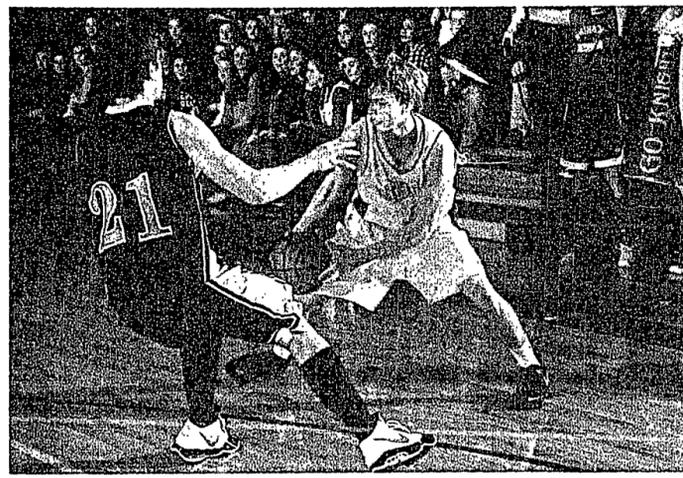
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Studies have found that children who eat a healthy breakfast have higher energy levels and better learning abilities than similar students who do not eat breakfast. Harvard University researchers found that those who eat breakfast are significantly more attentive in the classroom and have fewer behavioral and emotional problems.

Many families find that time is not in abundance in the morning when they are getting ready for school or work. As a result, breakfast might be skipped in an effort to get to work or school on time. However, families can skirt the issue of time with a few on-the-go foods the whole family can enjoy.

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Microwaveable convenience foods come in various shapes and sizes. Choose the healthiest options among them, such as whole-wheat or multi-grain waffles or pancakes. These foods are easy to heat and eat on the go.

Keep a container of fresh fruit salad in the refrigerator. A bowl of mixed fruit is refreshing and healthy.

Whole grain granola bars that feature fruit and nuts can be a quick meal and a satisfying snack.

Smoothies, made from fruit and yogurt, are fast and can be stored in portable cups to take in the car on the way to school.

The cereal aisle at the local grocery store is filled with healthy breakfast options. Cereal manufacturers are increasingly reducing the sugar and boosting the fiber content of popular brands. It doesn't take long to enjoy a bowl of cereal, even one topped with banana slices or a few strawberries.

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For families who simply can't get in the breakfast swing of things, many schools participate in breakfast programs. If children are routinely missing breakfast at home, find out how to enroll them in breakfast served at school.

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# OPEN HOUSE QUESTIONS

What all parents should ask before sending their children to a private school

BY MARCY MARRO  
Special to Pioneer Press

As you begin to look around for the perfect private school for your child, attend open houses to learn about a school and get to know the staff.

"An open house should explain what the school has to offer that is unique," said Loring Strudwick, dean of admission at Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest. Strudwick and Rosalie Musiala, principal at Evanston's Pope John XXIII School, suggest parents should be asking about the following topics when visiting potential schools.

#### Academics

"It is important that the academics be strong and the materials used are engaging to children and developmentally appropriate especially when considering the early childhood years PreK to 1st grade," Musiala said. "Ask about the school's philosophy of learning and their beliefs about how a child becomes a reader."

For students entering high school, Strudwick said to find out if they need to take an entrance exam, as well as if the school offers different tracks and advanced courses.

#### Learning Resources

Ask how the school addresses gifted and advanced students and, on the flip side, how it supports students that are struggling, especially in reading and math, Musiala said. Additionally, Strudwick said to find out if the school has a learning resource center and provides additional academic help for students.

#### Grades and Test Scores

Find out how often students will receive grades, Strudwick said. Musiala recommended also asking about standardized test scores — what grades are tested and how the scores are used.

#### Fine Arts

Ask about arts requirements and what art courses and clubs are offered, Strudwick said. Does the school have theater and musical performances throughout the year? Are they open to the public? Musiala said that fine arts offerings should include music, art, dance, performance, singing and playing instruments.

#### Foreign Language

"We live in a global community, and we must educate the future citizens to be global citizens," Musiala said. "Knowledge of a second language will be necessary in the future of the next generation."

Ask what languages are offered and if there are opportunities for studying abroad, according to Strudwick.

#### Character building

"Building positive character traits is important for now so children are happy and safe," Musiala said. "It is important for their life success in the future. The climate of the school is valuable to notice. Anti-bullying programs and moral development should be conscientiously taught not just as a one-week unit or a one-time speaker."

"Too often schools expect the character building to be done at home or at boys scouts, etc.," Strudwick said. "Schools should have a clear direction and program to teach ethics."

#### Extracurricular offerings

"Extracurricular programs are key if students are going to feel engaged and valued at the school for things other than just academics," Strudwick said.

Ask about sports offerings and requirements, along with whether teams make cuts and if parents need to pay extra for sports or sports uniforms, she continued. Also, find out if community service opportunities are required or offered.

#### Discipline

Parents should ask about the school's discipline system, Strudwick said. Ask to see the list of rules. How is discipline decided and by whom?

"The goal of any program should be to develop self-disciplined students who follow rules as a matter of daily routine,"

Musiala explained. "Fairness and order are important to children; they provide security and safety. Consequences should be fair and fit the behavior so the behavior will improve, not just be a punishment. Good discipline and order allow the teachers to be efficient and let the lesson be effective. Precious academic learning time is enhanced with good discipline and order."

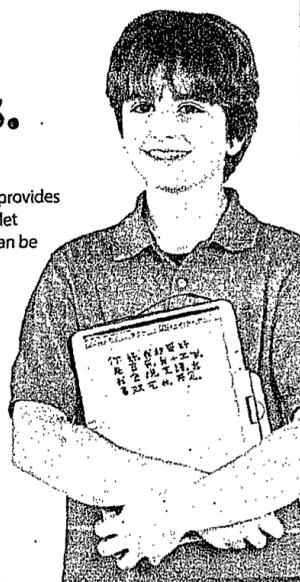
Other important topics that should be discussed during an open house include the school's dress code, homework policy, advisors and counselors available to students, and whether or not financial aid is available. Both Strudwick and Musiala agree that parents should have time to ask questions during any open house.



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## TV show sparks renewed interest in show choir

Students who love to sing and perform are discovering the benefits of choir and chorus programs at school after a popular television show has proven inspirational.

Viewers really haven't been treated to a show about performing students since *Fame* aired for five seasons, beginning in 1982. Since *Glee* debuted in September 2009, it has revitalized interest in show choirs and become an influential part of pop culture.

*Glee* follows the story of high schoolers that perform in a show choir group called *New Directions*. The show revisits the stereotypes that made *Brat Pack* movies such as *The Breakfast Club* popular in the 1980s. It pits the personalities of jocks, drama queens, eccentrics, cheerleaders and other high school staples against one another. Although an integral part of the show is the musical numbers, the songs are interwoven into the

core theme of each episode; they help tell the stories of the students and teachers facing difficult issues — from bullying to intolerance to teenage pregnancy.

*Glee* has quickly become the *90210* for the current generation, but its appeal goes beyond hot-button issues and risqué subjects. Many avid fans tune in each week for the music and to see the talented cast put its spin on songs of today and yesterday. *Glee* even helped spark renewed interest in performance arts programs in schools.

High school vocal directors have reported increased participation in choirs. In a report in *The Daily Iowan*, West High music director Ryan Person noted an upsurge in participation, particularly among male students — a group that was often difficult to attract.

According to Joel Biggs, president of FAME Events, a company that puts on show

choir events and competitions, roughly 20 new high school choir programs emerged within the last year. He credited *Glee* for the rise in interest and said more than 300 show choir groups are now in schools around the country.

The *Glee* Effect, as it has been dubbed, could give renewed hope to arts educators that have seen budget cuts slash music programs across the board.

*Glee* is one of many shows that could be responsible for the upswing in auditions and interest in performing in high school. Students are no longer being swayed by the negative stereotypes surrounding show choir participation of the past. *Camp Rock 2*, *American Idol*, *Dancing With the Stars* and *America's Got Talent*, are part of the collective group of television focusing in on the arts and inspiring new generations of students.

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## How to help kids find the right extracurricular activity

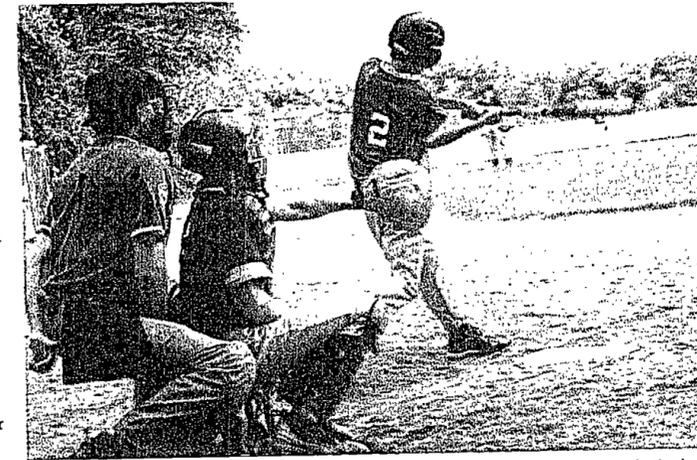
Today's kids are busier than ever before. Be it the increasingly competitive nature of scholastic life or the increase of two-income households where kids need something to do other than come directly home after school, children today are much busier than their school-aged counterparts of yesteryear.

While it can be fun and beneficial for kids to participate in extracurricular activities, finding the right fit isn't as easy as it sounds. When helping kids find an extracurricular activity, it's best to consider a host of factors. Especially keep in mind that not all kids are the same with respect to interests. Moreover, they won't necessarily enjoy what their parents enjoyed.

### Getting Started

The best place to start is to speak to kids about their interests. Just because Dad loved playing football doesn't mean Junior is destined to be a gridiron great. Kids have their own interests, and those interests can be cultivated with the right extracurricular activity. For example, a creative child might enjoy an after-school art class a couple of times per week. Parents should also consider extracurriculars that can help kids grow as people. For instance, a child who's shy in public but loves humming it up at home might embrace an after-school theater program.

Once options have been discussed with kids, take in a session or two before committing to anything. The shy youngster might visit the local theater program and enjoy it thoroughly, or he or she might decide against it.



Team sports, including baseball, can be a great extracurricular activity once kids are old enough to understand rules and cope with losing.

Either way, a visit will give kids and parents a sense of what the program is like and whether or not it's the right fit. When visiting, observe the nature of the program. Is it an encouraging, vibrant environment? Do the adults and kids involved appear to be having fun?

### Get the 411

Parents want their kids to be as safe after school as they are during it. When looking for an extracurricular activity, inquire about the staff-to-child ratio and about the staff's professional background. Any staff-to-child ratio that is

greater than 12:1 likely indicates a program that is understaffed, which could mean kids won't get the attention they need. Also, ask for the staff's references and work history in the field of childcare. If certification is necessary or recommended, make sure the staff meets all requirements.

Ask about program costs. Some have hidden fees that can add up. Such fees can be for uniforms, equipment, class trips, etc. Extra fees don't have to exclude a program from consideration, but it's better to know about them in advance than have them come as a surprise.

### Consider a Child's Grade Level

A child's age and grade level should also be considered when choosing an extracurricular activity. Consult teachers about finding an age-appropriate extracurricular activity. For example, less competitive activities that emphasize fun might be more appropriate for kids in kindergarten and the first grade. For second graders, activities not offered at school, like learning to play an instrument, can help cultivate a child's interest in a noncompetitive environment. As kids reach third grade and beyond, consider more rules-based activities, including team sports, as kids at that age are more capable of understanding rules and handling losing than younger kids. As children get older and move on to middle school, look for activities that reinforce learning and help develop a young person's character, including their ability to interact with others.

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# What to look for in a tutor

Parents of children who are having difficulties grasping school lessons routinely turn to tutors to provide the added measure of instruction some students need to succeed. When selecting a tutor, parents should ask questions and keep important things in mind.

Tutors provide a much-needed service to students and can be welcome helpers for teachers. According to reports from state and federal government tutoring advisors, close to \$10 million dollars annually is spent on tutors in the United States alone. Although many teachers try to tailor lessons to students with various learning capabilities, there may be instances when some students still fall behind. What's more, some students perform better with the one-on-one teaching style of tutors than they do in a group setting.

There are certain signs a student may need a tutor. These include students consistently earning failing grades, complaining about or giving excuses why they don't want to do homework, behaving badly at school, or complaining that they simply don't want to go to school.

All of these issues may be a child's way of masking difficulty grasping lessons. A tutor can step in to catch a student up with lessons and help him or her find a system of learning that works.

The first step to finding a tutor is working with the student to determine what type of tutor may be ideal. Tutors come in different forms:

- Students who volunteer their time helping fellow classmates. There are also alumni who provide tutoring services for low or no cost.
- Teachers who may offer tutoring after school hours.
- Some churches or other organizations offer tutoring availability.
- There are online services where students can get homework help or assistance in different subjects.
- Private tutors that come to the student's home and provide instruction.
- Tutoring companies and franchises where tutoring may take place in a learning facility.

## Selecting a tutor

When interviewing prospective tutors, parents and students should be sure the tutor is qualified. Experts suggest finding a tutor who has five or more years of experience. If the tutor will be offering lessons in a particular subject, certification or a degree in that area is very helpful but not always necessary as long as the tutor is effective.

Students often meet with a tutor one to three times a week per session. The tutoring arrangement can stretch on for several months. With this in mind, the tutor-student relationship should be a good one. The child should feel comfortable with the tutor.

- Tutors should know the material but also be able to explain it in layman's terms to the student. A good tutor will outline a plan on how he or she will help improve performance but also how the tutor will check up and be sure the student maintains improvement.
- Find a tutor who will be open to interaction with the student's primary teacher. This way lessons can be geared around schoolwork and coincide with what's already being learned.
- Parents will need to be hands-on and take an interest in what the tutor and the teacher have to say. Observing the tutor in

action can help determine whether the fit is right. Parents can wait for five to eight sessions to pass before determining if the tutor is clicking with the child.

Select a tutor who agrees to periodic progress reports. It is not too ambitious for parents to expect marked academic performance after a month or more of tutoring.

Cost is always a factor when selecting a tutor. A higher hourly rate isn't always indicative of a better tutor. Depending on the subject matter and

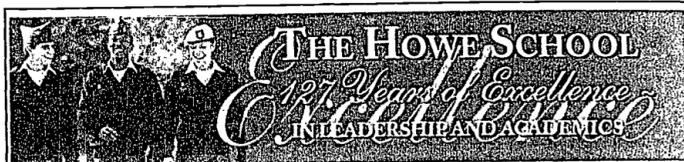
certification of the tutors, costs can range from \$20 an hour to \$50 or more. Shop around for a tutor and remember to emphasize the tutor's relationship with the student more than what the tutor charges per hour.

Tutoring is often a helpful way for students who are falling behind in the classroom to redeem themselves. Hiring a tutor should be done at the first signs of learning difficulty, not when it seems things are too late to institute change.

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Tutors can provide added instruction to students who are having some difficulties grasping lessons.



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## 3 tips to improve standardized test scores

Though some professional educators debate the use of standardized tests, students of all ages can expect such tests to continue to play a role in their education. Beyond professional tutoring, students can take several steps to improve their scores.

**1) Maintain healthy sleep patterns.** Healthy sleep restores and renews the body, both mentally and physically. When a person suffers from sleep deprivation, the negative side effects are numerous. These include memory and cognitive impairment, making it difficult for people to think and process information. That said, a student preparing to take a standardized test who is struggling to sleep at night is much less likely to succeed on the test than a student who is getting adequate sleep. Parents and students should examine sleeping patterns months in advance of the test and work to address any problems as soon as possible. The sooner the issue is resolved, the sooner a student's memory is likely to improve.

**2) Practice.** Practice tests can be a very valuable tool when attempting to improve standardized test scores. Sample tests are available on a handful of websites, and tutors hired to help kids improve scores often bring practice

tests with them. Such practice tests are often very similar to the actual tests, and they will help kids be more comfortable with the tests when it comes time to take the real ones. When taking practice tests, time them just as you would the actual tests. This, too, can improve a student's comfort level and will decrease the likelihood that a student will feel like he or she is racing against the clock when the time comes to take the real test.

**3) Learn the test.** Learning the test involves figuring how a score is determined. Some standardized tests place greater emphasis on certain questions and tabulate scores based on this weighting system. Learn that weighting system if it exists, and in the months leading up to the test help students concentrate on those sections that weigh more heavily than others. Another thing to learn is if the test weighs wrong answers more than skipped questions. On such tests, a student might actually be better off leaving a question blank than guessing and risking a wrong answer. Many tutors specialize in a particular test and might be able to help students learn about the test they're taking and, in so doing, improve their scores.

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## SAFETY FIRST

AWD keeps Forester at the SUV forefront

BY JOHN STEIN  
Automotive Editor

For those in the know, it should come as no surprise that the Subaru Forester has been a top pick in the small SUV segment for many years. The Forester began its life as a raised wagon with all the utility and space of an SUV as well as that outstanding all-wheel-drive Subaru signature traction.

Subaru's understanding that safety is one of the feathers in its cap has made for an especially poignant recent TV campaign in which a father hands the car keys to his young daughter (a child) for the first time as he lectures her about being safe while driving. Between cuts from the young girl and the father, she eventually becomes a teenager, illustrating the feeling every parent comes to know: that once kids grow up and drive away, all you can hope for is that they will be safe.

While safety is key for Subaru, it is the Boxer engine and standard symmetrical all-wheel-drive system that makes the Forester a really unique vehicle. It does offer an all-new naturally aspirated engine for Forester 2.5X models.

When talking about Subaru, especially the

Forester, I always find myself starting exactly where the real uniqueness begins — the all-wheel-drive traction.

The Boxer engine is a horizontally opposed engine that creates a lower center of gravity and extra traction and control on the road. This is why Forester truly feels planted to the road even during Chicago's worst winter road conditions.

The standard symmetrical all-wheel-drive system aligns with the drivetrain to provide a more effortless power transfer to all four wheels.

What allows Subaru to deliver such great traction is that the system is continuously sending power to all four wheels under all road conditions, not only when the wheels may slip like with many other systems.

I found the driving characteristics of my test model Forester to be accommodating on the fly as well as sedanlike in most instances.

The 2011 Subaru Forester is offered in six trim levels: 2.5X (\$20,495), 2.5X Premium (\$23,195), 2.5X Limited (\$26,495), 2.5X Touring (\$27,995), 2.5XT Premium (\$26,995) and 2.5XT Touring (\$29,995).

My tester, the 2.5X Touring model, featured the all-new 2.5-liter horizontally opposed four-cylinder

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engine (170 horsepower), which features chain-driven double overhead camshafts instead of a belt-driven single overhead camshaft.

The four-cylinder is mated to a five-speed manual transmission (21/27 mpg city/highway) or a four-speed automatic (20/26 mpg).

The five-speed manual gearbox is standard in the 2.5X and 2.5X Premium, with the automatic offered as an option. All other trim levels come only with the automatic transmission.

I found the Forester's cabin to be roomy and comfortable. It is meant to be an SUV with a go-anywhere attitude. It is rugged without being uncomfortable.

The first thing I noticed in the cabin was the huge panoramic power moon roof

that comes standard in all but the lowest trim level.

The cabin will fit a family of five. Dash controls are intuitive and easy to reach and handle. Head and leg room is more than adequate and the rear seats offer a 60/40 split-fold option to increase utility space.

Bluetooth is now standard on all but the base trim. A backup camera is standard in 2.5X Touring and 2.5XT Touring models as part of a new audio system.

For those who swear by Subarus, and that group is growing every year, it is easy to see why outstanding traction and comfort at a landing price anywhere from \$20,500 to \$30,000 is an easy decision to make when the family is concerned.



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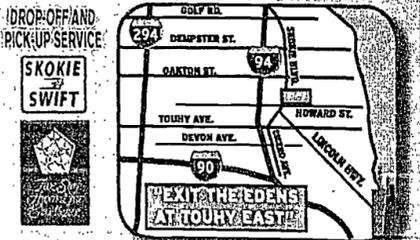
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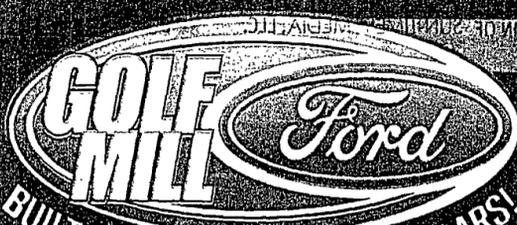
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## BUILDER 'PAYS IT FORWARD'

### Merit Homes builds luxury residence for day school faculty

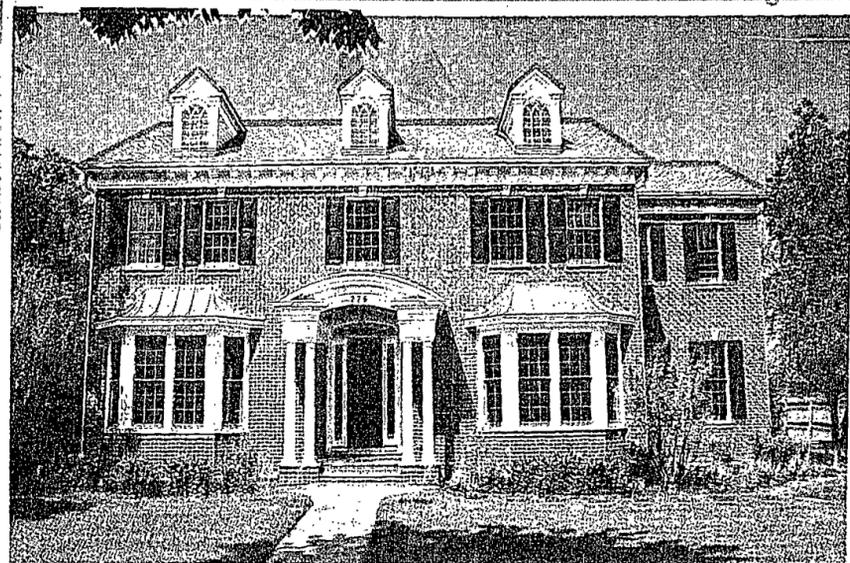
When Bert Getz Jr., president of Merit Homes, heard a circa 1900s house had been gifted to the North Shore Country Day School, he decided to "pay it forward" by using his company's expertise to build a luxurious faculty residence for the school. Merit Homes is well-known for custom home building on the North Shore.

The Getz family has been involved with the school dating back to the 1940s, when Bert's father attended the kindergarten through 12th grade college preparatory school. Several Getz siblings followed, and today a third generation of Getz children attends this acclaimed Winnetka school.

Getz sits on the school board and he wanted to make a meaningful gift to the school and surrounding community.

"It's our family's way of giving back to the school that helped our family pursue excellence in education over three generations," he said.

As part of the school's capital campaign, Merit Homes



An education in luxury: Merit Homes built a luxurious Winnetka residence that will help attract top-notch faculty to the North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka. The builder is known for its custom home building on the North Shore. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

donated one-third of the project costs associated with the construction of the home.

Since the house had possible historical significance, Merit Homes' building team headed by Bill Sandberg consulted with a historical preservationist architect who evaluated the property to determine the feasibility of renovation. Once the decision was made to replace the existing house, the guidance of two architects was invaluable in designing a home that duplicated the former home's original splendor.

"We wanted to build a stately residence that would be congruent with the neighborhood," he said. To create the home that Getz's firm envisioned, a design architect was hired to incorporate many of the preservationist's recommendations into the new structure.



Recipe for the best: The gourmet kitchen features distressed alder wood cabinets with oil rubbed bronze fixtures and hardware and a Kitchen Aid built-in French door refrigerator with custom paneled doors. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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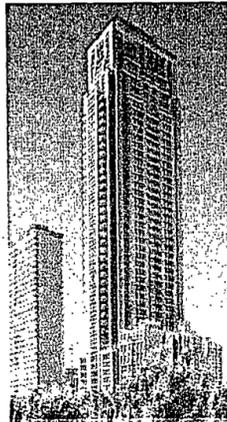
# Columbian living offers panoramic views, city lifestyle

Ever wonder what it would be like to wake up and see the beauty of Lake Michigan and take a stroll along Michigan Ave without having to face the challenge of traffic to get there?

Now you can own a spacious condominium and feel the energy of the city every day simply by walking outside. With mortgage rates at an all-time low and downtown rents on the rise, those who purchase a new home at The Columbian before Dec. 31, 2011, can also take advantage of a \$5,000 closing credit.

Located at 1160 South Michigan Avenue, The Columbian features one-, two- and three-bedroom residences and the building was designed so each home is oriented to maximize its stunning views of the lake, park and city lights.

"We love the location, the views and the building," said homeowners Andrew and Cara Phillips. "The Columbian offers all the services we were looking for and the price was right. The bonus? The view from our home is spectacular. We overlook Grant Park, downtown Chicago and the Lake. It's truly

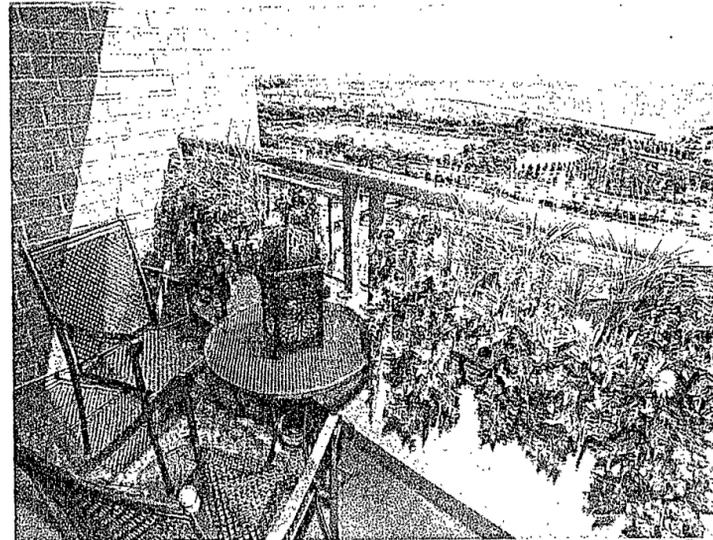


Standing tall: The Columbian, located at 1160 S. Michigan, stands as one of the tallest buildings in the South Loop. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

the best in the city."

