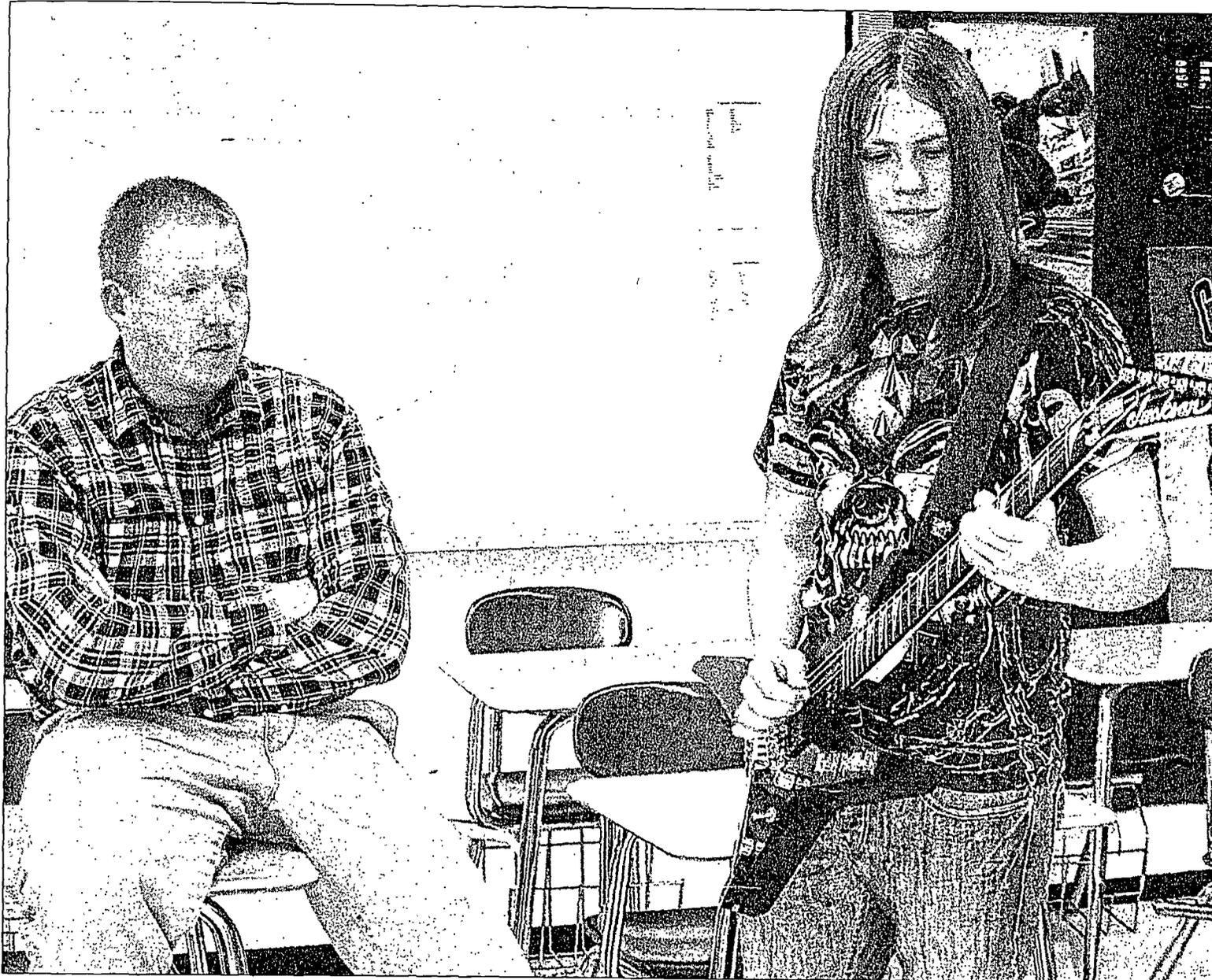


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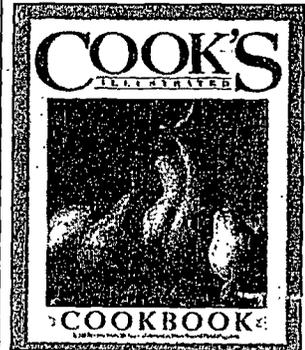
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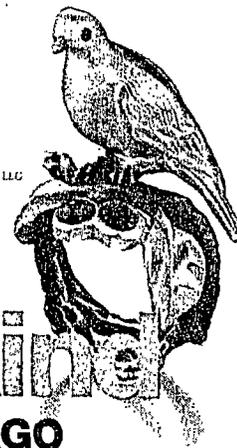
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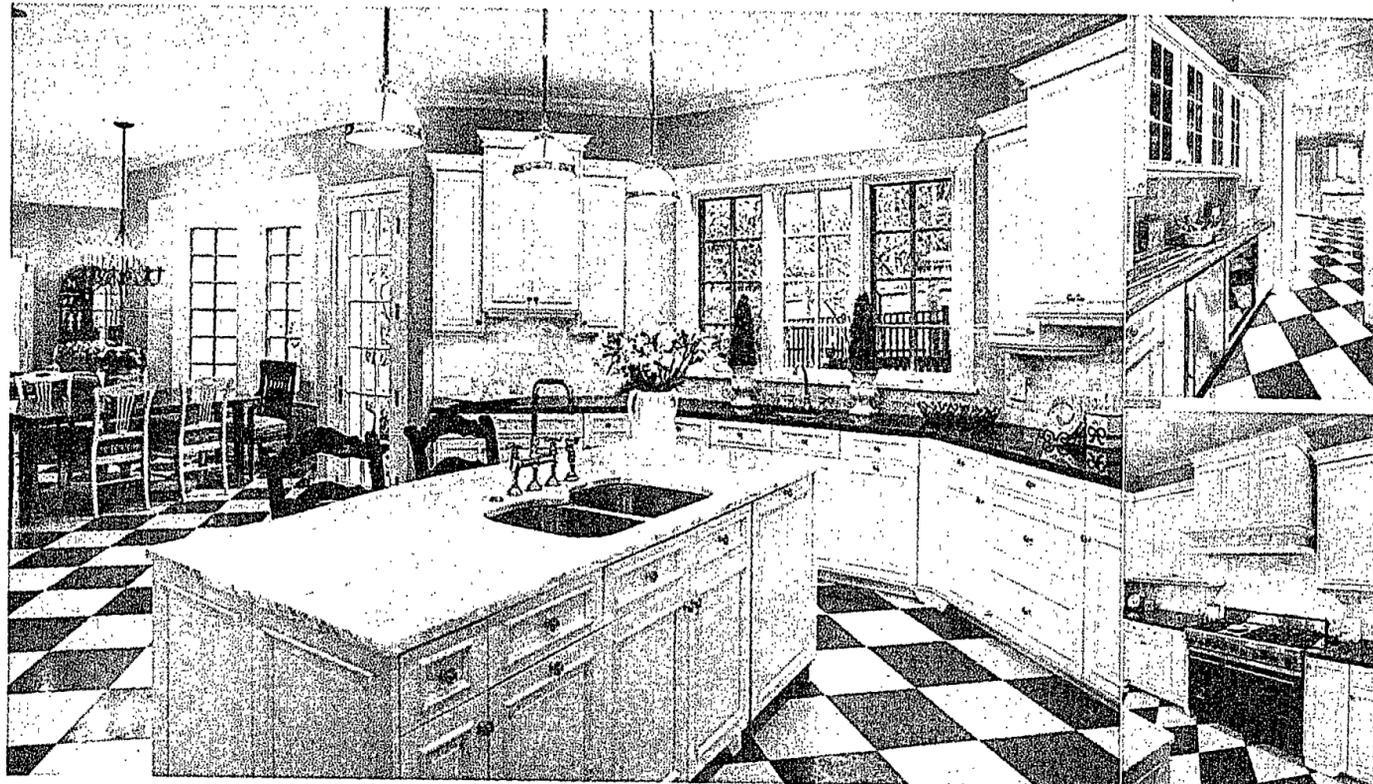
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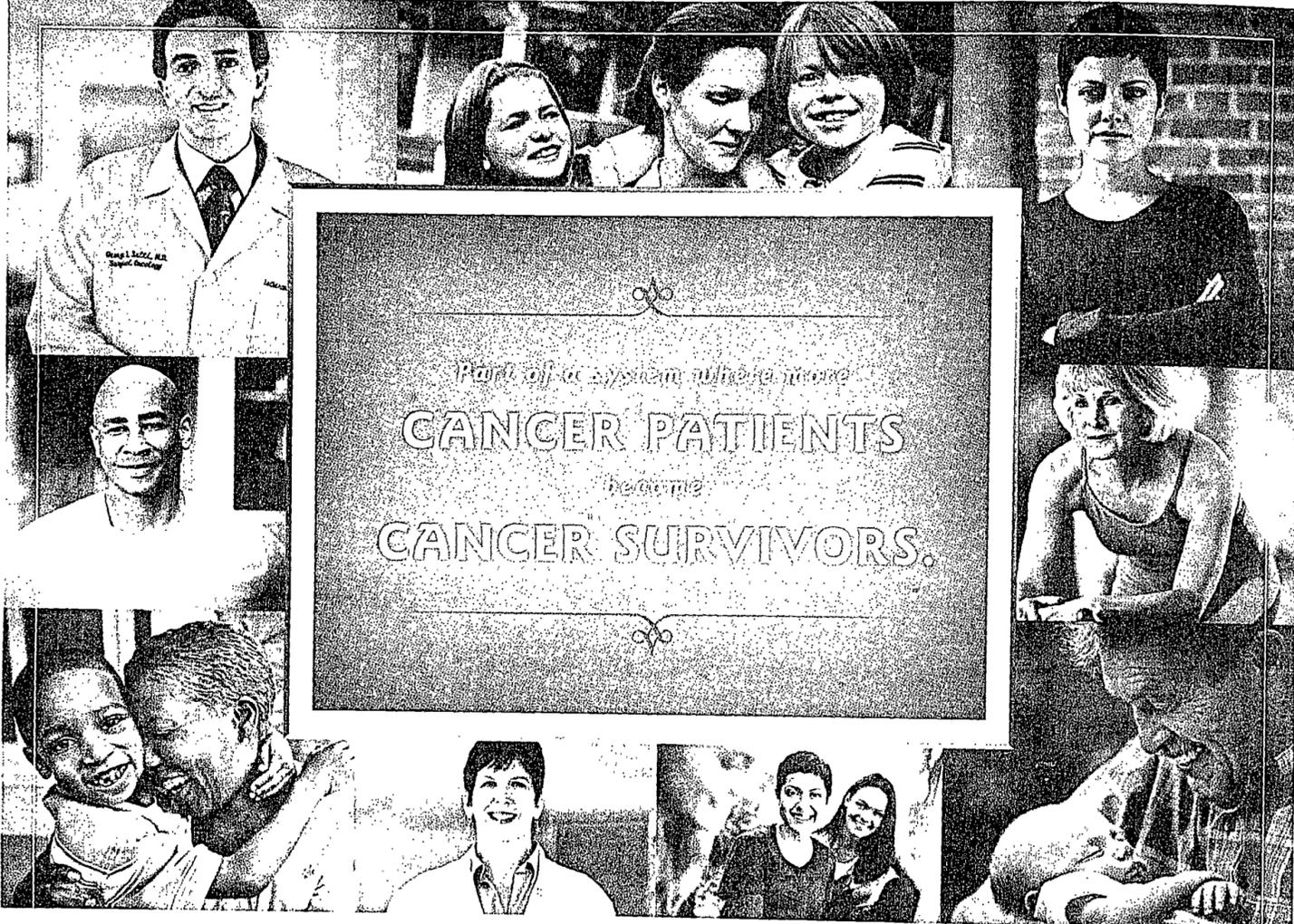
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VILLAGE HALL

Panel appointed to rename Blase Plaza

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Mayor Robert Callero has appointed three members to serve on an ad hoc committee to rename the former Blase Plaza outside Village Hall.

Niles Village Trustee Rosemary Palicki will serve as the chairwoman of the committee.

Former village Trustee George Alpagianis was appointed to serve on the committee, as well as Plan Commission and Zoning Board Chairman Thomas Kanelos.

Palicki brought the issue to remove the Blase Plaza sign back to the village board for a second time, and trustees at the last board meeting voted to take it down.

The committee is accepting name suggestions from residents of Niles through email, mail or in person.

"We'll probably set up some general guidelines," Palicki said of the process of choosing a new name for the plaza.

"I plan on contacting other municipalities to see if they have any procedures in

place for naming public places that might be helpful in giving us some direction on a procedure to consider," Palicki said.

At the last village-board meeting, Alpagianis, who is also the owner of Kappy's Restaurant in Morton Grove, said he wanted the sign honoring ex-Mayor Nicholas Blase, who served a year in prison after being convicted on federal charges involving an insurance-kickback scheme, to remain.

"I will not change my stance on that," Alpagianis said. "His good greatly outweighed his bad."

Alpagianis said he is looking forward to being a member of the committee.

"I want to serve my community," Alpagianis said.

Interested residents may either email suggestions to plaza@vniles.com or deliver them by U.S. mail or personally to the Niles Administration Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714. Residents should mark all emails or correspondence "Plaza."

The deadline for submissions is Nov. 30.



Mayor Robert Callero talks about the state of the economy in Niles at the annual mayoral luncheon on Nov. 2 at Chateau Ritz in Niles. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ANNUAL MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Callero reports declining joblessness, stable budget

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Members of the Niles community gathered Nov. 2 at Chateau Ritz to hear Mayor Robert Callero's annual mayoral address.

Local businesses, village trustees, library trustees, and other community members and village officials attended the event. In addition to the mayor, speakers included Community Development Director Chuck Ostman, Police Chief Dean Strzelecki and Public Works Director Scott Jochim.

Callero kicked off his speech talking about the state of the economies of both the United States and the village of Niles. Noting that the U.S. unemployment rate is 9.1 compared with the 9.6 percent it was a year ago, he said that in Niles, the unemployment rate also decreased from 7.7 percent in 2010 to 6.9 percent this year.

Callero said about 350 new jobs were created by 42 new businesses that opened in Niles since January.

The business-vacancy rate in Niles was 9 percent a year ago and it is now 6.1 percent, he said.

Callero described the village's budget as "stable," with more than \$20 million in the general-

fund balance. He said the fund balance should be 25 percent of the year's expenses, which is \$10 million. The village's general-fund balance is double that amount.

The mayor also said the village is in the process of addressing flooding issues, recently approved its comprehensive plan and will create new Free Bus routes. He also reminded audience members that the village was voted "Best Place to Raise Kids in the United States" by Bloomberg BusinessWeek.

"You are an integral part of the award," Callero said to the various community members. "You should be proud to say your business is in Niles."

Ostman talked about some of the new businesses that have recently opened in the village, such as Gordon Food Service, Ross Dress for Less and HHGregg.

Ostman said that after the first of the year there will be a roundtable discussion with representatives from the Niles Chamber of Commerce and the village to talk about what can be done better for businesses.

Ostman announced that there are 180 total foreclosures in the village, 88 of which are bank-owned.

Jochim said the village of Niles

will be using anti-icing products and proactive methods before a snow storm hits. For example, crews will use beet juice this winter. Jochim also talked about an upcoming Illinois Department of Transportation project to modernize traffic signals on Milwaukee Avenue in the areas of Main and Oakton.

Strzelecki started his speech by making residents aware of a phone solicitation by the Metropolitan Alliance of Police. He wanted to make sure the public was aware that they are not raising funds for the Niles Police Department.

Strzelecki also talked about crime in Niles. He said theft is the leading crime in the village, which makes sense due to the abundance of retail in Niles.

"Niles continues to hold onto a low crime rate," Strzelecki said. He added: "Crime is a community issue. The community must stay involved."

Strzelecki recommended that every family establish an emergency plan and have an emergency-preparedness kit. He said the village is part of terrorism task forces and is especially cognizant of abandoned vehicles, water reservoirs, shopping centers and office buildings.

STATE LEGISLATURE

Bill would allow trustee to be mayor, hold liquor license

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Niles village trustee Andrew Przybylo is one step closer to being able to run for mayor in the next election.

Though he is not declaring that he will in fact run for mayor, Przybylo on Oct. 26 was in Springfield testifying in support of a House bill that would allow him to run for mayor if he chooses.

Under the existing law Przybylo would not be eligible to run because the mayor is also the village's liquor commissioner. Because Przybylo holds a liquor license as owner of White Eagle Banquets, he is not allowed to be liquor commissioner for

himself.

"I've tried to do this for many years now," Przybylo said.

He said his father started the White Eagle many years ago and he feels the current law that restricts him from running for mayor is unfair.

The bill passed in the House, but still needs approval from the Senate and the governor. He said the bill is not just for him.

"It's a good first step for everyone in the state of Illinois that thinks they could make a difference and has a liquor license," Przybylo said.

If approved, if someone who owned a liquor license were elected as mayor, the village board would appoint a new liquor commissioner.

"I did testify in opposition," said Anita Bedell, executive director of Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems, a nonprofit organization. "It's a conflict of interest."

Przybylo countered: "There is no conflict if the provision of the law is followed."

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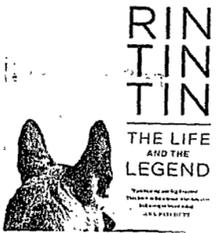
A quotation in an Oct. 27 story about the opening of Ross Dress for Less in Niles was incorrectly reported. The quote should have read: "There's no frills, just big thrills."

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FIRE

Cause of Rosati's Pizza blaze investigated

BY TRACY GRUEN
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A fire started about 4:10 p.m. Nov. 3 in the kitchen at Rosati's Pizza, at 8166 Milwaukee Ave. in Niles.

An employee was helping a customer at the restaurant at the time of the fire.

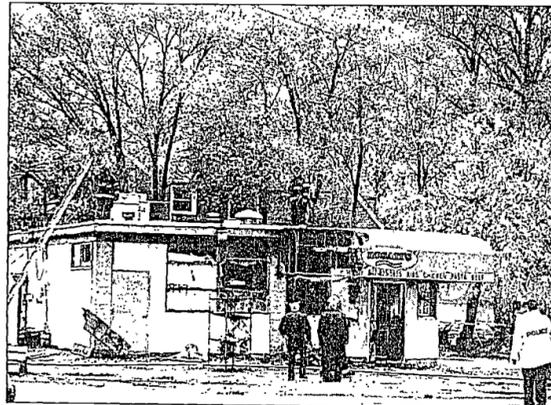
Niles Police Sgt. Ronald Brandt said that when the employee saw flames in the kitchen he exited and called 911.

"No one was injured," Brandt said earlier this evening. "I do not know the cause. It is still under investigation."

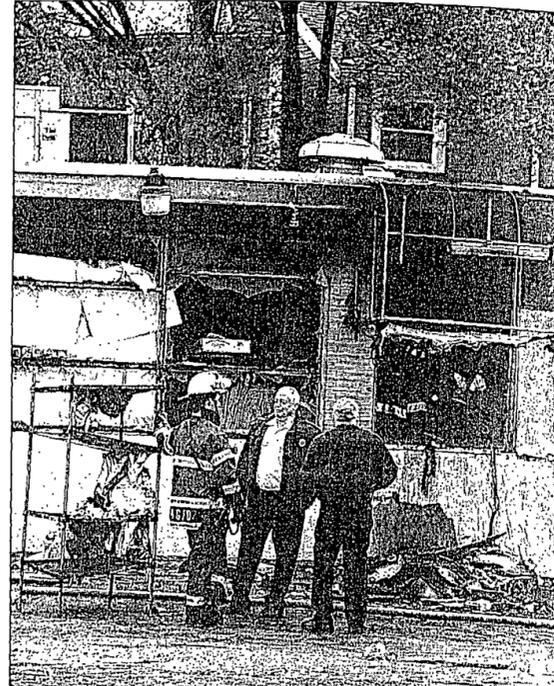
Brandt said the fire took 20 to 30 minutes to put out and fire personnel left the scene about 6 p.m. Nov. 3.

"The perimeter of the building is still standing," Brandt said, adding that the majority of the interior is likely damaged.

The restaurant has been in Niles



Firefighters investigate the cause of a fire at Rosati's Pizza on the 8100 block of north Milwaukee Avenue on Nov. 3 in Niles. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



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NEWS BRIEF

Hospital breaks ground on Down syndrome facility

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital recently broke ground on a state-of-the-art addition to its facility in Park Ridge, which will create a national model of medical care for adults with Down syndrome, according to a

news release.

State Sen. Dan Kotowski, D-33rd, worked with physicians and directors at ALGH to secure \$1.2 million in capital funding for the new center. His efforts to obtain financial support, combined with those of U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, Gov. Pat Quinn, state Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, R-65th, and state Rep.

Elaine Nekritz, D-57th, ensured that the construction of a new, specialized-care center for adults with Down syndrome will become a reality. Parents of those with Down syndrome have pushed for this type of facility for decades, the release stated.

This construction will triple the size of the current facility, increase the number of examina-

tion rooms and provide a designated space for family consultation. In addition, the project will result in 117 construction jobs.

"When completed, the facility will serve nearly 7,000 patients annually, further establishing ALGH as a national leader in medical care for adults with Down syndrome," the release stated.

PARK VIEW SCHOOL

District 70 falls short of special-ed math standard

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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Morton Grove School District 70 has some work ahead of it.

The district, which comprises Park View School, failed to meet one of the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Guidelines this year call for 95 percent of all students to take the Illinois Standards Achievement Test, and for 85 percent to meet state standards in English and math.

For district students with disabilities at least 72 percent had to meet state standards to comply with the federal act's "adequate yearly progress" requirement.

Only 64 percent of those students met or exceeded standards in math, according to the district's state report card.

The district, which serves a portion of Morton Grove students in kindergarten through eighth grade, has an enrollment of 845.

"First of all, we've been making AYP for the last few years," said Superintendent Gary Zabilka, "But I think we all recognized that it was inevitable that at some point in time we might not."

"We didn't make AYP in math in special ed, but overall I'm pleased with the scores."

Ninety percent of all students met or exceeded state standards.

Zabilka said to help students met math goals the district will use as a model an after-school reading program it developed during the past few years using federal funds.

"We focused on those students who were not making AYP in reading," he explained. "They would stay after school twice a week for 15 weeks. But we didn't want the kids to look at this as punishment. We had snacks, and the teachers created special activities."

"These were the kids who were not reading well to begin with. And we had good success, with 75 percent of them making AYP. We want to incorporate those strategies with math — for special-ed kids and for all kids." Zabilka noted that because the district is small, teachers keep track of their students' progress, sharing information among themselves.

"You know, I think the teachers feel worse than the kids when they don't make the grade," he said. "And for the first time, overall reading-score percentage points are higher than those for math."

That being the case, Zabilka said the district will provide that same level of programming and support for math.

"We've got the best school," he added. "We're consistently in the 90-percentiles. I'm not worried."

DISTRICT 67

Schools meet federal testing standards

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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Golf School District 67 is among the 20 percent of all Illinois public school districts that have met the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The district, which serves a portion of Morton Grove, has a total enrollment of 562 students, split between Hynes Elementary School and Golf Middle School.

Federal guidelines this year call for 95 percent of all students to take the test, and for 85 percent of them to meet state stan-

dards in English and math. Overall, 91.6 percent of all Golf School District students met or exceeded those standards, according to the district's 2010-11 state school report card.

Only fourth-grade reading and sixth-grade math totals were lower, at 88.3 percent and 88 percent, respectively.

Ninety-nine percent of both third- and fifth-grade students met or exceeded state standards in math.

And 100 percent of seventh-grade girls made the grade in science, as did 100 percent of fourthgrade girls in math.



Katie Nicolay, of Morton Grove, playing Hellen Keller, shows her displeasure with Danielle Malenock's Annie Sullivan as she attempts to rehabilitate her. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP

Morton Grove girl stars in 'The Miracle Worker'

Katie Nicolay, of Morton Grove, a junior at Resurrection College Prep High School in Chicago, recently played a lead role in the school's production of "The Miracle Worker" Nicolay portrayed Hellen Keller in the play, which was staged Nov. 3-6.

DISTRICT 63

School board to finalize tax levy Dec. 7

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

East Maine School District 63 is budgeting to receive about \$35.4 million in revenue from local property taxes in 2012, representing a 3.7-percent increase over this year's amount.

The school board approved a tentative 2011 tax levy at its monthly meeting Nov. 2.

David Bein, executive director of business services, said the calculation is based on several laws. The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, or tax cap, limits the levy to last year's amount plus the Consumer Price Index and taxes applicable to new construction. The calendar 2010 CPI is 1.5 percent.

Twenty-four percent of revenue from the 2011 levy will tentatively be split among funds for operations and maintenance, transportation, working cash, Social Security, tort immunity, special education, and bond and interest.

The estimated 2011 levy is double the percentage of the CPI to allow the district to receive additional tax dollars in the likelihood that there is new construction or increases in assessed property values.

Though overall assessment levels

have been declining, Maine Township has been fortunate not to have experienced a significant reduction in property values, Bein said.

New construction in District 63 has averaged just more than \$5 million for several years. In 2010, it amounted to \$5.5 million, just as the district had predicted. The 2011 levy projection is based on that amount.

District 63's revenue primarily comes from local property taxes, a majority of which support the district's education fund.

Lynn Glickman, executive director of personnel and pupil services, announced that the administrative-salary-compensation report had been posted on the district's website by Oct. 1, as required by law.

Superintendent Scott Clay reminded board members that all District 63 schools will be in session on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and that students will take part in various special activities to learn about and honor the efforts of military veterans.

The school board also passed resolutions to recognize Nov. 13-19 as American Education Week, and Nov. 15 as School Board Members Day.

Board of Education approved funding for four crossing guards.

Last month the Cook County Sheriff's Department announced it will eliminate crossing-guard positions at Stevenson, Twain, Apollo and Washington schools. The district will assume the costs of hiring additional crossing guards at a rate of \$9 an hour, or \$18 a day, per position.

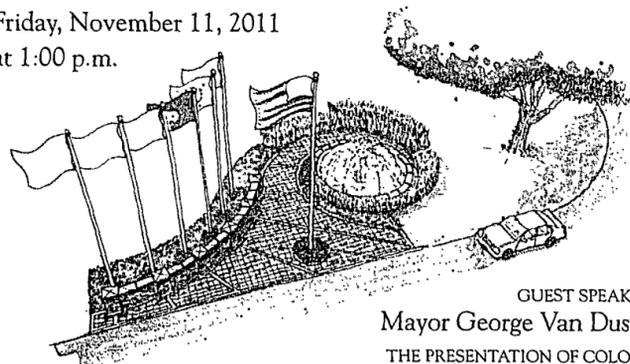
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STATE PROGRAM

Financial literacy class recipients earn Illinois Saves accounts

BY IRV LEAVITT
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As part of its ongoing efforts to encourage Illinois residents using payday loan and currency exchange services to expand their financial options, the state Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) recently celebrated the graduation of 28 participants from the financial literacy class sponsored by the Heartland Human Care Services at the W.W. Grainger facility in Niles, where most of them work.

They received a certificate from the IDFPR and a free Illinois Saves account at a Fifth Third Bank.

Signing up for Illinois Saves accounts is now easier through a new Illinois Saves website at: <http://www.illinois-saves.org>.

"With our slow-growth economy and the budgetary pressures facing families, financial literacy is very important," said Manny Flores, Director of Banking for IDFPR.

"Working families need to understand their rights and responsibilities regarding the money they earn, spend, and hopefully save. Illinois Saves is a valuable resource that provides helpful information and offers a consumer-friendly

alternative to non-bank financial services."

The Illinois Saves campaign is a public/private partnership between State government, non-profit community organizations and local financial institutions willing to develop new products to encourage working families to participate in the banking system. The financial literacy program offered (by Heartland in partnership with the IDFPR) at Grainger Inc. provided information about budgeting, financial products such as bank accounts, investment options, lending options, developing a credit history, building assets and overall consumer skills. By the time of graduation, the participants could take control of their finances and avoid the cycle of debt in which many lower income workers find themselves.

"Employers can play a major role in turning the tide towards financial stability for their employees, by offering financial education and asset-building programs such as those offered by Heartland Alliance," said Heartland Alliance's Carmen Jimenez.

"Recently, W.W. Grainger Inc., a company that supplies maintenance, repair and operating products, asked Heartland Alliance to provide onsite financial education workshops to its employees. A customized program was created to meet the needs of both Grainger and its employees, especially as the company planned a major warehouse relocation."

"Because I took this course with Heartland Alliance I know I will not repeat the mistakes I have made in the past. I feel more confident of my understanding of my personal financial responsibilities," said B.J. Simpson, a program participant.

"This course would be very beneficial for anyone of any age. I wish I was aware of all I had learned in this course when I was in high school. I was glad to learn about all of the resources available to me to help guide me in making informed financial decisions. It's too easy for a person my age to make financial mistakes. This course helped me to overcome that tendency and will keep me financially on the right path."

Illinois Saves initiative and the related accounts are free to graduates of IDFPR-certified programs, accept direct deposit payments from employers or government benefit programs, and provide unlimited access to funds in the account through ATM access or electronic transfers.

ALERT

Niles police: Phone solicitors not with us

The Niles Police Department is alerting Niles residents that during the next few weeks the Metropolitan Alliance of Police will be conducting a telephone-solicitation campaign as part of their annual fundraising drive.

According to the Police Department the telephone solicitors are not members

of the Niles police and should not be soliciting on behalf of the Police Department. No one at the Niles Police Department has given consent to or hired telemarketers to solicit funds on behalf of the department. The decision to solicit funds through this type of telemarketing is being made by individuals

outside the community, the department stated.

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COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE

Sex offenders re-registered during Halloween checkup

Registered sex offenders living in unincorporated areas of Cook County were required to check in with Cook County Sheriff's Police on Halloween, the Sheriff's Department announced.

On Oct. 31 registered sex offenders were required to re-register at one of five Cook County Sheriff's Office police facilities, including the Cook County Courthouse in Skokie.

They were also required to take a new photograph

and view a video detailing responsibilities and requirements of registered sex offenders under state law. These include restrictions on the proximity of their residence to schools and parks; restrictions on employment and use of the Internet and social-networking sites; and a requirement that they update their home address and employment on a regular basis.

In unincorporated Maine Township there are now nine

registered sex offenders, according to the state's online sex-offender registry. Two of these men, a resident of the 9600 block of North Greenwood Avenue and a resident of the 8900 block of Knight Avenue, are identified as "sexual predators."

In addition to the Halloween check-in, about 100 Cook County Sheriff's Police officers were expected to conduct random compliance checks of registered sex offenders in the unincorporated

areas of the county by going door-to-door to verify addresses and make sure the residents were in compliance with rules and regulations.

According to the Sheriff's Department, officers have been conducting aerial and ground checks of the residences of all registered sex offenders in unincorporated Cook County.

A list of registered sex offenders in Illinois can be found at www.isp.state.il.us/sor.

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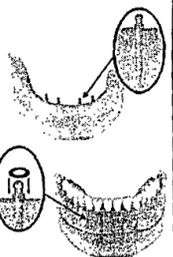
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Chicago, which endured several blizzards last winter, could be one of the hardest-hit U.S. cities in terms of both snow and cold this winter, say leading meteorologists. In advance of the brutally cold temperatures, homeowners in the Chicago area are adding insulation in both their walls and attics, providing an extra layer of protection from the frigid air outside.

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

"Properly insulated walls and attics can help our customers stay more comfortable throughout the winter by keeping the heat in and the cold out," said Michael Preston of USA Insulation. "We can install insulation in most homes with no cosmetic damage from the outside - no need to tear open the walls of the house!"

Jackie Rosen of Niles noticed several drafty areas in her 55 year old brick, split level home. "There were certain areas of the house that no matter what I set the thermostat at, it

was always cold." Ms. Rosen saw a piece on USA Insulation on a local home and garden television program and liked what she saw in the video. "They drilled holes through the mortar junctions, but you can't see where the holes were when they were finished." Ms. Rosen has noticed some definite improvements in her indoor environment. "I don't need to wear a sweater around my house anymore and I can tell the furnace runs less because I don't hear it kick on all the time. The first January after the installation my gas bill dropped dramatically!"

The federal tax credit for insulation is set to expire December 31st, 2011. Chicago homeowners are urged to take advantage of this up to \$500 incentive before the cold winter arrives. In addition, local insulation company, USA Insulation, has announced that they will match the credit with an instant 10% rebate up to \$500 on a whole house insulation project.

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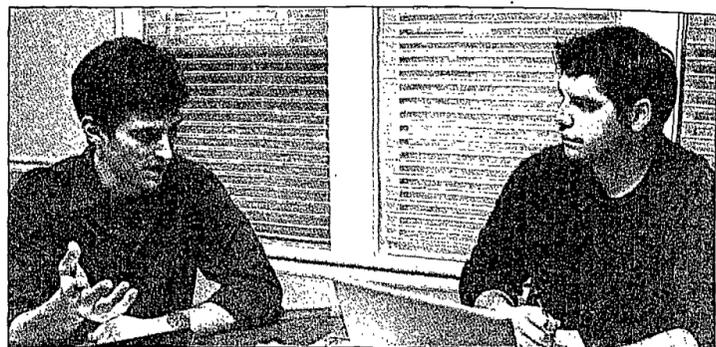
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Dan Arwady and Jim Skuros have launched SoundOff.fm, a website giving largely independent musicians the opportunity to showcase their music. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

SOUNDOFF.FM

New website creates indie-music marketplace

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Two childhood friends and music lovers have teamed up to launch a website that gives musicians a stage to showcase their tunes and gives fans an opportunity to check out — and vote on — new sounds.

SoundOff.fm is the brainchild of Dan Arwady of Arlington Heights and Park Ridge native Jim Skuros. The site works like this: Musicians post their recorded songs and visitors, for no charge, choose a genre they like and listen to 20-second song clips from several artists. Listeners can then cast votes for their favorite songs, giving the bands or solo artists the chance to earn points which they can use to generate more exposure on the site.

There is also an opportunity to download entire songs if the artist gives permission and has a copyright for the song.

Arwady and Skuros launched SoundOff.fm on Sept. 29. Within just a few days about 300 bands had posted songs to the site, they said.

"We've already gotten a lot of positive feedback that people have discovered a lot of artists on here and the artists love it because they are getting exposure," Arwady said.

SoundOff.fm is different from other music sites like Pandora or Spotify because it showcases music that is not mainstream, Arwady said.

"As an independent artist it's hard to get yourself out there because there's just so much (music) out there," he said. "The nice thing about the website that Jim and I built is that you can go on and it kind of force-feeds you very quick, 20-second samples of music from a genre you pick."

"We set out to basically make the best possible platform for people to get discovered," Skuros added.

Music genres from which to choose include rock, alternative, metal, electronic, pop, country, hip-hop, R&B, soul, Christian, blues, jazz, reggae, soundtracks, world music, opera, new age, anime, children's, classical, easy listening and comedy.

Artists who have contributed music to the site come from across the United States, but also other countries, like India and Spain.

"It's cool to see that," Arwady said. "It's really diverse and there is a lot of different music on there already. We're excited to see where it goes."

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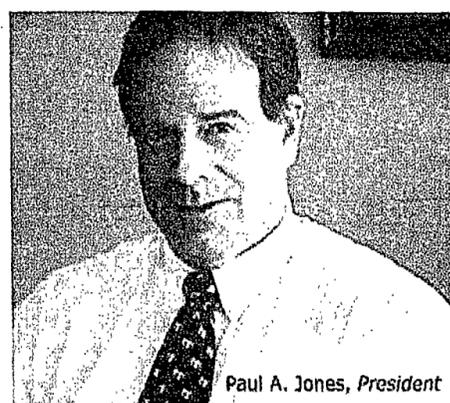
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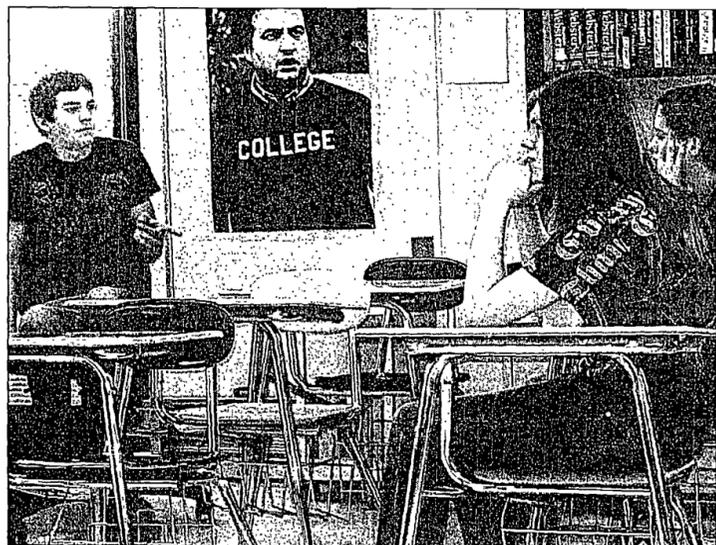
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Zach Wendorf discusses music with fellow Maine South Metal Club members Michal Meszyn and Christine Eweld during a club meeting Nov. 2. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

MAINE SOUTH

Alloyed forces

School music club is a mixer for 'metalheads'

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For Maine South High School junior Zach Wendorf, being a self-proclaimed "metalhead" isn't just about being a fan of heavy-metal music. It's a state of mind, a lifestyle.

"It's about really feeling the music. It's almost like a hippie mindset, but put into a lot heavier music," said Wendorf, founder of Maine South's Metal Club. "(The music) kind of flows throughout your body and dictates your actions."

Though Metal Club is still trying to find its focus, Wendorf said he proposed the creation of the group as a way to bring fans of metal and its various sub-genres together. "I thought it would be a way to revolutionize the people at school and get them together to jam out and have fun," Wendorf said.

Wendorf and five other metal fans gathered after school Nov. 2 in Room A102 to talk music and listen to songs recorded by Wendorf and his metal/thrash band, Evok-

ing Evisceration, as well as the Finnish goth-rock/power metal band Nightwish. Junior Michal Meszyn, who identifies himself as a "die hard fan of Iron Maiden," strummed a few Maiden riffs on his electric guitar. He's only been taking lessons for a year and a half, but seems to be mastering the art.

"Sometimes I can sit with my guitar for five hours," he acknowledged.

Mimi Robins, a junior, is a writer, singer and fan of the goth-metal genre, particularly female-fronted rock bands. She said many stereotypes exist of people who identify themselves as "goths."

"Gothic people like to see the beauty in darkness," she explained. "They're not bad people; they don't want to hurt themselves and they don't want to die. A lot of people think that they do, so there are many stereotypes surrounding the image, I suppose."

Wendorf also dispels generalizations about metal fans, particularly that listening

to music that sounds violent leads to violent behavior.

"For me, at least, when I got angry, metal kind of calms me down when I listen to it," he said.

Somehow, the conversation turned to Rebecca Black's auto-tune infused, online super-hit, "Friday," and the metal cover versions it has spawned, including one Wendorf recorded with growling, rather than sung, lyrics.

"There's numerous metal versions of that song?" asked a surprised Matthew Ellefson, Metal Club's faculty sponsor, as Wendorf's song played in the background.

"Yeah," Wendorf replied. "It's ridiculous," Robins said.

Ellefson, an English teacher and heavy-metal fan himself, agreed to sponsor Metal Club after Wendorf approached him with the idea last year. He hopes it will become an outlet for students who may not feel a connection to their school, but the group's dilemma remains figuring out what



Michal Meszyn plays a riff on his electric guitar during a meeting of Maine South's Metal Club Nov. 2. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

the club should actually do. A "jam session" planned for the Nov. 2 meeting brought students with similar interests together, but only one had an instrument.

"One issue we face is that

a lot of kids we want to join this club don't want to stick around after school," Ellefson acknowledged.

For those who do, Metal Club is always looking for new members and new ideas. The

club usually meets on the first Wednesday or Thursday of each month and students can find out about the club's next meeting by looking for an announcement in Maine South's Daily Bulletin.

OLYMPIC HOPEFUL

Maine South grad makes U.S. Speed Skating Team

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Tamara Frederick practically grew up on the ice rink as a member of the Park Ridge Speed Skating Club.

Today she's training for international competition — and maybe even a shot at the 2014 Olympics — as a member of the U.S. Speed Skating Team.

Frederick, a 2007 Maine South High School graduate, was named a U.S. Speed Skating Team member in early-October. She's now training for short-track World Cup competitions in Nagoya, Japan, and Shanghai, China, next month.

"It's a great opportunity to represent your country," Frederick said of her position on the Speed Skating Team.

Frederick now trains in Salt Lake City, Utah. It's a much different experience from her Park Ridge Speed Skating Club days at the Oakton Ice Arena, she acknowledges.

"It's a lot more challenging and there's a lot more pressure," Frederick said. "You're expected to be on the Olympic team in 2014."

Frederick's first outing on the ice began at age 4.

"My sisters all figure-skated at Oakton," she explained. "I didn't really care for figure skating so I found something else and it worked out well for me."

That "something else" was



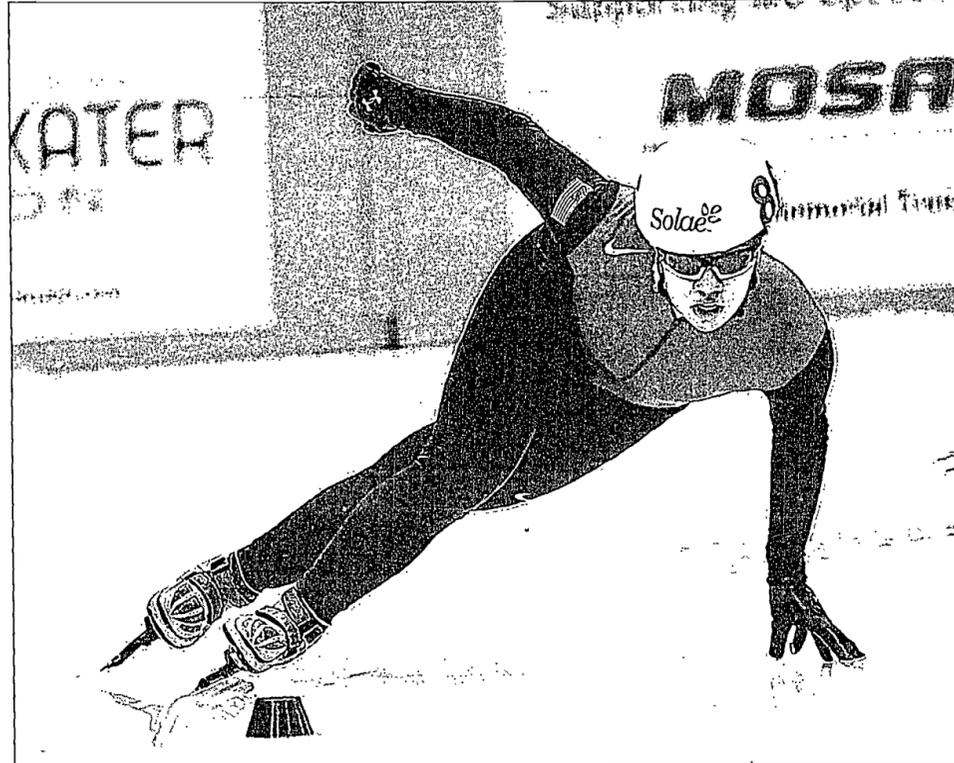
Park Ridge native Tamara Frederick was recently named to the U.S. Speed Skating Team. | PHOTO COURTESY OF DANE RAHLF, STRUCKAXIOM

speed skating. At just 7 years old Frederick joined Park Ridge Speed Skating, remaining involved with the organization — accumulating her share of trophies and awards — until she graduated high school.

"I just remember it being so much fun," Frederick said. She added, "Without the Park Ridge Speed Skating Club and all the support I had there ... I wouldn't have made it this far."

Recognition she was most pleased to receive during her Park Ridge Speed Skating days came from the Amateur Skating Association of Illinois, she said.

"It's really nice to have the whole association recognize you," Frederick acknowledged.



Tamara Frederick skates at the American Cup 1 in St. Louis. Frederick, a Park Ridge native, is a member of the U.S. Speed Skating Team. | PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVEN PENLAND

Peter Block, president and coach of the Park Ridge Speed Skating Club, said Frederick benefitted from having four-

time Olympian Nancy Swider-Peltz as a coach early on in her training at Oakton.

"I'm really happy that all

of Tamara's hard work and perseverance has resulted in this World Team berth," Block said. "Tamara is not only a

great, aggressive skater, but also a very smart skater. All of these qualities are very important in short track (skating)."

SCHOOLS DIGEST

Students lauded for writing excellence

Five Maine Township High School District 207 students have earned recognition for Superior Writing in competition conducted by the National Council of Teachers of English.

The five students receiving Achievement Awards in Writing are Raymond Roman of Maine East High School, Erin Bauer and Renee Kumon of Maine South, and Brett Benischek and Angela Remus of Maine West. All are seniors who submitted entries during

their junior year.

The recognition of five District 207 students is especially noteworthy as this honor was earned by only 38 students in all of Illinois and by only 520 students nationwide.

The NCTE issues the Achievement Awards in Writing annually in recognition of writing excellence by high school juniors. Award winners have demonstrated their writing ability in two formats: first, in a sample of their best writing, in any genre, drafted and revised over time; and, second, in an

impromptu essay on a topic selected by the awards advisory committee and written during a supervised, 75-minute period.

The Achievement Awards in Writing program was established in 1957 to encourage high school students in their writing and to give public recognition to some of the nation's best student writers. A team of English teachers judge the writing, looking particularly for writing that "demonstrates effective and imaginative use of language to inform and move an audience." Winners receive

certificates, have their names posted on the NCTE website and receive a card explaining their achievement to include with college applications.

Students to appear in All-State Musical

Four Maine Township High School District 207 students have successfully auditioned for the 2012 All State production of "Almost, Maine." Those earning this honor are Josh Torres, a senior at Maine East and Claire Floriano, Mark Gotthelf and Danielle Soldat of Maine South. Torres, Soldat and Gotthelf will work as

crew members; Floriano will be in the cast.

Each summer, high school students from all over Illinois audition and interview for the following year's All State performance in January. This year, All-State Musical producers and directors accepted 23 crew members and 18 cast members. These All-Staters rehearse and build during holiday weekends throughout the fall at Grayslake High School.

This annual showcase for high school theater talent is part of the Illinois High School Theatre Festival, which is the

largest and oldest non-competitive high school theatre festival in the world. The three-day event (Jan. 5, 6 and 7 in 2012) unfolds each January and alternates locations between the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and Illinois State University in Normal. Several thousand students, teachers, university representatives, exhibitors and volunteers come together to conduct more than 25 different high school productions and more than 150 workshops in addition to the highlight of the All-State production.

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DISTRICT 219 NOTES

Niles North chess success

Members of Niles North's chess team competed at the 20th Midwest Class Championships held Oct. 14-16 in Wheeling. Each of the Niles North chess players won four out of five rounds against a competitive field, in total earning over \$1,300 in prize money. The following members competed: Rafah Qazi, third place in Class A; David Paykin, third place in Class B; Souroush Kadineh and Ethan Brown, three-way tie for third place in Class C; and Ben Marks, tied for third place in Class D. All players moved up in their ratings.

Eric Rosen, also a member of the chess team and the United States Chess Federation K-12 Champion, competed in a tournament in Dallas, and broke the 2400 rating.

Niles North math students visit lab

Niles North High School students in Tina Helms' Algebra 12-22 class spent a class period in the engineering lab. Helms' students were learning to plot points on a graph, and they enlisted the help of Ken Albert, the engineering teacher who teaches Project Lead The Way classes.

First, students sketched a design by plotting points on a graph. Then they observed the coordinate points and recorded the ordered pairs; they coded these coordinates to create their design. This helped the students' understanding of plotting points, since the code represented how a tool would move as it created their design. Students had to check for accuracy, because any mistakes would cause errors in the completed design.

Albert operated the Haas TL toolroom lathe, which imported the computer code, and the machine drilled the students' designs into a 3-inch block of wood.