The Columbian's balconies are perfect for relaxing and entertaining, and the building also features an entertainment suite which opens up to the rooftop deck. There's also a fitness center equipped with cardio and strength training equipment, and the building provides 24-hour doorman security, and professional management and maintenance teams.

"We use the cardio and



Panoramic life: East views and fall colors can be seen through panoramic vistas of the park and lake. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

weight equipment in the gym regularly and love the 9th-floor patio," said Cara. "The doorman station provides a sense of security we greatly appreciate."

As owners of a three-bedroom residence, the Phillips enjoy the spaciousness and beauty of their home.

"We love the layout. The floor plan allows for so much

room and the floor to ceiling windows make our home feel even larger. Not to mention, they provide stunning views of the city."

The Columbian's South Loop location offers homeowners more than just views; it allows access to all the city offers. The couple says they love the "livability" factors ... convenience of grocery

stores, home improvement stores and other large retailers, the closeness of the city parks and the ability to play tennis, run, bike and walk along the lake.

The Phillips share an interest in city activities including cultural events at museums and playtime in the park.

"We visit the museums in

the Museum Campus and we love the Chicago Summer Dance. We also take in concerts in Millennium Park, participate in workouts in the park and we don't miss the twice-a-week fireworks over Navy Pier."

"While we looked at many other locations in the South Loop, we were attracted to the layout and the square footage at The Columbian," said Andrew. "The floor plan has a very non-standard condo feel; a very homey feeling. We have a 'private' wing and a 'common' wing."

Homes at The Columbian range in size from 844-square foot one-bedrooms to a three-bedroom penthouse that is more than 3,500 square feet. Finishes include granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and hardwood floors in the living areas. Prices start at \$299,900 for one-bedrooms, \$399,900 for two-bedrooms and \$699,900 for three-bedrooms. Penthouse homes start at \$799,900.

To schedule a tour of the new models or for additional information, call the sales center at (312) 341-0000 or visit [www.thecolumbianchicago.com](http://www.thecolumbianchicago.com).

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For example, the stunning front porch is highlighted by a copper covered canopy and two bay windows. Three dormers crown the roofline and mimic the architectural design of other homes on the block. The original bluestone porch was recycled and is evident in the new front stoop.

At first, some neighbors voiced concern over tearing down an old home with limited historical value, but when they reviewed the new plan which incorporated many of the original Colonial Revival architecture, they embraced the new design.

Tom Doar, head of the

North Shore County Day School, said that Merit Homes executed the construction of the new home meticulously, with respect to the historical significance of the original home. They took a proactive approach with the village so that the final results far exceeded his expectations.

"This home fulfills the vision of the Goodrich family who donated the house. It is beyond what we thought was possible," said Doar. "The house is a significant benefit to the community and allows us to attract and hire the most qualified faculty available."

Situated on a quiet tree lined street in Winnetka di-

rectly across from the school, the five-bedroom, five-bath, 6,000-square-foot residence with its finished basement blends into the neighborhood.

Highlights include a stunning entryway with a wrought iron and oak decorative curved staircase leading up to the second level, which is topped with a circular coffered ceiling. Another curved staircase winds down to the 2,000-square-foot finished basement.

Crowned with a boxed beam and cove ceiling, the library also features stained oak built-in cabinets and a large bay window with divided light windows. A lannon stone fireplace with

a raised hearth, molded oak panel mantle and built-in bookcases add impact to the family room.

The gourmet kitchen features distressed alder wood cabinets with oil rubbed bronze fixtures and hardware. A Kitchen Aid built-in French door refrigerator has custom paneled doors, and there are two laundry rooms and a mudroom that is appointed with lockers and cubbies.

"Since Merit Homes embraces sustainability in all its construction projects, building this home utilizing a variety of sustainable techniques was tantamount to our execution," said Getz.

By combining many green

building techniques, Merit Homes was awarded a Silver certification level for the National Green Building Standard from the National Association of Home Builders.

To that end, a higher degree of insulation and sealing techniques were used which will reduce heating and cooling costs by an estimated one third. In addition, Pella wood windows with ultra high efficient glazing will help achieve cost savings.

To conserve water, the builder used drip-zone irrigation to irrigate bushes and flowers. Local products were used to save on fuel costs and minimize environmental impact in transporting the

components to the construction site, as well as sending construction debris and waste to a local recycling facility.

Merit Homes has been building new homes in the northern suburbs for several decades and has completed many teardowns and custom homes on the North Shore.

"Our ability to blend seamlessly into existing neighborhoods has garnered compliments by neighbors and communities alike where we have built," said Getz.

For more information on teardowns on the North Shore, contact Jeri Szatko at (847) 680-0090 or visit the Website at [www.merithomes.net](http://www.merithomes.net).

# Downsizing developer chooses Grand Bend

When Doug and Elsa were planning to downsize from their home of 35 years, they focused on downtown Evanston, an area they knew well and that would keep them near their former home in a neighboring suburb.

"We looked seriously at between 20 and 30 condos just in the downtown area," recounted Doug, a veteran real estate developer. He and his wife Elsa only looked at condos that met their requirements: indoor parking, "a certain amount of space," and an outdoor balcony or patio.

"We actually started at Grand Bend and ended at Grand Bend."

Grand Bend won out, Doug said, because "it was clear there was more available space here, the rooms were larger and the layout was quite a bit nicer than most of what we'd seen." The layout, with a great room separated from the bedrooms was a matter of particular appeal.

"The fact that this was a new property was important to us, because we didn't have to do as much to make it feel like home," added Elsa.

Elsa enjoys walking to Whole Foods and the other attractions of downtown Evanston, including "zillions of restaurants. Despite

having been at Grand Bend for only a short time, Elsa has found that "the building is very friendly. You do get to know people."

Construction quality was another deciding factor.

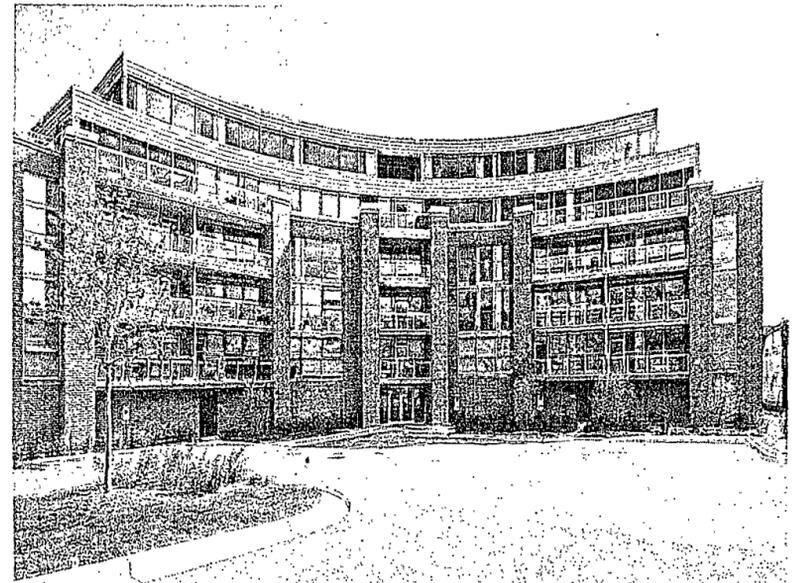
"The building was very well built," said Doug, who had developed similar buildings. "You could see that by walking through the garage" and by "the kinds of sounds you couldn't hear."

Doug and Elsa offer this advice to other buyers: "Look around. Compare and contrast. That's ultimately what sold us on Grand Bend."

You can see a video interview with Doug and Elsa, along with other videos from the development at [YouTube.com/GrandBendAtGreenBay](http://YouTube.com/GrandBendAtGreenBay).

After significant price cuts, the large 1-bedroom homes at Grand Bend are priced from the \$170,000s, two-bedrooms from the \$250,000s, and penthouses from the high \$400,000s.

Grand Bend at Green Bay is at 1228 Emerson St in Evanston. Call (847) 864-4977 to schedule an appointment, or visit the website for model open hours: [www.GrandBendLiving.com](http://www.GrandBendLiving.com).

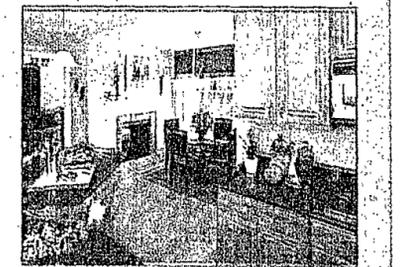


Grand savings: Grand Bend at Green Bay, a North Shore condo development in Evanston, is now offering price cuts so buyers may have an opportunity to own for less than renting. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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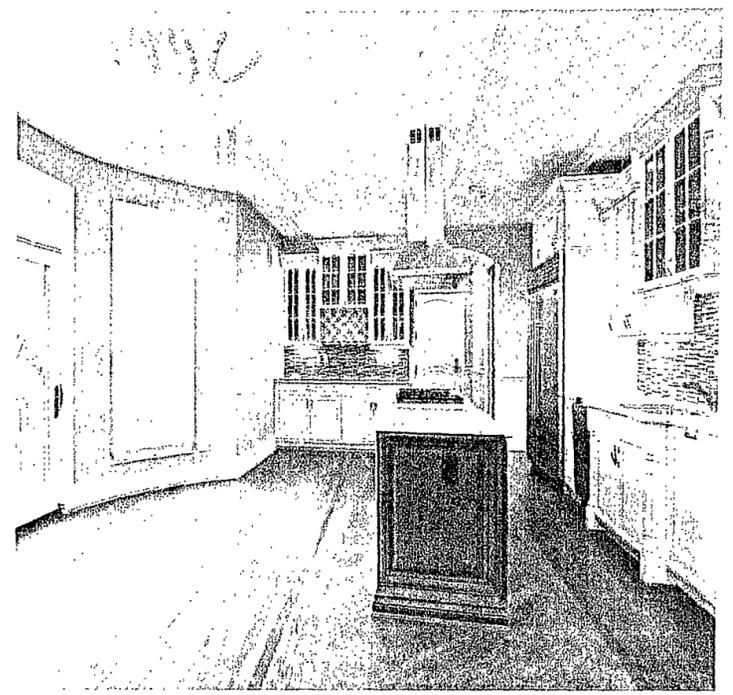
WHERE WE LIVE | High-end finishes fill newly constructed 2-story in Park Ridge

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Ted Pirpiris of Keller Williams Realty Partners is listing a 5,400-square-foot new construction home at 1775 Elliott St. in Park Ridge. The two-story home was completed in 2010. It holds five bedrooms and five bathrooms. The listing price is \$928,000. The home opens through double doors into a two-story foyer with wainscoting. It's flanked by the formal living room and formal dining room, which both have oak hardwood floors. The dining room also has crown molding. In the island kitchen, there are granite counters, custom 48-inch cabinets and a breakfast bar. Along with stainless steel appliances, it's equipped with under-cabinet lights. Other highlights include a pantry, butler's pantry and built-in wine rack. The kitchen is open to the breakfast room. The first floor also has a study and a fam-

ily room with a wood-burning fireplace. Upstairs, the master bedroom features hardwood floors, crown molding and cove lighting. There are double sinks, a whirlpool tub and separate shower in the master bath. The home's full, finished basement has a carpeted recreation room with a fireplace as well as a second kitchen. Attached to the property are a large wrap-around front porch and a three-car garage.



Style and utility: This spacious kitchen delivers several stylish elements such as a mosaic backsplash, glass-fronted cabinets and a built-in wine rack. The center island features a range and electrical outlets. | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

### ON THE BLOCK

**A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS**  
A two-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 636 Key Largo Drive, Unit 636, in Fox Lake is on the market for \$105,900. Built in 2005, this attached home has a loft and front porch. The master bedroom includes a walk-in closet. The property is within walking distance of the beach. Jorge Trujillo of Coldwell Banker Residential

is the listing agent.

A five-bedroom, 3.5-bath home at 1239 Gail Drive in Buffalo Grove is on the market for \$474,900. This two-story Colonial includes a kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinets and stainless steel appliances. The master suite has a bath and walk-in closet. Bob Krombach of Baird & Warne is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 1.5-bath home at 36 W. Lindsay Drive in Round Lake Beach is on the market for \$159,900. Built in 1992, this single-story home includes granite in the kitchen and baths. Other features are vaulted ceilings, an open layout, covered front porch and a two-car attached garage. Mike Wendricks of Wendricks Real Estate is the listing agent.

— Nathan Spicer

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Gurnee	3.08%	\$190,500	1.91%	314	6
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**TODAY'S HOMES**

**TRANSACTIONS**

Curious about home sales in your neighborhood? Below are some of the homes sold recently for \$150,000 and up. For a complete list of all Chicago area transactions, see "recent sales" at [www.searchchicago.suntimes.com/homes/](http://www.searchchicago.suntimes.com/homes/).

- 40673 N Lake Dr:** Fausto, Ma Christina; \$205,000  
**1280 Sandy Dr:** Palomo, Leo B & Fatima D; \$195,000  
**370 Sequoia Ct:** Coltman, Brian; \$204,000  
**984 White Pine Dr:** Peterson, Clarence O; \$175,000  
**Bannockburn**  
**1800 Hilltop Ln:** Batt, Jordan & Shanna; \$2,000,000  
**Beach Park**  
**39195 N Queensbury Ln:** Pariso, David A & Martinez, Ana Cristina; \$189,000  
**13390 Piccadilly Ct:** Leggett, Robert M & Donna; \$250,000  
**39868 Stonewood Dr:** Criger, Dana S; \$169,000  
**Deerfield**  
**816 Appletree Ln:** Baumann, George H & Constant, Michelle R; \$331,000  
**840 Brand Ln:** Crockford, William Brian & Kimberly S; \$350,000  
**1760 Carol Ct:** Gilliam, Genalyn C & Brent; \$432,000  
**70 Crestview Dr:** Wu, Fang & Zhou, Yun; \$630,000

- 1204 Dartmouth Ln:** Garcia, Sean D & Susan M; \$900,000  
**909 Fountain View Dr:** Riboh, Moise & Dianne; \$410,000  
**1116 Greentree Ave:** Sadoff, Robert David & Stephanie Dawn; \$665,000  
**1414 Greenwood Ave:** Farraj, Anthony & Paula; \$1,190,000  
**1108 Linden Ave:** Rappin, Steven & Jan; \$1,195,000  
**Evanston**  
**2206 Bennett Ave:** Kneezel, Daren S & Heather M; \$461,000  
**1319 Chicago Ave 104:** Young, Bin Zu & Eugene; \$200,000

- 1020 Church St:** Hassani, Gholam H; \$215,000  
**807 Davis St 615:** Petry, Timothy; \$345,000  
**1533 Dempster St:** Viso, Christopher J & Marquez Viso, Lauren; \$230,000  
**1570 Elmwood Ave 1111:** Lo, Stanley Malvin Ming Him; \$441,500  
**2146 Ewing Ave:** Gold Kessler, Robyn E & Daniel; \$546,500  
**888 Forest Ave:** Klein, Anders & Weinberger, Michelle F; \$289,000  
**2312 Forestview Rd:** Seward, William F & Laura T; \$992,500  
**777 Hinman Ave 11:** Brumfiel, Howard V & Elizabeth M; \$185,000  
**3122 Isabella St:** Kaczor, Kim & Pierce, Mary C; \$660,000  
**1208 Judson Ave:** Bezaitis, Andrew & Coyne, Jennifer; \$1,270,000  
**1701 Livingston St:** Baer, Geoffrey & Kohn, Amelia M; \$520,000  
**222 Main St 405:** Cohen, Howard Roy & Judith Schein; \$259,000  
**515 Main St:** Hunt, Patricia Day; \$302,500  
**1640 Maple Ave 904:** Sosa, Tiffany & Amador, Jose Moya; \$260,000  
**1720 Maple Ave 2150:** Costello, Nora C; \$480,000  
**2510 Pioneer Rd:** Bloomfield, Patricia B; \$800,000

- Fox Lake**  
**1231 Shagbark Ct:** Wilken, Robert E & Diane L; \$154,000  
**Glencoe**  
**27 Crescent Dr:** Mcshane, David & Jane; \$575,000  
**43 Park Ln:** Mcpherson, Gavin & Katherine A; \$743,500  
**Grayslake**  
**1441 Indian Grass Ln:** White, William S & Elizabeth; \$315,000  
**32991 N Battershall Rd:** Karol, Chad L & Jessica I; \$184,500  
**32781 N Forest Dr:** Durand, Anthony J & Jennifer M; \$185,000  
**769 Oakmeadow Ct:** Adefuye, Adedeji; \$295,000  
**464 Wood Duck Ct:** Mendez, Ignacio; \$239,000  
**1341 Woodside Ct:** Schmeling, Ryan L & Schrader, Lucinda M; \$225,000

- Gurnee**  
**665 Angelo Ave:** Comerford, William R & Pamela; \$327,500  
**742 Cohasset Ct:** Cox, Patrick A & Wilson, Amanda L; \$550,000  
**685 Creekside Cir:** Keppler, Robert; \$180,000  
**6162 Crossland Blvd:** Saleh, Samer & Errin S; \$296,000  
**6143 Indian Trail Rd:** Margeson, Neil S & Amy T; \$236,000  
**2216 Monument Ct:** Mareskas, Denise E; \$377,500  
**5245 Notting Hill Rd:** Lies, Michael J & Christine M; \$538,000

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- 5032 Prairie Oak Rd:** Wilson, Tobias J & Keyatta A; \$186,000  
**4560 Providence Rd:** Stechl, David L; \$252,000  
**Highland Park**  
**540 Bellevue Pl:** Payne, Steven & April; \$270,000  
**3521 Bradley Ct:** Nega, Todd & Hanson, Britt; \$1,080,000  
**559 Braeside Rd:** Taub, Marci A & Jonathan S; \$660,000  
**501 Burton Ave:** Kee, Justin & Rosenthal, Kimberly; \$750,000  
**1473 Calais Cir:** Taveras, Carlos M & Salguero, Bibiana M; \$184,000  
**1780 Clavey Rd:** Bernsen, Jill M; \$200,000  
**707 County Line Rd:** Kolev, Atanas I & Nakhlis, Vlada; \$440,000  
**726 Exmoor Oaks Dr:** Millsbaugh, James C & Cynthia H; \$432,000  
**2684 Logan St:** Craig, Jennifer L; \$215,000  
**233 Park Ave:** Hemphill, Donna J; \$450,000  
**826 Pleasant Ave:** Hargrove, James & Surpin, Marci A; \$320,000  
**2620 Roslyn Cir:** Shifrin, Aaron L & Charl R; \$499,000  
**750 Sumac Rd:** Nissen, Sheldon & Deanne; \$427,500  
**980 Villas Ct:** Friman, Marvin & Marilyn; \$585,000  
**2385 Woodpath Ln:** Sharfman, Howard; \$515,000  
**Highwood**  
**3 Rienzi Ln 3:** Smith Iii, Henry B & Smith, Sally; \$385,000  
**Ingleside**  
**25350 W Rockford St:** Pelissero, John P & Paula S; \$275,000  
**Lake Bluff**  
**320 Belle Forest Dr:** Torcivia, Linda; \$875,000  
**134 E Center Ave:** Williams, Chris & Rosanne; \$1,425,000  
**506 Sunrise Ave:** Schmucker, Brian; \$1,100,000  
**315 Sylvan Rd:** Wurster Jr, Thomas E & Wurster, Tracy L; \$777,000  
**Lake Forest**  
**871 Carroll Rd:** Wan, Minxue & Zheng, Xiaofeng; \$600,000  
**153 E Laurel Ave 301:** Ueberwasser, Karen; \$275,000  
**41 E North Ave:** Hollingsworth, Robert C & Karene S; \$200,000  
**1106 Waverly Dr:** Johnson, Gary & Winton, Leslie; \$205,000  
**Libertyville**  
**1420 Allyson Ct:** Schinler, Kirsten A; \$525,000  
**524 Broadway St:** Miller, Kirk; \$317,500  
**1216 Canterbury Cir:** Amyot, Vincent J & Tansley, Janine L; \$760,000  
**1409 Castleton Rd:** Speer, Ryan D & Stacy A; \$510,000  
**1000 Dawes St:** Wasser, Burton Kent & Rogers, Eleanor J; \$365,000  
**764 E Sunnyside Ave:** Zhang, Ke & Wang, Ying; \$674,000  
**1020 Fairlawn Ave:** Hannan, Matthew R; \$255,000  
**777 Meadow Ln:** Legg, Jamie S & Livia; \$660,000  
**1529 Nathan Ln:** Millar, Duncan & Kimberly; \$550,000  
**1101 New Castle Dr:** Zinkewich, Michael A & Jennifer; \$682,000  
**605 Paradise Ln:** Behm, Jonathan L & Margaret B; \$625,000  
**210 Prairie Ave:** Lazzaretto, Christopher R; \$185,000  
**1878 S Waxwing Ln:** Strons, Lisa; \$402,500  
**714 Sedgwick Dr:** Swalley, Stephen F & Menheer Swalley, Stacey; \$445,000  
**1885 Torrey Pkwy:** Uding, Patrick J & Kimberly; \$237,000  
**5283 W River Bend Dr:** Marsh, Eric & Lena; \$935,000  
**14840 W Rockland Rd:** Emmerich Sr, Daniel P; \$265,000  
**1686 Young Dr:** Komisarek, Daniel & Maria E; \$473,000  
**Lincolnshire**  
**211 Rivershire Ln 304:** Wasserman, Carl & Joann; \$252,500  
**803 Suffield Sq:** Kheradiya, Tejas & Vedika; \$285,500  
**400 Village Grn 102:** Schwarz, Dolores; \$512,000  
**Lindenhurst**  
**2799 Constitution Dr:** Horstein, Charles E; \$245,000  
**2252 High Point Dr:** Raffone, Pete & Jennifer; \$320,000  
**413 Merganser Ct:** Popp, Robert W & Denise M; \$255,000  
**Morton Grove**  
**5635 Church St:** Scherba, Igor & Inna; \$285,000

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**Giddings tapped to manage @properties' Lincoln Park office**

Chicago real estate firm @properties pulled from within its ranks in hiring a new manager to oversee a large real estate office in Northern Illinois, naming Larry Giddings vice president of brokerage services for the firm's Lincoln Park office. Giddings, a 35-year veteran of residential real estate brokerage, joined @properties in 2001 as the firm's 33rd agent. He was one of the first 10 agents in @properties' history to receive the company's Road to Rolex sales award for achieving at least \$10 million in annual sales volume. Now he moves from sales to management, taking the helm at the top real estate office in northern Illinois. @properties' Lincoln Park office has generated more than \$360 million in closed transaction volume, year-to-date, according to BrokerMetrics, which collects data from the multiple listing service. The firm has been No. 1 in market share in the city of Chicago for the past two years. "We considered a lot of candidates for this position. Then we started talking to

Larry, and it was such a natural fit. Larry not only has an incredible depth of experience; he also is among the most genuine and well-liked people in our industry," said Thaddeus Wong, co-founder of @properties. "To have someone who is familiar with our organization and culture is a huge plus for us and for our agents," added Michael Golden, co-founder of @properties. "Larry will step right into his new role and help our company continue to grow and prosper." Outside of real estate, Giddings is involved in numerous civic and charitable causes. He is a board member for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, a member of the Wicker Park & Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, and a volunteer for the Blind Service Association, Lyric Opera, Chicago Shakespeare Theater and @properties Friends and Neighbors Community Fund. He is a recent recipient of the Lori Kaufman Volunteer of the Year award from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.



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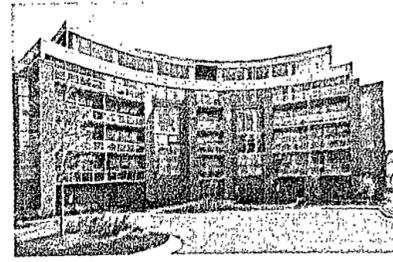
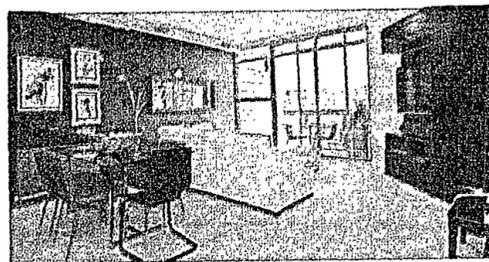
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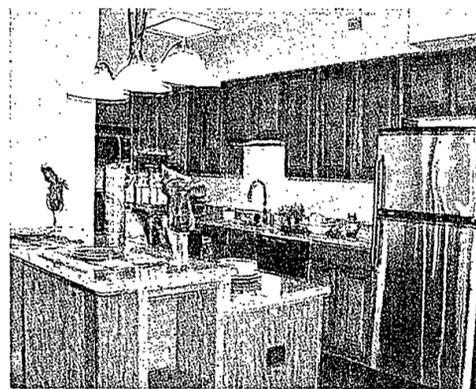
# Heritage of Palatine offers rent-to-buy program

Renters can become homeowners with a new rent-with-option-to-buy program at The Heritage of Palatine, a condominium development at 50 South Greeley Street in downtown northwest suburban Palatine.

According to Katie Campbell, sales manager, R. Franczak & Associates is offering the new rent-to-buy program on the four remaining builder models at the community.

"This is an ideal program for first-time buyers who are yearning to buy a luxury condominium, but are short on down payment cash because of the economy," said Campbell. "These condominiums feature top-of-the-line appliances and upgraded finishes. Renters looking to own a home should come and preview these spectacular units."

The four decorated model



Better for the chef: Upgrades to the kitchen of the Geneva model are dual-height island and granite countertops. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

homes offer two-bedroom and two-bedroom-plus-den floor plans with custom cabinets, granite tops, wood floors, stainless steel appliances, large master suites and an abundance of closet space.