German students attend immersion meeting

About 70 teachers and students of German from schools in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin gathered at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva on Oct. 14-15

to experience Eine Reise durch Deutschland, Österreich, und die Schweiz, a travel through Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The German Immersion Weekend was run by District 219 German teachers, in cooperation with Concordia Language Villages (CLV), and was the first off-site German immersion weekend by CLV. District 219 German teacher Josef Neumayer, assisted by teacher Caroline Ahearn, started the planning and organization for the event in February 2011. Programming included playing soccer and volleyball, singing around a campfire, dancing a traditional Austrian dance, learning about the public transportation system in Berlin, and indulging in authentic German cuisine such as fresh bratwurst with sauerkraut and potato salad, spätzle and Sachertorte, a chocolate cake with orange marmalade and whipped cream topping. Neumayer also led a Naturwanderung walk to the lake, discussing the local flora and fauna in German. Immersion participants ranged from German 1 to Advanced Placement German students and all programming and activities took place in German.

Niles West student Steven Czajkowski said, "It was interesting to see how much German I could actually speak and the level of conversation I had with people. I haven't really spoken German in such a large dose since I got back from Germany and so it was cool to see that I've gotten better even since then, both in terms of speaking and understanding."

Neumayer said, "I received very positive feedback from both students and teachers and have been strongly encouraged to turn this into a yearly event. I think it's great that students can have the opportunity to be immersed in the German language and culture without having to travel to Europe, even if it is just for a couple of days."

Niles West teacher's essay on Salinger published

Niles West English teacher David Klingenberg's essay "Salinger and Holden, Disappearing in Plain Sight: Biography of J.D. Salinger" was published in

in the Rye by Salem Press in September.

Klingenberg was contacted by the editor, Joseph O. Dewey, shortly after the death of J.D. Salinger, and asked to submit an essay. The topic posed to him by the editor, that of Salinger's life, was doubly ironic. First, because Salinger was a recluse and notoriously reticent about his life, and second, because "I don't even allow my students to write about the biography of writers," said Klingenberg, requiring them instead to focus on the evidence of the text.

Klingenberg's essay closes with a quote by Mr. Antolini, who advises the suffering Holden, "You'll learn from them—if you want to. Just as someday, if you have something to offer, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement." *Critical Insights: The Catcher in the Rye* will be available in high schools, universities and libraries.

Niles West nurse speaks at benefit

Niles West High School Head Nurse Peggy Bassrawi was the featured speaker at this year's "Clubbin' for a Cause" benefit dinner for The Cancer Wellness Center held Oct. 15 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago. Bassrawi is a 10-year cancer survivor and has volunteered her services at the center for almost seven years. She is one of three people who provide healing touch massage for clients at the center.

Niles West library officials make presentation

Niles West High School Head Librarian Sherry Baehr, along with Carolyn Anthony, director of Skokie Public Library and Rose Novil, professor of Library Services/ librarian for Curriculum and Instruction at Oakton Community College, spoke at the 2011 Illinois Library Association Conference at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont Oct. 18. Their presentation "Reading Together for Cultural Understanding: Coming Together in Skokie" explained the role the three libraries played in hosting events for the Coming Together in Skokie program.



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POLICE BLOTTER

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DUI

Eric Showley, 22, of 8726 N. Terrace, was arrested

Nov. 4 on the 8200 block of Oakton and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Police officers saw Showley strike a curb on two separate occasions. He has a court date of Dec. 12.

CAR BURGLARY

Someone on Nov. 6 forced their way into a 2007 Toyota vehicle parked on

the 6100 block of Touhy and stole a leather purse containing credit cards, \$120 and other property for a total loss of \$500.

A Morton Grove woman said that on Oct. 30 someone entered her unlocked 1998 Ford while it was parked on the 7300 block of Caldwell and stole a tenor horn valued at \$400.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

A 78-year-old Niles woman said that on Nov. 3 at her condo on the 8600 block of Shermer she received a call from a male who said he was a police sergeant from Canada and her grandson was in custody. The man reportedly said he needed

\$5,000 from the victim to get out of jail. When the man called back, a Niles police officer was at the residence and the officer spoke to the subject, who admitted to committing a scam.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Joshua Hadary, 31, of 8552 Milwaukee Ave., was arrested Oct. 30 at his apartment and charged with domestic battery against his wife. An officer heard a 29-year-old Niles woman say, "Don't hit me in my stomach, I'm pregnant." The victim said the confrontation was only verbal. A 9-year-old reported that the suspect slapped the victim on her neck when she attempted to leave the apartment. Hadary has a Dec. 2 court date.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE

A 30-year-old Niles

woman called 911 after an argument with her 32-year-old husband Nov. 5 at their townhouse on the 7100 block of Carol. The woman told police her husband pushed her. Police said there were no visible injuries to either person.

BURGLARY

A Niles resident said when she returned Oct. 31 to her home on the 7900 block of Caldwell after going out to dinner with her family she noticed a pair of earrings on the bed and saw a safe open. Police said a large amount of jewelry valued at \$3,500 was stolen. An investigation was pending.

INJURY

An 85-year-old female attending a church Mass on Nov. 1 on the 8300 block of Harlem fell to avoid a car accident that happened as she exited the church. The victim suffered minor injuries, police said.

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.

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THEFT

A theft from a vehicle was reported Oct. 11 on the 9700 block of Bianco Terrace.

A vehicle was reported stolen Oct. 25 from the 9000 block of Kennedy Drive.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Vehicles were reported damaged Oct. 11 on the 9000 block of Capitol Drive; Oct. 14 on the 8800 block of North Knight Avenue; Oct. 29 on the 9300 block of West Golf Road; Oct. 30 on the 9700 block of North Dee Road; and Oct. 30 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Holly Lane.

FIRE

The North Maine Fire Department was called Oct. 11 after a resident began burning leaves on the 9700 block of Elms Terrace. Open burning is prohibited in unincorporated Cook County, the Fire Department said.

HIT-AND-RUN

Hit-and-run accidents were reported Oct. 13 on the 9400 block of Noel Avenue; Oct. 15 at Golf Terrace Apartments on the 9600 block of Golf Terrace; Oct. 15 at Potter and Ballard Roads; Oct. 19 on the 10000 block of Holly Lane; Oct. 23 on the 9400 block of Bay Colony Drive; and Oct. 27 at Potter Road and Church Street.

Property-damage complaints were filed Oct. 12 at Bay Colony on the 9400 block of Bay Colony Drive; Oct. 21 on the 9300 block of North Margail Avenue; Oct. 28 at Golf Terrace Apartments on the 9600 block of Golf Terrace; and Oct. 30 on the 9500 block



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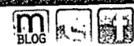
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1180 Seymour Ave.: Ivan Balash to German Rojas Franco Karina Buelna Camacho, \$195,000, Oct. 12
1238 Willow Ave.: Lexington Des Plaines I Llc to Darrell Eckert, \$249,500, Oct. 11
1319 E Prairie Ave.: Intercouny Judicial Sales Co to Thomas H Sbarbaro Mark Johnson, \$100,000, Oct. 14
1337 Jeannette St.: Juan J Zepeda to Ricardo Torres Juan M Torres, \$145,000, Oct. 11
1385 Dennis Place: Kovar Trust to Maria Arrojo, \$170,000, Oct. 13
1390 S 5th Ave.: Ulrike H Graf to Richard M Sears Sheri L Sears, \$162,000, Oct. 14
1581 Webster Lane: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Richard J Karels Jr Katie M Levy, \$165,000, Oct. 13
1743 Orchard St.: Lena Balogh to Navdeep S Jhaj Raminder K Jhaj, \$205,000, Oct. 12

1794 S Cora St.: Romin Trust to Katherine Steinbach, \$170,500, Oct. 14
2666 S Scott St.: Bbx Logistic Inc to Karen C Herich, \$237,000, Oct. 12
2721 Eisenhower Drive: Wioletta Bujak to Alfonso F Lopez Eileen M Lopez, \$100,000, Oct. 18
439 Oak St.: James Zebrowski to Katarzyna Rogoz Jan Rogoz, \$100,000, Oct. 14
463 Alles Ave. Apt 2a: Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Vivian Adriana Mendoza, \$55,000, Oct. 18
474 Radcliffe Ave.: Atg Trust Co Trustee to Siddiqur R Lasker Jahanara R Lasker, \$175,000, Oct. 14
644 E Thacker St.: Dianne Paschen to Emily M Field, \$155,000, Oct. 12
700 Graceland Ave. Apt 701: Merriman Trust to Wilson Oranhem Kristin Osburn, \$121,000, Oct. 13
732 Sandy Lane: Herod Trust to Mark Czerwinski Suzanne Czerwinski, \$240,000, Oct. 17
791 W Kathleen Drive Apt C: Peter P Mosior to Sargon Youseph, \$40,000, Oct. 12

8814 Robin Drive Apt A: Bank of New York Mellon Ttee to Jalaluddin Ansari, \$61,500, Oct. 17
8900 David Place Apt 2b: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Sajū S Kannampallic, \$48,000, Oct. 14
9264 Aspen Drive: North Shore Holdings Ltd to Quadratulla Shareef Shabana Parveen, \$97,500, Oct. 13
9396 Landings Lane Unit 403: Barbara Guratowski to Fern Marian Yee, \$109,000, Oct. 18
9399 Bay Colony Drive Apt 1w: Bogdan Fornalik to James Ohagan, \$52,000, Oct. 14
940 Beau Drive Unit 203: Pnc Bank Na to Edward Bielski Alfreda Bielski, \$73,500, Oct. 18
9460 Potter Road: Stuart M Levin to Sukhjit S Brar Induben Patel, \$80,000, Oct. 14
9562 Park Lane: Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Sanjay Mehta Meghal Shah, \$40,000, Oct. 17

GLENVIEW

1301 Huber Lane: Sam C James to Aaron Tani Ivy Tapalla Tani, \$272,500, Oct. 18
1349 Huber Lane: Vikram D Cadambe to Steven Suter Sandra Boston, \$181,000, Oct. 12
1617 Meadow Lane: William

J Somerville to Dorothy Nadolny, \$425,000, Oct. 18
1632 Sequoia Trail: Brad Vujtech to Patrick Idemoto Christie Ann Idemoto, \$640,000, Oct. 14
1650 Constitution Drive: Jonathan L Kain to James E Jones Amy M Jones, \$950,000, Oct. 12
1739 Mclean Court: Michael P Mitchell to Alaa G Shroreibah Jehad A Jarad, \$415,000, Oct. 18
1919 Sunset Ridge Road: Hogan Trust to Henry Y Lee Kelly C Lee, \$495,000, Oct. 18
208 Flora Ave.: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Roubin Shamon, \$205,500, Oct. 17
2312 Iroquois Drive: David H Lee to Shelby N Philip Jincy N Philip, \$588,000, Oct. 12
235 Wilmette Ave.: Blackwell Trust to Matthew Kennedy Joanna Skontos Kennedy, \$450,000, Oct. 13
2405 Glenview Road: Alan J Liebman to Richard Castelinio Aloma Castelinio, \$856,000, Oct. 14
2528 Osage Drive: Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Patrick R Anderson Megan F Anderson, \$635,000, Oct. 14
3422 Glenlake Drive: Seong

Sik Ha to Kevin S Johnson Patricia Johnson, \$685,000, Oct. 13
3519 Central Road Apt 201: Aleksandr Kek to Alla Barbon, \$54,000, Oct. 14
400 Wilmette Ave.: Prudential Relocation Inc to Mark Friedman Sung Yun Won, \$615,000, Oct. 12
4100 Triumvera Drive Apt 404b: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Ayda M Hussein, \$60,000, Oct. 17
4154 Central Road Apt 2s: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Dae Hyun Kim, \$57,000, Oct. 18
639 Harms Road: Paul A Wilson to Hubert Pietrasiak Wojciech Pietrasiak, \$225,000, Oct. 17
647 Lehigh Ave.: Sheila E Thunboe to Paul Michelotti Laura Lacci Michelotti, \$310,000, Oct. 14
GOLF
18 Blossom Lane: Janet M Bonnike to Steven F Chapman Baumgartner Cynthia Baumgartner Szpanka, \$812,500, Oct. 14
29 Overlook Drive: Kondaur Capital Corp to Thomas Mcneela Kathleen Mcneela, \$900,000, Oct. 13

LINCOLNWOOD

4601 W Touhy Ave. Apt 715: Sheila Lois Rotman to David Yousefzadeh Flora Yousefzadeh, \$85,000, Oct. 17
4601 W Touhy Ave. Apt 401: Goldenberg Trust to Mohammed R Siddiqui Shahnaz Siddiqui, \$115,000, Oct. 14
6707 N Cicero Ave.: Gmac Mortgage Llc to Gus Kangadis, \$255,000, Oct. 18
6923 N Kolmar Ave.: Carmen Farcas to Ziya Umit Bayvas Nilgul Bayvas, \$600,000, Oct. 13
MORTON GROVE
5851 Lincoln Ave. Unit B: Edgardo Tiango to Dragos Butucea Boscoianu, \$132,000, Oct. 13
7301 Foster St.: Zdravko Mrdakovic to Cary A Fox Cynthia C Spina, \$550,000, Oct. 11
8300 Concord Drive Unit 306: Tadina Trust to Chinnamma Mathew Olickal, \$150,000, Oct. 11
8605 Austin Ave.: James G Kaferly Estate to Jennifer M Welch, \$195,000, Oct. 11
9006 Parkside Ave.: Mohammed A Hussain to Mohammed I Hussain Tayaba Meher,

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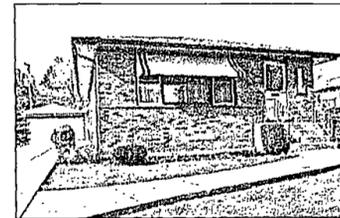
Built in 1969, this single-story brick ranch features a formal dining room with hardwood floors, a chandelier and a spacious window overlooking the yard.

Highlights of the kitchen include vinyl flooring, built-in cabinetry, modern appliances and a tile backsplash. There's also a breakfast area, which provides a window and an abundance of table space.

The living room consists of hardwood floors, decorative trim and a large window overlooking the front of the property.

This property provides a two-car garage and is situated a mile and a half from the Morton Grove Metra station.

Listing agent: Donna Bolas, Baird & Warner, 630-251-4327, Donna.Bolas@Bairdwarner.com



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ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A three-bedroom, two-bath, 1,800-square-foot home at 5932 Madison St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$380,000. The split-level house, built in 1960, sits on a 6,599-square-foot lot and features a kitchen open to the living room, extra large garage, a jetted tub, new windows, solid core doors, a bay window, hardwood floors throughout and skylights. Ninos Shiba is the listing agent.

A two-bedroom, two-bath, 1,300-square-foot condo at 6411 Lincoln Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$209,000. The condo, built in 1995, features a tree-top view of St. Paul Woods/Forest Preserves and a Metra station across the street. It has a custom marble kitchen with 42-inch cabinets, a ceramic entry foyer, in-unit washer and dryer, a heated garage, Pella windows and is newly painted. Nicholas Marino of Century 21 Marino is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, one-bath, 1,177-square-foot home at 8946 Belleforte Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$217,000. The all-brick ranch-style house, built in 1956, features a full basement and hardwood floors in all bedrooms. No kitchen appliances are included, but the house is close to schools, parks, public transportation, expressway and shopping. Kyung Kim of New Star Realty Group is the listing agent.

— John Fitzgerald

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

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Forest Glen	0.86%	\$379,250	0.00%	10	0
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Des Plaines	3.17%	\$168,000	32.92%	638	210
Evanston	3.17%	\$325,000	12.58%	596	75
Glenview	3.10%	\$399,250	15.09%	550	83
Lincolnwood	2.95%	\$305,000	14.40%	125	18
Morton Grove	2.68%	\$238,000	20.69%	203	42
Niles	2.50%	\$195,000	20.16%	243	49
Park Ridge	2.85%	\$334,000	14.45%	339	49
Skokie	2.48%	\$225,000	26.54%	520	138
Wilmette	2.35%	\$611,000	6.27%	303	19

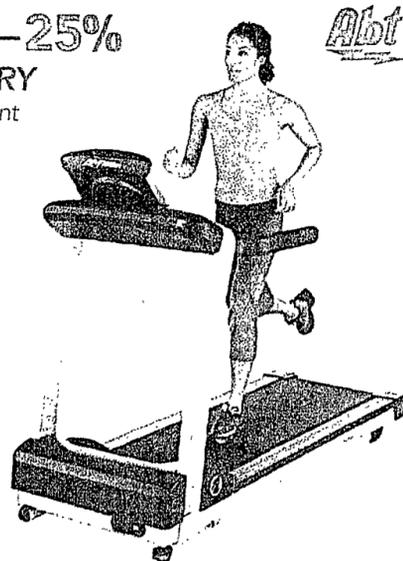
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- 9032 Oconto Ave.:** Schladt Trust to Mohammed Khayyam Dawoodi Tabinda Dawoodi, \$260,000, Oct. 12
- 9109 Mango Ave.:** George Nissan to Vincent Salandanan Sheryl Garcia, \$305,000, Oct. 18
- NILES**
- 7081 W Touhy Ave. Apt 501:** Levera Roman to Rodrigo Martinez Claudia Velazquez, \$247,000, Oct. 11
- 7255 W Lill St.:** Financial Freedom Acquisition to Magdalena Langner Tatiana Nestorowicz, \$169,000, Oct. 13
- 7333 W Greenleaf St.:** Fotis Markadas to Euricle Marrero III Isabella Marrero, \$210,000, Oct. 18
- 8001 W Courte Drive Apt 405:** Angelika Wolska to Frances D Skierkiewicz, \$117,000, Oct. 12
- 8108 N Osceola Ave.:** Bohling Trust to Barbara A Bohling, \$225,000, Oct. 17
- 8854 N Grace Ave. Unit 1ne:** A E Ran Choi to Nikoleta Toumplis, \$88,000, Oct. 14
- 9078 W Heathwood Drive Apt 2d:** Tabita Dobrea to Daria Gicela, \$60,000, Oct. 18
- 9284 N Maryland St.:** Susan F Imbo to Monolo P Malig Rose-marie V Malig, \$200,000, Oct. 11

- SKOKIE**
- 10047 La Crosse Ave.:** Renee B Weber to Sandra L Freund, \$100,000, Oct. 14
- 3416 Arcadia:** Howard L Bernstein to Harven V Deshield Shani R Deshield, \$272,500, Oct. 14
- 3839 Louise St.:** Larry Kat-zovitz to Kapilaben D Patel Jyotsnaben Patel, \$150,000, Oct. 17
- 4155 Davis St.:** Lewis Trust to Amihay Sarbagil, \$415,000, Oct. 18
- 4654 Keeney St. Apt 1:** Fannie Mae to Afshan Mehjabeen, \$62,000, Oct. 14
- 4681 Brummel St.:** Coleman Trust to James R Hild Julie R Hild, \$166,500, Oct. 14
- 4840 Foster St. Apt 307:** Chaskin Trust to Naveen Saini, \$96,000, Oct. 18
- 5214 Galitz St. Apt 205:** Ing Bank Fsb to Mohammed Khalil Ablah Fannoun, \$75,500, Oct. 17
- 5300 Galitz St.:** North Star Trust Co Trustee to Patricia Butler, \$400,000, Oct. 11
- 5322 Conrad St.:** Fannie Mae to Lisa R Spillman, \$184,000, Oct. 13
- 8206 Keystone Ave.:** Aurora Loan Services Inc to Jean P Polycarpe Elizabeth Polycarpe, \$210,000, Oct. 13
- 8340 Lockwood Ave.:** Bruce Reuben to Bradford Wilson Courtney Foster, \$254,000, Oct. 12
- 8543 Lawndale Ave.:** Henry H Dulkan to Scot W Castellani Debra B Castellani, \$210,000, Oct. 11

- NORRIDGE**
- 4216 N Oriole Ave.:** Real Equities Inc to Daniel De Stefano, \$185,000, Oct. 13
- 4227 N Osceola Ave.:** Bogdan Sabetskii to Ewa Gwozdz Arkadiusz Gwozdz, \$170,000, Oct. 12
- 4850 N Crescent Ave.:** Enrico Scola to John L Imburgia, \$320,000, Oct. 14
- 4934 N Sunrise Lane:** Cushing Trust to Kevin Connell Maria Kelly, \$212,000, Oct. 13
- 8560 W Foster Ave. Unit 410:** Frank L Nardi to Patricia Barzowski Paetsch, \$193,000, Oct. 14

- PARK RIDGE**
- 1019 Peterson Ave. Apt 2b:** Ann Rychlik to Michelle A Meyer, \$70,000, Oct. 14
- 117 Clinton St.:** Pnc Mortgage to Thomas Zak Anna Lindahl Zak, \$435,000, Oct. 12
- 1427 S Vine Ave.:** Jeffrey M Cox to Lance Northcutt Patricia Northcutt, \$349,000, Oct. 14
- 1510 S Greenwood Ave.:** Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Gabriela Novota Peter Novota, \$730,000, Oct. 13
- 319 Root St.:** North Star Trust Co Trustee to Sean Taff Julie Taff, \$240,000, Oct. 14
- 418 Root St.:** James G Sharkey to Deborah J Spellman Daniel Wirth, \$420,000, Oct. 14
- 449 Stewart Ave.:** Amato Trust to Janice B Simpson, \$390,000, Oct. 14
- 610 Sylviawood Ave.:** Jean-nine M Grippo to Michael Egan Anila Egan, \$230,000, Oct. 13

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BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
The Fixer

Dear Fixer: On April 6, my husband and I traveled on Illinois tollways using our I-PASS. We were in his Ford F-150, which is one of the vehicles registered to our transponder. On our I-PASS account, there are

three transactions for that date. Two of those are correct: the one at 6:21 p.m. (on our way to our destination) and the other at 8:47 p.m. (returning home from our destination).

The third one is the one we are disputing. It is a charge by the Indiana Toll Road the same evening at 9:47 p.m. It is for \$26.68. We have never in our lives used the Indiana Toll Road system.

I called the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and was told that my husband's F-150 truck was towing a trailer that night and that the transponder's signal was picked up by the Indiana Toll Road.

I requested photo evidence showing this. The Illinois tollway employee said my request would be forwarded to the Indiana Toll Road and that I would be contacted. I was never contacted.

I have attempted to get the issue resolved to no avail. The Illinois tollway says that Indiana is responsible but cannot provide a telephone number for the Indiana Toll Road and I cannot locate one. I would like

the \$26.68 credited back to our I-PASS account.

Araceli McBeth

Dear Araceli: Obviously, there are two explanations for this. Either your evil twin was riding around Indiana in a Ford truck on the same evening you were home in Illinois ... or there was a glitch in the Indiana Toll Road's system. We were betting on the latter, and asked the Illinois tollway authority to help investigate.

Tollway spokeswoman Wendy Abrams got the Indiana Toll Road folks to look into what happened. They found that the transponder of the person who drove through the toll lane that night wasn't read electronically by Indiana's i-Zoom system, but rather was entered manually by an employee. They said it's possible it was typed in wrong, resulting in your account being incorrectly charged.

Given the circumstances, the Illinois tollway has decided to credit your account for the charge and apologized for the inconvenience.

Other readers: If this happens to you, call the tollway authority at (800) UC-IPASS right away to dispute the charge.

Dear Fixer: I admire your Fixer column and all you do to be a consumer advocate for the average person.

You mentioned in a recent column that the preapproved credit card offers are often used in identity theft, so I'm eager to stop those. However, when I called the opt-out number

listed on one of the offers recently, it asked for my phone number and then read me back my name and address. At some point in the call, the recorded voice asked for my Social Security number.

I was worried that I had called the wrong number and activated a scam instead! So my question is — do you have to give your Social Security number in order to stop those offers?

Pat Dragisic

Dear Pat: You're smart to want to stay one step ahead of the identity thieves, but in this case the request appears to be legit.

We asked Gerri Detweiler of Credit.com, who is a radio host, author and expert on personal finance, for her take on this. She said you were calling the official number of OptOutPrescreen.com, a centralized service offered by the major credit reporting bureaus where consumers can opt out of unwanted credit and insurance offers. Detweiler tested the hotline, (888) 507-8688, and said it appears you have no choice but to give your Social Security number. However, if you want to opt out without giving that info, you do it online at OptOutPrescreen.com, where the number is requested but not required.

Either way, you're safe, as that is the official number and not a fake one used by scammers.

Costly lesson

With holiday travel around the corner, here's a reminder about what not to put in

your checked luggage — courtesy of Erin, a Fixer reader who unfortunately experienced this week's costly lesson.