"Rent for the two-bedroom

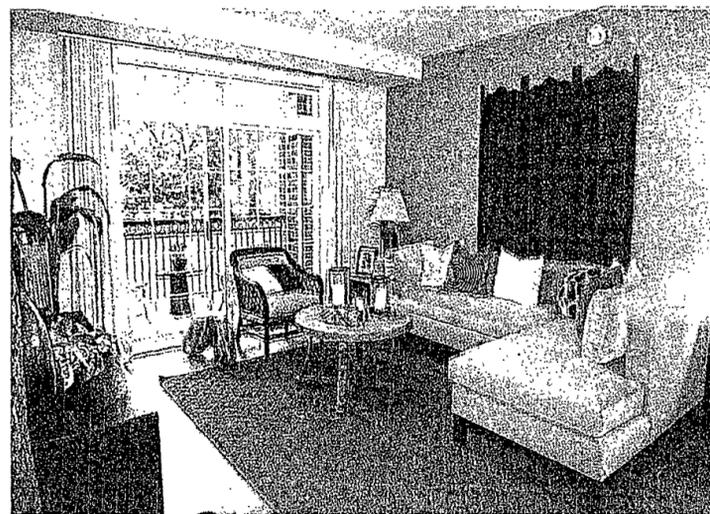
plans is \$1,850 a month and the two-bedroom-plus-den rent for \$1,950 a month," said Campbell. "If renters sign up for the rent-to-buy plan, \$500 of the monthly rent will be escrowed to go towards purchasing the condominium at the end of the lease."

"Our rent-to-buy program helps prospective condo buyers save \$6,000 in down payment cash while they reside in a luxury condominium for a year and effectively pay between \$1,350 and \$1,450 a month in actual rent," said Campbell.

Here are the details on the four designer models available for rent Oct. 1:

- A professionally-decorated Colfax, Residence 407, is being offered at \$1,850 a month. The two-bedroom, two-bath home features a dramatic entry with views of the kitchen with breakfast bar and great room with access to the balcony. The 1,515-square-foot, split-bedroom model offers Saddle Birch cabinetry and peninsula/island, upgraded granite countertops in kitchen and baths, hardwood flooring throughout kitchen and living area, and upgraded tile in the baths.

- A second decorated Colfax model offers 1,515 square feet of living space. Residence 215 is a split-bedroom plan featuring a kitchen and great room with access to the balcony. This Colfax model rents for \$1,850 a month. Residence 215 is the "eco-chic" model designed with many "green" products such as sustainable, organic, recycled, and reclaimed materials, Energy Star and low VOC paints. Some of these include bamboo wood floors, green-guard recyclable wall paper and shelves made of reclaimed railroad ties.



Open air: The living room of the Heritage model has direct access to a balcony. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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■ The Thoreau is Residence 311 offers 1,456 square feet. The two-bedroom, two-bath model features a kitchen with cook-top island peninsula and built in double oven. The kitchen opens to the dining room and living room with access to a balcony. Upgrades include Java Glazed Maple cabinetry, granite counter tops in kitchen and baths, and black cherry wood flooring throughout the kitchen and living areas. The Thoreau rents for \$1,850 a month.

- The Geneva model, Residence 409, is a two-bedroom-plus-den, two-bath penthouse with 1,518 square feet. A split-bedroom plan, the Geneva features a kitchen with a dual-height island and great room with access to the balcony. A private office with French doors and full laundry room complete this home. Additional turn-key appointments are upgraded raised-panel Saddle Birch cabinetry with dual-height island, granite countertops in kitchen and baths, and black cherry wood flooring throughout kitchen and living areas. The Geneva rents for \$1,950 a month.

Each condominium includes a balcony, 9-foot ceilings, stainless-steel appliances, wood floor and granite countertops, oak trim and doors or six-panel Colonial doors and trim. Indoor heated parking and storage are also included. Prices to purchase a new luxury condominium start as low as \$249,900 and include a full warranty.

paint colors which was really nice, too." "Our condo has a west view overlooking the park," she said. "It's almost like we have our own yard."

According to Campbell, because of the rent-to-buy program a renter would be living in one of these luxury condominiums and by next year they would have already saved \$6,000 for a down payment and would be well on their way to home ownership.

The Butlers also really like living in the Franczak condominium environment, as well as the community and the downtown Palatine location.

"We really wanted to be in downtown Palatine," said Butler. "There is a great sense of community here and our parents live here and we grew up in Palatine."

"Everything is within walking distance, the Metra train station, shopping, restaurants, churches, schools, parks and park district facilities," said Campbell.

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

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- 7816 Lima Ave: Greenberger, Merrill H & Barbara; \$250,000
- 7825 Linder Ave: Munoz, Martin & Elizabeth; \$187,500
- 9244 Mango Ave: Guelev, Anastas A & Gueleva, Daniela A; \$165,000
- 9447 Overhill Ave: Rodman, Colin & Ying; \$255,500
- 202 Prairie Ct: Bai, Hua; \$305,000
- 8610 Prairie St: Zalwango, Mastura; \$286,000
- 9511 Shermer Rd: Badr, Faizan; \$185,000
- 6346 N Harlem Ave: San Ramon, Maria T; \$192,000
- 8439 N Shuma Rd: Shimshon, George & Nora; \$231,000
- 7091 W Birchwood Ave: Davydov, Anna; \$185,000
- 7023 W Greenleaf St: Abbas, Ahmed D; \$168,000
- 7209 W Lee St: Jillo, Loris I & Dafid, Han; \$215,000
- 7081 W Touhy Ave 604: Moon, Soon J; \$180,000

### Mundelein

- 833 Handley Ct: James, Audrey; \$150,000
- 27528 La Vista Dr: Schutte, Jeffrey A; \$485,000
- 28670 N Sky Crest Dr: Capparelli, Louis J & Deborah; \$685,000
- 3806 Ogden Ln: Isberg, Charles I & Norma C; \$448,500
- 1679 Templeton Ct: Weeden, Jacqueline A; \$165,000

### Niles

- 8332 N Caldwell Ave: Beckett, Vir-

- 2637 Greenwood Rd: Wang, Jia & Liu, Donna; \$488,000
- 1792 Lancaster Way: Hendricks, Timothy C & Stacey J; \$435,000
- 2812 Manor Dr: Feinstein, Donald E & Amy J; \$574,000
- 3857 N Parkway Dr 3C: Wu, Xin & Zhang, Rui; \$66,000
- 1672 Prairie Ave: Chang, Lynn & Eastep, Brandon; \$265,000
- 2730 Quail Ln: Szmilowicz, Eytan & Emily D; \$505,000
- 908 Wildwood Ln: Stiff, Lori A; \$663,000

### Riverwoods

- 3132 Whigham Rd: Oxley, L Thomas; \$350,000

### Round Lake

- 373 Haywood Cir: Corbett, Jason M; \$155,000
- 717 S Parkside Dr: Regalado, Victor P & Adriana; \$150,000
- 270 W Arden Ln: Lavte, Pawan; \$200,000
- 469 W Dalton Dr: Hawley, Ryan & Wendy; \$155,000

### Skokie

- 8106 Kilbourn Ave: Ren, Xing Quan

- & Zhao, Yawei; \$230,000
- 8620 Le Claire Ave: Crews, Ryan T & Fedorchuk, Vanessa T; \$295,000
- 8437 Saint Louis Ave: Haylom, Yig-zaw & Afsaw, Dinknesh G; \$230,000

### Vernon Hills

- 422 Bay Tree Cir: Romero, Michael A & Diana K; \$284,500
- 178 Brook Ln: Carmona, Anastacia & Doorn, Kathy; \$155,000
- 258 Colonial Dr: Shah, Manish & Bhairavi; \$526,000
- 99 E Depot St: Ledezma, Orlando & Lucy; \$490,000
- 271 Hunter Ct: Rodewald, Matthew S & Miller, Lindy J; \$311,500
- 96 N Royal Oak Dr: Dejesus, Ronald & Nimfa; \$317,000
- 1659 Pebble Beach Way: Wilson, Martin D & Diane R; \$670,000
- 686 Williams Way: Smith, Kyle & Barbara M; \$366,000

### Volo

- 1206 Bellows Way: Whiteside, Latonya L; \$195,500
- 179 Cannon Rd: Knapp, Jeffrey; \$213,500
- 803 Chopin Pl: Doyle II, John Patrick

- & Doyle, Karen M; \$200,000
- 933 Galena Dr: Nagorzanski, Greg M; \$215,000
- 363 Purcell Rd: Pearson Jr, Willard L & Pearson, Cynthia J; \$236,000
- 1386 Remington Dr 240 4: Young, Dever; \$178,000

### Wadsworth

- 3311 Midlane Dr: Estell, Shannon B & Julie D; \$207,000

### Waukegan

- 4824 Crest Ct: Johnson, Virginia H; \$156,000

### Wilmette

- 1019 13th St: leuter, Christine S & leuter II, William C; \$1,060,000
- 1107 Greenleaf Ave 4F: Boucher, Maria & Evdokia; \$277,500
- 408 Greenleaf Ave: Gaseor, Meghan P; \$186,000
- 3860 Lake Ave: Wright, Willard; \$325,000
- 714 Linden Ave: Spain, Patrick J & Bauer, Kathryn M; \$1,468,000
- 3134 Wilmette Ave: Lepley, Michael P & Karryn L; \$375,000

### Winnetka

- 1310 Asbury Ave: Gold, Eric H & Carl L; \$740,000
- 864 Burr Ave: Bolling, Thomas N & Schipsi, Lauren R; \$835,000
- 185 Fuller Ln: Chase, Bruce A & Markopolou, Aikaterini; \$795,000
- 436 Linden St: Young, Todd S & Jennifer G; \$1,150,000
- 693 Sheridan Rd: Fotsch, Donald J & Kate J; \$2,680,000
- 1570 Tower Rd: Lintner, Brian & Katherine; \$610,000

### Zion

- 3912 Foxglove Dr: Anilao Jr, Gregorio Y; \$165,000

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# Builder Showcase Directory

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**Antioch**  
Newport Cove  
New American Homes, Inc.  
Single-family homes in lakefront community \$290,000 to \$1 million plus  
40492 Newport Drive, Antioch, IL 60002  
847.726.2727 • [www.newport-cove.com](http://www.newport-cove.com) and [www.newportcoveonline.blogspot.com](http://www.newportcoveonline.blogspot.com)  
Newport Cove. You don't just buy a house. You buy a lifestyle. 42 acres waterfront. 67 custom upscale homes. Decorated models. Lakefront park. Private marina.

**Arlington Heights**  
Arlington Reserve  
Lennar  
Rowhomes • \$269,990 - \$274,990  
2228 Crambourne Way / Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
877-276-2299 • [www.Lennar.com](http://www.Lennar.com)  
The Final Countdown with only 5 homes remaining! A lavish multi-family new home community, located on Algonquin Road 1/4 mile west of Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights. Enjoy walking paths, private roads and a community pond. Less than 3 miles from the Metra Train Station. Boasting over 2,000 square feet, 3 floor plans, 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, 2-car garage and finished lower levels. Live here, play everywhere!

**Belvidere**  
Four Seasons - Dream Homes  
Four Seasons  
1000 Chrysler Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008  
Single-Family  
\$69,900 - \$106,900  
888-373-2604 • [www.fourseasonsdreamhomes.com](http://www.fourseasonsdreamhomes.com)  
Four Seasons is a beautifully landscaped, meticulously maintained community featuring boulevards, pool complex, green areas and sidewalks on curving tree lined streets. Friendly residents still practice old-fashioned neighborliness! Residents enjoy community dinners, coffee hours, game nights and day trips. Shopping, restaurants and medical facilities are within walking distance.

**Bridgeway**  
Bridgeway Place  
Lennar  
Ranch Villas • \$149,990 - \$219,990  
Townhomes • \$184,990 - \$224,990  
7519 D Claridge Drive / Bridgeway, IL 60455  
888-592-0167 • [www.Lennar.com](http://www.Lennar.com)  
Introducing Lennar's Everything's Included Homes to Bridgeway! Located in Cook County, Bridgeway Place is just 1.37 miles from the Metra Train Station for an easy commute to downtown Chicago. Additionally, I-55, I-294 and Midway Airport are conveniently close. Spanish and Polish speaking New Home Consultants are available. Háblamos Español. Mowimy po polsku.

**Chicago**  
900 Tower, LLC, an affiliate of JMB Realty Corporation  
The Residences At 900  
900 North Michigan Avenue  
Luxury condos from \$2.33 Million  
(312) 915-1900 • [www.theresidencesat900.com](http://www.theresidencesat900.com)  
One distinctive building, only a few exceptional homes remain. Gracious two- and three-bedroom floor plans are available and feature exceptional finishes, gourmet kitchens, lavish master baths, sweeping city views and a private rooftop garden. Then, add a variety of dining, fitness, and shopping options under the same roof.

**Library Tower**  
Lennar  
Condominiums • \$399,990 - \$463,990  
520 S. State Street #1722 / Chicago, IL 60605  
877-867-7753 • [www.LibraryTower.com](http://www.LibraryTower.com)  
The Final Countdown with only 3 homes remaining! Library Tower has an amazing location in the South Loop at the corner of State Street and Congress.

Situated across the street from the Harold Washington Library, just off the El. Amenities include 24-Hour Doorman, Fitness Center, Business Center, Residential Movie Theater Room, Hospitality Room, Roof-Top Deck, Landscaped Park, Common Area, Maintenance & Insurance, Water, and Trash Removal. FHA approved.  
**The Columbian**  
1160 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605  
Condo  
One bedrooms from \$299,900, two bedrooms from \$399,900, three bedrooms from \$699,900, penthouses from \$799,900  
312-341-0000 • [TheColumbianChicago.com](http://TheColumbianChicago.com)  
Homes at The Columbian showcase nine-foot windows with gorgeous park and city views. Luxurious interiors include granite countertops and designer wood cabinets, plus oversized walk-in closets, spa-style baths and private terraces. World-class amenities include a lavish clubroom and a state-of-the-art fitness center. All this located at the foot of Grant Park.

**The Park Monroe**  
65 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603  
Condo  
One bedrooms starting at \$299,500, two bedrooms starting at \$649,500. Large three-bedroom residences and two-story penthouses also available  
312-855-0550 • [ParkMonroe.com](http://ParkMonroe.com)  
The Park Monroe stands at the foot of Millennium Park. With homes beginning on the 42nd floor, all have magnificent views from floor-to-ceiling windows, plus spacious rooms and excellent finishes. The amenity package is second to none with views to match, including a terrace, pool, spa and so much more.  
**Mesa Development**  
The Legacy at Millennium Park  
60 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603  
Condo  
One bedrooms from the mid \$300,000s, two bedrooms from the low \$600,000s, three bedrooms from \$1.1 million, penthouses also available  
312-252-0060 • [TheLegacyatMillenniumPark.com](http://TheLegacyatMillenniumPark.com)  
The Legacy's blue-glass tower overlooks Millennium Park providing incredible views in a location perfectly situated to take advantage of all the city has to offer. Homes feature high-level finishes and the amenities, including an indoor pool and two sky garden lounges for entertaining on the 42nd and 60th floors, are incomparable.

**6 NM Development, Inc.**  
Six North Michigan  
6 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60602  
Condo  
One-Bedroom Residences from \$319,900, Two-Bedroom Residences from \$674,900, Three-Bedroom Residences and Penthouses from \$1,049,900  
312-782-0500 • [SixNorthMichigan.com](http://SixNorthMichigan.com)  
Six North Michigan is a boutique building, historic on the outside and modern and chic inside, with views of Millennium Park and the lake plus the best culture of the city just steps away. With 85% sold, only a few homes remain.  
**200 N. Dearborn Private Residences**  
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Condominiums \$200,000 - \$1.5 Million  
312 595 4610 (Sales Manager) • [www.200ndearborn.com](http://www.200ndearborn.com)  
Conversion of 47 Story, 309 apartment building in loop Theater District. Penthouse Floor Top floor with outdoor deck and spectacular views. Amenities include: -indoor pool, outdoor terrace with BBQs, Workout center, 24-hour security  
Upgrades include: Marble floors, Stainless steel appliances, New countertops, Connection to Pedway, CTA, retail shops and restaurants.  
**474 North Lake Shore Drive**

**Chicago Ridge**  
Kerry Ridge  
Lennar  
Townhomes • \$169,990 - \$209,990  
6354 Birmingham Street / Chicago Ridge, IL 60415  
877-217-4846 • [www.Lennar.com](http://www.Lennar.com)  
Introducing Lennar's Everything's Included Homes to Chicago Ridge! Kerry Ridge features four distinct floor plans - ranging from 1,525 to 1,793 square feet, 2 and 3 bedrooms, 1.5 and 2.5 baths, finished lower levels and 2-car garages. Chicago Ridge is part of Cook County, and just 15 miles southwest of the Loop in downtown Chicago. Kerry Ridge is centrally located minutes from everything

**Downers Grove**  
Acadia on the Green  
New England Homes LLC  
Condominium  
\$293,900-\$435,900  
935 Burlington Avenue  
630-963-5300 • [www.nehinc.com](http://www.nehinc.com)  
**Elgin**  
Edgewater by Del Webb  
Single family homes starting in the low \$190s  
2550 Edgewater Drive, Elgin, IL 60124  
(847) 697-8230 • [www.delwebb.com/edgewater](http://www.delwebb.com/edgewater)  
New Homes and Lifestyle Starting in the low \$190s. Fourteen floorplans to choose from ranging from 1,197 to 2,833 square feet. Love Life to the Fullest At Edgewater by Del Webb!

**Bowes Creek Country Club**  
Toll Brothers  
Active-Adult Homes  
Single-family ranch homes from the mid-\$200,000s  
Ranch townhomes from the upper \$100,000s  
3841 Valhalla Drive, Elgin IL 60124  
847-695-0005 • [www.bowescreekcountryclub.com](http://www.bowescreekcountryclub.com)  
The Active-Adult Collections at Bowes Creek Country Club provide a private, gated community reserved for those 55 and better. This community offers homeowners a perfect blend of lifestyle and luxury!

**Evanston**  
The Bluewater Group, Inc.  
Grand Bend  
1228 Emerson Street, Evanston, IL 60201  
Condominiums  
\$174,900 - \$559,900  
**474 North Lake Shore Drive**

**474 North Lake Shore Drive**, Chicago, IL 60611  
Condo  
One bedrooms from \$249,900, two bedrooms from \$429,900, three bedrooms from \$549,900  
312-245-7200 • [474LSDCondo.com](http://474LSDCondo.com)  
474 North Lake Shore Drive features incredible views of the lake and skyline, a location steps from all the best of the city and amenities including a full-size indoor pool, fitness center and hospitality room with large sundeck, plus the ability to customize your finishes and an additional \$40,000 to \$100,000 off now.

**105th & Vincennes Builders and Developers, LLC**  
The Homes Located At Beverly Ridge  
10510 S. Marlin St. (105th & Vincennes) Single-family Homes  
\$195,000 - \$293,000  
312-927-4806 • [www.beverlyridgechicago.com](http://www.beverlyridgechicago.com)  
The Homes Located at Beverly Ridge offer new construction single-family homes at affordable prices within Chicago city limits. Starting at just \$195,000, these homes include spacious living areas, upscale finishes and a convenient location close to Metra and expressways. For more information, visit [www.beverlyridgechicago.com](http://www.beverlyridgechicago.com).

**Hawthorn Woods**  
Hawthorn Woods Country Club  
Toll Brothers  
Townhomes and Single-Family Homes  
From the upper \$300,000s  
4 Turnbull Court, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047  
847-847-7048 • [www.hawthornwoodscountryclub.com](http://www.hawthornwoodscountryclub.com)  
Surrendered by a prestigious Arnold Palmer 18-hole golf course, Hawthorn Woods Country Club Hawthorn Woods Country Club is designed to please every home buyer. Indulge in our fantastic amenities. Golf course home sites available!

**Hinsdale**  
The Hamptons of Hinsdale  
Next Generation Development, LLC  
5715 Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521  
Condos, Townhomes  
\$290,000-\$750,000  
630-384-6480 • [www.nxtgendev.com](http://www.nxtgendev.com)  
Nestled within the highly regarded Village of Hinsdale, The Hamptons of Hinsdale features elegantly landscaped grounds, impressive single-style architecture, a tranquil pond, a park setting with gazebos, a maintenance-free lifestyle, close proximity to shopping and dining and a short 1/2 mile from Hinsdale Central High School.

**Homer Glen**  
Gallagher and Henry  
Kingston Hills  
15037 Ivy Court  
Townhomes • low to mid \$200,000s Single Family from \$364,200  
(708) 301-1999 • [www.gallagherandhenry.com](http://www.gallagherandhenry.com)  
Kingston Hills single-family buyers may choose from several models, including ranches and two-story homes. All home plans can be tailored to fit an individual homeowner's needs and desires. Also available are four modern townhome models, where two-story designs and unique elements distinguish each plan. Gallagher and Henry Goodings Grove  
14100 Sheffield Drive  
Condominiums • low \$200,000s Single Family from \$364,200  
(708) 301-9790 • [www.gallagherandhenry.com](http://www.gallagherandhenry.com)  
Character and class blanket Gallagher and Henry's award-winning home design at Goodings Grove. Modern floor plans meet the veteran homebuilder's long-standing reputation for quality construction to create a community bustling with pride of ownership and spirit. Spacious and luxurious condominium residences offer a spectacular retreat from the norm.

**Lincolnshire**  
Weiss Development  
Lincolnshire Place  
400 Village Green  
Luxury condos  
\$359,000 - \$789,000  
847 276-2670 • [LincolnshirePlace.com](http://LincolnshirePlace.com)  
Luxurious spacious 2 and 3 br. condos and penthouses live like single family homes and are packed with upgrades and amenities at Lincolnshire Place, a condominium community along the scenic Village Green in Lincolnshire.

**Libertyville**  
The Enclave at the Merit Club  
Merit Homes  
Single Family  
\$495,500-\$625,000  
1720 Tall Pine Way, Libertyville, IL 847-680-0090 • [www.merithomes.net](http://www.merithomes.net)  
Downsize into luxury 1900-2900 sq. ft. Model Home Hrs: Fri-Mon 10-5, closed Tues/Thurs. Call 847-680-0090 or visit [www.merithomes.net](http://www.merithomes.net).

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YORKBROOK CONDOMINIUMS  
HARTZ CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.  
CONDOMINIUM  
\$185,500-\$195,500  
2030 ST. REGIS DRIVE  
630-228-3421 • [WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM](http://WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM)  
Just north of 22nd Street on Northlake Road: 1/2 mile east of Highland Ave.  
Models open Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-5, or by appt. Elevator amenities with indoor parking and storage. Amenities include outdoor swimming pool and minutes to major roadways, including Interstates 294, 88, 355 and 290. Yorktown Center just a short walk. Only 8 available units.

**Lagport**  
LACO VISTA  
HARTZ CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.  
SINGLE FAMILY and TOWNHOMES  
\$199,900-\$230,900  
16722 Placid Ct.  
815-328-3000 • [WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM](http://WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM)  
Located 2 bks west of Farrell Rd. on Division St. (167th street) Models open Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-5, or by appt. This is an Active Adult gated Community with an 18,000 square foot Clubhouse, 2 Pools, fitness room, Library, and Salon. New pricing on homes and leave your yard maintenance behind. Come make friends and be part of this community!

**Lemont**  
Gallagher and Henry  
Covington Knolls  
4 Overton Court  
Single Family • from \$384,400  
(630) 243-0900 • [www.gallagherandhenry.com](http://www.gallagherandhenry.com)  
Set against the backdrop of historic Lemont, Covington Knolls offers several single-family home plans, affording the community a varied, discerning appearance. Ranches and two-story homes pepper the Covington Knolls landscape, each home as individual as the family inside and all enjoying Gallagher and Henry's renowned homebuilding reputation

**Manchester Cove**  
HARTZ CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.  
TOWNHOMES  
\$205,900-\$249,900  
19210 S. 104TH AVENUE  
708-478-6912 • [WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM](http://WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM)  
On 191st Street between LaGrange and Wolf Roads Models open Sat 10-5, Sun 11-5, or by appt. All brick maintenance free townhomes, 2 Bed/2 Bath w/hull bsmt. 9' ceilings; all appliances including Washer & Dryer. Minutes from train station and Interstate 80.

**Monee**  
Equity Lifestyle Properties  
Golf Vista Estates  
4951 Augusta Blvd, Monee, IL 60449  
Manufactured • \$50,000 - \$80,000  
708-534-1110 • [www.golfovistagolfclub.com](http://www.golfovistagolfclub.com)  
Golf Vista Estates is the Southland's Premier Senior Living Community. Manufactured homes line a superb 9-hole executive golf course. Several sites still available. Standard homes are 3 bedroom with 2 bath. Garages and decking upgrades available.

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Trafalgar Woods  
Lennar  
Townhomes • \$299,990 - \$319,990  
8628 Prairie Street / Morton Grove, IL 60053  
866-530-3078 • [www.Lennar.com](http://www.Lennar.com)  
Trafalgar Woods is in-town living at its best in one of the most sought after cities in the Chicago area. Conveniently close to downtown Chicago. Just 1.3 miles from the Metra Train Station. Homes boast over 1,700 sq. ft., with a choice of 2 and 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and a 2-car garage.

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The Crossings at Morton Grove  
Toll Brothers  
Rowhomes  
From the low \$300,000s  
6337 Hennings Court, Morton Grove IL, 60053  
847-581-0888 • [www.crossingsatmortongrove.com](http://www.crossingsatmortongrove.com)  
The Crossings at Morton Grove offers spacious row home designs, unique architecture, and luxury features to satisfy the most discerning home buyer. The perfect blend of luxury, location and lifestyle!

**New Lenox**  
HIBERNIA  
HARTZ CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.  
SINGLE FAMILY • \$249,900-\$379,900  
869 O'CONNELL STREET  
815-462-1210 • [WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM](http://WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM)  
Rte 30/Lincoln Hwy to Spencer Rd (4 miles W of LaGrange) and go south 1 mile to models.  
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**Single Family Homes • \$174,990 - \$224,990**  
8226 Woodview Avenue / Joliet, IL 60431  
877-202-9059 • [www.Lennar.com](http://www.Lennar.com)  
A master-planned community with a 3,700 square foot private community clubhouse featuring a library, club room with kitchen, fitness center and two swimming pools. Served by the exceptional schools of Plainfield District 202 and commuting convenience via I-80 and I-55. Two Metra lines provide service to Chicago. Joliet has a lot to offer.

**Patrol Commons at The Glen**  
Toll Brothers  
Condominiums from the upper \$200,000s  
Townhomes from the mid-\$400,000s  
1600 Patriot Blvd. Glenview, IL 60026  
847-998-0400 • [www.patriotcommonsatheglen.com](http://www.patriotcommonsatheglen.com)  
Walkable living. Exceptional, luxurious residences. Easy access to the Metra. Visit Patriot Commons at The Glen today! Limited homes available for quick delivery!

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19210 S. 104TH AVENUE  
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beautiful models to choose from. Amenities include on-site park w/boat rentals & children's splash pad for summer fun. New Lenox  
Grade schools District 122 and High school District 210.  
**LARAWAY RIDGE and HEATHER GLEN**  
P.D. HARTZ CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.  
SINGLE FAMILY  
Low \$200's • 2024 CARDINAL DRIVE or 2275 SCOTSDALE  
815-907-5303 • [WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM](http://WWW.HARTZHOMES.COM)  
Rt 30/Lincoln Hwy to Wolf Rd, South to Laraway Rd. West 1.5 miles to Heather Glen models. Travel an additional 2.5 miles to Laraway Ridge Models. Models open Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-5, or by appt. Heather Glen offers 3 new Model Homes to open August 27, 2011. Homes offer 4 bedrooms, basements, 2 car garages and first floor brick. Some sites back up to water. Laraway Ridge is building out the final phase, and offers an on site school with some Models For SALE and quick deliveries.  
**SANCTUARY POINTE**  
P.D. HARTZ CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.  
SINGLE-FAMILY  
\$219,900-\$267,900 • 475 SUPERIOR CIRCLE  
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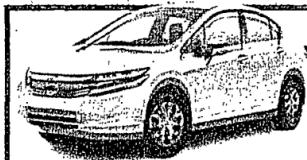
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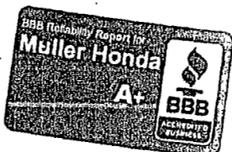


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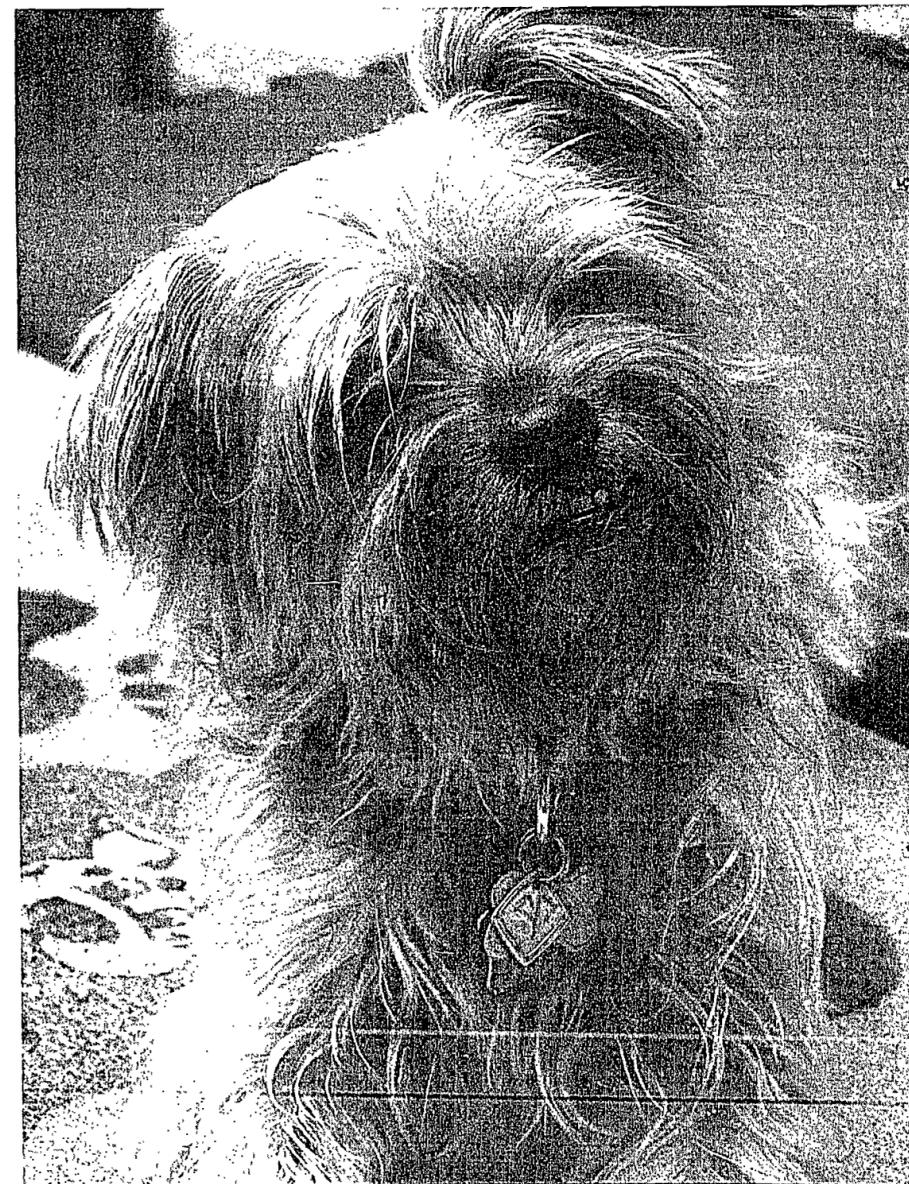


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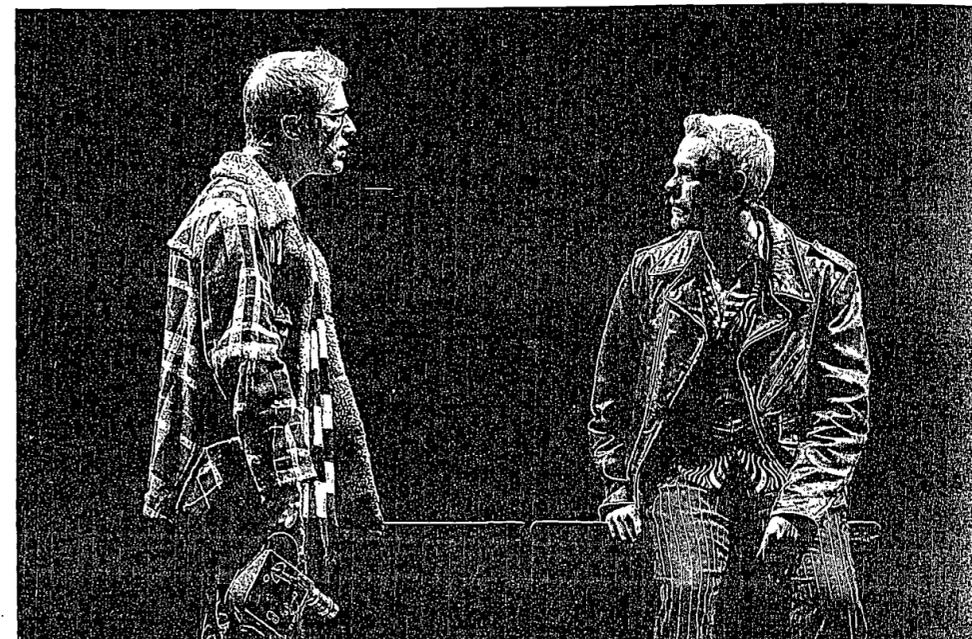
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**North Shore Center for the Performing Arts**, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www.northshorecenter.org. (847) 673-6300. Nov. 15, 8 p.m.: Joan Rivers. \$68-\$75.

**Skokie Theatre**, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Oct. 7, 8:30 p.m.: Edge Comedy Club. \$15 at the door.

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various pieces. The park is handicapped accessible but the tours require walking between the sculptures, so people who have difficulty are encouraged to bring a wheelchair and someone to push it. All tours begin promptly at 1 p.m. No reservations are required. For information, visit www.sculpturepark.org or call (847) 679-4265. Upcoming tours include Oct. 23: Section IV.

**ET CETERA**

**North Shore Center for the Performing Arts**, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. Nov. 4, 8 p.m.: "Handicap This!", a stage show that raises awareness about people born with severe physical handicaps. \$25.

**Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater**, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Oct. 13, 7 p.m.: "Tragedy to Triumph: The Story of Artemisia" will be performed by Chicago singer/songwriter Linda Smith, who will combine original music, narration and video projections of the artist Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1652). Free.

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(847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Oct. 16, 7 p.m.: "Mind vs. Magic: Mind Reading and Beyond ..." presented by Scott Xavier. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

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**Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through Jan. 15, 2012: "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946."

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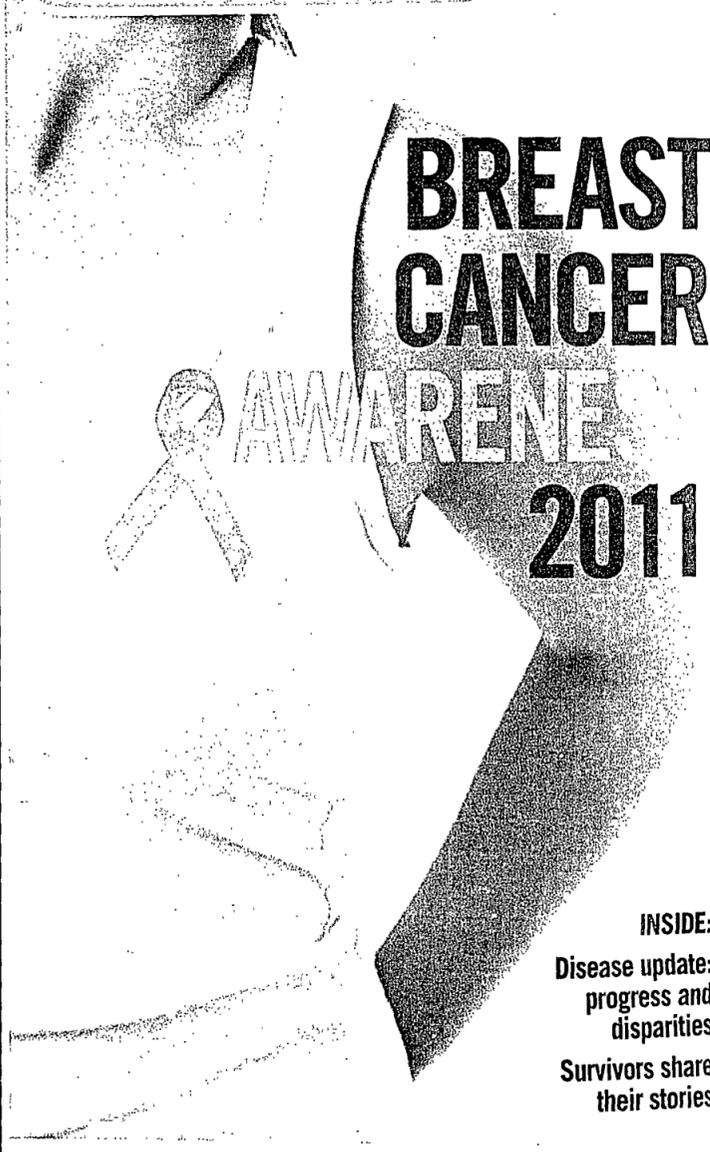
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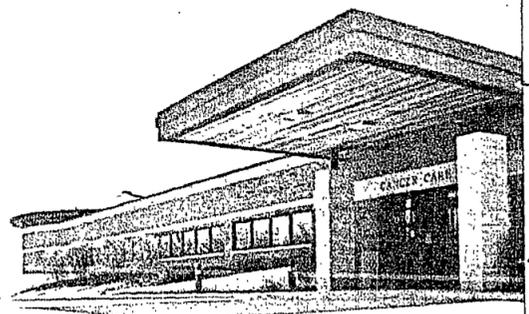
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# PROFILES IN COURAGE

Breast cancer survivors prove that recovery is about living, learning, fighting

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER  
For Sun-Times Media

At 38 years old, Cortney Connelly is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

In 2009, Connelly — who works at Wilbert Services in a suburb of Chicago — noticed a lump along the bottom of her right breast and she immediately went to her gynecologist. After getting a mammogram, an ultrasound and a biopsy, the verdict was in and it wasn't what she was hoping to hear. Connelly was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ, a common form of breast cancer.

She began the rigorous bouts of tests and procedures including two surgeries at Northwestern Memorial Hospital to remove the tumor. Reconstruction surgery and radiation treatments came next. The ordeal didn't end there. She had to take a drug called tamoxifen and get follow-up mammograms.

For most women, it would be difficult enough to bounce back from such a traumatic experience and unfortunately for Connelly, she had to go through it twice. Recently, after a mammogram, she had to listen to her doctor tell her again that she had cancer.

"I knew immediately that the game had changed. It wasn't supposed to return. It wasn't supposed to come back this fast. The stakes were higher now and I was frightened," Connelly remembered.

The doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Center determined that the next course of action would be a mas-

tectomy to remove the affected breast.

Connelly was resolute in her decision to stay positive. "Somehow I was able to turn things around and see that I was lucky," she said. "I am lucky to live in a world that the technology exists to find cancer and take it away."

In June, Connelly went into surgery again and after four weeks she began to visit the plastic surgeon's office so that her skin and muscles could be expanded with the aid of saline fluid to make room for an implant. Later this year, she will have the implant surgery and then hopefully move forward.

Getting through something as harrowing as breast cancer would have been tougher if Connelly didn't have the love and support of her two close friends and her large family. She also created an online journal through a website called CaringBridge, which allowed her to share her experience with the concerned people around her all at once so that she wouldn't have to rehash the events multiple times. This website provided a forum for others to show Connelly encouragement through their comments, emails and donations.

Because Connelly lost an aunt to breast cancer, she has been a longtime supporter of breast cancer awareness. She took part in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer four times, but the most recent time she participated as a survivor. During the closing ceremony, the Avon Foundation presented a check to Connelly's oncologist.

"This gave a great sense of pride," she said. "I had raised money, com-



Lightning strikes twice: Cortney Connelly (right), shown here with her mom, is a two-time breast cancer survivor. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

pleted the 40-mile walk, and was now standing among fellow survivors watching my doctor receive money to help others!"

Connelly takes part in many other efforts as well. This year she will be doing the Susan G. Komen 3-day for the Cure, which is a 60-mile walk that raises money for community education, screening and treatment. She also goes on a "Pink Day" weekend golfing trip with her mother every September to earn money for the American Cancer Society.

Beyond fundraising work, Connelly volunteers her time as the lead coordinator of Lee National Denim and Passionately Pink for the Cure to raise awareness and resources, along side her fellow colleagues, for breast cancer research.

Connelly joined the non-profit grassroots cancer support group, Imerman Angels to offer one-on-one mentorship to other women fighting to be cancer-free. She also spends time helping the Imerman Angels with graphic design.

"I pick myself up, dust myself off and come back with a vengeance and an even stronger determination," she said. "I'm a survivor! I beat cancer twice!"

## MORE PROFILES IN COURAGE

Look inside to read about more triumphs of breast cancer survivors from our area.

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How breast cancer taught Melissa Etheridge to live happily and healthily

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How eating a Mediterranean diet may help prevent breast cancer

# A matter of life and death

A snapshot of breast cancer in the region shows some progress, some disparities

BY KATIE FOUTZ

For Sun-Times Media

Women of all races and ethnicities in the Chicago area are just as likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer as in the rest of the country.

How the region differs is in whether they will die from breast cancer.

According to data from the American Cancer Society, black women in Illinois have a 55-percent higher breast cancer mortality rate than white women in Illinois. And in Cook County, the disparity is even greater: black women have a 65-percent higher breast cancer mortality rate than white women. Chicago neighborhoods with high breast cancer mortality rates are predominately on the South Side.

The reasons are complex but revolve around access to information and care, said Dr. Elizabeth Marcus, chair of the breast oncology division at Stroger Hospital of Cook County and assistant professor of surgery at Rush University.

"There have been great advances in the way we treat cancer — imag-



High price of healthcare: In addition to treatment costs, breast cancer patients frequently incur costs related to prosthesis, wigs, transportation and parking. This financial burden adds up and can cause some patients to drop out of treatment. 1 FILE PHOTO

ing and detection, and our ability to treat it," said Marcus, who also sits on the board of directors for the American Cancer Society Illinois Division.

"Yet there are populations not getting the advantages of those advances."

First, let's talk about those advances. One is a chemotherapy drug called trastuzumab, also called Herceptin, first FDA-approved in 1998. Marcus explained that this type of drug targets the receptors on a breast cancer cell like empty parking spots and fills them; it then attracts more immune cells to help kill the cancer cell.

Another advance is happening in exploratory surgery. Ten years ago, doctors who suspected a patient had breast cancer would routinely remove all of a patient's lymph nodes in her armpit to test them for the disease. Since then, scientists have found that breast cancer develops in an orderly fashion in the lymph nodes: first one, then two, then three and so on. If doctors remove the first lymph node and find no cancer, they can leave the rest alone, Marcus said.

So why aren't all women benefiting from such treatments? Adrienne White, vice president of health initiatives for the American Cancer Society Illinois Division, said several barriers often stand in the way: a lack of information about what needs to happen first, a lack of transportation to regular chemotherapy or radiation sessions and a lack of money to cover treatment and related expenses.

"If you have to add additional expenses over a year — treatment costs, prosthesis costs, wig costs, nutritional supplements, transporta-

tion and parking costs — they all add up into a financial burden, and people drop out because they can't afford it," White said.

The American Cancer Society aims to eliminate those barriers — not just for breast cancer patients but all cancer patients — and the organization's Patient Navigation Services are helping to do so.

Patient Navigation Services connects cancer patients with the information they need, right when they are diagnosed. Through the program, patients can get free transportation through volunteer drivers, financial aid from the cancer society, discounted lodging at hotels near a loved one's treatment center, and emotional support from cancer care specialists and cancer survivors.

Other initiatives meet women where they are.

A collective of churches in Lake County, Ill., is starting a cancer awareness campaign with lessons throughout the year for parishioners, with content provided by the American Cancer Society.

Still, with so much information out there already and scientific research finding new information all the time, it's easy to get confused about what to do.

What's important for women to know is their personal chance of developing cancer. White said women should discuss this regularly with their doctors. Only then will the numbers start to look better.

"They should go see their physicians on an annual basis. Get the screening. Raise awareness to ask about the screening," she said.

"That's when we begin to address what is everyone's individual risk."

## BY THE NUMBERS

9,300

Projected new cases of breast cancer in Illinois in 2011

4,760

Projected new cases of breast cancer in Indiana this year

230,480

Projected new cases of breast cancer nationwide this year

124.6

Cases of female breast cancer for every 100,000 people in Illinois

112.8

Cases of female breast cancer for every 100,000 people in Indiana

120.4

Cases of female breast cancer for every 100,000 people nationwide

Sources: American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# PROFILES IN COURAGE

Clinical trial is a game-changer for Stage 4 survivor

BY KATHY CICHON

For Sun-Times Media

Nazneen Lotia spends every day simply enjoying the here and now.

"Nothing now keeps me away from living in the moment," she said. "I look at it as a day of mindfulness."

Diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2008, the now 54-year-old was supposed to have a lumpectomy the following month. But that turned into a right mastectomy and hysterectomy after a 10-centimeter tumor was found in an ovary as well.

Doing well and considered cancer free after the surgery, the Hinsdale, Ill., resident did not have chemotherapy. Instead, she followed up with other therapies. In the year that followed, she began to have chest pain. However, a misdiagnosis by her doctors at the time delayed the discovery that the cancer had returned.

In late 2010, a 10-centimeter tumor was found on the chest wall and sternum, and the cancer had traveled to her other breast. In December, Lotia was diagnosed with very aggressive Stage 4 triple negative breast cancer.

"They wanted my left breast off. I have refused that. I do not want another surgery at this stage. I feel fine," she said. "Already my body has taken too much at this stage, and another surgery means another whole set of side effects."

Within one day of applying to a clinical trial conducted by Dr. Kathy Albain at Loyola University Hospital in Maywood, Ill., she was accepted. She began the very

aggressive treatments in January at the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center at Loyola.

"I've had such good fortune to be with this doctor," she said. Since she has been in the treatment program, the tumor has shrunk, and is now "very, very low" in size, to about 2 centimeters.

"I'm doing very well," she said. "I have excellent energy."

She credits several changes she made — including dietary, lifestyle and exercise — with helping her make positive progress. At Loyola, she took art therapy classes. After her surgery, she enrolled in a stress reduction program. She practices yoga and meditation.

Activities such as these help her to feel good, she said. They help her deal with side effects.

"I don't look at it as stages as anymore," she said. "I just look at it as quality."

In August Lotia found out she has the genetic link BRCA 1, 2 for breast cancer. Her chances from birth of getting breast cancer were 87 percent, and 66 percent for ovarian cancer, she said. She worries about what this will mean for her daughters, Lea, 30, and Eeman, 22.

"It was much harder to digest than my first diagnosis of cancer," she said.

Lotia said she remains hopeful her treatments will continue to fight the cancer, and that her daughters will be OK.

"Without hope there isn't life," Lotia said. "I think hope is so important."



Stage 4 warrior: Nazneen Lotia (right) of Hinsdale pictured here with her daughters Lea Lotia, 30, (left) and Eeman Lotia, 22, was diagnosed with Stage 4 triple negative breast cancer in December. In August Lotia learned she has the genetic link BRCA 1, 2 for breast cancer. She worries about what this will mean for her daughters. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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GOOD TO KNOW



Real women wear pink: Participants in a Chicago-area Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk wear pink wigs, eyelashes and shirts to show their support for breast cancer awareness. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

## Save the date: Area walks are in step with fundraising needs

Are you looking for a way to support breast cancer awareness? There are numerous fundraising walks taking place in northern Illinois and northwestern Indiana. Here's a look at a few of them:

### Illinois

**Avon Walk for Breast Cancer:** June 2 and 3. [www.avonwalk.org/chicago/](http://www.avonwalk.org/chicago/)

**Chicago 3-Day for the Cure:** Aug. 10 and 12. [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer McHenry County:** 7:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at Lions Park. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Chicago:** 9 a.m. Oct. 16 at Montrose Harbor. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer DuPage County:** 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at Cantigny Park, Wheaton. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Fox Valley:** 7:30 a.m. Oct. 16 at Chicago Premium Outlets in Aurora. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Lake County:** 7:30 a.m. Oct. 16 at Independence Grove. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer North Shore:** 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at Westfield Old Orchard. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Northwest Suburban:** 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at AT&T Campus in Hoffman Estates. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer South Suburban:** 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at Centennial Park Soccer Field. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

### Indiana

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Merrillville:** 1 p.m. Oct. 9 at Hidden Lake Park. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer South Bend:** 9:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at Howard Park. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Valparaiso:** 1 p.m. Oct. 16 at Old Fairgrounds Park. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

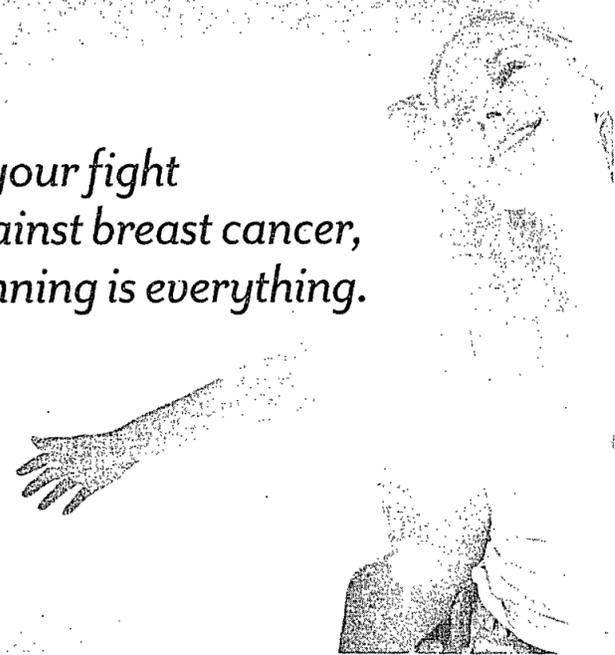
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**Power walk:** Since 1993, nearly 7 million walkers have raised more than \$400 million to help fight breast cancer through participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks, including this the Fox Valley walk at the Chicago Premium Outlets in Aurora, Ill. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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# PROFILES IN COURAGE

## 78-year-old man gets surprising diagnosis

BY KATHY CICHON  
For Sun-Times Media

It was a diagnosis he never expected to hear.

After all, breast cancer is something women worry about, not men, Patrick Kirk had thought. But in 2009, at the age of 78, he learned he would need a mastectomy.

"After I had the surgery they said I was a survivor of Stage 2 (breast) cancer," he said. "I know the tumor was 3 centimeters. 3.2 centimeters."

It was spring 2009 when Kirk, of Libertyville, Ill., noticed his chest was sore.

"I could feel something," he said. "It felt like a little hard pea on the right side, next to the nipple."

Not long after that, Kirk went to his doctor for another health matter, but didn't mention his breast.

"I didn't say anything to her," he said. "I was kind of embarrassed. I thought no way. I'm not going to have that. I'm a man. It's not going to happen to me."

A few weeks later, he had to go back to the doctor. Since it was still bothering him, he told her. She sent him for a mammogram, which showed a mass. After an ultrasound, he was told to schedule a biopsy, but his family was scheduled to go to Michigan for a week and he wanted to go with them. "When they did the mammogram and reported that I had this mass, I was just kind of in limbo. It was too serious," Kirk said. "At the time I thought this can't be happening to me."

After he returned from Michigan, he had the biopsy. A couple of days later, he was told the mass had to be removed.

"I got very upset and nervous about it, and my wife got upset and nervous," he said.

He visited three doctors to get their opinions. All of them said the same thing.

"Every doctor I went to told me I was going to have to have a mastectomy," Kirk said.

He asked if they could take both breasts, so he wouldn't have to worry about the other one, but was told no. Confident in his doctors, Kirk had his surgery on Aug. 14, 2009, at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital.

"I wanted to get this thing out of me," he said. "I was relieved after the surgery... When she told me they couldn't find any cancer in the lymph



Stage 2 survivor: Patrick Kirk had to have a mastectomy after the discovery of a tumor in his chest in 2009. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

nodes, I felt really good."

Based on the biopsy, Kirk was told there was a 13 or 14 percent chance of the cancer recurring. Going through chemotherapy treatment would reduce the chances by 2 or 3 percent.

Instead, he went through six-and-a-half weeks of radiation at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, with treatments five days a week.

"I've been cancer-free ever since," he said.

Currently he is on medication, which he will take for five years, to keep the cancer from returning. And he has to go for an annual mammogram.

"I don't like to do that. I go into the place and I keep my eyes down on the floor," he said.