In September, Erin took an early morning flight on a major airline from Chicago to Phoenix. "I wasn't thinking early in the morning and packed my electronics with my checked bag," Erin wrote to The Fixer. "When I arrived in Phoenix, my laptop, GPS, house keys and jewelry were missing from my luggage."

Erin immediately filed a claim with the airline's baggage department in Phoenix. They told her to file police reports in both cities. She did that and also filed a claim with the TSA.

From there, her problem went into a black hole. Erin kept complaining to the airline's Twitter account and through its website. She was hoping they would look at the security tapes to try to catch the thief.

The TSA said they did check their tapes at Midway Airport and told Erin they couldn't find anything. The airline didn't respond; perhaps because they felt it would be a needle-in-a-haystack proposition to review that many hours in two different cities. Airlines' baggage rules always say they won't reimburse passengers for lost electronics, jewelry, cash or other valuables left in checked luggage.

A customer service rep from the airline finally offered Erin a \$200 travel credit, but she says her lost items were worth a lot more than that — about \$1,965. Sadly, we've heard from several other readers whose valuables disappeared from their checked luggage. The next time you take a trip, make sure these items are in your carry-on instead — or leave them at home.

Thanks to contributor Michael Sandler.

A soldier with a story



BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

Every day should be Veterans Day.

But, officially, Veterans Day is Nov. 11.

I don't know any veterans of our latest wars. But I do know — did know — a veteran of World War II. And I think of him on Veterans Day as a symbol, a stand-in for all veterans honored on Veterans Day.

I always thought that this veteran looked more than a little like the actor Hugh O'Brien, the guy who played Wyatt Earp in black-and-white TV days. He was tall, this veteran. Or so he seemed to me. But then, I was a little kid.

This veteran was my father's brother, George. To my brother, Mike, and me, Uncle George was Chicago's answer to John Wayne. He had fought in the Pacific and

been wounded.

And it was cause for much excitement when he came over to our house for Sunday dinner.

Mike and I would bounce around waiting for the doorbell to ring, which it finally did. And there would be Uncle George smiling broadly and proffering a cylindrical carton of hand-packed ice cream he had brought for dessert.

We actually were happier to see Uncle George than we were about the ice cream. Because after the roast beef and mashed potatoes Uncle George would tell us about the war — the gun battles, his escape from a prison camp and getting shot in the knee as he made good his get-away. He'd even roll up his pants leg and show us the bullet scar.

If we were really lucky, Uncle George would bring with him a Japanese soldier's hat, which he had taken from one of the enemy he had killed during his escape.

Riveting stuff. And Mike and I were riveted. It was years before I found

out that the prison-camp stuff was just story-telling, an Arabian Nights tale for military-minded boys.

Did I feel fooled? Nope. I was glad for the yarn and for Uncle George taking the time to spin it. And I realize now, and perhaps even then, that Uncle George never could have told two kids what the war was really like. He had to put it in Hollywood terms.

Besides, the story may not have been real, but the bullet wound was. And that's more than enough. He was a brave soldier, my Uncle George.

Uncle George later married and moved with his family to Denver. I didn't see him much after that.

He is gone now, as are so many of that generation.

And Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. What I mean to say is, is that I am proud of my Uncle George.

And on Veterans Day, America makes it official that it is proud of all the Georges who have served — and are serving — in our armed forces.

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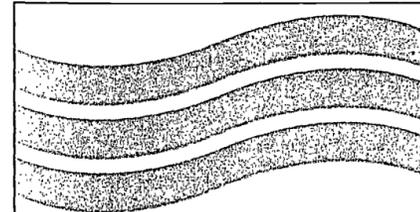


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Opinion

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Fulfill debts owed to country's soldiers

On Friday, we honor the men and women of our country's armed forces for the sacrifices they've made in protecting our country.

We recognize both young and old for all they've done in protecting freedom. And not just our freedom, but that of people around the globe.

When the military is discussed in this country, the debate generally focuses on appropriate spending for equipment and active forces, whether to send our military to face an enemy on a battlefield many miles from our own borders, and whether to lend our military expertise to other countries at war.

What gets missed in the discussion is serving the needs of individual soldiers, both on duty and once they return home. We ask great sacrifice from individual soldiers, and yet often don't seem willing to sacrifice what we can as just compensation for all they give.

The valor of the individual soldiers on the battlefield should never overshadow the enormity of what we ask in declaring war on an enemy. Warfare is a terrible thing, one of the ugliest acts civilized society can commit. And its effects on the soldiers who must fight are enormous.

We can most honor veterans by fulfilling our commitments to them once they return home from the battlefield, making sure they have the opportunities and care promised to them when they enlisted and donned their uniforms.

As veterans return home, they are in great need of programs and services to help them readjust to civilian life. As have many, they suffer economically right now, finding it difficult to find work.

According to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics this past March, the unemployment rate for veterans who served in the military since September 2001 was 11.5 percent in 2010, which compared with 9.4 percent for non-veterans.

But their challenges go beyond work.

According to the same report, about 25 percent of Gulf War II-era veterans reported having a service-connected disability in July 2010, almost double the rate

of all veterans.

The injuries are more than physical. According to a recently released report from the Center for a New American Security, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, service members committed suicide at a rate of one every 36 hours between 2005 and 2010.

According to the report, the Army reported a record-high number of suicides in July, 33 active and reserve members.

Veterans, once they return home, often end up forgotten, gone from our consciousness, perhaps a hurtful reminder of wars we would rather not have fought and the grievous injuries war inflicts.

A New York Times report from March 2007, during hearings over the conditions at the now-closed Walter Reed Army Medical Center, noted "Reports of bureaucratic entanglement and indifference on the part of the military's medical care system ... dominated a Congressional hearing ... on how wounded veterans are treated."

Soldiers should not have to face "bureaucratic entanglement and indifference."

They should, instead, be guaranteed a lifetime of care. As they have sacrificed for us, we must sacrifice for them in return.

We must remember this, not only on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, when we mark, at least for a moment, their service and their sacrifice. We must resolve not only to acknowledge and celebrate their courage and valor, but also to take a moment to mourn what these men and women of this great nation have lost.

The cost of war should not be measured solely in dollars, but also in the lives disrupted and even shattered by its events. If it proves costly to repair those lives, let it be just one more factor weighing on our minds the next time we contemplate sending our young off to a foreign land to fight, to kill and possibly to die.

This year, we can most honor our veterans by making a commitment to taking care of them for the rest of their lives, care they have earned and deserve, and to doing what we can to avoid adding to their ranks in the years to come.

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



Nursing a sweet holiday hangover? Can't sugarcoat it



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

Increasingly, "the holidays" get a jump-start from jack-o'-lanterns. The National Retail Federation confirmed Halloween is the second-highest-grossing holiday after Christmas, slightly edging out a Kardashian wedding.

According to Nielsen Research, people buy about 600 million pounds of candy for Halloween. Later, regret sets in. We pray the caramel can hold the loose filling together until the dentist can squeeze us in. That Snickers "fun size" sure doesn't translate into fun when you're trying to zip up your jeans.

My son returned from trick-or-treating, got a panicked look in his eye when he saw our intent, and

flashed downstairs. But his father and I detected fresh chocolate entering the house. We heard the rustle of new candy wrappers. I saw a flash of my husband's shirt and slacks as he scrambled

down to the den. "How long were you out?" he yells with a friendly lilt. Translation: "Were you out long enough to collect candy that can build a subdivision of witch houses for Hansel and Gretel, or did you walk once around the block and only get five measly pieces?" I tap my foot and wait. "Your mother was here first, wasn't she?" I grin, and yes, I confess, it verges on evil.

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He trudges up the steps, clutching a fistful of candy. "You got it." I try to contain another smile but am not successful. "It was the only Almond Joy in the entire bag," I say. "Stop rubbing it in," he grumbles.

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COMMUNITY 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, Nov. 14, 21, and 28 - Employment counseling, by appointment.
Monday, Nov. 14 - Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 15 - Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program).
Wednesdays, Nov. 16 and 30 - Grief and loss support group (call first).
Saturday, Nov. 19 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
Saturdays, Nov. 12, and Sunday, Nov. 13 - Holiday Boutique, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Chamber
Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (847) 268-8180.

Civic
Niles Memorial Post 7712, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will conduct its Veterans Day service at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the flag pole in front of the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 Milwaukee Ave. (two blocks north of Dempster Street). This is not the usual location because of current work at the Veterans Memorial Waterfall. There is ample parking at the rear of the building.

Clubs
The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will attend 11 a.m. Mass for deceased members at Our Lady of Hope Church, Rosemont, on Nov. 14. After Mass, they will proceed to the Park Ridge South Recreational Center, 833 W. Talcott Road. The meeting will begin at 12:15 p.m. There will be a speaker followed by a mini-lunch.

Classes
The Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, offers a variety of classes for the adults in the horticulture, garden design, nature studies and botanical arts by Garden staff and other experts. For information or to register, visit www.chicagobotanic.org/school or call (847) 835-8261.
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.

Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See www.centerofconcern.org.
Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and

the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption.

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

The Sweet Singers of Congregation Ezras Israel which entertains at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month 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.

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The Chicago Stereo Camera Club, a local forum for 3-D photographic enthusiasts, is hosting its annual "Chicago Lighthouse International Exhibition of Stereo Photography." Through polarized glasses, audiences will see breathtaking photographic slides and digital images taken with antique and modern 3-D photographic equipment. This presentation will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 19 at Oakton Community College, Hartstein Campus, Room A151, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. The public is invited. A minimum donation of \$6 is requested at the door. All funds raised will be donated to The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired. Visit <http://chicagostereocamerclub.org> or call Eugene Mitofsky at (847) 674-3749.

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A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "A Night With the Tonys" will be presented at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 and 19 and 8 p.m. Nov. 13 and 20 at the Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, featuring scenes from shows such as "Chicago," "Hairspray," "Our Town," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Cabaret," "Annie" and more. Tickets are \$11; \$9 for students and senior citizens. Call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparks.org.

2. Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Alan Heatherington, presents "Four Great Romantic Nationalists" at 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The program includes Humperdinck: Overture to "Hansel and Gretel"; Liszt: Mephisto Waltz No. 1; Wagner: Prelude to "Die Meistersinger"; and Sibelius: Symphony No. 1 in E minor, Op. 39. Tickets are \$35-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.arsviva.org.

3. "A Prairie State Companion," songs, stories, satire and sketches written and directed by Evanston's Ken Novak, will be presented at 8 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. All acoustic, any genre open mic precedes the feature. \$8 includes refreshments. Call (847) 677-3334 or visit www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse.

4. An opening reception for "Wild in the City," works by Chicago area artists portraying plants and wildlife in an urban setting, will be held from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 11 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. The exhibit is on display through Dec. 29. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. Call (847) 674-1500.

Bad behavior with a holiday sparkle at Northlight

BY TOM WITOM
Contributor

Bickering relatives, drunken mishaps and an ill-conceived puppet show that no one wants to see — all the elements are in place for British playwright Alan Ayckbourn's comedic take on the Yuletide holiday in "Season's Greetings."

"In this play, the holidays are a season to dread because they never quite live up to expectations," said BJ Jones, who will direct this play Nov. 11 to Dec. 18 at Northlight Theatre. "Season's Greetings," which I saw in the mid-1980s when I was part of the Body Politic ensemble, brings out the worst in people in a hilarious way.

"Christmas is a children's holiday, and even though there are children heard at the end of the play, none ever appears on stage. That's part of Ayckbourn's stylistic choice. Here, it's the adults who act like children," he added.

The play, one of 75 in Ayckbourn's canon, demonstrates his mastery of relationships: marriage and family life, tribal rituals and male insensitivity. It also shows the playwright's skill as a technical experimenter.

"Ayckbourn has always taken his topics and juggled them with various dialectic and technical architectures," said Jones. "If he were to have a model drawn from theatrical history, it would probably be Anton Chekhov, who takes a large canvas filled with characters in a situation, whether it be returning home from Moscow or yearning to travel there."

Stressed lives

Both playwrights give their characters some unexpected joits.



Cast members rehearse for Northlight Theatre's upcoming production, "Season's Greetings."

'SEASON'S GREETINGS'

Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
Curtain times are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (no show Nov. 29 and Dec. 13); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (no show Nov. 30) and 7:30 p.m. (no show Dec. 7); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (no show Nov. 24); Fridays at 8 p.m. (except opening on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.); Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (no show Nov. 12) and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (no 7 p.m. show on Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and 18)

The production is recommended for ages 13 and up

Tickets: \$25-\$60; Young Adult tickets (25 and under) are \$10

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Salon Series panel discussion will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 27; reservations required at (847) 679-9501, ext. 3555

"Chekhov brings his characters together and strains the fabric of the texture of their life," said Jones.

"Ayckbourn does somewhat the same thing, the difference being that his characters individually aren't as iconic as those of Chekhov. For Ayckbourn, many characters are less memorable individually than the situation they inhabit, an area in which he is a master."

Ayckbourn's work also requires well-honed comic skills.



Francis Guinan meets his puppets during rehearsal for "Season's Greetings" at Northlight Theatre.

"One of the opportunities we have in the Chicago area is the ability to cast some of the finest actors who can breathe life into Ayckbourn's wildly funny style," said Jones. He cited veteran performers Francis Guinan, Heidi Kettnering, Brad Riley and Matt Schwader as well as Amy Carle and Maggie Kettering, both making their Northlight debut.

Puppets

Rehearsals have gone well, and "we're having a blast," said Jones. The company turned to Redmoon Theatre to build puppets to be used in "a rather disastrous puppet show involved in the play." Redmoon

artistic director Frank Maugeri also taught Guinan how to manipulate the figures.

Holiday-themed shows are a rarity at Northlight. Jones said "Season's Greetings," recommended for ages 13 and up, will offer theatergoers an alternative to the more traditional offerings such as "A Christmas Carol."

"We had such a success last year with 'A Civil War Christmas' that I thought we should take another look at what's out there — something humanistic." And Ayckbourn's play fit the bill. "I remembered the Body Politic production fondly and decided I wanted to resurrect it," the director said.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY



Ralph Covert will bring his kid-friendly — and parent-friendly — Ralph's World act to Temple Beth Israel in Skokie Sunday.

A Covert operation to thrill kids in Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

For details, call (847) 823-6611 or visit www.bricktoncenter.org.

Ralph's World is the kind of place where parents have as much fun as kids. "The goal is for the kid to look back over their shoulder and see mom or dad throwing their hands in the air, yelling at the top of their lungs and having fun," said Ralph's World founder, leader and songwriter Ralph Covert. "It's really important to us to make something that's for everybody."

You can visit that rocking place at noon or 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster, Skokie.

The group will create "a genuine rock concert experience for the kids," Covert said. The four-piece band will perform audience-pleasing selections from their award-winning CDs and DVDs. "We'll have the kids dancing, and moms and dads and kids singing along," Covert said. "We'll end the show by inviting the kids onstage to become a rock band with us."

Tickets are \$15, \$16 online.

For details, call (847) 775-0951 or visit www.waterdogmusic.com/store.

Table scraps

Impress the relatives with your family's creativity by creating table decorations for Turkey Day at a Family Thanksgiving workshop, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge. A variety of materials will be provided. Fee is \$35 for a family of 3 or 4, \$29 for member families.

Hop to it

A traditional tale gets a new twist in Three Cat Education's production of "The Frog Princess," 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Nov. 19 at Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. The production features original songs by composer Ric Brutnall. Tickets are \$15, free to kids 12 and under. Advance ticket purchase is recommended.

For details, call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokieitheatre.com.

More hoppy talk

Frogs will also invade the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton, when Roz Puppets presents, "The Frog Prince," 7-8 p.m. Nov. 18. In this comic telling, a wealthy princess meets a well-dwelling frog. Could that creature really be a prince? Reserve a seat in advance to find out.

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

One more time

Susan Salidor's last Family Concert at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton, was such a hit that she has been invited back. The award-winning children's music composer and performer will entertain at 2 p.m. Sunday. Reservations are required.

For details, call (847) 663-6622 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

MOVIE REVIEW

Argument for life

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

INTO THE ABYSS

★ ★ ★ 1/2

As an examination of the issues surrounding capital punishment, Werner Herzog's "Into the Abyss" is a remarkably lazy piece of work, offering little in the way of debate or analysis or even basic information about the practice of executing convicted killers in the United States.

As an unflinching look at the tragedy of lives wasted and lives stolen, though, and the collateral damage suffered both by families of murder victims and professionals who routinely participate in executions, it has profound emotional impact.

Initially developed as part of a four-part series on death-row inmates for the cable TV channel Investigation Discovery, "Into the Abyss" tells the story of a shockingly senseless triple murder by two teenage boys in the small town of Conroe, Tex. On Oct. 24, 2001, Michael Perry and Jason Burkett murdered 51-year-old nurse Sandra Stotler when she was alone in her home in a gated community in Conroe, because they wanted the red Camaro convertible in her garage.

Perry confessed to shooting Stotler twice in the back with a shotgun. After dumping her body in a nearby lake, they returned for the car, then realized they couldn't get through the community gate. Mrs. Stotler had buzzed them in previously, because they were friends of her 16-year-old son Adam. So they waited for Adam to drive home, lured Adam and his friend Jeremy Richardson into some nearby woods, murdered them both, then used the clicker in Adam's car to open the gate and collect the Camaro.

The legendary German director of "Aguirre: The Wrath of God" and "Fitzcarraldo," who has devoted himself almost exclusively to documentaries in recent years, is far too much of a showman to ignore the exploitation value of the



Killer smile: Convicted murderer Michael Perry in Werner Herzog's death-row documentary "Into the Abyss."

crime's lurid details — and he makes full use of grisly crime-scene footage in "Into the Abyss."

The film opens, though, with the reflections of a prison chaplain at the Texas State Penitentiary, who will officiate at Perry's execution by lethal injection that day, and whose eyes fill with tears at the memory of "the many people I have been with at their last breath of life." And it is bookended with the story of Fred Allen, that prison's former death-row captain (also featured in the 2008 documentary "At the Death House Door" by "Hoop Dreams" director Steve James), who presided over 125 executions before suffering an emotional breakdown in 1998. Aside from interviews with the two convicted killers (Burkett was sentenced to life in prison after his father, also serving a life sentence, pleaded for his life at his trial), "Into the Abyss" is, in fact, primarily devoted to people who have suffered the aftereffects of their crimes. Ten years after the event, their emotional testimony is still painfully raw. Lisa Stotler-Balloun describes a years-long descent into major depression after the murder of her mother and brother. And Charles Richardson, the troubled older brother of Jeremy Richardson, breaks down in sobs as he recalls

introducing his brother to his killers. Charles Richardson was arrested on a drug charge at Jeremy's funeral. Like Jason Burkett, Charles and Jeremy had a father in prison serving a life sentence — a condition that almost seems commonplace in Herzog's illumination of the dark side of Conroe. Burkett's father Delbert, in fact, is quick to take the blame for the crime, saying Jason "had trash for a father."

Herzog makes a direct statement in the film, early on, that he is against capital punishment, but his position on the issue doesn't lead him to spin the story in favor of the convicted killers — aside from a certain level of fundamental human sympathy. In his interview with Perry, eight days before the 28-year-old's execution, Herzog says he respects him as a human being, "but that doesn't exonerate you and it doesn't mean I have to like you." And he does nothing to ameliorate the loathsome effect of Perry's grinning, unctuous testimony, in which he denies all responsibility for the crime, having recanted his earlier confession.

Nonetheless, the overall message of "Into the Abyss" is one of respect for life — with an awareness of the damage that's done when it is callously cut short, even if the law is doing the killing.

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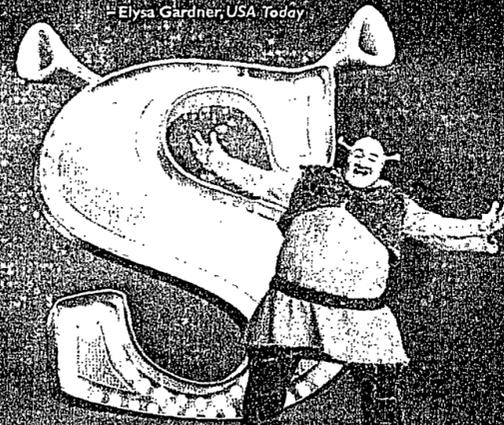
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Music Theatre stages 'Last Five Years' in concert

BY TOM WITOM
Contributor

Stacey Flaster said she "fell in love" with "The Last Five Years," a one-act musical by Jason Robert Brown, when she saw it during its 2001 premiere in Chicago. Now Flaster will direct what's billed as a concert version of the show Nov. 14-22 for The Music Theatre Company in Highland Park.

"It deals with a relationship that I feel so many could relate to. There's a poignancy about the story and what its two characters say to each other and what they're feeling," said the Glencoe native and current Highland Park resident. The story's unusual structure adds interest. It starts at the end of a failed five-year relationship for Kathy, a struggling actress, but at the beginning for Jamie, the novelist she eventually married. Somewhere in the middle their lives intersect.



Hillary Patingre and Alan Schmuckler are the leads in "The Last Five Years."

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"At the end, Kathy's saying 'good-by' after her first date with Jamie. But he's walking out because their relationship has collapsed," said Flaster. The director offers high praise for the two performers she directs, Hillary Patingre and Alan Schmuckler, both of whom previously appeared in the company's production of "Merrily We Roll Along."

"Hillary has a beautiful voice and makes a wonderful as Kathy," said Flaster, adding that Schmuckler, himself a composer, brings empathy to the role of the male character. While presented in a concert format rather than as a full-fledged theatrical produc-

tion, the acting in "The Last Five Years" will be fully realized, Flaster said. She noted that the space at the Karger Center, whose previous occupant was the now-defunct Apple Tree Theatre, is "small but intimate — perfect for this show because you really want to be able to relate to its characters. Even in its minimalist form it's effective. The audience will hear beautiful music and really connect with these characters."

Diana Lawrence will provide music direction for the production.

Skokie rabbi's concert celebrates 30th anniversary

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

It was music that first brought Rabbi Barry Schechter to Congregation Kol Emeth so it is appropriate that he is celebrating his 30th anniversary with the congregation by performing a concert.

Schechter has planned a diverse violin performance for 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 at Kol Emeth. The program will include the second movement of Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto," a Mozart sonata, Brahms' "Hungarian Dance," "Autumn Leaves," "Hora Staccato" by Dinicu and a number of other selections.

Schechter, who was born and raised in England, was hired as the cantor at Congregation Kol Emeth in 1981. He served in that capacity until 1994 when the former rabbi retired and he took over that position.

Prior to arriving at Kol Emeth, Schechter said, "I had conducted services many

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times in synagogues on high holidays for years and years and years, and occasionally on other occasions, I would conduct services either as cantor or cantor and rabbi."

Work in economics

Schechter worked as an economist in Washington D.C. for eight years before moving to Skokie. Chicago was familiar territory for him because he lived here for four



Rabbi and violinist Barry Schechter marks 30 years in Skokie with a concert.

years while earning a graduate degree in economics from Northwestern University. "In a sense, it was coming to the second home I had in my life," Schechter said.

In his first home of London, Schechter attended Jewish days schools, Etz

Chaim Yeshiva and Gateshead Talmudical Academy, and was ordained as a rabbi. Also in England, he earned a bachelor's degree from Cambridge University and a master's degree from Essex University.

Schechter began studying

the violin when he was 10, and played it for many years. In 1969, when he came here to study, he joined the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

Then, in 1993, he incurred a neck injury that prevented him from playing the violin for 16 years. In 2009, he was finally able to play again, so the concert is also a celebration "of what's been given back to me after being taken for so many years," he said.

When asked about the highlights of his tenure at Kol Emeth, the first thing Schechter listed was his 1996 marriage to Julie Foreman. "Julie and I were introduced by someone in the synagogue," the rabbi said, jokingly adding, "A woman who succeeded where all else had failed. The wedding was at the synagogue. It was a wonderful day."

The concert is also a celebration of the Schechters' 15th anniversary on Nov. 10.

TV award

Another highlight for Schechter was a series of

talks that he gave on Jewish history at the synagogue, which drew large audiences. The very entertaining and knowledgeable rabbi has lectured on Jewish history, the Yiddish language and humor at many other synagogues and for a variety of groups. His cable TV series, "Yiddish & Laughter" won a Telly Award in 1999.

Schechter particularly enjoys the Saturday morning services at Kol Emeth. "There's a marvelous feeling of community," he explained.