Kirk, who turns 81 in November, will participate in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at Independence Grove in Libertyville. Two years ago he walked three miles with the group, Pink Joe's. He was the only man in the group who had breast cancer. Last year he walked with members of a support group from Advocate Condell Medical Center, a team called The Pink Posse. He will walk with them again.

The support group at the hospital,

he said, helped him relate to others in similar situations.

"It gave me a good feeling — that I was not alone and that other people who had had this were survivors," he said.

"I'm listening to these people who are cancer survivors for two, six, 10 years."

He credits his wife, Carol, their three children, 11 grandchildren and the rest of the family with helping him get through the difficult times. The American Cancer Society arranged for him to talk with another man who had survived breast cancer, which he also found helpful.

According to the American Cancer Society, this year 2,140 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among men.

"If I had a message it would be to advise men to be aware this can happen to them, even though they are male," he said.

Do an exam occasionally, he said. And if you feel something, have it checked immediately.

"I know a couple of men whom I've gotten to know since I've had this who let it go," he said. "I was very fortunate to find it so fast."

# Rally board

Breast cancer survivors, health care workers and loved ones offer their words of wisdom, encouragement and thanks

To all that helped me become a survivor this year:

Thank you for the little kindnesses that were large to me. Thank you for all you offered me, gave me, helped me with. Thank you for the support, the understanding, the love, the jokes. Thank you for taking the time.

Thank you for being there, when I needed you.

— Eileen Berman, Geneva, Ill.

You're on the road to recovery, and that's a beautiful thing. As you continue to conquer this disease, stay strong, be of good courage, and know that the Ingalls Southland Coalition to Conquer Breast Cancer is here to support you.

— The Ingalls Southland Coalition to Conquer Breast Cancer

When I was in my junior to senior year, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was devastating to my family, especially since she had ovarian cancer 10 years earlier. The day they did the surgery they told us the cancer was through the third layer of skin and working its way to the fourth and she would have passed away within a year if it had not been detected.

The reason it took so long to detect? My mom didn't have the money and no medical insurance to get a mammogram. We found an ad in the paper for the month of May to do free exams. If we walking raises money for women to get an exam or a cure, I will walk every year 'til I can no longer walk again.

— Leah Wareyko, Alsip, Ill.

Survivorship for me was getting through the treatment process. The exceptional care I received at Adventist Midwest Health did an amazing job giving me the tools to become a fighter and take control of my life and

live for today and in the moment.

— Betsy Sweeney, Hinsdale, Ill.

I found my own breast cancer doing a monthly self-breast exam 10 years ago.

I always had my yearly mammograms, and had no history of breast cancer in my family.

But, breast cancer many times surprises us when we least expect it.

Because I discovered a lump only months since my last mammogram, I am a huge proponent and strong believer in the self-breast-exam.

By doing a monthly self exam you will know when something is suddenly abnormal.

Pick up a pamphlet that teaches you how to do this simple exam and start doing it every single month.

Keep getting those yearly mammograms and be proactive about your own health.

Women are the decision makers for the health benefit of everyone we love.

Remember that you can only be of help to others after you have taken care of yourself first.

Be a powerful woman!  
— Sandy Peterson, R.N., Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, Ill.

Awareness and action are the keys to survival. If caught early, the five-year survival rate for patients diagnosed with breast cancer is 98 percent. Beginning at age 40, please make your annual mammogram appointments and be your own breast health advocate. Take action with your health care this October and schedule your mammogram or clinical exam today.

— Michael Ziener, executive director of Susan G. Komen for the Cure in Chicago

# Thank You, Dr. Schneider, From Your Patients!

"I would like the people of the Joliet Community to know you do not have to travel to Chicago to get an accomplished, meticulous, and attentive Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon. Dr. Schneider has served our community for 16 years and will continue to work in our area for many more years to come. I have personally observed throughout the many years I have worked for Dr. Schneider the extraordinary care she takes with her patients. I take pride in working with such a remarkable woman and surgeon. As a tribute to Bösa's day and Breast Cancer Awareness month, I would like to take the time to publically recognize Dr. Schneider for everything she has done for me, and so many others. Thank you Dr. Schneider."

Lisa Houdek  
Office Manager  
Artisan Plastic Surgery

"I have to say if it wasn't for Dr. Schneider my life would not be the same. I was in a car accident almost 10 years ago that pretty much severed my foot. Dr. Schneider was the only doctor that had the confidence to do my surgery. Next day I was lying on the operating table waiting for the anesthesiologist to put me "under". Dr. Schneider walks in (on her day off) with a handful of CDs and asks "so what kind of music do you want to listen to?". My smile must have been a mile long! I have never felt more at ease than at this moment. Dr. Schneider was with me the whole way! Very concerned and comforting plus very funny and cool! I can never thank you enough for giving me the chance to walk again! Thank you!!!!"  
Jon W.

"For years I waited for my surgery; Dr. Schneider was so kind & understanding of my needs & fears. After a successful surgery I thanked her for giving me my life back, it seemed like such a simple statement for all she had done (and continues to do). She gave me my life; I give her my respect, my gratitude & my heart for always!"  
Kathryn B.

Dr. Schneider has helped to make one of the most frightening realities I have had to endure more bearable. She is down to earth and put me right at ease. She takes the time to answer questions I have. I am extremely thankful to have her for a doctor! She is not the only plastic surgeon I saw, I got a 2nd opinion from her thankfully!"  
Joan B.

"After undergoing a bilateral mastectomy due breast CA, I lost my confidence due to the change in my appearance. I have been in the reconstruction process for over a year and I am amazed at the final results. With the help of Dr. Schneider the feeling of being somewhat normal was possible. It is truly a miracle that with modern technology and doctors like Dr. Schneider, women can be made whole again even after such an extensive procedure. Her care and compassion and need for perfection makes her the wonderful doctor that she is. Thank you Dr. Schneider, without your help, recovery from breast CA would have been very difficult."  
Domette B.

"I can't begin to explain how Dr. Schneider made an absolutely devastating time in my life so much more endurable. When you hear the phrase "you have breast cancer" your world and outlook on life completely changes. You can't begin to know what goes through one's mind and the things that are thought about. My cancer surgeon and oncologist were/are responsible for the longevity of my life. Dr. Schneider is responsible for making sure my appearance and personal feeling about the surgery are as "normal" as possible. The fact that I attended a black-tie event and wore a full-length strapless ball gown just 2 months after complete reconstruction from a double mastectomy should be a testament to her work. No one was the wiser of everything I had been through. I had no qualms about confidently wearing that dress to a formal event. She is a perfectionist and that's certainly what you want when dealing with breast reconstruction/plastic surgery. She is very caring, honest, and professional and has a personality that makes you instantly like her and feel as if you have been friends forever."  
Sue G.

"Dr. Schneider is the perfect combination of professional, intelligent, talented, passionate, compassionate, and personable. Most of all, she is a patient advocate! Now that all of my breast reconstruction is complete, (I am cancer free for 6 years), I am looking for other reasons to utilize Dr. Schneider's talents!"  
Gia O.

"She worked a miracle, blessed by God. I smoked for 42 years, she scared me straight. My husband and I thank God for Dr. Schneider."  
Deborah M.

"I am honored to be able to write this concerning Dr. Susan Schneider. I became a patient of Dr. Schneider ten years ago. I had breast cancer and no health insurance. She took me as a patient and said that what I wanted was the most important thing. After giving me my choices for reconstructive surgery she let me know that it should be what would make me happiest and feel whole again, because I deserved it. Dr. Schneider helped to change and save my life. The best to Dr. Schneider!"  
Phyllis A.

"I was referred to Dr. Schneider by Dr. Marshall after being diagnosed with breast cancer. I was so afraid, but after my first visit with Dr. Schneider, she put all my fears to rest. I could not have asked for a better doctor. Dr. Schneider was God sent, and I would like to thank her for making me feel whole and like a woman again. Thank You."  
Ora C.

"Dr. Schneider helped me through one of the hardest times of my life with her kindness, compassion, and understanding. Her highly skilled work has allowed me to keep my dignity and my self esteem intact."  
Natalie L.

"Thank you for renewing my sexuality, radiating optimism and much, much more."  
Nancy C.

"I am grateful and happy with the reconstruction Dr. Schneider performed to make me feel whole again."  
Nancy C.

"After my 1st meeting with Dr. Schneider, I knew that she would be one of my doctors who would be able to give me my life back and that's exactly what she did! Thank you is just not enough to say! Dr. Schneider made each office visit, procedure, and surgery easier every time I saw her! She is honest, kind, compassionate and cares greatly about her patients! Dr. Schneider... thank you from the bottom of my heart and making "my hurt" not so bad!!"  
Kris T.



**Dr. Schneider**  
Serving the Joliet community for 15 years  
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"My teenage son was in a terrible car accident several years ago nearly severing his foot. The moment I met her, I felt peace. I knew that she was someone special. Without hesitation, she assessed the damage, and came in on the weekend to do reconstruction. They constructed an ankle from my son's stomach muscle. Her follow up care was impeccable. Today at 28, my son is able to walk, run and even surf on that ankle. Her artistry in reconstructive surgery is truly a gift from God. I thank God every day for blessing my family with Dr. Schneider. She makes miracles happen."  
Deb L.

"I was immediately comfortable discussing everything with Dr. Schneider. There was no doubt in my mind that she understood my issues with body image and my reasons for seeking a particular procedure. No question was ever ignored or unanswered. Her staff was also informative and helpful!"  
Debbi S.

"Susan Schneider is a kind and compassionate doctor who has given me comfort, understanding, and support from the moment I first met her. She has helped me through breast cancer, and made me feel whole again. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered."  
Jill W.

"Dr. Schneider has made my experience with breast cancer such a positive experience. She gave me many options and she is just so compassionate about her job and patients. She made going through such a difficult time in my life much easier for me."  
Robin B.

"Breast cancer can not only destroy you physically, but mentally as well. Dr. Schneider made my cancer a distant memory by giving me my womanhood back. It can not only destroy you physically, but mentally as well. Dr. Schneider made my cancer a distant memory by giving me my womanhood back. I can look in the mirror again and know that I am whole and that cancer can't destroy me. Thank you Dr. Schneider!"  
Kendra D. B.

"I think what Dr. Schneider does for breast cancer patients is amazing. She helped me through a very tough time in my life with compassion, patience and a true understanding of what I was going through. Thanks for the new and improved ta-ta's! You're awesome!"  
Tummy M.

"Dr. Susan Schneider is an amazing PERSON! She has a wonderful and caring heart! She understands her patients' needs and will help you understand what can be accomplished in a very professional and caring way. She shows great confidence and pride. And, it makes you feel that same way!"  
Deborah R.

"I had lost my husband and my son, but never dreamed I'd ever grieve the loss of a breast after cancer. It seemed so vain. I searched for a physician that could do reconstruction. I found Dr. Schneider, who has been another blessing in my life. Well worth the 300 mile trip. Thank you for all you do for breast cancer!"  
Linda K.

"Dr. Schneider, I am so lucky to have found you. You only come across a doctor such as yourself once in a lifetime. You have more compassion and kindness for others, than I have ever seen. You listen well, and care deeply about all my concerns. You have made my journey through breast cancer much easier to handle, because you are such a wonderful doctor. All your hard work, long hours, and generosity, has touched my heart deeply. So to you Dr. Schneider, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. And as my journey continues, I am so very grateful to have you as my doctor. Sincerely,"  
Diane N.

"When going through such a life changing decision of having breast cancer and having a mastectomy and reconstruction surgery, you can never find a more compassionate doctor than Dr. Schneider. Thank you for everything!"  
Sharon IL

"At a time of great fear and the unknown outcome of having mastectomy surgery Dr. Schneider brought me great comfort in her professionalism and knowledge. She was honest and sincere in her approach to helping me make the best decision possible for my circumstance. I have and will continue to recommend Dr. Schneider with great confidence. Thank you for everything!"  
Lisa H.

"I am eternally grateful and forever blessed having shared my cancer experience with you and your entire staff. As I have said before, my scars will always be a beautiful part of me thanks to you. I will never forget all of the amazing moments we shared together. With sincerest appreciation."  
Kathy M.

"When I learned in 2010 that I must have a double mastectomy, it was so scary. Dr. Schneider did my reconstruction surgery and was always there for me with professionalism, encouragement and a way of making me feel good about myself. Thank you Dr. Schneider!"  
Ellie A.

"Dr. Schneider is one of the most caring and compassionate doctors that has helped me and so many other patients with breast cancer. Every visit was always met with a warm smile and an open heart. The entire staff at Artisan Plastic Surgery has touched many hearts and the thoughtfulness they give each patient is truly genuine. I am proud to say they have been a key component in my healing process. Dr. Schneider is a true blessing and I believe is an angel that has been sent from up above! Sincerely,"  
Theresa M.

"Dr. Schneider made me feel special the first time I met her and always talked to me and explained and never made me feel rushed. She was by my side and made me feel whole again. In my heart I always felt good when she talked to me. I think she is awesome."  
Deb A.

"God has blessed Dr. Susan Schneider with a wonderful gift. She has touched many lives. She is a wonderful doctor. God has blessed her for many years. She's not only a doctor; she is also a good listener and gives good advice. Her work is awesome. If you don't know her, you get to know her. Dr. Schneider is one hell of a doctor. She is blessed and truly loved by everyone. Keep up the good work."  
Lana M.

"Dr. Susan M. Schneider has helped me in getting my life back. I can enjoy buying and wearing clothes that fit properly and are stylish. From the first consultation visit she was caring and compassionate about my problem. Dr. Schneider sat and listened, never was she in a hurry to get to the next patient. She and her staff made the whole insurance process easy and that meant no stress for me. I thank Dr. Schneider for a fun and happier life."  
Eleni B.

## Tips for self-employed women diagnosed with breast cancer

A breast cancer diagnosis can impact every aspect of a woman's life. While early detection greatly increases a woman's chance for survival, the immediate aftermath of a diagnosis can be nerve-racking, especially for women who are self-employed.

Fortunately, self-employed women can take several steps to ensure their business thrives and continues to generate income in spite of a breast cancer diagnosis and treatment plan.

■ **Seek help.** Women diagnosed with breast cancer often need help in their personal lives, whether it's help around the house or help taking care of their children. Such help can also be especially valuable for women in their professional lives. Self-employed women dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis should seek temporary help to ensure their

business stays afloat during treatment.

■ **Do some spring cleaning** with business records and files. If hiring temporary help during treatment, be sure that records and files are easily accessible. Clear out old files and invoices to make things as easy as possible for newly hired workers.

■ **Speak with a financial advisor.** A financial advisor should be able to help develop a plan to save money while keeping the business afloat during the course of treatment. An advisor might offer some insight that helps save money and offer additional tips that help women absorb the financial impact that a breast cancer diagnosis can make on their business.

■ **Read the fine print** in your healthcare coverage. The cost of treatment could greatly impact your business

if all aspects of the treatment are not covered by a health insurance carrier. If not all parts of treatment are covered by an existing plan, consider purchasing disability insurance. This can help self-employed women avoid using funds initially allocated for their business to pay for treatment. Keep in mind there may be a period of time that has to elapse before payment begins.

■ **Finish big projects** if possible. Upon diagnosis, examine existing work projects and prioritize them so any large projects are completed before treatment begins. Smaller projects will be easier to handle during treatment, and women may rest easier when giving associates or temporary help smaller projects rather than big ones.

■ **Embrace a lighter workload.** Burning the midnight oil won't make treatment any easier.

■ — Metro Creative Connection

# PROFILES IN COURAGE

## Celebrating 10 years of survival

BY KATHY CICHON  
For Sun-Times Media

Christine Calich will not sugarcoat it.

When someone newly diagnosed with breast cancer asks the suburban Chicago resident — who is now in remission — what to expect, she is open about her experiences. And she tells it just as it was.

She talks about vomiting so much she had sores on her esophagus and needed IV treatments for dehydration. She speaks of losing large clumps of her hair so quickly, she decided to have her head shaved.

"You can't sugarcoat it. It's not going to be easy, but it is in your hands. You can do it, and you will do it," said Calich, of Tinley Park, Ill. "That's what I did. I fought and I didn't give up."

And now she is celebrating her 10th year as a survivor.

In the summer of 2001, the then 42-year-old Calich had already been for her annual mammogram and received a clean bill of health. But in November of that year, she got new health insurance and a new doctor, who in December ordered a complete physical, including another mammogram.

"I never even felt the lump," she said. "I never even knew it was there."

Doctors determined she had Stage 2B breast cancer. They moved quickly to treat the aggressive cancer, and in January 2002 at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, she had a mastectomy and reconstruction of her right breast.

"My whole concern was, I didn't want to wake up without a breast, because I was only 42," she said.

When doctors tested the breast tissue, they discovered the cancer had spread throughout the entire breast.

"If I didn't do what I did, I don't think I would be here today," she said.



Ten years and counting: Christine Calich of Tinley Park is a 10-year breast cancer survivor. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Calich, now 52, is the youngest of 12 siblings, with six brothers and five sisters. Her family had no history of breast cancer.

"There was other cancer in the family, but I was the first to get breast cancer," she said. Following her surgery, she had four chemotherapy sessions — one every three weeks. Her doctor told her to view it as "insurance" against the cancer returning. The sessions though, took a toll on Calich. Right when she started to feel better, it was time to go again.

"I did have a lot of support as far as my family," she said. At the time her daughter, Michelle, was 10 and her son, Tony, was 12. Along with her husband, John, they helped her through the difficult times.

"It wasn't a cakewalk. It was very trying," she said. "Not only on me, but on my family. It was an awakening for me."

For the last 10 years, she has been taking medication that prevents hormone change so the cancer does not reoccur. She has been told she will be on some type of medication for the rest of her life. She knows she is always going to be a cancer survivor.

"I'm not going to say when I go for a mammogram I'm not holding my breath, because I am," she said. "But I hope for the best."

And since her treatment, her regular mammograms are clear. Now, she urges others to make sure they go for their exams.

For at least the last four years, Calich has participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Orland Park. Last year her team raised more than \$2,500.

While her friends, family and other survivors helped her through her battle, she found encouragement in the most unexpected of places, including strangers in a store.

"The support is tremendous. I'd have a woman come up to me and say, 'I know what you're going through,'" she said. "Those little words of encouragement made a big, big difference."

Now, she offers her own words of support when she meets others who are going through treatment.

"I did it. I am a survivor. It's going to be 10 years," she tells them. "Just hang in there. It's going to get better."

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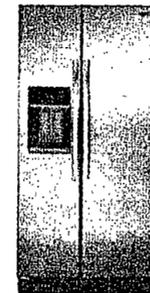
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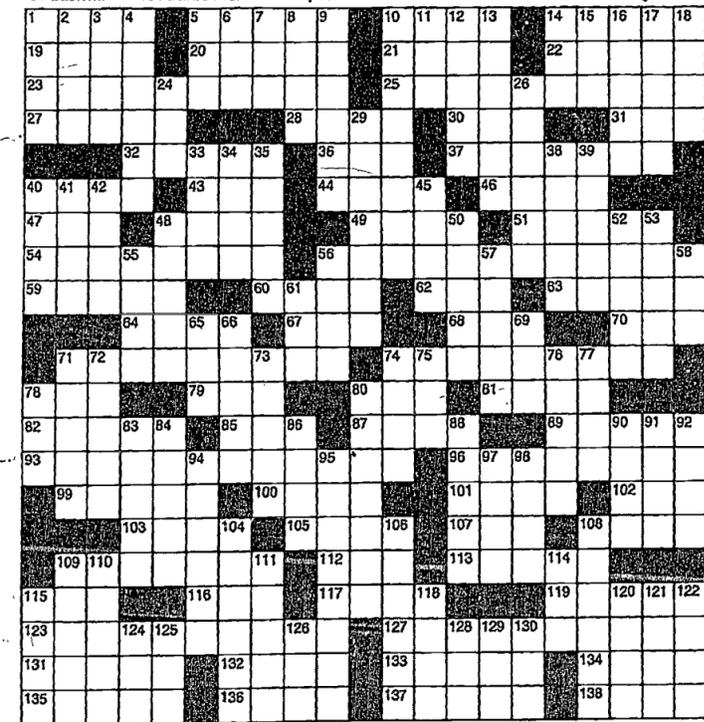
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## HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 12 — October 18

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You're moving from a relatively stable situation to one that appears to be laced with perplexity. Be patient. You'll eventually get answers to help clear up the confusion around you.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A vexing situation tempts you to rush to set it all straight. But it's best to let things sort themselves out so that you can get a better picture of the challenge you're facing.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Financial matters could create some confusion, especially with a torrent of advice pouring in from several sources. Resist acting on emotion and wait for the facts to emerge.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** That goal you've set is still in sight and is still in reach. Stay with the course that you're on. Making too many shifts in direction now could create another set of problems.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** It might be time to confront a trouble-making associate and demand some answers. But be prepared for some surprises that could lead you to make a change in some long-standing plans.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Congratulations. You're making great progress in sorting out all that confusion that kept you from making those important decisions. You're on your way now.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A difficult experience begins to ease. That's

the good news. The not-so-good news is a possible complication that could prolong the problem awhile longer.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your self-confidence gets a much-needed big boost as you start to unsnarl that knotty financial problem. Expect some help from a surprising source.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Congratulations. Any lingering negative aftereffects from that not-so-pleasant workplace situation are all but gone. It's time now to focus on the positive.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your self-confidence grows stronger as you continue to take more control of your life. Arrange for some well-earned fun and relaxation with someone special.

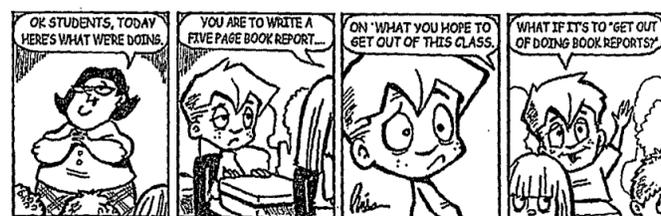
**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** As usual, you've been concerned more about the needs of others than your own. You need to take time for yourself so that you can replenish all that spent energy.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Stronger planetary influences indicate a growing presence of people eager to help you navigate through the rough seas that might mark your career course.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can balance emotion and logic, which gives you the ability to make choices that are more likely than not to prove successful.

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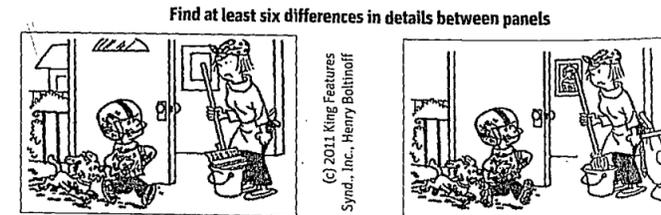


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Joseph was born in Chicago and married Rosemarie Eichenlaub on April 8, 1944. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II, and settled with his family in Morton Grove in 1956. Joseph retired from his career at Klempe Corporation in 1989 to faithfully care for his wife Rosemarie until her death in 2004. He enjoyed visiting with his grandchildren and was active in the choir at Saint Marthas church.

A memorial service will be held at St. Martha's Church at 8523 Georgiana Avenue in Morton Grove, at 10 AM on Saturday, October 15. God bless you dad!

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## Make Seasonal Hiring Easier & More Efficient

By John Rossetta, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

Any season may be the season of your discontent – if you don't take care to source, hire and onboard seasonal workers who represent the best that your business has to offer.

Many pitfalls plague employers that must supplement their full-time staff for the summer, for tax season, or for any other portion of the year when business peaks. Most of these troubles stem from a failure of the company's leadership to devote energy and resources to assembling an optimal seasonal workforce.

Are you willing to take a fresh look at your seasonal operations to see where you might improve your staffing? Consider these 10 approaches to finding superlative workers when the annual rush is on.

**Don't assume that high unemployment will make your seasonal hiring a cinch.** In fact, "we've experienced pockets of the country where it was very difficult to hire," says Jennifer Lemcke, chief operating officer of Weed Man USA, a lawn-care franchisor. "It's been hard to hire in Detroit." Michigan has very high unemployment; the catch for seasonal employers is that extensions of Federal jobless benefits have made many Michiganders eligible to collect for up to 99 weeks, reducing the motivation to find work, according to Mark Perry, a professor of economics at University of Michigan in Flint.

**If your seasonal staff is large, dedicate substantial resources to successful onboarding.** Giving seasonal employees the sink-or-swim test could hurt your bottom line at season's end. "One of the most common mistakes is throwing seasonal hires on a sales floor with minimal training or onboarding. Viewing them as a way to fill a schedule rather than as company representatives to serve your customers," says Nels Wroe, partner and product director at SHL Group, a vendor of talent-assessment tools.

**Take time to ensure that job descriptions for seasonal hires are accurate, complete and up-to-date.** "We have clients using job descriptions that are four or more years old," says Wroe. Consider asking the author of the job description to spend a few hours shadowing an employee in the relevant position. Your customers won't forgive poor service simply because it's rendered by a seasonal worker.

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or thousands of seasonal positions, you'll probably benefit from talent-management systems. "Our candidates have doubled or tripled over the last few years, so we need tools to manage the flow," says Kyle Martin, manager of talent acquisition at Vail Resorts Management Company in Broomfield, Colorado. Wroe says that with seasonal hires, "you have a very limited window to get a return on your hiring investment. Assessments let you select workers who will get up to speed more quickly."

**Hire for attitude as much as aptitude.** Most seasonal work is about being flexible and getting up to speed quickly, rather than bringing to bear an elaborate skill set. "All of our training is so in-depth - we don't necessarily need someone with experience," says Lemcke. "We're looking for dependable workers who emphasize safety and customer focus," says Martin.

**Give preference to "same time, next year" candidates.** If you're able to select for candidates most likely to return for another season, do so; it'll streamline your hiring next year. "We'll hire 10,000 seasonal workers in 2010, including about 5,000 who are returning," says Martin.

**If you use staffing vendors, consider giving just one an exclusive for your seasonal hires.** Staffing agencies may be swamped filling the seasonal needs of many clients at once. If you promise one agency all your business, they may be more willing to go the extra mile to bring you the best seasonal workers.

**Don't assume that all your seasonal hires are just for the season.** Many of your seasonal workers will never be candidates for permanent positions, but some of them may be. Tag potential permanent hires early on, keep close tabs on their performance, and at the end of the season, evaluate their fitness for full-time employment.

**Don't neglect your end game.** Never assume that your workforce will remain intact through the season; it most likely won't. "No matter how much we plan, we still have to hire some people toward the end of the season," says Lemcke. Consider structuring compensation to reward seasonal workers for staying as long as you need them. "Our lawn-care technicians get a bonus based on production if they complete the season," Lemcke adds.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA,
NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
HOLDERS OF STRUCCO
ASSET MORTGAGE INVEST-
MENTS II INC. MORTGAGE PASS
THROUGH CERTIFICATES SER-
VICED 2006-ARM
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REG-
ISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS
NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN
BROKERS CONDUIT,
Plaintiff.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.
MARK J. WINSTON;
Defendants;
09 CH 28059
NOTICE OF SALE HEREBY GIV-
EN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT
OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE EN-
TERED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE ON
NOVEMBER 30, 2009 INTERCITY JUDICIAL SALES
CORPORATION WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST
BIDDER AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2011 AT THE HOUR OF 11 AM
IN THEIR OFFICE AT 120 WEST MADISON
STREET, SUITE 1100, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION WILL
SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST
BIDDER FOR CASH, AS SET FORTH BELOW,
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED MORTGAGED
REAL ESTATE:

Garage Sales
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Garage Sales

Table with columns: Address, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Lists various garage sale locations and times.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.
SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. AS
TRUSTEE FOR OPTIUM ONE
MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST
SERIES 2007-CP1
Plaintiff.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.
FOR INFORMATION CALL MR. DAVID C.
KUEVER AT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY,
WACKER & FLATT, L.L.C., 65 EAST
WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
60601. (312) 236-0077.
INTERCITY JUDICIAL SALES
CORPORATION WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST
BIDDER AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO COLLECT
A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED
WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.
BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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DESCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY
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2005K511
Plaintiff.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.
MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff

RENTALS
Apartments, Unfurnished
Apartments, Furnished
Condos, Townhomes
Homes
Duplex
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Housing to Share
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Apartments - Hotels
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Out-of-State Rentals
Garages
Farms, Farmland
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Storage, Warehouses
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The Twenty First Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 8 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Luncheon will be served at noon with a meeting and program to follow. Hostesses for the day are Pat O'Connell, Dorothy Wilson; Barbara Hale, chairman. Chapter Regent Joy Martin is pleased to have Kenneth Evans, a retired historian, professional photographer, and professional restorer of historical documents, present his program on "Preserving the Past for a Digital Future." He will provide tips on how to restore and save documents and family photos for future generations. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. The DAR recognizes "patriots" as not only soldiers but also anyone who contributed to the cause of American freedom. Contact Second Vice Regent Dorothy Wilson at (847)328-6946.

Morton Grove Hadassah of the North Shore Chapter hosts a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles. Special guest historian and lecturer will be Jim Bernard who will recant the life of Jack Benny. Cost is \$20. Reservation Chair is Beverly Silverman of Morton Grove. President is Mona Dubin of Northbrook. Contact the Hadassah North Shore office at (847) 205-1900; email northshore@hadassah.org or see www.northshore.hadassah.org.

Professional in learning disabilities and special education welcome Dr. Gary Hill, a licensed clinical psychologist, marital and family therapist, and an addiction counselor both in private practice and an affiliate with The Family Institute at Northwestern University, in presenting the topic: ADD/ADHD and Other Behavior Disorders: A New Way of Viewing Acting Out Behaviors. He will discuss specific treatments concerning the teen population from 7:15-9 p.m. Oct. 11 at McCracken

School, 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie. Parents and professionals are welcome to attend. Call (847) 604-0574.

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

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

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

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

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

Community

Tim Duffey, a Boy Scout from Troop 175 from St. John Brebeuf Parish, is working with Wright Way Adoption Center in conjunction with his Eagle Scout project. He will give a presentation at 3 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., as to how the public can volunteer at certain pet agencies to care for animals in need. Representatives from Wright Way Rescue Adoption Center, the Puppy Mill Project, Feral Feline

Project and Have a Heart Farm will be in attendance.

Westfield Old Orchard invites the local community to join in the fight against breast cancer. On Oct. 16, the shopping center will host Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, a festive 5K walk in partnership with the American Cancer Society. Event day registration begins at 8 a.m. between Zara and California Pizza Kitchen, followed by the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. and official start of the walk at 9:30 a.m. A fall fashion show, show-

casing the hottest trends for fall worn by models celebrating their survival, will take place on the main stage near L.L. Bean immediately following the closing ceremony. Register online as an individual or as a team at www.makingstrides.acevents.org or call (847) 328-5147.

Windy City Rods and Restorations, 6143 W. Howard St. in Niles, hosts Classic Car Show 5-9 p.m. every Friday through mid-October. See a wide variety of classic and muscle cars while listening to oldies music from "Mon-

ster Boom Box." Free admission for all cars and spectators. Food and ice cream is usually available. Contact Anthony Fuentes, (630) 362-8147, or webmaster@windycityrr.com.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC

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communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC's program: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V) and rechargeable (NiCd, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer). Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each bat-

tery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional

drop-off sites are posted at [swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html](http://swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html).

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers - PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile

phones, peripherals - mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs - printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org).

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park

Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others.

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.

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The Expressive Arts and Life Enrichment Departments at Norwood Crossing are calling for artists in the community to participate in the annual Fall Art Show that will begin Nov. 5 at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Art work can be submitted in any size or medium, must be received and delivered by Oct. 21 to the Front Desk of Norwood Crossing, where submission forms are available for the artist to complete. Artwork will be available for viewing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through December at Norwood Crossing. A reception and resident fashion show will be held in

conjunction with the Nov. 5 show opening, giving attendees the opportunity to interact with artists about their work. Call Kaye Shaddock at (773) 577-5326.

St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Club will sponsor its annual Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the May Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Crafters wishing to receive an application for the fair are asked to call Judi Stephens at (847) 296-6421.

Crafters are needed for the annual Holiday Fair at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison St., Chicago, which will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 22. A table rental fee and a sample for the raffle are required. Call (773) 777-8821.

**Food Drives**

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Caldwell Breast Center at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a food drive for the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. Anyone who brings a canned good or nonperishable item to the breast center is eligible for the second annual "I Can help" raffle for a variety of items. Individuals are invited to drop off their nonperishable items during October, November and December at the center, 1700 Luther Lane in Park Ridge. All women who are in need of their yearly mammogram may call (847) 723-5050 to make an appointment. Contact Carol Dallmeyer, nurse navigator, (847) 723-3303 for information about donations.

**Fundraisers**

The "Angels Ball," Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care's signature fundraiser, will bring together past and future, celebrating the organization's 30 years of service to the community and honoring the newly formed Women's Board during the gala event on Oct. 29. The event will take place from 6:30 p.m. to midnight in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont. Last year's Angels Ball honoree, the Rev. John Cusick of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be on hand to offer the invocation. Attendees will be treated to dinner, music and dancing to the Gentlemen of Leisure Band, outstanding raffles, silent

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# MEGA BITES

## Mission: Unwolfable

Hungry Home 'Recker sandwich presents a challenge he cannot meat

BY IRV LEAVITT  
ileavitt@pioneerlocal.com

Highland Park's Real Urban Barbecue makes a 7-pound sandwich, and dares you to eat it in 40 minutes.

I wouldn't try, fearing death as I do.

But I thought Stu Nitzkin might. I caught him on his cell phone moments after he, coincidentally, finished lunch at the aforementioned establishment.

He said he was honored to be asked, and up to the task.

"I have these skills," he said matter-of-factly.

He does. We had first met, when Mega Bites was still a regularly repulsive feature in these newspapers, at Little Louie's, his buddy Pete Weiss' hot dog dive in Northbrook. Nitzkin had volunteered to take down one of the 16- to 24-ounce sandwiches Weiss' crazier customers had invented.

After he ate one, he ate another. Just because it was there.

Then he went to Deerfield and, I was told, played a very good game of basketball.

That's the guy you want in a food-filled foxhole.

### Missed us? Bad aim?

Mega Bites, the series that describes Chicago-suburban food bigger than your head, has been mercifully quiet since late 2009. But since it's still available at the click of a drop-down on pioneerlocal.com, the new Pioneer Press website, we dusted off the logo when we heard about The Hungry Home 'Recker at the 11-month-old restaurant.

Word got around. About a dozen of Nitzkin's friends and relatives, aware and in awe of the aforementioned skills, converged on 610 Central St. to watch their champion.

None of seven previous Home-recker challengers had won a T-shirt, a name on the Wall of Conquerors, and the return of their \$29.95 for choking the thing down in 40 minutes.

We all had no doubt Nitzkin, 35, 5-foot-10, 189 pounds, would be the first.

Then we watched a 'Recker being assembled.

The 10-inch-wide bun was covered with inch-thick andouille-like "Texas sausage," randomly sliced. Then, a heavy layer of pulled pork. A pint of jalapeno-brined pickles was spread over that. Then a pint of cole slaw. Then the top of the bun.

It didn't look like a sandwich. It looked like a chair cushion.

Nitzkin's boyhood pal Brad Siegel joined us as we viewed the assembly. "No chance," Siegel said, shaking his head. "No shot."

Nitzkin, quiet, spoke with his eyes.

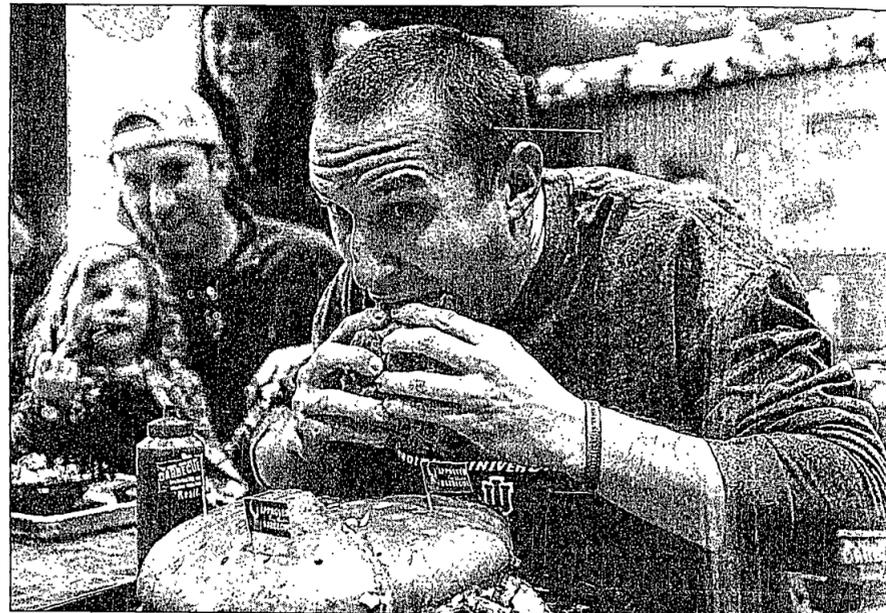
They were the eyes of a skilled quarterback who never worries about getting sacked until suddenly seeing what Dick Butkus really looks like up close.

Finally, he said, "I'm thinking about it like a pizza. I'll just take it down slice by slice."

If only pizza slices were four inches thick. I had a 'Recker made for me, too, so I could understand the experience. Also, I get bored and envious watching other people eat.

The end of the world

Nitzkin is the national executive director of the American Friends of the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled, which supports kids' rehabilitation. I promised I'd put that



Stu Nitzkin attacks a 7-pound Hungry Home 'Recker at the Real Urban Barbecue. Nitzkin, of Highland Park, grew up in Glenview. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

in this story if he helped me out, so there it is.

But, of course, he would have done it anyway.

Real Urban Barbecue is the brainchild of Jeff Shapiro, 47, who had managed several of Rich Melman's Lettuce Entertain You restaurants.

In the Chicago restaurant business, that's like a Republican op-

docio among the members of the crowd, which included Nitzkin's wife and parents and Weiss. But when the Hungry Home 'Recker made their appearance, the excitement waned.

Bert Gilberg, Weiss' father-in-law, pulled out a wad of cash and tried to handicap the event, but no one bit.

Nitzkin gave a show of trying to accomplish the impossible, but came close to doing what I was: having a substantial mid-afternoon meal while somebody else paid for it.

"I can't see any way that this'll happen, but it's real good," he told me.

As for me, I have always liked pulled pork, but usually left the table wanting more.

Not this time.

As Nitzkin finished the first quarter of his sandwich, his dad, Steve "Diz" Nitzkin, interceded. He encouraged his son to leave the bread off and eat that later.

Stu didn't have the heart to tell him that it didn't matter what order he sent the troops up the hill, none of them were coming back.

So when we quit, with about 15 minutes to go, he'd eaten one-quarter of the 'Recker and the filling from the second quarter.

"I could eat some more of it, but there's no point. Not in 40 minutes," he said.

If he pushed it, he said, there was a danger — to put it politely — that he would have the after-dinner

manners of a runway model.

I had semi-consciously tried to provide pacing for my champion, so when we threw in the towel, I had finished three-eighths of my obscene sandwich.

### The wall of losers

While I suffered with a Sprite, I had one of the cooks cut up my leftovers for the spectators. Nobody wanted any except for Shapiro's son Max. The boy, 13, knocked off a half-pound in about 6 minutes.

Everybody else didn't want to spoil their dinner. Several were to be the guests of Stu's mom Susan in Mundelein — including Stu.

Are you kidding? I asked him. I'm not eating until tomorrow.

"Nope," he said. "My mom's a great cook."

Four 14-year-old Highland Park boys, who'd been watching, decided to buy a The Hungry Home 'Recker to split.

That's the idea, Nitzkin said. "This thing could easily feed eight," he said. "At 30 bucks, it's a steal."

As for one man, "Never. Can't be done," he maintained.

A few days later, I asked Shapiro what the idea was of a challenge that was so hard to accomplish. He must know how hard, because he has a second wall for the hand-painted names of the guys who try and fail. He calls it Honorable Munchins.

"I think there's somebody out there who can do it," he maintained. So how did you decide on the size of the sandwich?

The decision was a no-brainer, he said. That was the size roll that the bakery salesman wanted to sell.



Real Urban Barbecue line cook Carlos Villanueva slices up six sausages as the start to making The Home 'Recker sandwich. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

erative saying he was one of Ronald Reagan's chiefs of staff.

Shapiro lectured me at length on how the little round hickory pellets he uses in his smokers, unlike logs, never fail in their consistency, even if the gas goes off.

If everything Shapiro says is true, when H-bombs destroy the earth, the cockroaches that survive will be able to enjoy perfectly-smoked brisket at what's left of Port Clinton Square.

There had been a lot of bragga-

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auction items and more. The event will highlight the Rainbow Hospice Women's Board, led by chair, Sasha Gerritson of Glenview. Other board members include, Carla Knorowski of Chicago, Tina Mantis also of Glenview, Jane Berg, Jean Collier, Theresa Olson and Leigh Sasser of Park Ridge, Barbara Smith and Julie Hennessy. Tickets are \$150 each. Contact Jackie Mathews at jmathews@RainbowHospice.org or (847) 292-2353.

Two Bunko parties will be held to benefit the Center of Concern, a social service agency in Park Ridge. The events will be held Oct. 14 at the South Park Recreation Center (Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue) in Park Ridge. The first event, "Bunko and Lunch" for men and women, will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Later, "Ladies' Night" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. A \$15 ticket includes Bunko games and prizes, choice of beef sandwich or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy at (847) 318-1008 for reservations; tickets will be held at the door. Indicate which session will be attended and whether beef or pasta is preferred.

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

Wright-Way Rescue Animal Shelter will host Harvest for Hounds, a 5K run (for people) and 2-mile walk fundraiser for people and their socialized dogs, on Oct. 8. The event will take place at the Bunker Hill Forest Preserve (North Branch) located at Touhy Ave. and Harts Road, in Niles (entrance for the Forest Preserve is off of Harts Road). After the walk/run, participants and their pooches are invited to join in the fall festival activities featuring live music, massages (for people and dogs), food and souvenir photos. The 5K run will start at 8:30 a.m. The 2-mile walk with dog begins at 9:30 a.m. (one leashed dog per walker only please). Refreshments and snacks will be served before and after the race. To participate in the walk/run, visit www.wrightwayrescue.net. Same day early registration for both walkers and runners is at 7:30 a.m. Registration fees are: \$35 in advance, \$40 event day for adults; \$15 in advance, \$20 event day for children 3-12; family (up to six members) pay \$175 in

advance; free for children under 3; and dogs are free. Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8624 W. Normal Ave., Niles, is selling Entertainment 2012 Books at \$25. The books offer a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts cover travel, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. Proceeds benefit the parish. To order a book, call Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

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.

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 nighttime 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.

Historical Society

The Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is now open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. Week-day hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call (847) 390-0160.

### Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise. 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. The Niles Public Library is 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

### Health

National Alliance on Mental Illness-Cook County North Suburban will hold NAMI Basics: Fundamentals of Caring for You, Your Family and Your Child with Mental Illness from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 11-Nov. 15 at New Trier High School, Northfield campus, 7 Happ Road. The course is free. To register, call (847) 716-2252.

Golf Mill Hearing Aid Center, 8856 N. Milwaukee Ave., is offering free hearing evaluations. All who come in will receive a comprehensive audiological evaluation. Call (847) 296-3344.

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## Roughing it with the French chefs

BY VERONICA HINKE  
Contributor

Some restaurant employees celebrate once a year with a special dinner. Recently, the staff at Bistro Bordeaux in Evanston certainly got theirs. However, the event was a much more unusual morale-boost than most.

Owner Pascal Berthoumieux and 17 employees packed up a bunch of tents and headed to Lake Mills, Wis. for a late summer camping excursion at Sandhill Station State Camp-ground.

"We had talked about going out to dinner somewhere," Berthoumieux said. "But I'm not your typical restaurant owner."

### S'more luxury

And his fireside menu, which included glammed up versions of typical all-American camp food, was completely different from anything that is ever on the menu at Bistro



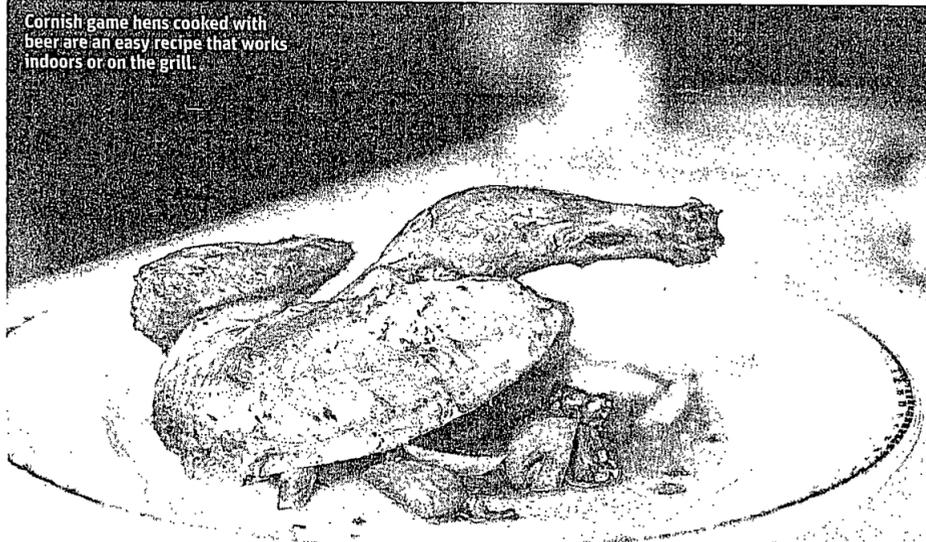
Besch prepares a raspberry s'more.

Bordeaux. Silky chocolate spread and rich, buttery sable cookies trumped graham crackers and milk chocolate bars in the s'mores they made for dessert. Slivered almonds added texture. Berthoumieux even gave his s'mores a special smooch: He spiked the toasted marshmallows with fresh raspberries.

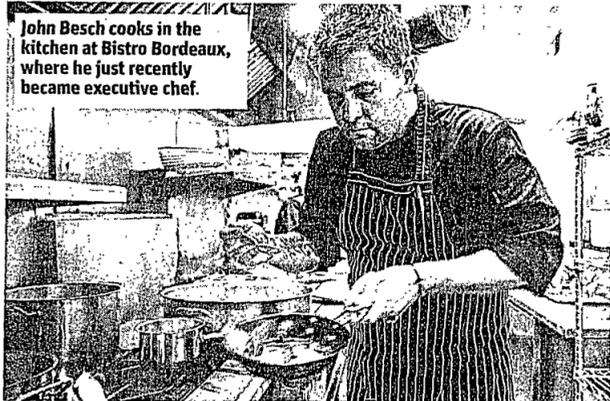
"You could even make your own raspberry-flavored marshmallows," executive chef John Besch suggested. Besch, who joined the Bistro Bordeaux team after their camping experience, recently moved back to the Chicago area from Vieques, Puerto Rico. There, the Elmhurst native was sous chef at Michelin-starred Mix on the Beach.

Main courses at the campsites were made with French flair as well. "We don't really do brats and burgers in France," Berthoumieux said.

Nor were mere chickens grilled on beer cans for these fancy campers. Instead, Cornish hens were propped up on cans of European lager. Before they were cooked, the hens were



Cornish game hens cooked with beer are an easy recipe that works indoors or on the grill.



John Besch cooks in the kitchen at Bistro Bordeaux, where he just recently became executive chef.

soaked in a brine of water, lemon peel, salt, sugar, peppercorn, thyme and bay leaf. The brine mixture had been brought to a boil and poured over a gallon of ice water.

"You could also roast the hens without brining," said Berthoumieux. "The Cornish hens kind of Frenched it up a little bit," said Bistro Bordeaux server Jessica Dunek. "The beer keeps the meat really moist. It's delicious, juicy and flavorful."

### Sharing the beer

"I heard about cooking a chicken

on a beer can; I would never have thought of it," said Berthoumieux, who was raised in France's Bordeaux region.

His playful recipe for the hens encourages taking one sip — just one — before putting the can of beer to work on the bird.

At Bistro Bordeaux, a montage of Berthoumieux family photos decorates the walls. It's a nod to the owner's native Atlantic coast where he camped with pals as a boy. "There's no better way to experience nature," Berthoumieux said.

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Bistro Bordeaux owner Pascal Berthoumieux took his staff on a unique outing — a camping trip.

Since their return, he has noticed the group bonding experience has made a significant difference in his staff.

"Just the way they address each other, they seem more like friends," he said.

"This type of experience can only reinforce a family-like feeling. When you have everyone helping each other — setting up tents or searching for dead wood for the campfire — it builds a natural bond that you can't create by having a company dinner at a restaurant."



### Beer Can Cornish Hen "Drunken Cornish Hen"

(From Executive Chef John Besch, Bistro Bordeaux)

- 1 charcoal grill
- 1 Cornish hen for each person
- 12-ounce can of lager beer for each hen
- 1 ounce olive oil
- 1 gallon water
- 1 gallon ice water
- 1 lemon peel for each hen
- 2 cups kosher salt
- 1/2 cup raw sugar
- 2 bay leaves for each hen
- 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorn
- 1/4-inch bunch of fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon *herbes de Provence* (standard mix includes savory, fennel, basil, thyme and lavender)

### Cornish Hen Brine

Combine 1 gallon water, lemon peel, salt, sugar, peppercorn, thyme and bay leaf in large sauce pot. Bring mixture to boil to infuse flavor. Turn off heat. Pour into 1 gallon of ice water. Once brine is cold, completely submerge birds. Refrigerate overnight.

### Fire up the grill

Remove hens from brine and rinse thoroughly. Pat dry with paper towel. Rub hens with olive oil and *herbes de Provence*. Open can of beer, take one sip and then insert into butt end of bird. Once charcoal is ready, place bird on grill, standing up. Cover and let hen roast on grill for 20-30 minutes or until the bird falls over — drunk!

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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.

### Parenting

Maine Township's MaineStay Youth and Family Services will present a seminar about "Gang Awareness and Prevention" from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 19 at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Hosted by Township Trustee Laura Morask, the seminar is appropriate for parents, teens, seniors, law enforcement personnel, as well as anyone else who is

concerned about gang issues in the community. A career prosecutor with the Cook County State's Attorneys Office and an expert on local gangs, Morask will be joined in a panel presentation by local officials including Jim Prandini, Des Plaines Police Chief; Kevin Hughes, Deputy Supervisor, Narcotics Unit, State's Attorney; and Greg Jacobson, Senior Detective in Gang Mission Team for Chicago Police Department. Des Plaines Mayor Marty Moylan will also make a brief presentation about the ideas that Des Plaines has put in place because of a recent gang murder. In addition to providing an in-depth look at gang identifiers specific to Maine Township such as signs, colors and names, the panel will also discuss the reasons that youths join gangs. They will also talk about what parents who suspect that their children are involved in gang activity need to know, how to get kids out of gangs, and strategies and phone numbers for y safety. The program is free, but reservations are requested; call Marissa Vigna, (847) 297-2510, ext. 273. Visit [www.mainetownship.com](http://www.mainetownship.com).

### Parks

Is not too late to register for Niles Park District Tot Classes this fall. Many classes are available for 1- to 5-year-olds. Classes include On My Own, Tots a Tumbling, Messy Tots & You, Toddler Time, Parents Morning Away and others. Visit [www.niles-parks.org](http://www.niles-parks.org) for all class information, or call (847) 967-6633. Register at the Howard Leisure Center.

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 Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.

Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

### Golf Maine

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

Over the Rainbow — Young children will have fun learning the colors of the rainbow through stories and songs at Dee Park on Fridays, starting Oct. 7, for ages 3-5 years.

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot — Win a turkey in a fun filled one-day basketball shoot-out event at Feldman Recreation Center, Nov. 19; one adult plus one child; for kindergartners to eighth-graders.

Youth Mile/Senior Walk - Young and old come together to get fit and have fun while walking around Dee Park; Oct. 15, must register by Oct. 7.

Before & After School Child Care — Children attending Mark Twain, Apollo or Stevenson schools in District

63 can sign up for child care. Call for details.

Zumba — Fun and easy Latin-inspired workout to get in shape. Ongoing classes at 7:15 p.m. Mondays or Tuesdays at Feldman (nine weeks).

Sixth through eighth-grade Fall Basketball League — Fall league begins in early September. Games on Fridays and Sundays at Feldman. This league fills up fast.