The rabbi lists among his achievements broadening the range of cultural programs at the synagogue. He noted that the Sisterhood and Men's Club have always arranged wonderful programs but now there is a theater group, that was organized by Bill Raffeld, a former University of Illinois professor. They also present an annual cabaret show.

Noting that he was made to feel welcome as soon as he arrived, Schechter concluded, "The synagogue has been like a family to me."

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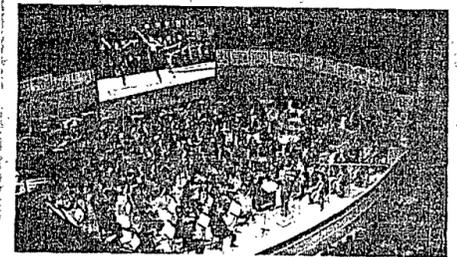
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Novel *Bad Reputation* takes on bullies

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Contributor

One thing really bugged screenwriter-turned-novelist Matt Hader when he was growing up and going to school in Park Ridge.

He hated seeing kids being bullied.

"Almost everyone has witnessed someone being bullied while growing up," the Maine South grad said. "It's not exactly an isolated problem. It always really bothered me, though. Always. It would eat at me and I would eventually call people out who were doing it."

"But I also always wondered: What is going on in the mind of the person who's being bullied? Do they just give up and go hide somewhere? Or are they perhaps quietly plotting some revenge?"

After percolating for a couple of decades, that idea has developed into Hader's first novel, *Bad Reputation*. ThinkBox Publishing of Vancouver will release the



book this week on paperback and as a download from all standard e-book platforms including amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, Kindle and iTunes.

The dark comedy is a story of long-gestating vengeance exacted by one John Caul, of Balmoral, Illinois, a fictional version of Barrington, where Hader and wife Lori currently reside.

Already a target of bullies in high school, John became



Matt Hader's first novel is a dark comedy titled *Bad Reputation*, inspired by the bullying he witnessed as a kid.

universally despised in Balmoral at the age of 17 when he accidentally burned the town's pride and joy to the ground: A brand new gymnasium built as a shrine to the town's championship basketball team. Which immediately slipped into a 20-year losing streak.

Ever since, John has been ostracized by the townsfolk, who have given him the affectionate nickname of Sparky. He lives alone in the

tiny, post-WWII home of his deceased parents, surrounded by McMansions, and refuses to clean the eggs that town teens routinely throw at the house. Hader describes the layers of dried eggs as "proud battle scars" that "made John's house appear as if it was a guano-covered rock in the middle of a tree-lined, suburban paradise."

John has a plan, though, for payback, involving a

series of armed robberies and anonymous donations to save the town's annual, recently canceled, Fourth of July Festival.

"He's an antihero," Hader said. "He's a little delusional. He's not the most normal guy around. And when you first meet him, he's robbing someone. But you start rooting for him because you eventually understand why he's doing what he's doing."

Comedy runs in Hader's family. One of his brothers, Rick Hader, is also known as Myron Noodleman, "the clown prince of baseball," and his nephew, Bill Hader, Jr., is a "Saturday Night Live" cast member who regularly appears in movies.

Uncle Matt has also been working in Hollywood for the past 20 years as a screenwriter, though the bulk of his writing has gone into what he calls the "R&D" aspect of the industry, which produces only one out of 40 scripts that are developed.

"It's a strange, strange business," he said.

Hader said he always knew that he wanted to write stories, but he didn't know what form that would take until after he left Oklahoma State University in 1980 to train at Second City and work in Chicago radio for a few years. After moving back to Oklahoma, he took a day job as a 911 dispatcher (Hader is currently working on a novel based on that experience), and eventually started writing screenplays on spec. When he finally optioned his ninth script, he quit and began writing screenplays full time.

Dark comedy is a specialty, he said, including an independent comedy he wrote and produced in 2004 called "Dead Horse," about four salesmen in a failing carpet store — and a plot involving murder.

"I like writing dark comedy because nothing in this world is black and white," he said. "At least, that's the way I see things, for better or worse. Everything is pretty gray."

Non-momentous moments from life in Libertyville

BY J.T. MORAND
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In his book *A Cavalcade of Lesser Horrors*, Peter Smith brings us along with him in his dad's 1962 Chevy Biscayne as he says goodbye to Libertyville on his way to the train station in Glenview, where he'll board a train taking him to college in Minnesota.

It's enough to make any reader feel nostalgic for the town where he or she grew up.

"I would be from Libertyville — as much as a Chicago-born-moved-to-the-suburbs immigrant could be — but I would not be part of Libertyville anymore," he wrote.

But, Smith, now a Minnesota resident who contributes regularly to "Morning Edition" on Minnesota Public Radio and is author of *A Porch Sofa Almanac*, does bring readers back there and to the surrounding area, and we do become part of it.

He also shares memories of his first few years living on the South Side and life in Minnesota in *A Cavalcade of Lesser Horrors* (University of Minnesota Press).

Odd memories

These are not the big, defining moments in a person's life. Rather they're the funny, awkward, head-scratching times that you think about later and realize they're a little more significant than you first thought. Such as the warning from a stern, ultra-Catholic aunt that it's possible to drown in a teaspoon of water or that Biscayne station wagon, the first car that Smith's dad bought that wasn't a lemon, for example.

"You know that little time right before you fall asleep in bed and all of a sudden some little incident comes back to you from years ago?" Smith said. "They're moments that aren't really momentous, but you're just suddenly back in touch with them, and not personally, but psychologically. I think those are really kind of important and wonderful."

And, so many of them happened in Libertyville, where Smith spent most of his youth.

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Author and former Libertyville resident Peter Smith



A CAVALCADE OF LESSER HORRORS
Peter Smith

A Cavalcade of Lesser Horrors is also part history lesson. Smith describes a Libertyville that was awakening from rural community and becoming a suburb, especially in the story "Leroy."

In it, he describes the old-fashioned drug store in town, with its soda fountain and old cigar counter, where lifer retail-worker Leroy oversaw day to day operations. Eventually, it would move into a strip mall after it was bought by the younger pharmacist.

Local authority

But, it was the people who made these places memorable, such as Leroy, who "wore short-sleeved, bleach-yellowed, mostly synthetic dress shirts, bolo ties, those trousers guys who didn't wear suits used to wear to work every day, and comfortable shoes, really comfortable shoes," Smith wrote. The writer also described Leroy as smoking awful-tasting and harsh Kool Regular cigarettes because the clerk knew no one would ask to bum a smoke off him. Leroy knew what aided everyone in town and how often they had sex by the inventory he sold and the amount of inventory he sold.

"He was a wonderful character," Smith said. "That

little drugstore was truly a kind of window into the soul of the town and county in a way."

Smith, who wrote ad copy for many years before becoming an author, said he knew he'd be writer since the seventh-grade. His inspiration came from the writing of E.B. White, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and a memo on how to write his dad, former Chicago Daily News and Sun-Times reporter John Justin Smith, brought home for him. His dad stuck it over the wall phone in the kitchen.

Smith was writing so well early on that he received an F on a paper he wrote junior year because the teacher thought his dad wrote it. When John Smith told the teacher he didn't write the paper, Peter Smith's grade was raised to an A.

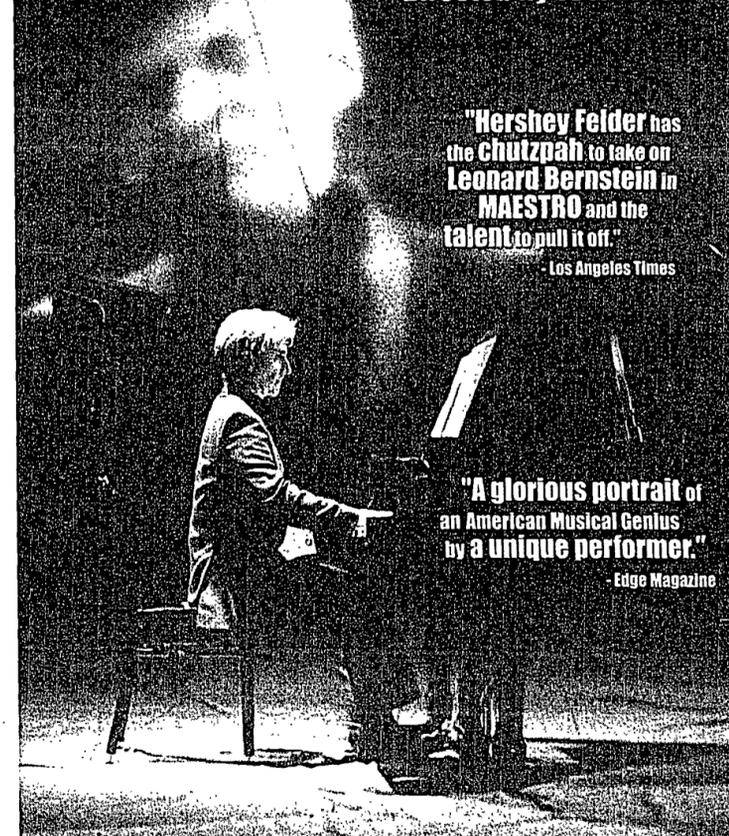
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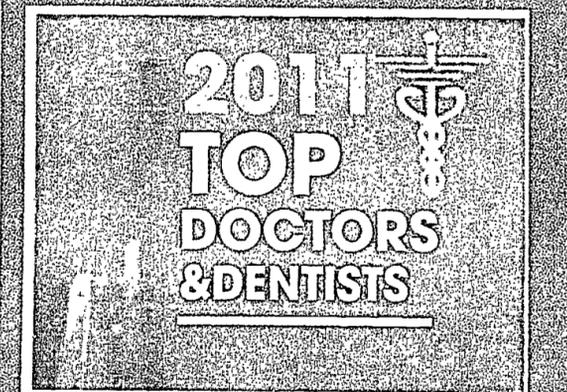
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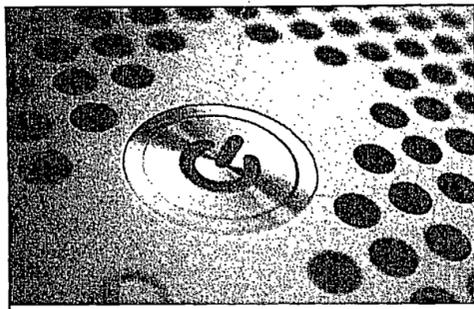


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Courage, talent of Wayman Tisdale inspires documentary

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

A documentary about an extraordinary athlete and musician, and the courage with which he faced a deadly disease, is the main attraction at this year's Chicago Northshore Film Festival. "The Wayman Tisdale Story" will be screened on the second day of the festival, Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Skokie Theatre.

The film was written and directed by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Brian Schodorf. Although Schodorf is originally from Kansas, he has local roots as the nephew of Chicago journalist Bill Kurtis.

Tisdale, the first three-time All American college basketball player, who was on the University of Oklahoma team, won a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics. He played professional basketball for a dozen years with the Indiana Pacers, Sacramento Kings and Phoenix Suns.



Wayman Tisdale was an accomplished jazz musician.

Music career

As his basketball career wound down, the self-taught bass guitarist then focused on his musical interest, releasing nine jazz albums and earning acclaim for his playing. Then, in 2007, Tisdale was diagnosed with bone cancer. Part of his right leg was amputated.

"It was the way that he dealt with his condition and what he was going through that inspired me," said filmmaker Schodorf. He was impressed by Tisdale's courage, faith and attitude.

Schodorf knew of Tisdale both as a basketball player and as "a fabulous musician in the smooth jazz genre. He was one of the best-selling artists in the genre after a couple of years."

The filmmaker began working on the documentary in March of 2009, interviewing Tisdale four times before he died in May of that year at the age of 44. Schodorf and producer Hunter Seamons debated whether they should continue working on the documentary after Tisdale passed away. With the ap-

proval of Tisdale's family, they decided to resume the project.

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They interviewed Tisdale's family and his best friends, including basketball legend Michael Jordan and singer/songwriter Toby Keith, who wrote the 2010 Grammy winning song, "Cryin' for Me" in memory of Tisdale. Keith's song is one of the 18 selec-

tions on the soundtrack CD. "The guy touched everybody," Schodorf said. "Everybody has a Wayman Tisdale story."

What most impressed Schodorf about Tisdale is that he was so humble, despite all his fame and money. "He never let anything get to his head," the filmmaker said, adding, "There's not one person that has anything bad to say about the guy."

Inspiring story

Producer Seamons has been involved in the documentary project from the beginning, and the primary editing of the film was done at his Chicago home studio. He wanted to be part of this project because he saw Tisdale's story as "a means of inspiring courage for other people who are going through similar physical ailments or battling cancer. We saw him as being a real source of hope and inspiration for other people." Seamons noted that, throughout his life, Tisdale, who was the son of a minister, encouraged people to have faith.

"He was a larger than life individual and we thought his story should be shared," Seamons said.

Independent filmmaker Kamelya Alexan, who founded the Chicago Northshore Film Festival two years ago, received a copy of "The Wayman Tisdale Story" from a good friend who was a co-producer. "As soon as I saw ten minutes of it, I was blown away," she said.

The documentary has been screened at a variety of places, including in the Sacramento Kings' arena; Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Norman, Oklahoma; Wichita, Kansas; Los Angeles, California; and at a variety of film festivals. It was rated Best Sports Documentary at the Los Angeles Sports Film Festival and Best Documentary at both the Park City Film and Music Festival and the International Christian Film Festival.

A CD/DVD of "The Wayman Tisdale Story" is scheduled for release on Nov. 22 by Rendezvous Music/Mack Avenue.

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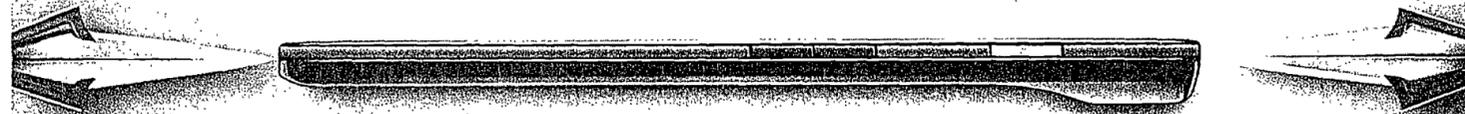
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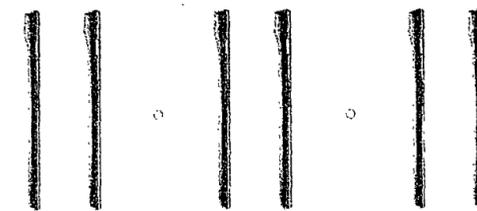
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Author Jenifer LeClair sails up the North Shore

BY LILLI KUZMA
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In *Danger Sector* (Conquill Press, paperback), the second in her Windjammer Mystery Series, LeClair has penned a riveting novel of murder, black market art sales, rivalries and dark family secrets, along with a percolating romance between Beaumont and her ship's co-captain.

Set on fictional Sentinel Island off the coast of Maine, with the vivid landscape and ensemble cast of memorable characters, LeClair sets the reader down in a salt-sprayed corner to see the story through, a virtual immersion made possible by her fine writing.

Local visits

On Nov. 12, LeClair will be at the Book Stall at Chestnut Court in Winnetka, and then at Barnes & Noble at Old Orchard in Skokie for an author meet-and-greet and to sign copies of her new book.

With Beaumont, LeClair has created a detective as capable of unknitting mysteries as she is tying knots on a sailing vessel. Relationships, however, pose a more tangled issue for Beaumont, making the reader wonder if she is capable of 'tying the knot.'

Beaumont uses logic, old-fashioned intuition, common sense, and some daring actions to expose the killer.

"My character is very cerebral, almost Sherlockian," said LeClair. "She's smart and savvy and operates without a lot of tech."

LeClair said she concen-

trates most on two aspects of her writing. "The key thing is character development, but right next to that is the sense of place, so that the reader feels like they're actually there. I wanted it to be strongly visual. A big part of my writing process is the description in my mind's eye before I write. I don't believe in overplanning the story, so use an outline, but a loose outline, to allow for turns in the plot as I write."

Because LeClair is herself an accomplished sailor, the book includes some descriptive narrative of sailing and liberal, authoritative use of sailing terms. For landlubber readers, a handy glossary at the back of "Danger Sector" provides a quick way to look up "jib" and "halyard" while reading the novel.

Minnesota roots

A resident of Vadnais Heights, Minn., LeClair wrote mainly for her own pleasure for 25 years. But after her kids were raised, she decided to write her first novel.

With her 2008 debut,

Rigged for Murder, she launched the Windjammer Mystery Series, and *Rigged for Murder* was named the Winner of a 2009 Rebecca's Reads Written Art Award, with a First Place in the Mystery/Thriller category. LeClair also won a 2009 Independent Publisher Award for Best Regional Fiction: Northeastern United States.

Asked about her sailing skills, LeClair said she'd been on the water early.

"I started sailing in Minnesota. Here we have 10,000 lakes, so if you throw a stone, you'll hit one. I actually started when I was 17. But my first experience was when I was at summer camp when I was 12. They were taking us out in groups in a small racing boat," she recalled. "I was tucked down in my corner. All the other girls were screaming to be taken back to shore, and I was sitting there thinking that it was the greatest thing I'd ever experienced. I've since sailed on the Great Lakes and (numerous times) in Maine."

Park Ridge actor has eight roles in Chicago play

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Adam Shalzi is living proof that a teacher can change your life.

The 26-year-old was a sophomore at Maine South High School, happily playing trumpet in the marching band and concert band, when theater teacher Lauri McCleneghan suggested that he audition for the lead in a play she was going to direct that winter. Shalzi was hesitant because he had never acted before so she suggested he first try out for a play that theater teacher John Muszynski was directing in the fall.

"I auditioned for Mr. Muszynski's play ["The Royal Family"] and I got a very small role," Shalzi said. "Then I auditioned for the play that Mrs. McCleneghan wanted me to audition for ["The Diviners"] and I got the lead role."

Actor is born

That triggered something

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in Shalzi, who proceeded to perform in every play, musical and variety show at Maine South. "Within a year, I decided I wanted to go to college for acting," he said.

Now, about a decade after that first foray into theater, the lifelong Park Ridge resident (except for two years in Seattle) holds a bachelor of fine arts in acting degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has amassed an impressive list of film and commercial credits, including a nationally televised White Castle commercial.

Shalzi is particularly excited about a film he shot two years ago, "Janie Jones," which was an official selection at the 2011 Toronto International Film Festival and the Tribeca Film Festival. "Tribeca, the company that was founded by Robert De Niro, bought the film," Shalzi said. "It's showing in theaters in various cities and it's also available on demand on cable."

"My scene is a very short scene," he added. "But I'm very fortunate because about 60 actors auditioned for a role that has four lines. I drove out to Des Moines, Iowa to shoot it."

The actor has also appeared in shows staged by some of Chicago's finest theater companies, including Next, Strawdog, Profiles, Redtwist, Emerald City and American Theater Company.

Shalzi is currently playing eight characters in State Theatre of Chicago's "The World Over." Tim Speicher directs Keith Bunin's play. "The World Over" is the

story of a castaway named Adam (played by Daniel Gilbert) who has lost his memory. He learns that he may be heir to a kingdom, but he has to find it. The play takes Adam around the world in search of that elusive place.

"It's a fairytale story," Shalzi said. "On his journey to find his home, he runs by all these different characters."

The characters that Shalzi plays include an overprotective sultan who keeps his daughter in the house all the time, a young warrior who was lost at sea, a sailor and a hermit. "All the characters have their kings and different stories about the history of their lands," Shalzi said.

Shalzi added, "It's a visual piece of theater. There's really nice projections that our art department made for us." There's also live guitar and drum music.

Diverse characters

The actor is enjoying playing eight diverse people in "The World Over." "I like do-



Mark Umstadd (left) gives Adam Shalzi a hard time in "The World Over." | PHOTO BY ZANE DAVIS

ing theater where I can play different characters," Shalzi said. "In this show it's really fun because I can play multiple characters in one show. And they're all very different from the kind of person I am in real life."

Shalzi combines all his acting work with substitute teaching jobs in Lincolnwood and Park Ridge, temporary office assignments

and restaurant work. "My dream would be to be a lead actor for film," Shalzi said. He noted that it's his favorite medium because, "I love the stories. I love the art form. I love how it takes you away for that moment and you really dive into the world of that story. And for me to be a part of that storytelling device — I'm so thrilled by that."

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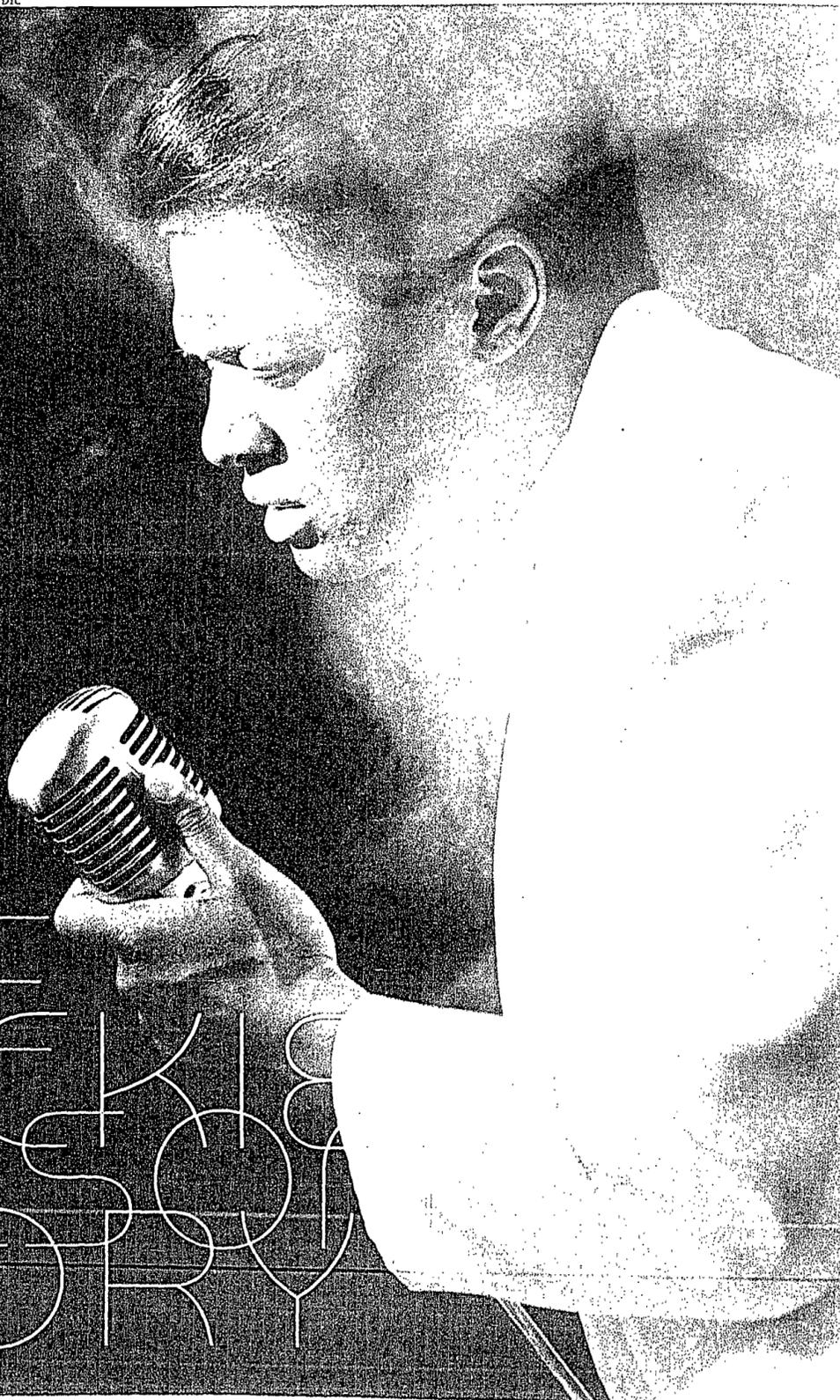
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PLAY REVIEW 'Maple and Vine' missing necessary truth

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
Contributor

Jordan Harrison's "Maple and Vine" is one of those dramas that looks good in the plot summary but fails to translate as it moves from page to stage.

Next Theatre's production of the retro-cautionary tale really lacks only one thing, but it's an element without which the show doesn't have a chance.

Despite able direction by Damon Kiely, "Maple and Vine" is simply never believable. You could argue that believability isn't the point here — that "Maple and Vine" is based on the heightened reality of satire and/or is a parable that's rooted more in symbolism than kitchen-sink reality. But even the most absurdly satirical drama needs characters whose actions have the ring of truth. Here that's wholly missing.

Harrison's work begins with reasonable promise. We meet Katha (Molly Glynn), a high-powered publishing house exec worn down to a desperate state of unhappiness by personal trauma and professional pressure.

Tormented by insomnia in the wee hours, she laments that she's as far from the office as she'll ever get. "I should be having a dream right now," Katha says. It's a lament that will surely resonate with anybody who's ever had to (over)work for a living (which is to say, just about everyone.) Her plastic surgeon husband Ryu (Peter Sipla) doesn't seem quite as beleaguered, but he's deeply troubled by his wife's unhappiness.

After a chance but intriguing meeting with a dapper, fedora-ed gentleman in the park, Katha comes to believe that salvation from the relentless stress that's destroying both her and her marriage might lie in joining a gated community wherein all residents are obsessively dedicated to living as if it were 1955.

In short order, Katha is ready to embrace a world without smart phones, Internet, Grey Goose vodka, career women and women named "Katha." Ryu agrees, reluctantly, to go along for a trial period.

So far, so good. It's pos-



Jenny Avery (left) and Molly Glynn star in "Maple and Vine" at Next Theatre. | PHOTO BY MANNY ORTIZ

'MAPLE AND VINE'

Next Theatre Company, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston
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sible to believe that Katha would willingly abandon her uber-stressful job and joyfully immerse herself in "The Joy of Cooking." It's even credible that Ryu would temporarily give up his thriving, lucrative career as a surgeon in order to help his wife heal.

What's not credible is that he'd walk away from it forever and accept a new life as an unskilled assembly line drone who is treated like a second-class citizen by his coworkers. With World War II still a recent memory in 1955, the townsfolk view Ryu with overt suspicion. Jap jokes abound.

Ryu brings the matter up with Katha — rechristened Kathy for her new life — but in the end, he agrees to go along to get along, tacitly agreeing to give up both his professional identity and much of his personal dignity. Perhaps some spouses would be willing to make such a sacrifice, but I didn't believe for a moment that Ryu was one of them.

Harrison also writes some glaring inconsistencies into the role of Katha. Among the

most jarring: One moment, she's telling Ryu how much she loves him, speaking with a plaintive, touching sincerity. Shortly thereafter, she's addressing the local woman's club, advocating racism against Ryu so that the community maintains its "authenticity."

Harrison makes a point of contrasting the reality of the era with the rosy-hued notion of picket-fence perfection bestowed on it by whitewashing nostalgics. "Leave it to Beaver" was a fiction. Segregation, sexism, racism and homophobia were facts of life, completely accepted (and in fact expected) in the (almost) all-white middle-class world of "Maple and Vine." But none of the characters in Harrison's drama confront these issues in any meaningful, realistic way.

It's not just Katha's explicit encouragement of racism against her own husband that rings false. When a gay relationship is revealed, it's impossible to believe that the men involved would have left the comparative freedom and tolerance of 21st century New York City for a bigoted, prison of a community that denies their very existence.

To be sure, the endgame resolution for the gay couple is one of the few plot developments that makes sense. But that still leaves Katha and Ryu, snailing like automatons in their racist new world. Which would be fine if Harrison had set out to pen "The Stepford Spouses." But she didn't. "Maple and Vine" purports to be about real people.

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"Gloria," the annual holiday concert of the Northwest Choral Society, will be presented at 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. General admission \$20; \$15 for senior citizens and students. Visit www.nwchoralsociety.org or call (224) 585-9127.

The 72nd annual Christmas Concert will be presented by Bienen School of Music choral ensembles and the Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3

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"A Festival of Lessons and Carols," 10:40 a.m. Dec. 4 in Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Conducted by Stephen Alltop, the program features performances by the Alice Millar Chapel Choir, Northwestern University Philharmonia, Millar Brass Ensemble and faculty oboist Michael Henoch. The concert combines readings and musical works that portray the story of Christmas. Admission is a freewill offering.

"Rejoice and Be Merry" will be presented by the Park Ridge Chorale at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets purchased by Dec. 2 are \$14; \$12 for seniors. Tickets at the door are \$16; \$14 for seniors. Free admission for youth under 18. Call (847) 823-3958 (847) 825-5499.

"Holiday Delights" will be presented by Bella Voce a

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"Holly Follies" will be presented by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus at 3 p.m. Dec. 11 at the First Congregational Church of Evanston UCC, 1445 Hinman, Evanston. For tickets or more information, visit www.cgmc.org or call (773) 296-0541.

"An Olde English Christmas," featuring familiar carols in traditional and contemporary settings, will be presented by the Chicago Chamber Choir at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. For information, call (312) 409-6890 or visit www.chicago-chamberchoir.org.

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"Cloud 9," through 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. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

"The Elephant Man" will be presented by the Saint Sebastian Players at 8 p.m. Nov. 11-12 and 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at St. Bonaventure, 1625 W. Diversey, Chicago. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for students; \$7 for senior citizens. Call (773) 404-7922 or visit www.saintsebastianplayers.org.

"Maple and Vine" will be presented by Next Theatre Company through 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. Tickets: \$30-\$40; \$15-\$20 for students and young adults under age 26. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

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"Rent," 8 p.m. Nov. 11 and 17-19; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 12; and 2 p.m. Nov. 13 and 20 at Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$10-\$25. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

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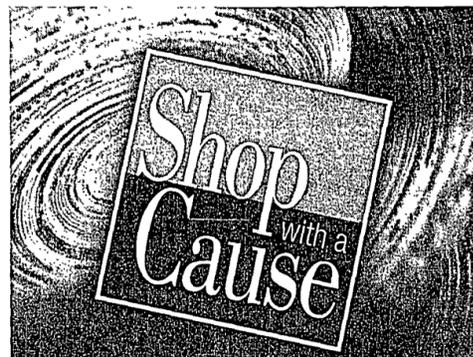
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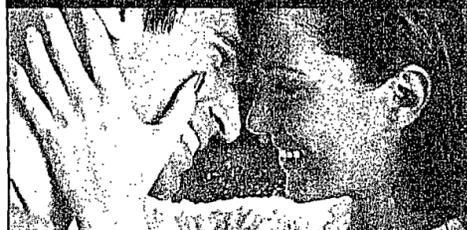
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Jeff awards for North Shore theaters

BY HEDY WEISS

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A mad monarch infused with insight, and a young innocent exposed to both the cruelties and wonders of this world took top honors at Monday night's 43rd annual Equity Jeff Awards ceremony held at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre.

In a season of exceptional work even by the usual Chicago standards, Chicago Shakespeare Theater's powerhouse production of "The Madness of George II," Alan Bennett's play about the 18th century British king who suffered from mental illness, was named best production of a play during the 2010-2011 season. It also earned awards for its director (Penny Metropulos), its galvanic leading actor (Harry Groener) and two of its designers.

The Goodman Theatre (in collaboration with Washington D.C.'s Shakespeare Theatre Company) took home the award for best musical production for Mary Zimmerman's vividly re-imagined revival of Leonard Bernstein's "Candide," and also garnered prizes for its leading actor, Geoff Packard, supporting actress Hollis Resnik and supporting actor Larry Yando. The Court Theatre's Charles Newell was named best director for another "re-imagined" musical, the Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess," on which he collaborated closely with Jeff-winning musical director Doug Peck.

The Jeffs pay homage to the superb work of Chicago's midsize, as well as large Equity theaters, and in that category the winners included the Remy Bumppo production of Edward Albee's "The Goat or, Who Is Sylvia?" (with actress Annabel Armour capturing best leading actress award), and the American Theater Company (ATC) revival of "The Original Grease," the Chicago-born show, taking the top musical prize. ATC also received the coveted award for best ensemble for its production of Dan LeFranc's "The Big Meal," a multi-generational drama about family and mortality.

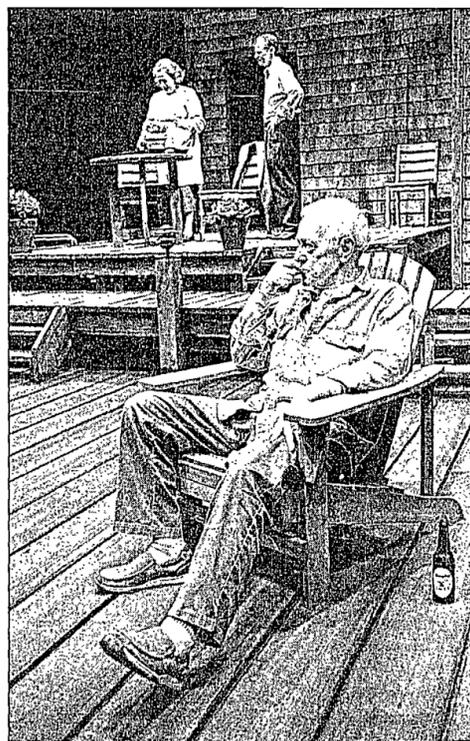
Other acting awards went to: Barbara Robertson for her solo turn in "The Detective's Wife";



Barbara Robertson as "The Detective's Wife" at Writers' Theatre.



Mike Nussbaum of Highland Park won a Jeff award for his role in "Broadway Bound" at Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace.



John Mahoney starred in Northlight Theatre's "The Outgoing Tide," which shares a Jeff award with Goodman Theatre's "Chinglish."

for her supporting actress work in the Writers' Theatre production of "She Loves Me" (Mueller is now rehearsing for her Broadway debut opposite Harry Connick, Jr. in a revival of "On a Clear Day"); Chicago theater treasure Mike Nussbaum, for his supporting role in "Broadway Bound" at Drury Lane Oakbrook (Highland Park's Nussbaum, still going strong at age 87, is currently appearing in "Follies" at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater); and Diana Simonzadeh, for her riveting supporting actress work in "Scorched," a drama about the Middle East presented by the Silk Road Theatre Project.

A tribute award was presented to Kathryn V. Lamkey,

recently retired Executive Director/Central regional Director of Actors Equity Association.

Editor's note: A special award for her critical contributions to Chicago theater was

given to Hedy Weiss, of the Chicago Sun-Times. For a complete list of the 43rd annual Equity Jeff awards, see the entertainment section of www.pioneerlocal.com.

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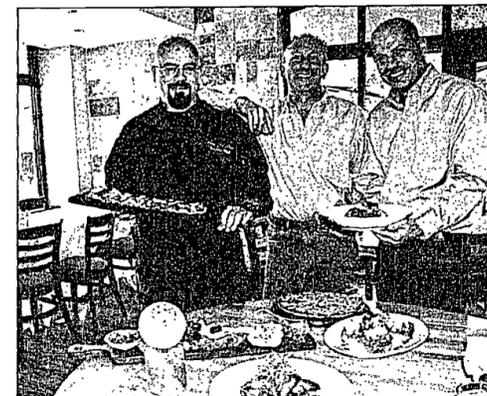
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Chicago Philharmonic concert promises lively variety

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Contributor

The Chicago Philharmonic presents a mix of musical styles for the second concert of its 2011-12 season on Nov. 13. The conductor will be Joel Smirnoff.

The string section will have a chance to shine in Tchaikovsky's lush "Serenade for Strings," composed in 1880 as an homage to Mozart, Tchaikovsky's musical idol. Its premiere was immediately successful and it has remained one of the composer's more popular pieces.

It will be followed by Aaron Copland's Quiet City for English horn, trumpet and strings, featuring Charles Geyer on trumpet and Judith Lewis on English horn. The composer created the work from incidental music he wrote in 1940 for a play of the same name by Irwin Shaw.

Desolation

The program concludes with the Shostakovich's 1933

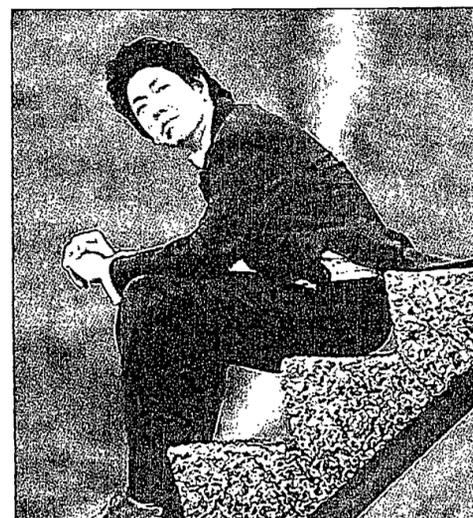
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Piano Concerto No. 1, with Meng-Chieh Liu as soloist. "This work is an effective show piece," said Liu, who was born in Taiwan and has been in the Chicago area for the last six years. "It has a desolate feeling, but then it erupts into a kind of craziness, with something like cabaret music."

Working under harsh Soviet censorship, Shostakovich often used humor to express his feeling, Liu explained. "There is always a sense of alienation, separa-



Meng-Chieh Liu will be the soloist with the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra on Nov. 13.

tion in this music," he said. "There is a real cry, which is chilling."

Liu, a member of the piano

faculty at Roosevelt University in Chicago, studied at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and is also on

the faculty there. "Yes, I commute every other week," he said, speaking from Boston where he was arranging solo recitals for the spring.

His talent came to the notice of the musical community in 1993 when, as a student at Curtis, he substituted for Andre Watts on the All-Star Series at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia.

"My mother taught piano at home in Taiwan," he explained. "I became interested as I heard the students play. Finally, when I was six, I was allowed to take lessons."

Music quickly became his calling. "I heard the Vienna Choir Boys when they performed near my home town," he remembered, adding that the experience cemented his desire for a musical career. "I left home at 11 years old to study further," he said, "and I was at Curtis by the time I was 13."

At one point his career was threatened by a serious illness which left him paralyzed, but with iron determination, he recovered and

began his piano career anew. **International artist**

Liu now collaborates with musicians in North American, Europe and Asia, where he is well-known from childhood, when he won the Taiwan National Symphony Orchestra competition. The pianist also serves as co-artistic director of the Chicago Chamber Musicians with trumpeter Charles Geyer.

Many of the 80 musicians in the Chicago Philharmonic also play with the Lyric Opera's orchestra. Joel Smirnoff is among many distinguished conductors who have led the Chicago Philharmonic at Pick-Staiger, including Zubin Mehta, Sir Andrew Davis and Jesus Lopez-Cobos. Smirnoff is president of the Cleveland Institute of Music and former first violinist of the Juilliard String Quartet.

"The audience will have a ball at this concert," Liu concluded. "It has a good combination of music and plenty of show-stoppers, including the Shostakovich."



William J. Norris (from left), with director Ron OJ Parson and Kareem Bandealy, in rehearsal for "The Caretaker."

Writers' Theatre underscores racism in Pinter's 'Caretaker'

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Contributor

Teasing out deeper feelings and hidden meanings is a challenge for any director approaching a play by Harold Pinter, but Ron OJ Parson believes he got a good running jump at the process with a timely bit of nontraditional casting.

For his production of "The Caretaker," opening Nov. 16 at the Writers' Theatre bookstore space in the back of Glencoe's Books on Vernon, Parson thought it might be fruitful to cast the drama with current racial tensions in England in mind.

To the extent that "The Caretaker" can be described in terms of its story (during its 1960 debut, its essential plotlessness invited comparisons to "Waiting for Godot"), it involves the strain placed on the relationship of brothers Ashton and Mick when Ashton decides to shelter a scheming old homeless man named Davies.

Considering that Davies (played by veteran Chicago actor William J. Norris in his Writers' debut) has a paranoid fear of foreigners and is given to nasty racist remarks, Parson turned to Anish Jethmalani and Kareem Bandealy, who have each appeared in recent Writers' productions, to play the brothers.

New impact

"We're updating the play without really updating it," said Parson, who is returning to Writers' after a produc-

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tion of "Old Settler" last year. "We're not changing a word, but the lines have a different impact. In a standard-cast production, when Davies tells one of the brothers he should go back where he came from, that could be interpreted as a class thing or whatever. In our production, it's obvious what he means — and it packs a punch."

Parson, a resident artist at Court Theatre who has acted and directed in Chicago since co-founding the Onyx Theatre here in 1994, said he didn't approach "The Caretaker" with rigid, predetermined ideas about how the play should be interpreted. But he did have the intention of exploring the play's groundbreaking blend of realism and Theatre of the Absurd irrationality with an

emphasis on the real. Pinter's characters, he said, which were based in part on three men he observed in the building he lived in as an out-of-work actor and writer, are driven by very real hopes, dreams, desires and obsessions, however disconnected and hopeless they might seem.

Ashton, mentally damaged by severe shock treatment, dreams of building a shed for the house owned by his brother. Davies yearns to travel to suburban Sidcup, where he will reclaim documents that establish his true identity and status. Hustling businessman Mick aspires to transform his run-down apartment building into a showcase with a gleaming penthouse instead of Ashton's junk-filled attic room.

Tension and laughs

"The play is basically about their struggles to achieve those dreams," he said. "Which brings them into intense conflict in a very small, very cluttered, very claustrophobic environment." In terms of the dramatic tone of his production, Parson noted that his actors were surprised to discover that people watching recent rehearsals found it, from time to time, hilarious.

"There are some elements in this play that are definitely funny," he said. "Pinter always said about 'The Caretaker' that it's funny until it isn't anymore. It caught the actors off-guard, though. They said, 'Man, I didn't expect people to be laughing at this.'"

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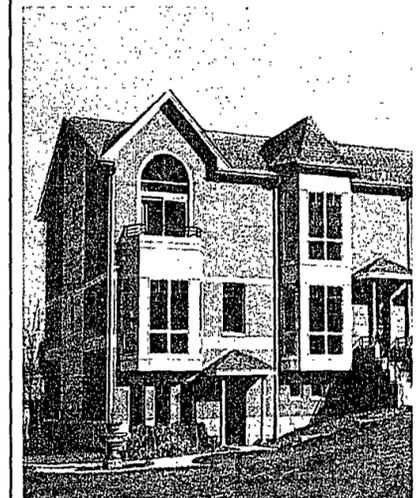
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BY BILL VISNIC
Motor Matters

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Those who were down with the styling of the original tC will find plenty to like here: It's definitely a 2.0 styling progression from the first-generation car's tight and concise lines, so the new tC looks a lot like the old car, only like it's grown into a more muscular body. The crisp bulge of the rear fenders highlights this strong design, and the asymmetrical shape of the rear windows is inspired.

We noticed the 2011 tC's styling appealed to a wide range of onlookers. Its appeal is boosted by the sweet, matte-look magnetic gray metallic finish and the standard satin-look 18-inch alloy wheels.

A big move for the 2011 tC was Scion's decision to go to a hatchback. It doesn't hurt the looks one bit and is a giant step forward in making this an immensely more useful car. Throw the rear seats down and there's room for just about anything you'd want to haul home from Ikea. Even with the rear seats up, the cargo area is just more purposeful than a trunk. The new tC retains the previous version's ample 106.3-inch wheelbase, meaning those rear seats actually are quite accommodating for two, but we'd never suggest three people would be satisfied.

Although we love the new utility factor of the 2011 tC, we were less pumped up about the rest of its interior. There's just too much hard dark plastic and old-looking design inside, even taking into account the tC has a generous amount of standard equipment and starts at less than \$20,000.

High points include the thick flat-bottom steering wheel and great-looking grippy front seats that outperform what's served up in many more expensive coupes and sport sedans. The standard panoramic moon roof is an unexpected surprise.

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We did plenty of back-road carving in the tC and came to appreciate the steering's consistency and natural return to center. And the tC's suspension, while a carryover from the previous design, has a litheness that seems to get better the harder you push.

The 2011 Scion tC has its faults - all coupes demand compromises - but it's an effective, useful and well-equipped sport coupe at a price point that tops out where most of the competition starts. It may not be as overt a performance choice as Toyota's long-gone Celica or Detroit's rear-drive pony cars, but the 2011 Scion tC is an effective and enjoyable coupe that seems right for the times.



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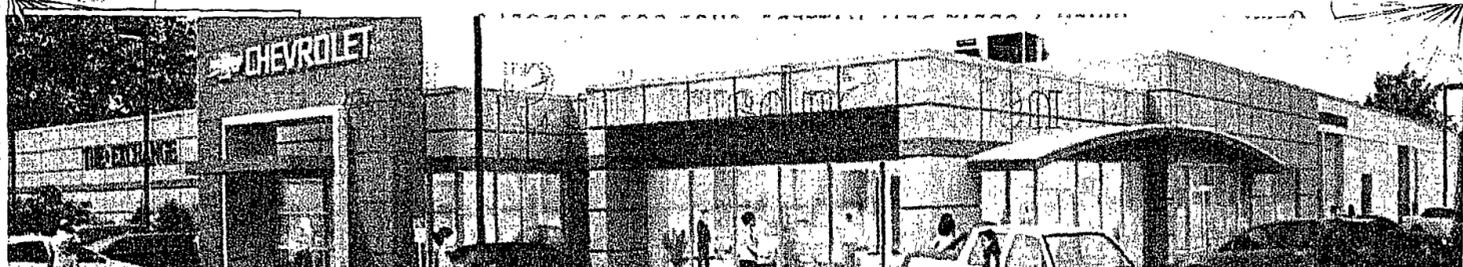
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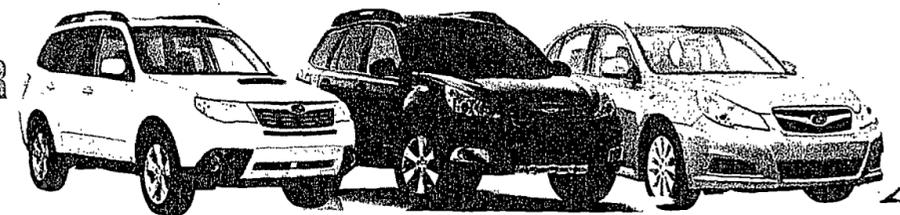
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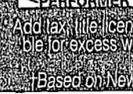
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customers can expect these vehicles to be sold near or below wholesale," Kalisik stated. "Cars that would sell for \$3,000 to \$12,000 will be sold for thousands lower. There truly is a vehicle for everyone's budget here. "Vehicles will be on display at 921 South Milwaukee Avenue in Libertyville. Special arrangements have been made for a record number of customers with event parking clearly marked.

During this three day event, used vehicles will be sold for thousands below book value, including cars for \$495. Why price them so low? According to Nate Kalisik Used Car Manager of Liberty Auto City, "The recent fallen economy has driven interest rates down, allowing more people to trade up to newer vehicles," he continued, "Plus with auto leasing at an all time high, we are seeing more lease return vehicles than ever before."

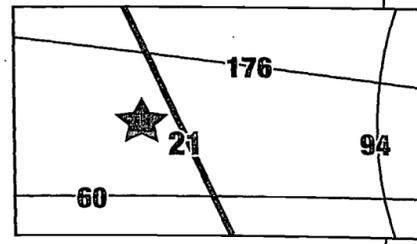
Local dealers have decided to offer these vehicles to the public for thousands below normal values before they go on to the auction. "The community has shown great support throughout the years, and we are very grateful. We would rather give these deals to the public than unload these vehicles to an auction."

A huge selection of over 250 cars, trucks, and sport utility vehicles will be available for this event. "We absolutely must reduce our used inventory at all costs, so

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Prospective buyers may want to pay heed to an offer, to save up to \$100,000 on luxurious townhomes and rowhomes at Millbrook Pointe in Wheeling through November.

"Prices have been reduced to stay competitive in today's marketplace," said Gary Levitas, President of Northfield Group Ltd. "If you combine our huge discounts with financing as low as 3 1/2 percent, you'll experience the opportunity of a lifetime."

Millbrook Pointe community features luxurious all red brick and natural stone residences priced from \$259,900.

"We invite you to stop by Millbrook Pointe and tour our exciting decorated townhome and rowhome models. You'll see lots of activity within the community because many buyers have already closed on their homes and more people are moving in."

Buyers can choose from the existing inventory ready for immediate occupancy, or pick a model of their choice to be built especially for them. Homes reduced in price include:

- A three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath Concord rowhome with a finished lower level, granite countertops, marble and granite in all bathrooms, kitchen appliances, hardwood floors and more, reduced from \$309,900 to \$259,900.
- While incentives are certainly appealing, potential buyers will be impressed by our well designed floor plans," said Levitas.