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

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.

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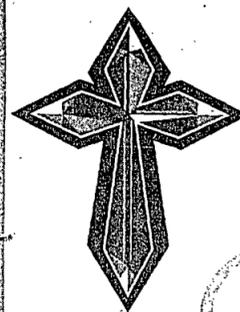
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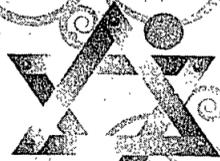
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# Your Local Worship Guide



Central Zone

## CHICAGO

**Edison Park Lutheran Church**  
6626 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL  
(Across park from Edison Park Metra)  
773.631.9131, www.edisonparkchurch.com  
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 Deacon  
Matt Haider, Worship /Music  
Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
5650 N. Canfield, 60631,  
(708)867-5044, www.stpaulcanfield.org  
Street Level, Air Conditioned  
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45AM  
Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30AM  
Saturday Worship 6PM  
St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day  
School, Pre K-Grade 8, SHARING GOD,  
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**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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

## DEERFIELD

**North Shore Unitarian Church**  
Deerfield, IL Phone: 847-234-2460  
www.nsuc.org  
Every Sunday at  
9:15AM & 11:15AM

## MORTON GROVE

**Morton Grove Community Church  
Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
8944 Austin Avenue  
(Lake and Austin)  
Morton Grove, IL  
(847) 965-2982  
www.mgcppresbyterian.org  
Sunday Worship 10 AM  
Fellowship 11 AM  
Rev. Lolly Dominski  
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## NILES

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
7429 Milwaukee Ave., Niles  
847-647-9867  
www.st-john-niles.org  
Sunday Service 9:30AM

## NORTHFIELD

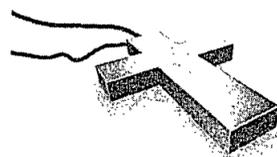
**Willow Creek Community Church  
North Shore Campus**  
315 Waukegan Road  
847-441-6599  
Sunday Services: 9 & 11 a.m.  
Promiseland (Infants - Grade 5):  
9 & 11 a.m.  
Elevate (Grades 6 - 8): 11 a.m.  
Impact (Grades 9 - 12): 6 p.m.  
For more information visit  
www.WillowCreekNorthShore.org

## NORWOOD PARK

**Norwood Park Lutheran Church**  
5917 N. Nina Ave.  
Chicago, IL  
773-631-2860  
Fax: 773-631-0142  
Sunday Service 10AM  
Sunday School 9AM  
(September thru May)  
Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor

## PARK RIDGE

**Park Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
1300 West Crescent Avenue  
847-823-4135  
www.parkridgepresby.org  
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM



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# Your Local Worship Guide



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## SKOKIE

**Central United Methodist  
Church**  
8237 Kenton, Ave., Skokie  
(847) 673-1311  
www.skokiecentralumc.org  
Worship: Sundays at 10:30 AM

**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  
No Service in July  
Shabbat Services resume in August  
Please call for more information  
Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer  
Asst. Rabbi Shari Chen  
Cantorial Soloist Charlene Brooks  
Interfaith Families Welcome  
All services voice & sign language

**Evanshire Presbyterian  
Church**  
4555 Church Street  
www.evanshirepresbyterian.com  
Every Sunday at 11AM

**St. Peter's United  
Church of Christ**  
Oakton Street & Laramie Avenue  
847-673-8166  
www.stpeteruccskokie.org  
Sunday Worship 10AM  
Sunday School 9AM (Sept. thru  
May)  
Rev. Richard Lanford  
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## SKOKIE

**Temple Beth Israel**  
3601 W. Dempster St.  
Skokie, IL 60076  
847-675-0951  
www.tbiskokie.org

**Devar Emet Messianic  
Synagogue**  
7800 Niles Ave., Skokie 847-674-9146  
www.devaremet.org  
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\*A Community of Jews who believe and teach  
that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Promised Jewish Messiah\*

**Carter-Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**  
4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie  
www.cwupc.org 847-673-4441  
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12 Noon - CW Café & Praise & Celebration  
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& Adult Bible Studies  
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Fridays 7:30-9:30 pm - Assyrian Fellowship  
Sunday Evenings 5:30-8:30 pm  
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2nd Saturday  
Monthly 7:30-9:30 pm-CW Café with  
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## SKOKIE

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Living and Loving  
4500 Dempster St. Skokie, IL 60076  
847-675-4141, Fax: 847-675-0327  
www.ehnt.org  
Weekly Shabbat Services -  
Fri 8PM & Sat 9:30AM  
Minyan Mon-Thurs 7PM;  
Sat & Sun 6PM  
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Religious School Wed & Sat;  
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski  
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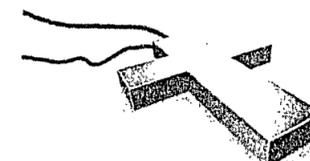
**KEHILLAT SHALOM**  
An Egalitarian Conservative Congregation  
Lay Led Shabbat Service, 9:45AM  
8610 Niles Center Rd, Skokie  
847-679-6513  
www.kehillatshalom.org

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Sunday 8:30 AM Followed by breakfast  
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847-674-4117  
www.wix.com/skokiecentral/shul

## WILMETTE

**Beth Hillel Congregation  
Bnai Emunah**  
3220 Big Tree Lane, 847-256-1213  
www.bhcbe.org  
Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays 6:30 PM  
Shabbat Service - Saturdays 9:15 AM  
Jr. Congregation, Tot Shabbat,  
Torah Time 10:30 AM  
Followed by Kiddush  
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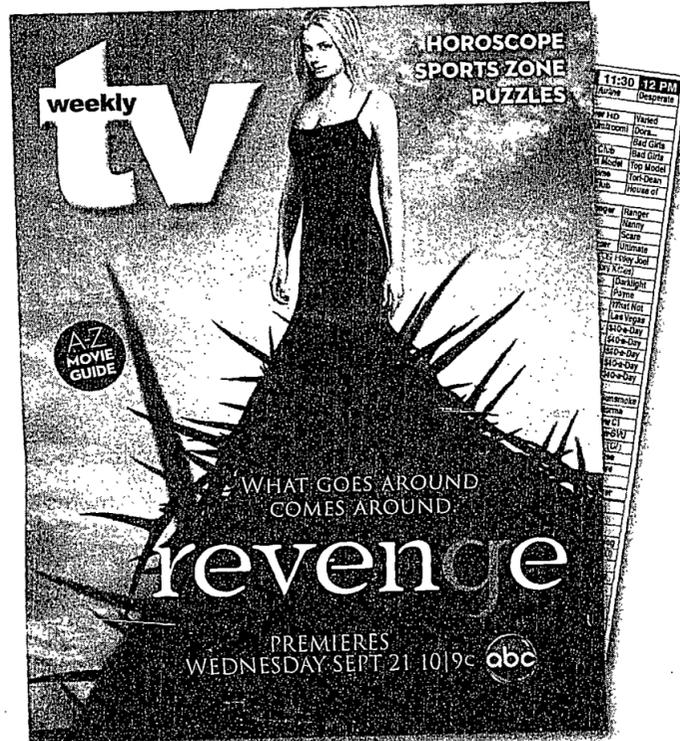


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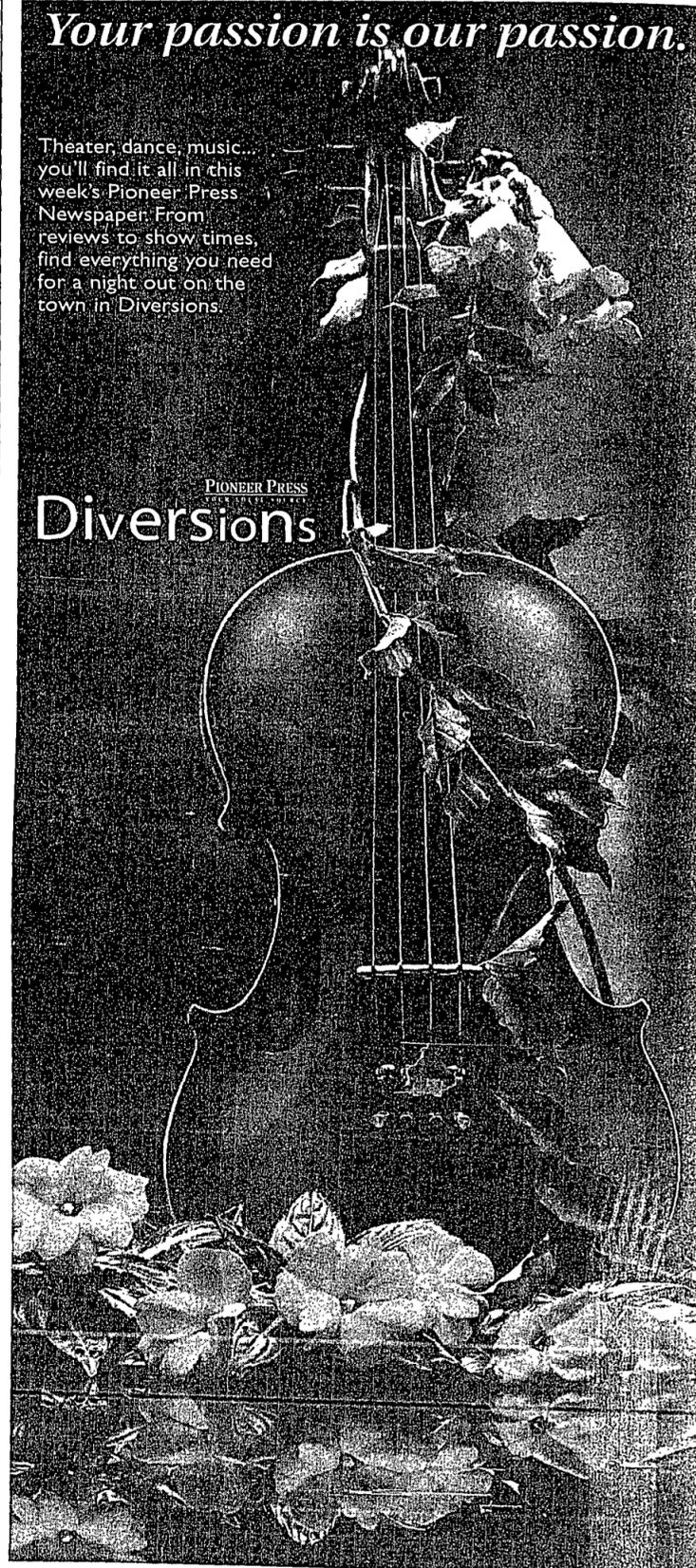
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**Tae Kwon Do** – Popular martial arts classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.

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

The Golf Maine Park District offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and 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/).

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).

## Religion

On Oct. 12 at 5:45 p.m. an Open Sukkah Table Pot Luck Dinner and decorating party will be held at Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center

Road, Skokie. Services will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Call (847) 676-5166.

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its K'tonim Pre-School Program of Judaic Arts and Play, for children ages 2 and older. Children will enjoy Judaic arts and crafts, stories, games, singing, and snacks with their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings are welcome. Children under 2 are free. The 2011-12 classes will be held two Sundays per month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Schedule to be determined. Tuition per semester will be \$60 and \$75, respectively, for members enrolling one or two children; and \$85 and \$100, respectively, for nonmembers enrolling one or two children. Call the temple office at (847) 676-1566.

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## Reunions

The Ridgewood High School Reunion for the Class of 1966 which will take place Oct. 8 announces a change in location. The

event will be held beginning at 6 p.m. at Elmcrest Banquets, 7370 W. Grand Ave., Elmwood Park, (708) 453-3989. Reunion activities also include attendance at the Ridgewood Homecoming football game at 5 p.m. Friday; a tour of Ridgewood at noon Saturday and tour of the Norridge Museum, 7774 W. Irving Park Road, from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Call Linda, (815) 520-8232, or Judy, (217)352-7254, or email [nelson@beloit.edu](mailto:nelson@beloit.edu) or [haydelju@comcast.net](mailto:haydelju@comcast.net). Saint Patrick High School

Alumni who graduated during years ending in "1" or "6" (from 1966 to 2006) are invited to a reunion celebration at the school, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, on Oct. 15. The evening will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. Register online at [stpatrick.org](http://stpatrick.org) or by calling Marybeth Nowak, (773) 282-8844, Ext. 268, or emailing [mnowak@stpatrick.org](mailto:mnowak@stpatrick.org). Cost is \$55 per person.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder,

(847) 966-3266, or e-mail [lyrder@sjschool.org](mailto:lyrder@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.

## 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.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com).

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

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The advertisement for Photo Store features a large photo of a person in a white shirt. Below the photo, there are several smaller images of photo products, including a photo of a person in a swimsuit, a photo of a person in a hat, and a photo of a person in a suit. The text in the advertisement includes:

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BY BETH ENGELMAN  
Mommy on a Shoestring

# Fun feats | Improved thinking skills can be learned with play

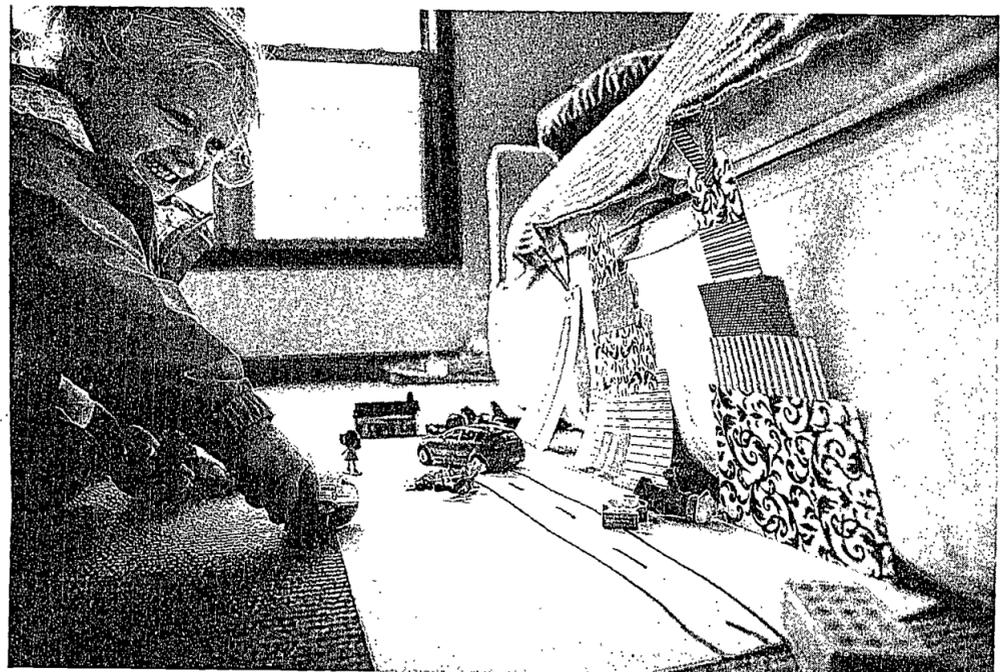
Kids, this one's for you! Set aside your notebooks, workbooks and computers. It's time to improve your higher order thinking skills with a little fun. That's right, it's time to play. "Self-directed free play is one of the most natural and effective ways kids learn," says Liza Sullivan, co-founder of the playful learning website, [www.throughplay.com](http://www.throughplay.com). "Not only does open-ended play give children the opportunity to actively engage in their surroundings," says Sullivan, "but it also encourages kids to discover information through observation, trial and error, and creative problem solving." Child-directed free play can occur at any time in any place, but if you're looking for a new twist, try these suggested activities.

## Pop-up playground

Just as the name indicates, a pop-up playground is an ordinary space that is easily transformed into an environment of wonderment. To make a pop-up playground, set out a variety of household items and recyclables that are different sizes, shapes and textures such as empty boxes, sheets of felt, paintbrushes and twigs. The idea is to give your kids a variety of objects that they can "re-invent" as they build, create and explore.

## Adventure playground

Adventure playgrounds differ from regular playgrounds in that they are less structured and typically made of natural materials such as mud pits, tree ladders and rope swings. Adventure playgrounds are quite popular in Europe but in the U.S., the possibility of injury and possible lawsuits have made them unappealing as schools and cities opt for "less risky play structures." Fortunately, your kids can get the "adventure experience" with a visit to your local forest preserve where they can explore trails, discover wildlife and investigate the world around them. Here are just a



Emma Martinelli plays with a pop-up play scene. | DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

few of the area's gems.

**Crow Island Woods Park**  
■ Euclid Avenue and Willow Road, Winnetka  
■ [www.winpark.org/parks/crow-island-woods.aspx](http://www.winpark.org/parks/crow-island-woods.aspx)

A large grassy area with picnic tables, fireplace and a historic log cabin make this the perfect spot for an early afternoon picnic. Finish off your meal with a walk through the woods where you are likely to spot deer, hawks and yellow finches.

**The Grove**  
■ 1421 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview  
■ [www.glenviewparks.org/index.php/facilities-parks/the-grove/](http://www.glenviewparks.org/index.php/facilities-parks/the-grove/)

Rain or shine, this is a great place to visit. When the weather is nice, you and your kids can hike trails, see how the Pottawatomie really lived and look for turtles and frogs. On rainy days you can venture indoors and explore the area's rich history. Be sure to ask about the themed monthly programs, which



Kids leap on logs at River Trail Nature Center. | DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

include activities related to autumn and dinosaurs.

**River Trail Nature Center**  
■ 3120 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook  
■ [www.fpdcc.com/nature-centers/river-trail-nature-center](http://www.fpdcc.com/nature-centers/river-trail-nature-center)

Minutes away from the hustle and bustle of Northbrook is a peaceful sanctuary where you and your kids can walk through winding trails,

fish in a river and crawl through a fox den. Special programs and activities are offered throughout the year so be sure to check the website or visit the front desk once you arrive.

## Pop-up play scenes

Sometimes going out on an adventure or creating a backyard playground is not in the cards. That doesn't mean you can't whip up some open-

### Directions:

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Improvisation comedians Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood | PHOTO BY DAVID BERGMAN

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## 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.

Grandparents' Day Breakfast will take place at 9 a.m. Oct. 10. Start with pancakes, followed by pictures and crafts and stay for the annual pet parade at 1 p.m. Cost is \$5, members; \$7.50, nonmembers; kids eat free.

Annual Pet Parade is 1-1:45 p.m. Oct. 10. Dress your pet in a costume (or not) and dress up like your pet; prizes will be awarded. To register your pet, contact either Jaymi or Kathlyn, (847) 588-8420. Then plan on staying for Pet First Aid at 1:45, given by Pete Sakas from the Niles Animal Hospital. Free.

Diabetes Day is 1-3:30 p.m. Oct. 13. Speakers will include such topics as "Diabetes - What Is It?"; "The Latest Advancements in Diabetes Knowledge and Treatment"; and "What Can I Eat?" There will be vendors featuring diabetic products and supplies. Light refreshments and raffle included; free on a walk-in basis.

Free Tai Chi Demo class is 10-10:45 a.m. Oct. 13. Registration is required. Arthritis Institute Certified Instructor Renee Gastis will lead this class.

Learn about websites that can save you money on just about everything from 10:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 14; \$6, members; \$9, nonmembers.

A few spaces remain for Beginning Spanish classes which will be conducted from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 2, taught by Lisa Basset, instructor at Oakton Community College.

Niles Senior Center and the Niles Public Library are looking for volunteers to as-

ist seniors and low-income residents in preparing 2011 taxes. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will receive free tax training at the Niles Senior Center in January and will help taxpayers at the Center as greeters and client facilitators/tax preparers beginning Feb. 7 to April 12. Niles Senior Center tax appointments are based on volunteer availability and generally are offered Monday through Friday mornings and afternoons. Volunteers choose the day(s) and time(s) they are available. Niles Public Library is also looking for volunteers for evening or weekend assistance. For more information, contact MaryAnn Borucki at the Niles Senior Center (847) 588-8420 or Judy McNulty at the Niles Library (847) 663-6431.

A trip to Joliet for "Murder at the Mansion" will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 18. This trip includes lunch (fresh garden salad, entrée with sides, warm rolls and whipped garlic-chive butter, coffee or tea and dessert), deluxe motorcoach transportation, show, and talk and tour of the mansion. Advance registration is required; tickets are \$66, members; \$71, nonmembers.

Niles Senior Center says "Thank you, Vets!" Niles Senior Center is preparing for a Fall Veteran Display of Honor. All members who served are invited to bring in pictures, memorabilia, medals, letters from home or from the front, etc., to be on display on the main floor of the center. Generally, copies can be made of most things submitted so items will be safe. Contact Jaymi at the center, (847) 588-8420.

The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; \$12 for six months for nonmembers.

## Seniors

The Polish National Alliance North Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Oct. 12 at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Anna Kulik-Carlos, a family medicine physician with the Swedish Covenant Medical Group-Mayfair Clinic. Her topic is osteoar-

thritis and depression. All seniors ages 55 and over (members and nonmembers) are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking available in the lot behind the building. Call the PNA (773) 286-0500, ext. 316, or visit [www.pna-znp.org](http://www.pna-znp.org) and click on "Events."

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 a.m., 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. William Hayes of Kenilworth Asset Management will discuss "Ten Keys to Wealth Transfer" at noon Oct. 8. Learn how tax laws impact plans and what to do to protect savings. Free. Join the music and fun of "Mamma Mia!" and sing along with an

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**Support**

**La Leche League**, a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W. Golf Road, Niles (Four Flags Shopping Center). Expecting and nursing mothers (and their babies) are invited. **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. **The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club** for stroke survivors and their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potterfield, (847) 723-4765.

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago** invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit [www.catholiccharities.net/loss](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 grief support groups. **Soul Mates** is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. **Legacy** is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister 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

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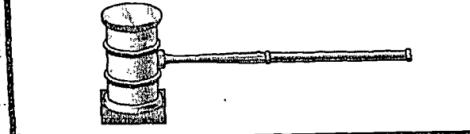
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## Leftakes, Georgevich realize promise at doubles

BY DAN SHALIN  
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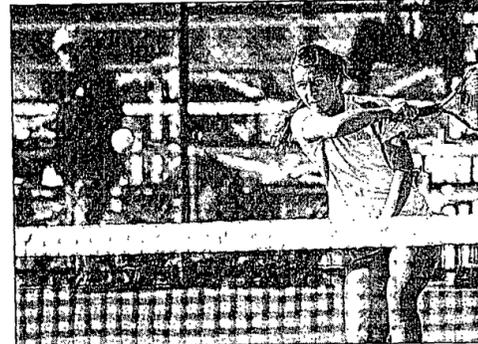
The young Niles West girls tennis team may have been blanked in its dual last week against powerhouse Glenbrook South, but there were positive signs in the defeat.

Most notable was the performance of the No. 2 doubles team of Lexi Leftakes and Vicki Georgevich, two of the team's three seniors, in a three-set match Friday that spanned two venues.

At Niles West, the Wolves pair won the first set in a tie-breaker and lost the second 6-4. Leftakes and Georgevich then dropped the third set, which was played indoors at TAM Tennis Club in Niles because of inclement weather.

"That's the closest we've come to beating GBS in doubles since Uzma Ahmad and Jewell Loyd beat them (in 2009)," said Niles West head coach George Bravos, whose team stood at 5-9.

The pairing of Leftakes and Georgevich may have handled second doubles on Friday, but Bravos said little separates the duo from the team's cur-



Niles West senior Vicky Georgevich returns a volley during a doubles match against Evanston. | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

rent No. 1 doubles team of junior Alexa Bits and sophomore Kristine Park.

The coach called Park the team's most-improved player from a year ago.

"Our top two doubles teams have been going back and forth (between Nos. 1 and 2) throughout the year," Bravos said. "Alexa and Kristine won a challenge match over Vicki and Lexi and they swapped positions, but each team has played No. 1 and No.

2 for half the year."

Bits and Park played singles last year, but Bravos felt the team would be better with them paired at doubles. The move also allowed two talented freshmen, Analise Vujica and Katie Chelboun, to be integrated into the lineup.

Vujica has worked No. 1 singles much of the season, while Chelboun has been at No. 2 or 3 singles.

"(Bits) has played singles for two and a half years, but

we wanted her to play some doubles, and we felt it made us a stronger team by playing her at doubles and the freshmen at singles," Bravos said.

The coach believes it is easier to mesh freshmen into the varsity lineup as singles.

"Both (freshmen) girls were more active as singles players, covering more of the court," he said. "Doubles is something tough to play right away. It's tough to get the movement right and to play with someone else on the court. Sometimes that takes some time to develop.

"The (freshmen) have decent footwork and decent strokes and they love a challenge."

The Wolves, which defeated Elk Grove 5-2 on Sept. 21 and Waukegan 7-0 on Sept. 22, also feature sophomore third singles player Andra Sabou, senior co-captain Ricki Esses, junior Mary Mirza, junior Yu-Jean Park and sophomores Smita Jain, Nancy Ho and Emma Lazar.

After the CSL South Meet scheduled for earlier this week, Niles West will compete Oct. 15 in the Maine East Sectional.



Niles North's Carlitos Rangel runs the 39th Annual Sean Earl Loyola Lakefront Invitational, where he placed 34th. | MICHAEL JARECKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## Vikings unhappy about finishing behind Trevians

BY MATT HARNESSE  
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Already posting better finishes over New Trier in two big meets this season, the Niles North boy cross country team was looking to add another Saturday during the Loyola University Lakefront Invite at Chicago's Montrose Harbor.

But the Trevians outpaced the Vikings in the 40-team field with 128 points to take the overall title. Niles North finished second with 151.

Niles North coach Dan Horyn said his runners were disappointed.

"It's a paradigm shift for us," the coach said. "It was not that good of a day for us, but we still finished second. A year ago, we would have been jumping up and down. We just didn't have anyone stand out."

Aron Sebat placed 10th in 16:05 on a wind-swept, sunny day. Micah Beller followed in 15th (16:11), while Carlitos Rangel (34th, 16:35), Tim Vazquez (38th, 16:39) and Justin Suh (54th, 16:52) rounded out Niles North's scoring.

"We knew that it was going to be challenging, and we weren't going to be running swift times," Horyn said. "We were hoping to beat New Trier again, and that's what disappointed the guys. We have large goals for ourselves this season. If all of our guys run well, we can beat anyone. If we have a few that struggle, we don't have the depth to overcome that. We are a little vulnerable there."

Nevertheless, Horyn said this is the best club he's had in his seven seasons guiding the program, and that these

Vikings are the fastest group in school history. Six of the team's top seven are back from last season's starting lineup.

"Saturday was not an epic failure, and we're still performing at a high level," said Horyn. "But our expectations are high."

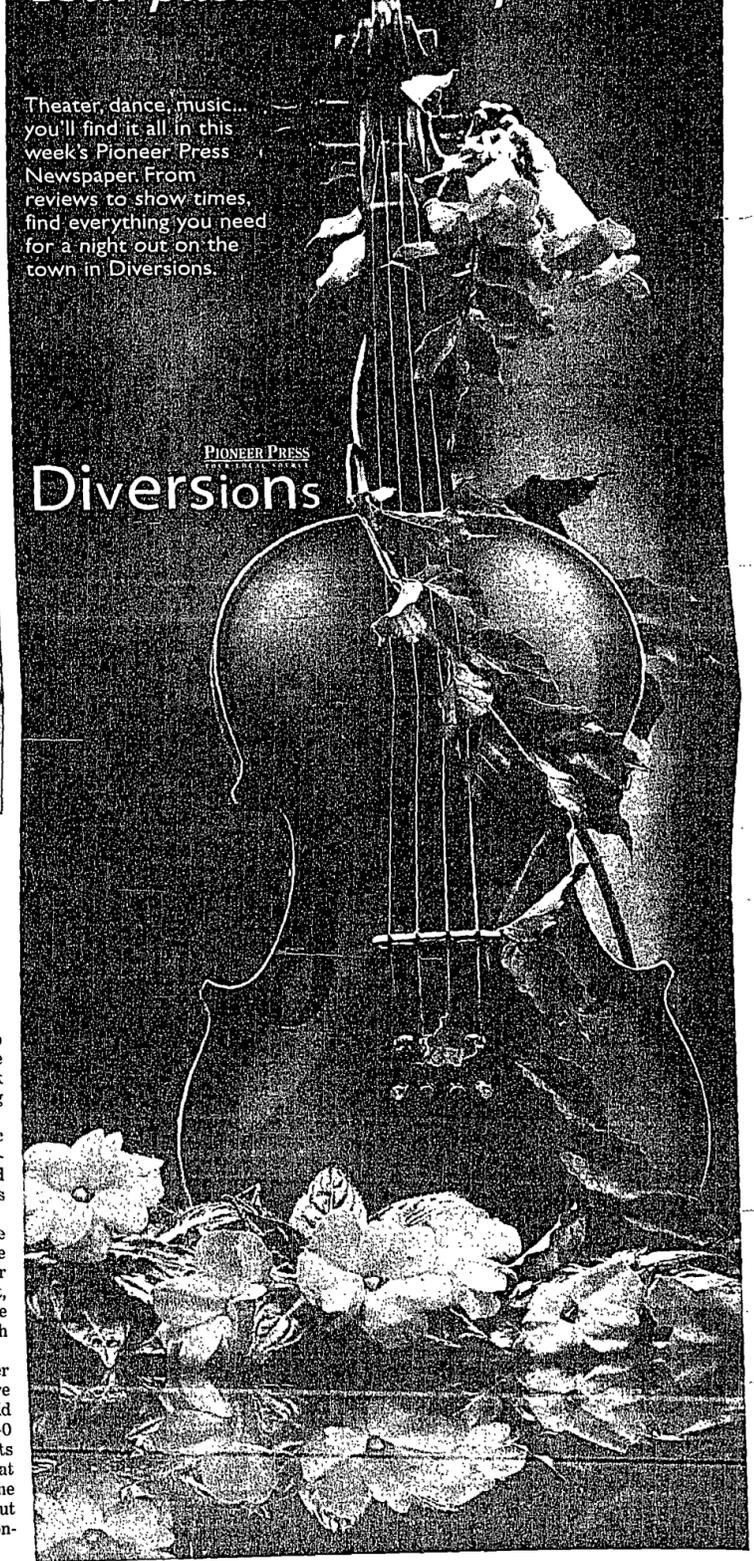
Niles North is off until the CSL Meet on Oct. 15. The Vikings then will turn their attention to the State Meet, and will be looking to beat the 2000 team's 10th-place finish at State.

"We know that New Trier is a great program, but we have beat them twice," said Horyn, whose club went 5-0 against CSL North opponents this season. "We know what we are capable of, and the guys really want to go out there and win the entire (conference) meet."

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# Zakharia confident of Demons' future success

BY TODD SHIELDS  
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George Zakharia is nearing the end of his four-year charge as quarterback for Maine East Blue Demons.

Looking back, the affable 17-year-old senior from Niles didn't deny or sidestep the fact his team has played some dim football.

At 0-6 this season, Maine East's 35-21 loss to Highland Park Friday night was its 14th straight, dating back to Week 2 of the 2010 season.

The Blue Demons' 2008 record was 0-9. The 2009 win-loss tally was 2-7, and last year they went 1-8. They have scored 61 points in six games, while allowing 239.

But as a team leader, Zakharia has been a huge success.

This year, he has rushed for 364 yards on 64 carries for three TDs, and completed 24-of-46 passing attempts for a TD.

Still, he would relinquish everything for a winning season.

"Disappointing seasons are tough to deal with when people tell you, 'Don't worry about it. You're doing well,'" Zakharia said.

"When I'm leading this team, I would give up all my stats for a good season. It's my team, and I want all of us to do well."

Both Zakharia and varsity coach Gabe Corey said the school's football program was at a considerable disadvantage for years because no nearby feeder program existed that otherwise could better prepare youngsters for Maine East football.

"A lot of kids in the area didn't grow up with sports, like at other schools. There are many minorities," Zakharia said.

Corey described Maine East as



Maine East senior quarterback George Zakharia (10) has carried for 364 yards and three touchdowns this season. | JERRY DALIEGE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

the "true melting pot," where the student population spoke 57 foreign languages.

"Kids here aren't exposed much to American sports, like football and baseball. This year, we had 40 freshmen players and only two knew how to put their pads in. In contrast, a lot of kids in the Central Suburban League have been playing football since third grade," he said.

Corey, however, started a feeder program in 2008.

"There's light at the end of the tunnel, we think. Our junior varsity and freshman teams are winning," he said.

Zakharia also has seen steady improvement at the varsity level.

"Fundamentally, we're a good team. Last year, we couldn't do half the things that we do now, such as following blocking assignments and running better passing routes. We know exactly what to do now. When other teams put up a five-man front, we can adjust to it," he said.

Zakharia was one of those many players who came to Maine East football as a freshman with no experience.

Instead, he observed, studied and learned the game from afar.

"I just had a feel for football, and I watched games at the park and on television. Once I was able to play football at Maine East, I experiment-

ed and if something didn't work, I'd try doing it another way."

This season as a defensive back, Zakharia has 48 tackles, two interceptions and three sacks.

Zakharia believed he always led by example.

"I'm not really much of a talker. The best way to lead is doing it yourself and showing others how it's done. Talk is cheap," he explained.

Corey also said Zakharia served as an example by doing.

"His work ethic is unbelievable. First one in the weight and last to leave. He's well respected among his teammates, and he will take command in the huddle, if it's needed. As a junior, he was not real comfortable

## CSL NORTH

Highland Park	2-0	3-3
Deerfield	2-0	3-3
Niles North	1-1	2-4
Glenbrook North	1-1	2-4
Maine West	0-2	0-6
Maine East	0-2	0-6

### Last week's results

Deerfield 49, Maine West 7  
Glenbrook North 20, Niles North 6  
Highland Park 35, Maine East 21

### Top performer

Trevor Ponticelli, Glenbrook North

Senior returned an interception for a TD in the fourth quarter to secure the Spartans' first conference win.

### This week's games

Maine East at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m. Thursday  
Maine West at Glenbrook North, 7 p.m. Thursday  
Highland Park at Niles North, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

with pulling the seniors together, but now he is," Corey said.

Looking ahead to college football, Zakharia has been contacted by Miliken and Carthage — both Division III schools.

"Getting a football scholarship would be nice, but we'll see. I'd like to study physical therapy or kinesiology and stay in sports in some way," he said.

## PLAYOFFS

### BOYS SOCCER

#### MAINE SOUTH

##### SUPERSECTIONAL

##### LEYDEN REGIONAL

Oct. 18  
No. 2 Leyden vs. No. 15 St. Patrick, 5 p.m.  
No. 7 Loyola vs. No. 11 Lane, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 22  
Regional final, 3 p.m.

##### MAINE SOUTH REGIONAL

Oct. 14  
No. 17 Lincoln Park at No. 16 Taft, TBA  
Oct. 19  
No. 1 Evanston vs. Lincoln Park/Taft, 4:30 p.m.  
No. 8 Maine East vs. No. 9 Maine South, 6:30 p.m.

##### LEYDEN REGIONAL

Oct. 22  
Regional final, 3 p.m.

##### NILES NORTH REGIONAL

Oct. 18  
No. 4 Glenbrook South vs. No. 13 Steinmetz, 4:30 p.m.  
No. 5 Niles West vs. No. 12 Niles North, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 21  
Regional final, 7 p.m.

##### NEW TRIER REGIONAL

Oct. 18  
No. 3 Maine West vs. No. 14 Schurz, 5 p.m.  
No. 6 Glenbrook North vs. No. 10 New Trier, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 22  
Regional final, 6 p.m.

Nov. 1  
Evanston Sectional winner vs. Palatine Sectional winner, 5 p.m.

##### EVANSTON SECTIONAL

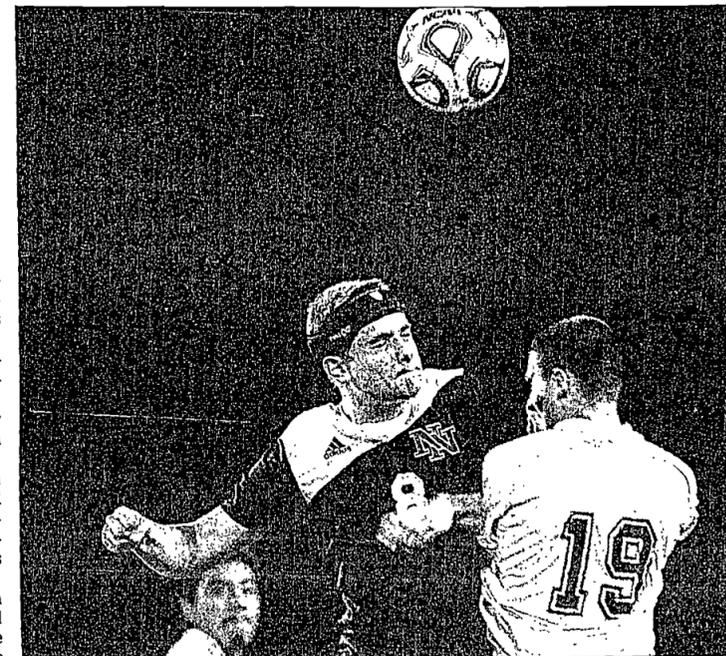
Oct. 25  
Maine South Regional winner vs. Niles North Regional winner, 4:30 p.m.  
Leyden Regional winner vs. New Trier Regional winner, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 29  
Sectional final, 6 p.m.

##### SECTIONAL SEEDS

1. Evanston; 2. Leyden; 3. Maine West; 4. Glenbrook South; 5. Niles West; 6. Glenbrook North; 7. Loyola; 8. Maine East; 9. Maine South; 10. New Trier; 11. Lane; 12. Niles North; 13. Steinmetz; 14. Schurz; 15. St. Patrick; 16. Taft; 17. Lincoln Park

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

# Vikings show some life with dead-ball goals



Niles North's Elan Ness-Cohn (middle) challenges Maine East's Jesus Cisneros (19) for a header. | JERRY DALIEGE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Niles North boys soccer coach Yoon Lee realized early this season that scoring goals was going to be a problem for his team.

Seventeen games into the campaign, the coach's observations proved to be accurate: The Vikings (2-12-3) scored just 15 times.

However, North has created a number of scoring opportunities. Also, the Vikings have clicked on set pieces, a facet of the game where recent North teams have struggled.

Winning can be elusive for a team so heavily reliant on restart goals.

Lee has experimented with different formations, rotated his strikers and worked extensively on finishing in practice, scoring in transition has remained a problem.

"Our inability to score from the attack has just murdered us," Lee said. "We don't have a genuine striker on the whole squad. We've been looking for someone. But if you don't have that natural knack for that position, it's hard to develop in eight weeks (of the season)."

The coach said the presence of a scorer the caliber of 2011 grad Kevin Alvarez, or Javi Torres (Class of '10) would have made a world of difference.

Yet, if the Vikings can somehow uncover a goalscor-

er in the coming weeks, the team could become a dangerous opponent in the postseason.

"In the past, we've been very poor scoring on dead balls. But this season, the boys have clicked and woken up. Most of our goals have come from dead balls," Lee said.

North's defense has been

solid. In addition to Rodriguez, Braubach, who has been injured recently, and Grabic, the backline has included senior Aaron Pelish, sophomore Carlos Santos, junior Kevin Lubowich and senior Kaan Erel.

Junior Danny Miranda continues to be talismanic in goal.

"I can't say enough about Danny Miranda," Lee said. "He's having another spectacular MVP year. Some of the saves he makes are just jaw-dropping."

Recap: With the wind at its back, Loyola took a 1-0 lead over Niles North on Saturday in Skokie.

But North had the wind in the second half and Ness-Cohn found the back of the net 19 minutes after the break. Senior midfielder Alessandro Scanu registered the game-winner five minutes later when he tucked the ball into the net after receiving a pass from junior forward Franklin Bahram, avenging an earlier 2-0 defeat to the Ramblers.

On Sept. 27, Deerfield defeated Niles North 1-0 on the Vikings' Senior Night.

Deerfield's Northwestern-bound superstar Joey Calistri netted the only goal of the contest.

"We had opportunity after opportunity, but we just couldn't put it away," Lee said. "Our boys played valiantly against a great squad like Deerfield."

# Tall newcomers keeps Vikes in first-place hunt

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

There always was going to be an adjustment period this season for a Niles North girls volleyball team that lost eight seniors from a year ago.

But after some growing pains, the Vikings (14-11, 4-1) are playing their best ball of the campaign.

On Tuesday, Niles North was scheduled to play the Glenbrook North (5-0 CSL North) team that had handed the Vikings their only CSL North loss of the season. The contest was important for conference supremacy and came just a day before post-season seeding.

"Glenbrook North is in our

sectional now and beating them would get us a little better sectional seed, and if we beat them we'd be in prime position to at least share the conference title. So, it's a big day," Niles North head coach Michael Cott said on the eve of the game. "A loss dashes our conference hopes. To be two games behind GBN with four to play ... I'm not sure they're going to get beat."

The Vikings entered the season needing to replace a big chunk of last year's team, including Keiko Sugihara and Enela Palavra.

"We lost 75 percent of our roster and have four returning players," said the coach about a graduating class that was led by Keiko Sugihara

and Enela Palavra.

"We were a very inexperienced group at the beginning of the season and took awhile to replace the graduates with other talented girls. But we knew whether or not we would be good at the end of the season would be a matter of how soon the girls could jell and come together as a team."

The Vikings do have their tallest team in years, featuring: 6-foot-2 sophomore outside hitter Taylor Louis, 6-1 junior right side Emma Ciborowski and 6-1 sophomore middle hitter Alethea Busch.

The team's experience comes in the form of senior right side Marissa Matesi, senior back row specialist Kayla

Ockrim, junior outside hitter Andrea Lopez and junior libero Rachel Matthies.

"Those four are our leaders and it's been a challenge for them to come together and jell as leaders," Cott said. "Last year, Keiko was a three and a half year varsity player and our unquestioned leader. Now, we've replaced her with four girls who are splitting roles and defining their responsibilities."

Recap: On Sept. 26, the Vikings defeated Highland Park 26-16, 26-17. Lewis led Niles North with 11 kills. She added two blocks. Lopez had four kills and 14 digs and junior Karime Assaf had four blocks.

"When you beat somebody by eight or nine points, it's a pretty convincing win. We played alright, not great. We can play better. But we did what we had to do and you move on."

# Vikings' Brown chews up big chunks of yardage

BY ALAN FERGUSON  
Contributor

Like its Week 6 opponent, Glenbrook North, Niles North must now win all of its remaining games to have a shot at a playoff berth, its first since 1992.

The Vikings' remaining schedule could make that a difficult task.

Over the next two weeks, Niles North will face Central Suburban North co-leaders Highland Park and Deerfield before wrapping up the regular season against Maine West.

The Vikings (2-4, 1-1) enter that stretch following a 20-6 loss to Glenbrook North on Friday night in which running back Oshayne Brown accounted for 159 of his team's 162 total yards.

Brown got the homecoming game

off to a rousing start by sprinting for a 46-yard touchdown on his team's first play from scrimmage. Niles North then recovered a fumble in Spartans' territory on the ensuing kickoff but couldn't advance beyond the 27-yard line.

Juvane Spence also intercepted a pass on Glenbrook North's next possession, but the Vikings had only one promising drive the rest of the game.

They got to the Glenbrook North 20 in the third quarter but gained one yard over their next three plays. A botched snap then foiled Joseph Lopez's chance to cut into a 14-6 deficit with a 36-yard field goal.

Glenbrook North (2-4, 1-1) put away the game with a pair of interceptions by Trevor Ponticelli, including one he returned 62 yards for a score.

"We talked all week about execution. We obviously executed flawlessly on the first play from scrimmage. ... At other times, we didn't execute," Vikings coach Scott Smith said. "We had some missed blocks and things that you can't afford to do."

With freshman Tony Granato expected to start again in place of an injured Billy Voitik (concussion), Smith said his team will likely have to rely on its running game for today's home game against Highland Park (3-3, 2-0), a team that's beaten the Vikings 13 consecutive times since 1997.

"(Granato) has a tough mind-set, and I think he's going to be really good for us down the road. But we can't be in a situation where we have to throw the ball to win the game," Smith said.



Niles North's Juvane Spence (17) closes in on Glenbrook North's Grant Rushing (22) during the Spartans' 20-6 win in the CSL North. | KEVIN TANAKA-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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## THIS WEEK

### NOTRE DAME

**Saturday**  
Boys cross country at West Aurora at Waubonsie Coll., 8:30 a.m.  
Football at Nazareth, 1:30 p.m.  
Soccer hosts Marian, noon

**Monday**  
Boys golf at Homewood Flossmoor Sectional at Balmoral Woods C.C., TBA

### MAINE EAST

**Today**  
Football at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls swimming hosts Maine West, 5:30 p.m.  
Girls tennis at CSL Meet at Glenbrook North (Rain date), 9 a.m.  
Girls volleyball at Niles North

### Monday

Boys golf at Homewood Flossmoor Sectional at Balmoral Woods C.C., TBA

**Tuesday**  
Girls volleyball hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.

### NILES NORTH

**Today**  
Girls tennis hosts Resurrection, 4:30 p.m.  
Girls swim at Highland Park, 5:30 p.m.  
Girls volleyball hosts Maine East, 6 p.m.  
Football hosts Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday

Boys soccer hosts Leyden, noon

**Monday**  
Boys golf at Homewood Flossmoor Sectional at Balmoral Woods C.C., TBA

### Tuesday

Girls golf at St. Ignatius Sectional at Cog Hill #1, Lemont, TBA

### NILES WEST

**Today**  
Girls volleyball hosts Regina, 6 p.m.  
Girls swimming hosts Waukegan, 5:30 p.m.  
Football hosts New Trier, 7 p.m.

### Monday

Boys golf at Homewood Flossmoor Sectional at Balmoral Woods C.C., TBA

**Tuesday**  
Boys soccer hosts CSL Soccer Bowl, TBA  
Girls golf at St. Ignatius Sectional at Cog Hill #1, TBA

# Wolves claw way to invite title

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

After Niles West earned the 18-team, White Division title during its own invite on Saturday, first-year Wolves head coach Mike Grossman was curious when the program had last accomplished the feat.

So he asked a reliable source.

"I was talking to Pat Savage himself, and he couldn't remember the last time we won the Pat Savage Invite," Grossman said about the tournament's namesake, who coached at Niles West from 1969-2005 before guiding the DePaul cross country team.

Though Niles West had some impressive finishes in Saturday's 41st annual event — which was split into two heats, alphabetically — its times were on the slow side.

Grossman said muddy conditions resulting from a week's worth of rain were responsible for mucking down the entire field. In fact, winner St. Ignatius' Jack Keelan finished in 15:20 after he had been well below 15:00 the previous week.

"I knew it would be a wet and muddy race, but it was to our benefit that we were on our home course," Grossman said. "The runners told me the turns were bad and the mud was there. But they were bad for everyone else. We still ran well, considering the conditions we ran in."

Leading the way for West was senior Neal Omar, who placed third in the division and seventh overall in 15:52.01. Classmate Marc-Daniel Julien came in right behind, placing fourth in the division and ninth overall in 16:00.11. Senior Mas Hoshi crossed seventh in the division and 16th overall (16:12.79), senior Blake Helton took 12th in the division and 28th overall (16:30.47), and senior David Iverson crossed 15th in the division and 41st overall (16:44.86).

Grossman said he also was impressed by the performance of junior Justin Atwal (57th in the division, 17:49.13), who previously had competed in the JV race during the



Notre Dame's Matt Siemianowski (center) runs the Niles West campus during the Pat Savage Invitational. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

previous week's Gummerson Invite.

### Niles West girls

The Wolves finished fourth in the 14-team White Division of the Pat Savage Invite.

Leading the way for West was junior Michelle Karp, who placed 15th in the division and 27th overall (20:18.45). Junior teammate Rachel Bender came in 16th in the division and 31st overall (20:27.64).

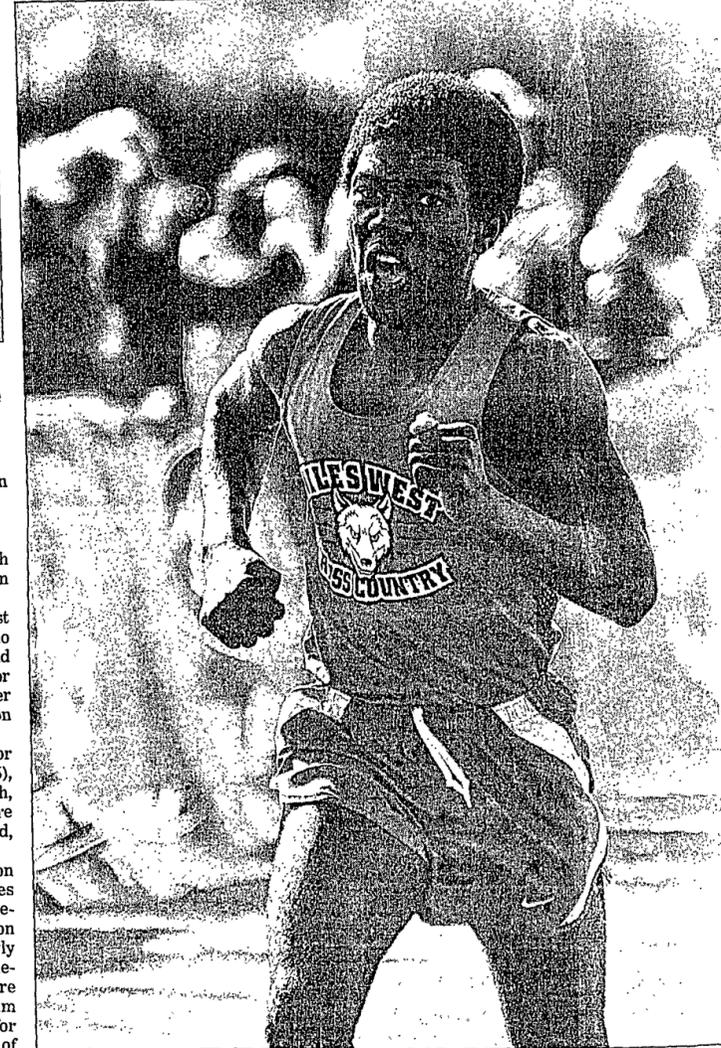
West sophomore Taylor Genis (22nd/50th, 20:48.45), senior Jess Sutfin (24th/54th, 20:57.65) and sophomore Gillian Flippo (28th/62nd, 21:10.68) also scored.

"We ran a steady pace on a slow course," said Niles West head coach Anne Heselton. "Due to construction delays (at the school), newly sodded areas were extremely muddy and there were strong winds. But the team looks to be in good shape for the championship part of the season."

### Niles North girls

Clara Williamson finished sixth in the White Division (10th overall, 19:44.67) and the Vikings placed fifth overall with 190 points, while St. Ignatius won with 42.

Senior Katherine Betz (40th/82nd, 21:27.30), senior Lauren Yuen (52nd White, 21:44.90), junior Clariza Kotsivos (54th, 21:46.88) and sophomore Trinette Lopez



Niles West's Marc-Daniel Julien competes at the Pat Savage Invitational at Niles West, where he placed ninth. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

(62nd, 22:00.84) contributed to the Vikings score.

### Notre Dame boys

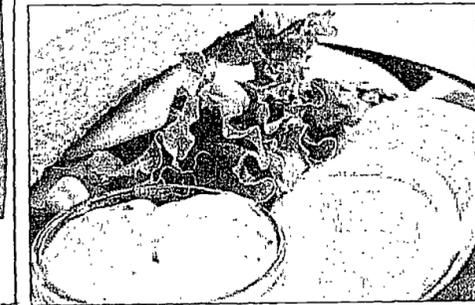
Despite posting slower than usual times, Notre Dame co-head coach John Barrett said that competing in the Pat Savage Invite provided a good experience for his team.

"It was good to run that race," he said. "There are so

many teams there we'll be facing later (in the season). Plus, we've gone to a lot of smaller races. It helped going to a big meet. It was a little slow for our guys, but it was slow across the board. I thought our No. 3 runner, James Maibuecher, and our No. 4 runner, Dan Curley, competed really hard."

The Dons finished 12th in the 18-team White Division. ND's top finisher was junior Mike Gibson, who took 46th in the division and 97th overall (17:32.4). Fellow junior Matt Siemianowski was 48th in the division and 101st overall (17:33.52). Maibuecher, a sophomore, finished 60th in the division (17:52.56) and junior Curley was 78th in the division (18:23.83).

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