Big discount. Buyers can take up to \$100,000 off elegant three- to four-bedroom townhomes at Millbrook Pointe, a community of brick and stone homes offering tours of two decorated models. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

home with a full basement, granite countertops, marble and granite in all bathrooms, kitchen appliances, hardwood floors and more, reduced from \$349,900 to \$264,900

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Spacious townhomes were crafted to feel like single-family homes. With up to 2,700 square feet of space, they have an abundance of windows that let the outdoors in. Kitchens are roomy and accommodate center islands, while master bedrooms are quite sizeable and are separated from the other bedrooms for added privacy.

Choose from two upscale townhome plans. One offers four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths with a first-floor master suite. The other is a



In Harmony. The 2,730-square-foot, four-bedroom Harmony model boasts an octagonal living room crowned by an elegant coffered ceiling, while French doors open to a balcony. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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Stay where you want

New KZF remodeling division helps owners stay where they want to live

North Shore homeowners looking to stay in their current home and "age in place" can now call KZF Development's remodeling division in Northbrook.

"Aging in place is the ability to live in one's home for as long as confidently and comfortably possible," said Shannon Gibson-Giampa, KZF Development's remodeling coordinator.

"Recently, we have had a lot of aging-in-place remodeling requests," said Gibson-Giampa. "Aging in place is a trend that has arrived, and will be with us for many years."

KZF Development, Inc., known for high-end North Shore new-construction custom residential developments, has officially expanded its home remodeling business to respond to the needs of its North Shore customers.

According to population projections based on the 2010 U.S. Census by the year 2050, some 88.5 million Americans will be 65 and older. That's more than double the current population in that age bracket.

Nine out of 10 consumers who are 50 years of age and older say they want to stay in their homes and communities as long as possible, according to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Baby-boomers are opting to stay in their homes longer and need changes, such as widened doorways, modified kitchens and baths, grab bars, chair lifts, ramps, and first floor master suites, said Gibson-Giampa.

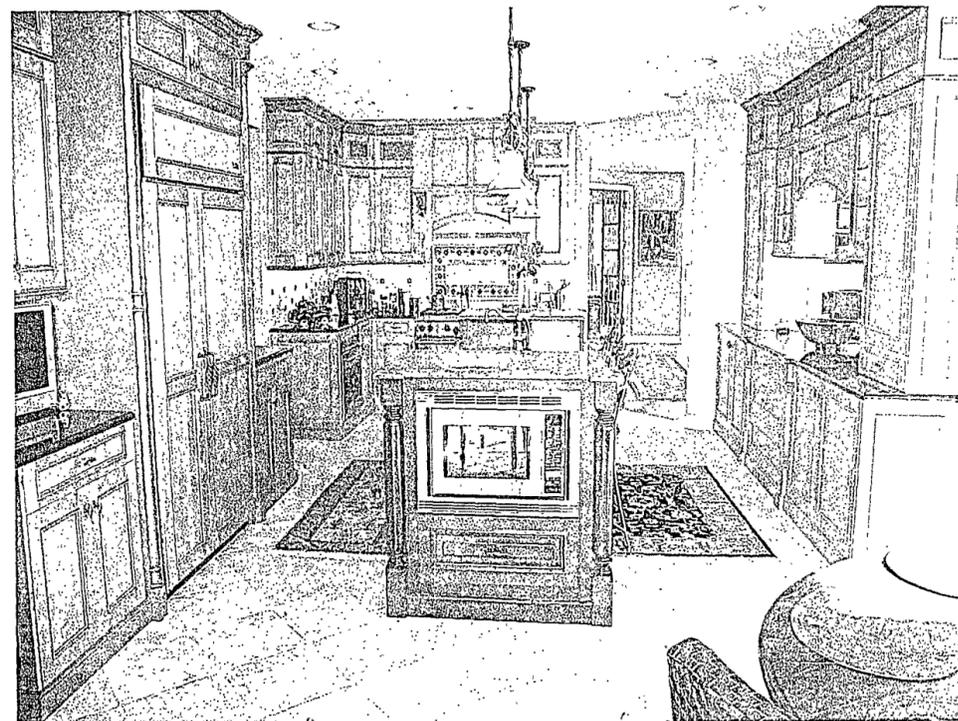
KZF has designed a check list to help homeowners devise a plan and a budget.

The remodeling division handles whole house renovation and updating from room additions to basement finishing, from interior/exterior painting to remodeling a kitchen or bathroom.

"No job is too small," said Eric Long, project manager. "We repair drywall, install hardwood floors and handle major rehab and renovation jobs. We do the complete spectrum of work ... the full gamut. We are basically the general contractor."

"With more than 30 years of home builder experience, we have much better control over our subcontractors," said Long. "We have been managing these trades for decades and they are productive and accountable to us."

Typically when a homeowner tries to take on the role of the general contractor when they are remodeling, it ends up costing them more money and time than they imagined,



Glitz for the gourmet: The remodeling division handles whole-house renovation and updating from room additions to basement finishing, from interior/exterior painting to remodeling a kitchen or bathroom. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

he said. Also if they do not budget properly or manage the project efficiently, it can end up being a total disaster for them, said Long.

"We have been in business for three decades on the North Shore. People know the quality of our work, and they come back for it," said Long.

As a project manager for KZF Development, Long assists KZF's home buyers in customizing their new construction homes or helps buyers who have been in their home a few years and decide they want to add a fireplace or add a room addition.

"We have had KZF customers from 15 years ago call

and ask us to remodel their homes," said Long. "Now we are branching out and offering our services to anyone looking for a reputable remodeling contractor."

According to Long, it is all in the details and how they are handled. Long helps to make sure the selections are made properly and then manages the logistics of getting them installed and coordinates all the trade work. He makes sure all the components mesh together properly and exceed what the home owner is expecting.

"Customers have a vision and it's our job to understand that vision and make it materialize with products and good

energy," he said.

In a recent KZF remodeling project the company created an outdoor living space with a swimming pool, whirlpool and an outdoor kitchen. They also added a 2,000-square-foot room addition to this home, expanding the residence to 7,500 square feet when complete. The room addition created a unique master bedroom addition.

"In the master bedroom there is a large walk-in closet/dressing area with built-ins that leads to a sitting room and large walkout balcony outside," said Long. The room addition made the expanded sitting room and balcony possible.

"KZF has been building and remodeling homes throughout the North Shore for more than 30 years," said Gibson-Giampa. "KZF has built more than 600 homes on the North Shore."

"If you have decided to stay in your current home, remodeling is a great way to give your residence new life," Gibson-Giampa said. "Homeowners considering a remodeling project in the future should give us a call. Our consultations are free."

For a free remodeling consultation or to preview KZF Development's new idea house in Northbrook, call (847) 559-9800 or visit the Website at www.kzfdev.com.

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three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath traditional layout. Features include separate living room with a Juliette balcony, two-story great room, kitchen with a center island, vaulted ceilings, outdoor deck, 9-foot

basement and more.

In addition to the townhomes, buyers can choose from two three-story rowhome designs featuring two or three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. The first level

contains a family room/office and garage, while the main level has a kitchen, dining room, and living room, and the second story houses the bedrooms and baths.

Both plans showcase a family room that can be converted to a guest suite,

an open kitchen with a breakfast bar, separate living room and dining rooms, master bedroom with private balcony, and second large balcony or terrace.

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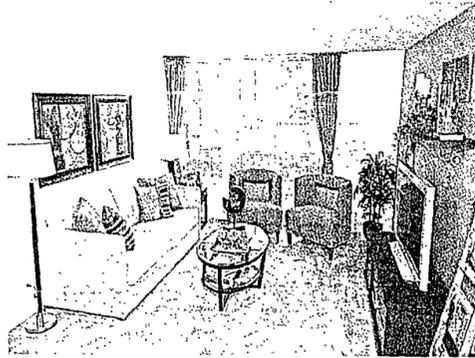
Honors for the Fort

Fort Sheridan Place wins awards for excellence

During tough economic times, beautification is found along the Northshore in unexpected places.

It can be as simple as Highland Park's unique artistically painted butterfly sculptures hidden in trees (The Art Center) or as dramatic as Highwood's newest three-building luxury apartment redevelopment (Fort Sheridan Place). Both the butterfly sculptures and this new rental property are examples of unexpected and exceptional improvements from which the whole community can benefit.

In fact, Fort Sheridan Place is now recognized beyond the Northshore by the influential

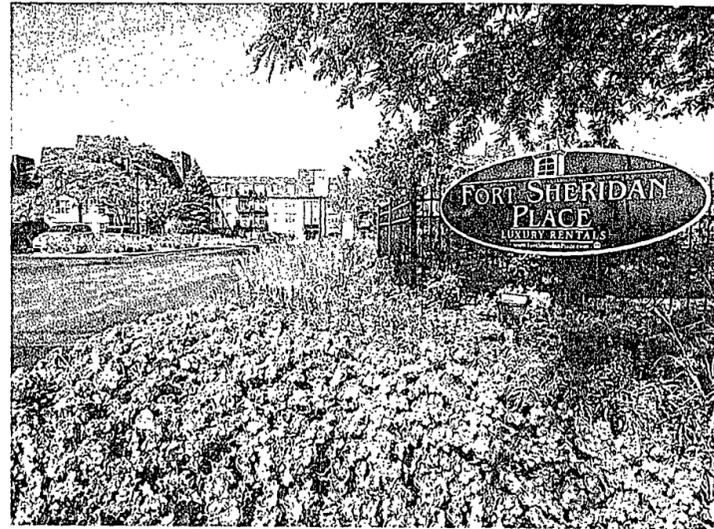


Beauty, inside and out: Fort Sheridan Place in Highland Park has become a showplace outside, and to residents just as classy inside the luxury rental homes. | SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Chicago Apartment Association (CAA), with multiple industry CAMME awards. Presented recently at its 19th annual dinner, the Morningside Group was named in all nominated categories: Property Excellence, Interior Unit

Renovation and the Exterior Renovation Awards.

"With Fort Sheridan Place, the process of getting to this point of recognition, has not been easy so these awards really mean a great deal to the Morningside Group. We



are honored. Our management leaders — Melissa Pittman, Ron Wetzel and Eric Slavik — did an exceptional job," said David Strosberg, president of Morningside Group.

Strosberg's personal journey with this redevelopment

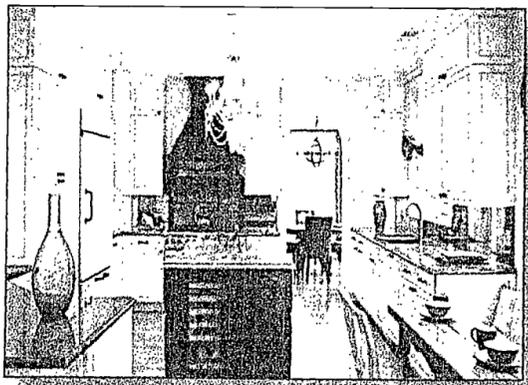
began in 2009 when he quietly identified this "lost" property and, within a 3-year period, completely restored the 252-unit multi-family property now known as Fort Sheridan Place Luxury Rentals.

Despite complications,

Fort Sheridan Place has succeeded and taken flight with 90 percent plus occupancy. Attractions include brand new exteriors and interiors, three new fitness centers and convenient new storage and

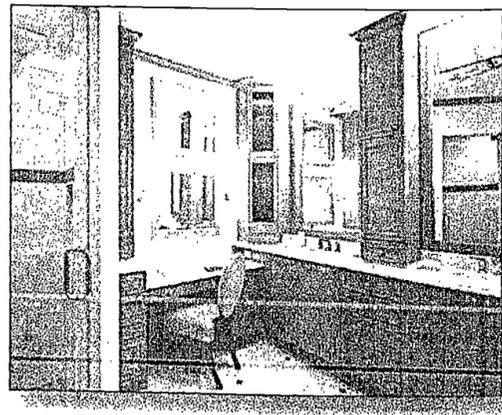
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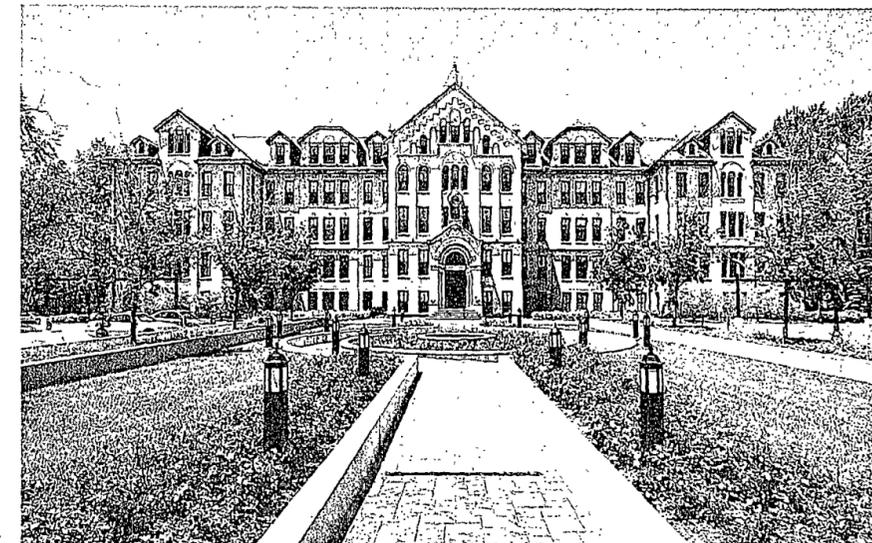
November deal offered at former historic college

With only seven homes left to sell at Mallinckrodt in the Park, the age-restricted community located in the historic former Mallinckrodt College in Wilmette, Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC, is offering buyers a special incentive of \$10,000 off upgrades or the purchase price on select condominiums, through November.

The 81-unit development for adults age 55 and over is now more than 90 percent sold. Remaining condominiums offer one to two bedrooms, one to 2 1/2 baths, 1,148 to 2,193 square feet and one or two deeded, indoor heated parking spaces. Base prices range from \$205,000 to \$545,000. Additionally, one remaining penthouse offers 2,952 square feet and is priced at \$699,000 unfinished. There is also one unit with one bedroom, one bath and 745 square feet, priced at \$110,000.

Buyers can reduce the base purchase price by \$10,000 or choose to spend the money on upgrades such as high-end kitchen appliances; flooring, countertops and tile; designer kitchen and bath fixtures; or home-entertainment upgrades.

"With the high level of standard finishes at Mallinckrodt in the Park,



Special place: The age-restricted community located in the historic former Mallinckrodt College in Wilmette is offering buyers a special incentive of \$10,000 off upgrades or the purchase price on select condominiums, through November. Only seven homes remain. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

the additional \$10,000 goes a long way toward creating a truly custom residence in one of the North Shore's most luxurious condominium buildings," said Reuben Warshawsky, co-founder of CLG Realty and co-manager of Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC.

Residents at Mallinckrodt in the Park enjoy modern luxury amid historic surroundings in the heart of the North Shore. The original building was built in 1918 as a convent

and was later converted to a college. Many of the building's historic architectural features have been preserved in the residences and common areas.

One of the last remaining homes, Unit 115, is a two-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath floor plan with 2,193 square feet, priced at \$545,000. The home has a large combined living/dining room opening onto a 22-by-8-foot patio. The master suite features a 300-plus-square-foot sleeping/living

area, a 12-by-8-foot walk-in closet, a separate dressing area and an in-suite bath with separate shower, soaking tub and double vanity. The 12-by-12-foot kitchen offers ample counter space, a storage pantry and access to a full-size laundry room.

Meanwhile, the penthouse at Mallinckrodt in the Park was recently the subject of a design competition involving students and alumni from the Harrington School of Design. The buyer of this home can finish

the space in the manner of one of the winning concepts or customize the space according to their own vision. The winning penthouse design concepts can be viewed at bit.ly/Harringtonwinners.

David Rosen, co-founder of CLG Realty and co-manager of Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC, said many residents at Mallinckrodt want to remain on the North Shore but do not want to deal with the cost and effort of maintaining a large, single-family residence. Other residents have relocated to the area to be closer to children and grandchildren.

"Homebuyers at Mallinckrodt in the Park find more than a luxury, maintenance-free home. They also find a dynamic and welcoming community," said Rosen.

Mallinckrodt in the Park is connected to the Mallinckrodt Center, run by the Wilmette Park District and featuring programs and activities for Wilmette residents age 50 and over. The building is also next to a 14-acre landscaped park with walking trails and gardens.

Mallinckrodt in the Park is at 1041 Ridge Road, just north of Lake Avenue in Wilmette. The community is being exclusively marketed by @properties. Remaining homes are shown by appointment only. To schedule a showing or for more information, contact Don Shea at (847) 910-0268 or donshea@atproperties.com. Visit Mallinckrodt in the Park online at www.mallinpark.com.

@properties wins five agent awards



One of many: Amy Corr, Managing Broker of the Year — Suburbs | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Chicago real estate company @properties won five awards at the sixth annual Chicago Agent Magazine Agents' Choice Awards event, held Nov. 1 at the Snaidero Kitchen and Design Showroom at the Merchandise Mart in downtown Chicago.

The @properties' winners were Amy Corr, Managing Broker of the Year — Suburbs; Micky Cicchinelli, Rookie of the Year — City; Ann Caron, Most Charitable Agent; Rachel Thompson, Best Assistant (Rob-in Miner Group); and Heritage Luxury Builders, Developer of

the Year — Suburbs.

It was the second consecutive year in which @properties took home the suburban managing broker of the year and charitable service awards. Heritage Luxury Builders also earned suburban developer of the year for the second year in a row. Heritage is run by @properties brokers Leo and Milena Birov, Victoria Birov and Steven Aisen.

Other @properties agents receiving nominations included: George Schultz, Managing Broker of the Year — City; Michael and Lene Thomas

(The Thomas Team), MVP — Suburbs; Joe Zimmerman and Mary Haight (My Kinda Town Realty), MVP — City; David Wolf, Best Agent Website; Kevin Van Eck, Most Charitable Agent; and Mindy Shea, Best Dressed Agent. Environs Development, which has an exclusive brokerage affiliation with @properties and the Kevin Wood Group, received a nomination for Developer of the Year — City.

The Chicago Agent Magazine Agents' Choice Awards is the only Chicago real estate awards program in which the honorees are voted on by their

peers.

"We're honored by the peer recognition and thrilled with the number of nominations and winners, as well as the fact that @properties repeated in several categories," said Thaddeus Wong, co-founder of @properties.

"The nominations and awards reflect @properties' commitment to attracting and grooming the best management and agents, getting involved in our community beyond real estate, and delivering the best service and value for our clients in the city and on the North Shore," added @properties co-founder Michael Golden.

Established in 2000, @properties is top Chicago real estate brokerage firm and the fastest growing real estate brokerage firm on Chicago's North Shore. The company offers residential and commercial brokerage; development sales and marketing; relocation; property management; and bank-advisory/REO services. @properties has more than 1,000 licensed real estate agents in eight city and North Shore locations: River North, Lincoln Park, Streeterville/Gold Coast, Bucktown, Lakeview, Evanston, Winnetka and Lake Forest.

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Changes on the mortgage front seen as a path to American prosperity

For those intelligent Americans who read newspapers and don't receive their economic and housing updates instantly from a beeping electronic device, there truly is a full hors d'oeuvres tray of recent anti-recessionary real estate news.

One of the most upbeat ideas recently came from the Federal Housing Finance Agency which is promoting a change that would allow homeowners to refinance their mortgages at much lower rates than they are currently paying, no matter how far their homes have declined in value.

This remarkable change to the Home Affordable Refinance Plan could be just what the battered housing market is looking for, and could have a major impact on pulling the nation out of its economic nose-dive, experts say.

If the federal government



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starts pushing the nation's cash-filled banks to unleash a tsunami wave of refinancing funds, it will help tens of thousands of homeowners take advantage of the lowest mortgage rates since 1949.

Even billionaire investor Warren Buffett says he supports the plan to refinance underwater mortgages for homeowners who have continued to pay on time. Some experts believe the change could help up to 1 million homeowners lower their mortgage payments and avoid foreclosure over the next year or two.

If millions of refinance dollars are injected into city neighborhoods and suburbs,

it could create a positive ripple effect in the economy as homeowners with discretionary cash begin to spend on remodeling projects, buy new appliances and target other home improvements. This spending would help spark the revival needed to increase employment and pull American out of the economic ditch.

Another new incentive program promoted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is targeted to putting foreclosed homes back into new ownership by owner-occupant buyers.

Qualified buyers would be encouraged to buy HUD-

owned repossessed homes with a minimum down payment of only \$100. The buyer must be an owner-occupant, not an investor, and must utilize financing insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). Standard FHA-loan underwriting guidelines apply, and the sale must be for the full amount of the current list price.

The \$100 down payment incentive program has been approved for two of HUD's four national regions, Denver and Atlanta homeownership centers. Homes in Illinois are included in incentive program administered by the Atlanta region.

HUD's down payment incentive program can also be applied to an FHA 203k loan which can be used to fund repairs and renovations on the home.

While these upbeat changes in the housing market were quietly launched,

the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) has continued to investigate how Wall Street firms packaged risky mortgages into collateralized debt obligations and other investments, which imploded when the housing market collapsed in 2008.

The SEC continues to press civil fraud cases against big banks for promoting housing securities investments that were doomed to fail. Citigroup now is paying nearly \$300 million to settle one complaint.

Earlier, Goldman Sachs agreed to pay a whopping \$550 million to settle a mortgage-related securities case. In June, JPMorgan Chase agreed to pay \$153.6 million on similar accusations.

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TRANSACTIONS

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Antioch

979 Cothstone Pl: Boss, Sarah; \$197,500

41009 N Elime Rd: Galvin, Michael R; \$185,000

576 Plum Tree Ln: Dufer, Harlan H; \$205,000

674 Wood Creek Dr: Nance, Joseph & Karen; \$258,000

Beach Park

36896 N Adelphi Ave: Mcgee, James A & Alice D; \$137,500

37672 N Sheridan Rd: Garcia, Victor D & Elizabeth; \$100,000

12976 W 28th St: Flowers, Othell Calvin & Nancy; \$125,000

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Deerfield

740 Deep Dene Cv: Natkin, Lawrence M & Moss, Sharon L; \$925,000

362 Kelburn Rd 326: Roberts Jr, Leonard C & Roberts, Sandra B; \$177,000

1147 Knollwood Rd: Lippman, Aaron & Alyson E; \$480,000

510 Wilmet Rd: Powers, Raquel & Krihak, Daniel; \$430,000

Evanston

3307 Central St: Brzezinski, John & Carolyn; \$144,000

1822 Crain St: Reuter, Brett; \$70,500

1600 Dempster St: Scaletta, Kristen; \$250,000

1547 Dewey Ave: Levine, Jason L & Lisa J; \$550,000

800 Elgin Rd 803: Desai, Neil & Ahluwalia, Ashuma; \$530,000

1570 Elmwood Ave 1504: Roche, Peter J; \$575,000

931 Elmwood Ave: Schneider, Eric A & Galyon, Christina; \$400,000

235 Hartrey Ave: Villegas, Angelica; \$175,000

700 Hinman Ave 3J: Kappus, Robert E; \$125,000

826 Michigan Ave G: Woods, James G & Leda M; \$120,000

2312 Park Pl: O'Brien Jr, John W & Davis, Theresa A; \$701,500

91 Salem Ln: Hernandez, Martin & Vidal Alvarez, Eva; \$450,000

1570 Wesley Ave: Mariani, Kristin; \$325,000

Fox Lake

513 Pistakee Pkwy: Cribaro, Charles M; \$420,000

Glencoe

1070 Julia Ct: Singer, Dena & Jonathan; \$850,000

Glenview

1834 Aberdeen Dr: Andrews, Donna L; \$345,000

1871 Admiral Ct: Rogal, Ira & Carol; \$712,500

3801 Appian Way 110: Lee, Dong Wook & Joanne; \$134,000

1417 Canterbury Ln: Starkoff, Brandon M & Amy L; \$355,000

4162 Cove Ln 3F: Tomicevic, Daniel; \$82,000

223 Flora Ave: Iftikhar, Mohammed; \$180,000

1621 Glenview Rd 223: Gothelf, Sharon; \$205,000

2101 Glenview Rd: Mishra, Rana S & Misura, Johanna J; \$485,000

440 Harlem Ave: Piwiska, Katarzyna; \$572,000

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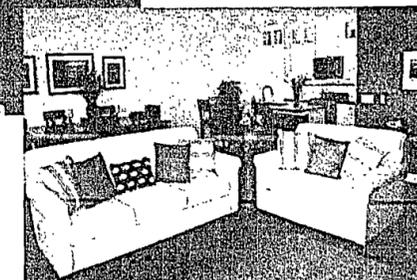
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1488 W Remington Ln: Mccawley, Benjamin P & Sujata, \$115,000

Round Lake Beach

201 Glenwood Dr: Hernandez, Lucina &

Palacios, Martin, \$97,000
282 Plymouth Ct: Sievert, Margaret O, \$128,000

Round Lake Park

86 W Abbey Ln: Brooks, Daniel, \$72,500
269 Windridge Dr: Stromer, Jeffery, \$130,000

Skokie

5262 Brummel St: Buljubasic, Linda, \$195,000
3361 Capitol St: Robinson, Omorphio, \$186,000
8549 Christiana Ave: Sommo, Dennis J, \$150,000
5251 Galitz St 410: Haque, Ayesha, \$90,000
8532 Karlov Ave: Garcia, Abran & Rebeca, \$215,000
7927 Kedvale Ave: Bura, Ioan D & Florica, \$210,000

8653 Keeler Ave: Fedida, Shlomi & Tiffany, \$595,000

9445 Kenton Ave 407: Smirnov, Yuriy & Smimova, Larisa, \$85,000

8230 Kildare Ave: Sarangay, Steve & Teresita, \$249,000

9332 Lavergne Ave: Limb, Kyong Rin & Yun Myong, \$240,000

8342 Monticello Ave: Odicho, Munir & Jamila, \$156,000
8345 Trumbull Ave: Ahmed, Iqbal & Ali, \$281,500

9655 Woods Dr 1105: Moore, Kelly A, \$175,500

9715 Woods Dr 1307: Zhukovskaya, Irina & Marina, \$130,000

Vernon Hills

1144 S Danforth Ct: Woelpl, Michael & Erika, \$273,500

913 Sparta Ct 5 2: Constantine Nelson, Mary & Nelson, Eric C, \$128,500

Volo

793 Singing Hills Dr: Gertz, Brittany M, \$156,000

1280 Waverly Dr: Wilhelm, Walter E, \$127,500

Wadsworth

13329 W Hidden Springs Trl: Zwiefelhofer, Joel & Katina, \$295,000

17257 W Yearling Ln: Reed, Denise D & Allen R, \$853,000

Waukegan

2246 Alta Vista Dr: Rochon, Mary, \$110,000

2029 N Poplar St: Goolsby, Michael & Jennifer, \$157,500
700 S Elmwood Ave: Cervantes, Miguel A, \$78,000

1120 S Pleasant Hill Gate: Mahinaya, Maria Theresa & Ildebrando, \$140,000

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2226 Birchwood Ave: Rotolo, Dina, \$505,000

2228 Kenilworth Ave: Drew, Michael W & Kerri Warrstedt, \$792,500

412 Laurel Ave: Silverman, Morris S, \$262,500

638 Lawler Ave: Frankel, Robert, \$204,000

224 Pin Oak Dr 224: Rasmussen, Luke V & Erin C, \$325,000

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TODAY'S HOMES

Living Legacy

The Legacy gives city dwellers all of what the city offers

The Legacy at Millennium Park, located at 60 East Monroe, is in the center of the Cultural Mile in downtown Chicago. The contemporary high-rise building is situated less than one block from the renowned park.

Soaring nearly 700 feet in the air, the glass tower is a stunning addition to the city skyline. The Legacy is the creation of Mesa Development and Solomon Cordwell Buenz architectural firm. Their vision was to position the building as one of the finest architectural accomplishments in the city.

Ted and Kim Reese love living at The Legacy, with Kim summing up the reasons for their purchase of a home there.

"The Legacy offers the most incredible location in all of downtown Chicago. We are in walking distance to the Art Institute, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Millennium Park, Shedd Aquarium, The Field Museum, Soldier Field, Theatres, shopping and every imaginable restaurant cuisine. With all of this topped with the magnificent views of the lake

and the city, who would want to live anywhere else?"

"The Legacy is a second home for us. Actually, it is our fourth home. We spend our summers in Northern Michigan and winters in Fort Myers, Fla. We also spend some time in Long Beach, Indiana while we are trying to sell our property there," she said.

"We love The Legacy and are really enjoying learning more about our neighborhood. It is hard to believe, but it keeps getting better by the day. We had lunch in Cathedral Hall (at the University Club, an independent, private membership club with admission governed by its own membership policies and bylaws). Yesterday ... veal stew and wild salmon."

"We then tried Magnolia Bakery, which opened over the weekend. We splurged on their renowned and fabulous cupcakes. We feel that we have everything within blocks from our downtown home."

Millennium Park, located at the northernmost end of Chicago's Cultural Mile, captures



The view is free: Few views capture the majesty of Lake Michigan better than the sky lounge located on the 60th floor of The Legacy. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

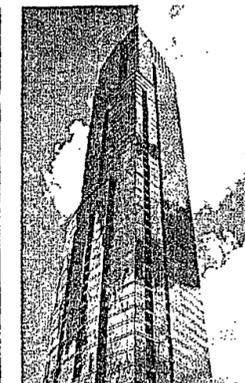
the energy of the city. Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate sculpture is widely popular and has taken on the vernacular name "The Bean."

The famous Crown Fountain, designed by Spanish artist Jaume Plensa, is also a major public art destination in Millennium Park. The park covers more than 24 acres and is a cultural haven for Chicagoans and tourists.

Other attractions include the Harris Theatre, which offers dance, music and theatrical productions, and the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, which is an outdoor concert venue. The BP

Bridge winds over Columbus Drive and shows off the beauty of the Chicago skyline, while the Boeing Galleries contain public, outdoor contemporary art. Lurie Garden is an area filled with trees and flowers, creating an urban oasis designed to show ecological understanding and pay respect to the transformation from flat land to a lavish garden.

Amenities at The Legacy are a part of creating a comfortable atmosphere for residents. They include a large indoor lap pool, which provides residents an opportunity to relax or get in a great workout.



Tower of style: The 700 foot Legacy reaches for the clouds on a sunny afternoon. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

floor. The lounges provide an indoor area for residents to relax and to host parties. They both have full catering kitchens, plus an outdoor garden area to enjoy in spring, summer and fall.

The Legacy is a residential, luxury high-rise with one-bedroom, two-bedroom, three-bedroom and penthouse residences available and prices starting from the mid \$300,000s. The sales center is open at 60 E. Monroe, Suite 3802, from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call (312) 252-0060 or visit www.thelegacyatmillenniumpark.com for more information.

Residents can also exercise in the fitness center without leaving the building, while the sauna and whirlpool either complete a workout or simply are enjoyed by those who want to unwind.

There is also a business center and conference room inside the building. The conference room is an ideal setting for the occasional business meeting. Additionally, round-the-clock lobby attendants and the full-time concierge are available to assist.

Two sky lounges are located on the 42nd floor and the 60th

Turn your home into a personal decorator showcase

Whether you've signed a lease agreement or purchased a house, moving into your first home is an exciting time. For many people, it's their first opportunity to express their personal style by decorating their own space.

Whatever your taste — contemporary or classic, modern or rustic — you want your first home's interior decor to look polished and put-together. And you'd probably rather not spend a bundle achieving that look.

Do-it-yourself home decor is popular for exactly those reasons. By doing the design and implementation yourself,

you can save a lot of money. Plus, many people find that doing it themselves makes decorating their homes an even more personal and rewarding experience.

So where do you start if you want to turn your first home into a decorator's showcase? Focusing on a few key areas can yield high-impact results.

Start with the walls; they're the largest design element in any room, and repainting them is an easy, high-payoff way to begin redecorating. Choose colors that not only speak to you, but that also make sense with key furniture pieces you already have. For example,

if you have a great sofa that you love, consider choosing a color or two from the pattern and using that on the walls.

Another smart paint strategy is to do three walls in a restful, neutral color and then spice things up with a more vibrant hue on a fourth "accent" wall. Whatever color you choose, remember to buy the best quality paint you can afford. It will last longer and look great.

Another option for dressing up your walls is to use removable murals. Wall murals are a favorite design trick of interior decorators. Repositionable murals,

like MuralsYourWay.com's SmartStick line, make it easy to decorate with a mural. You are not forced into a commitment to that one design or the cost of having one professionally painted. The moisture-resistant murals can be placed and then repositioned anywhere in the house.

Once you've gussied up your walls, it's time to look down and think about the floor. Flooring is the second largest design element in a room and it forms the foundation for your other design decisions.

If you've got the budget and the gumption, you can remove and replace old carpet, re-

stain worn wood and retiling dated floors. If your means and your DIY skills are more modest, you can always cover up unappealing carpet with throw rugs that speak to your tastes. Carpet tiles are also a great way to get the look and feel of new carpet without the expense and installation challenges of wall-to-wall. And bathrooms and kitchens can both benefit from a new flooring of easy-to-install vinyl tiles.

Finally, accessories are the icing on the cake when it comes to your interior decor. Even if your furniture is mature, you can make it look young again with new accent pillows and slipcovers. It's possible to find reasonably

priced artwork to fit nearly every design theme these days, whether you look online or hit one of the big box home design stores.

Window treatments are another accessory that will give you more bang for the buck. You can get a designer look for less when you dress up cheap, store-bought panels with some personal touches.

Turning your first home into a decorator's showcase doesn't have to cost a lot. A sense of adventure, some creativity and the willingness to do the work yourself can have your home looking like something from a TV interior design show in no time.

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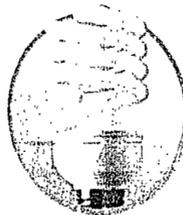
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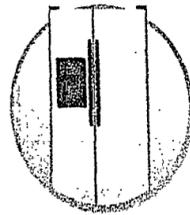
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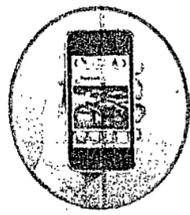
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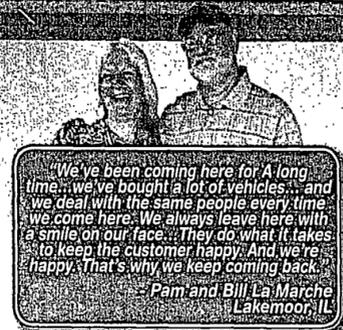
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"Space Wars: The Pantalo!", a family-friendly fairy tale of the future, will be presented by Piccolo Theatre through Dec. 17 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$22 seniors; \$15 students; \$10 for children 12 and under, family (two adults and two children) \$65. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolothetre.com.

CLASSICAL

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Alan Heatherington, performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.arsviva.org. Tickets: \$35-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. Nov. 13, 3 p.m.: "Four Great Romantic Nationalists." The program includes Humpertinck: Overture to "Hansel and Gretel"; Liszt: Mephisto Waltz No. 1; Wagner: Prelude to "Die Meistersinger"; Sibelius: Symphony No. 1 in e minor, Op. 39.

Cahn Auditorium at Northwestern University, 600 Emerson, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Nov. 11-12, 7:30 p.m.: "Vive la France!" Northwestern University voice and opera graduate students will present scenes from popular French operas and operettas, including works from "Carmen," "Manon" and "La Fille du Regiment." \$8; \$5 students.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets are \$20-\$75. Nov. 13: "Smirnoff Conducts Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich & Copland," featuring Joel Smirnoff, guest conductor, Meng-Chieh Liu, piano, Charles Geyer, trumpet, and Judith Zunamon Lewis, English horn.

Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago hosts a presentation on "Ariadne auf Naxos" by Richard Strauss at 3 p.m. Nov. 13. A social hour will precede the program. For location and further information, call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 475-5345.

Lutkin Hall at Northwestern

University, 700 University Place, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.: A complete performance of all three books of Franz Liszt's "Annees de pelerinage" by piano students of Bienen School faculty member James Giles. \$6; \$4 for students.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Pianist Jamie Shaak and Friends present an evening of newly composed "Musical Gems." \$10. Live from Mayne Stage, a weekly Sunday morning series sponsored by WFMT. Performances are from 11 a.m.-noon. Admission: \$10. Nov. 13: William Harvey, violin, and Elena Cholakova, piano. Nov. 20: Hershey Felder. Dec. 3: Piano quartet from the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Dec. 11: Marie Alatalo, piano. Dec. 18: Kuang-Hao Huang, piano, and Anthony Devroye, viola.

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. Tickets are available at the theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com. Nov. 19, 11:55 a.m.: Philip Glass's "Satyagraha." Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m.: Handel's "Rodelinda." Dec. 10, 11:55 a.m.: Gounod's "Faust." Jan. 21, 2012, 11:55 a.m.: "The Enchanted Island," a showcase of arias and ensembles by Handel, Vivaldi, Rameau and others. Feb. 11, 2012, 11 a.m.: Wagner's "Gottterdammerung." Feb. 25, 2012, 11:55 a.m.: Verdi's "Ernani." April 7, 2012, 11 a.m.: Massenet's "Manon." April 14, 2012, 11:55 a.m.: Verdi's "La Traviata."

Alvita Miller Chapel at Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. Nov. 11, 7 p.m.: Cellist Michael Fitzpatrick will perform his original compositions and the music of Bach, Ravel, Faure, Schubert and Casals during a sacred concert. The program will include video highlights from "Tuning the Planet," a film Fitzpatrick produced, inspired by the friendship between the Dalai Lama and Trappist monk Thomas Merton. \$20; \$10 students. Nov. 18, 7 p.m.: Baroque Music Ensemble

presents "Die Weihnachtsgeschichten" ("The Christmas Story") by German baroque master Heinrich Schutz. \$6; \$4 students.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St., Evanston, unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$30-\$75. Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.: "Kraemer Conducts Bach," with Nicholas Kraemer, conductor, and Julia Doyle, soprano.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Nov. 13, 3 p.m.: Organ Invitational Recital, featuring organists from Evanston houses of worship. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. Proceeds will support selected hunger charities in Evanston. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Vamos Family Concert. The program includes Chopin's Cello Sonata in G Minor, Poulenc's Violin Sonata, and Bach's Concerto for Three Violins in D Major. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students.

"The New" North Shore Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Anatol Lysenka, will open its 31st season at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave. The program includes the Grieg Piano Concerto with soloist Alexander Zintchenko; and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 — "From The New World." Admission is \$15; free for youth under 18 years old. Call (847) 864-2288 or visit www.thenorthshorechamberorchestra.org.

Northeastern Illinois University, Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. Nov. 18, 8 p.m.: Violinist Elena Urioste and pianist Michael Brown. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: The Jasper Quartet. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermel, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Visit www.northwestsymphony.org.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra will host its 15th annual tea, A Tribute to Linda Lehman, at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636

'RENT' AT NORTHWESTERN



KC Schlossberg and Kale Clauson are among the cast members of the Theatre and Interpretation Center at Northwestern University production of the rock musical "Rent," through Nov. 20, at the Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive Evanston. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. There also will be an additional matinee performance at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 and a special evening performance at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. Single tickets are \$10 to \$25; tickets for groups of eight or more are \$8 to \$22 each; \$5 tickets are available exclusively to Northwestern students with valid IDs on advance ticket purchases only. Tickets may be purchased through the TIC Box Office at (847) 491-7282 or www.tic.northwestern.edu. PHOTO BY STEPHEN ANZALDI

phony.org. Nov. 20: "Happy Anniversary," a celebration of the orchestra's 60th anniversary season. The program includes Aaron Copland's "Ceremonial Fanfare"; Daniel Steven Craft's "Entrance into the City of Proud Fancy"; and Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor, with guest soloist Mio Nakamura. Rounding out the program will be the L'Arlesienne Suites I and II by Georges Bizet, which was presented at the NSO's first performance.

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. 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 will host its 15th annual tea, A Tribute to Linda Lehman, at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636

N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The event will include a program by Jenny Riddle — "It's Not About the Destination, It's the Journey," cocktails, a raffle and tea. \$45 per person. Call (847) 692-7726 or visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org.

Rembrandt Chamber Players will present "Masterful Bach," with guest soloists Peter Van De Graff and Amy Conn, at 4 p.m. Dec. 4 in Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Tickets are \$35; \$25 for young adults. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$26-\$40; \$13 for youth 17 and under. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. Dec. 4: The program includes works by Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert and Mendelssohn.

Bluegrass Legends Concerts at the American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. www.chicagobluegrass.com. Doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: \$20; \$15 for senior citizens and children 16 and under. Nov. 12: NewFound Road, recording artists from Nashville, Tenn., with special guest Ed Holstein.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse. Nov. 12, 8 p.m.: "A Prairie State Companion," hosted by Evanston's Ken Novak, including folk/pop melodies of Belle

RUSTED ROOT



Rusted Root, on the bill with Mr. Blotto, brings its worldly roots rock sound to Viper Alley, 275 Parkway Drive, Lincolnshire, at 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Tickets are \$30-\$45 for the 21-plus show. For more information, see www.viper-alley.com or call (866) 463-3401. PHOTO BY DUANE REIDER

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Plaine, folk duets by David and Gail Hardesty of Skokie, stories and sketches by Ken Novak and Vicki Elberfeld, and piano, violin and vocals by Steve and Rosa Julstrom. \$8 includes refreshments.

Hogeye Folk Arts hosts concerts at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. \$15 general admission; \$13 for senior citizens; \$5 for students; free for children under 12. Admission may be paid at the door in cash or by check, or by credit card in advance from www.brownpapertickets.com. For information, visit www.hogeyefolkarts.org. **Nov. 19:** Mark Dvorak and Ed Trickett. **Dec. 3:** Larry Rand and Nicole Mendyk. **Jan. 14, 2012:** Bryan Bowers. **Jan. 28, 2012:** Mark Dvorak, Michael Smith, Barbara Barrow and Chris Walz. **Feb. 18, 2012:** Bill Staines. **InterContinental Chi-**

cago 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. For information, visit www.montroseroom.com. **Nov. 11:** In Bound Kennedy. **Nov. 12:** Up Close @ Montrose with Robbie Fulks & the Country Allstars. \$20 VIP; \$12 general admission. **Nov. 16:** Up Close @ Montrose with CJ Chenier (zydeco). \$15 VIP; \$10 general admission. **Nov. 18:** Mr. Blotto. **Dec. 2:** Instant Rewind. **Dec. 9:** The Cringe (benefit concert for the Children's Memorial Hospital). **Dec. 16:** Callaloo. **Mayne Stage**, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. **Nov. 12,** 9:30 p.m.: The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus presents "Lipstick and Lyrics: Girls'

Night Out." \$25 general admission; \$50 reserved. **Nov. 13,** 1:30 p.m., and **Nov. 14,** 8 p.m.: Contemporary cabaret ensemble Chicago Red Line presents "A Space Odyssey." \$15. **Nov. 23,** 8:30 p.m.: Family Groove Company with The Electric Boogaloo and Sneaky Gene (jazz/rock). \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. **Nov. 25,** 8 p.m.: Henhouse Prowlers (bluegrass). \$12 general admission; \$18 reserved. **Dec. 2,** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.: 15-Year Anniversary Concert with Funkadesi. \$10-\$25. **"Razzle Dazzle,"** a buffet brunch followed by a performance featuring soprano Eileen Berman presenting music of Broadway and opera, will be held at 1 p.m. **Nov. 13** at Oakton Community College's TenHoeve Center, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets are \$25. Reservations are required by calling (847) 635-1900. **Rosemont Theatre**, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont.

Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. **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. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. **Nov. 13,** 2 p.m.: Abba Salute, an Abba tribute band. **Nov. 13,** 7 p.m.: Greater Chicago Jewish Festival: Stereo Sinai, featuring "biblegum pop." **Nov. 18,** 8 p.m.: Roxy Bellows. **Nov. 19,** 8 p.m.: Charlene Brooks sings "Bonnie, Bette and Brooks," featuring the music of Bonnie Raitt and Bette Midler. **Nov. 23,** 1:30

p.m.: Bucky Halker's "Great American Folksongs." **Nov. 23,** 8 p.m.: Johnny Rogers in Tribute to Johnny Cash and Friends. **Nov. 26,** 8 p.m.: Aqualung, a tribute to the music of Ian Anderson and Jethro Tull. **Nov. 27,** 2 p.m.: Johnny Rogers in "Buddy and Beyond." **Nov. 27,** 7 p.m.: Greater Chicago Jewish Festival: Rabbi Joe Black. **Dec. 4,** 7 p.m.: "Rocking for Limmud," featuring The Alte Rockers with Lori Lippitz, Ovadya and Mi Yodea in a diverse show of new Jewish music.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanston.space.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Nov. 10:** Robbie Fulks: New Songs on Acoustic Instruments (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. **Nov. 16:** Sweetback Sisters (country/rockabilly). \$10/\$14. **Nov. 17:** Eric Lindell (R&B/rock). \$18/\$20. **Nov. 18:** Charlie Musselwhite (blues). \$20/\$25. **Nov. 23:** Dolly Varden and Phil Angotti Band (indie rock). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 26:** Leo Nocentelli's "The Meters Experience." (funk). \$20/\$25. **Nov. 27:** Tommy Castro Band (blues). \$15/\$20. **Nov. 29:** Breathe Owl Breathe with Little Wings (folk/indie rock). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 30:** Edie Carey. \$12/\$15. **Dec. 1:** Stew and the Negro Problem (rock). \$24-\$40. **Dec. 2:** Brandi Carlile. \$36-\$56. **Dec. 3,** 7 p.m.: Webb Wilder Unplugged (roots rock). \$12/\$15. **Dec. 7:** Kinky Friedman (country/rock). \$22/\$32/\$42. **Dec. 8:** Jeffrey Foucault (folk). \$12/\$15/\$22. **Dec. 9:** Leo Kottke (folk). \$30-\$60. **Dec. 11,** 7 p.m.: JD Souther (country). \$22/\$25. **Dec. 14:** Dave Spector's Adventures in Guitar Holiday Show with Jimmy Johnson (punk). \$12/\$15. **Dec. 15:** Tab Benoit (blues). \$24/\$28. **Dec. 16:** Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials (blues). \$12/\$15. **Dec. 17,** 7 p.m.: Emerson Hart of Tonic (pop/rock). \$18/\$22. **Dec. 18,** 7 p.m.: Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group (folk). \$25-\$40. **Dec. 30:** Ezra Furman. \$12/\$15. **Dec. 31,** 6 p.m.: The Jill & Julia Show (singer/comedy). \$20-\$25. **Dec. 31,** 10 p.m.: Otis Clay (R&B/soul). \$25-\$58. **Jan. 6:** American English (Beatles tribute). \$18/\$22. **Jan. 7:** Iris Dement (folk).

Astral Weeks: A Tribute to Van Morrison. \$12/\$15. **Jan. 13:** Griffin House. \$15/\$18. **Jan. 14:** Susan Werner with Seth Glier. \$20/\$25. **Jan. 19:** Mike Mangione & The Union with Dave Tamkin (indie/folk). \$12/\$15. **Jan. 25:** Christina Trulio. \$10/\$12. **Feb. 16:** Lizz Wright (gospel/soul). \$28/\$32. **March 10:** Teitur (folk rock). \$15/\$18.

ART GALLERIES

Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. (847) 823-6611. www.bricktonartcenter.org. **Through Nov. 11:** "The Nature Project," featuring photography, ceramics, sculptures, drawings, paintings and mixed media by Oakton Community College students and faculty.

The Chicago Stereo Camera Club will host its 63rd annual "Chicago Lighthouse International Exhibition of Stereo Photography," a form of 3-dimensional photography, at 2 p.m. **Nov. 19** at Oakton Community College, Hartstein Campus, Room A151, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Through polarized glasses, audiences will see photographic slides and digital images taken with antique and modern 3-D photographic equipment. Minimum donation of \$6 requested at the door. Proceeds benefit The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired. For more information, visit <http://chicagostereocameraclub.org/>.

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. **Through Dec. 31:** Simply Chicago Art presents "Journey," photographs by Viral Joshi and paintings by Meredith Dytch, Wendy Segal and Joseph Taylor.

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. **Nov. 11-Dec. 29:** Anatomically Correct's "Wild in the City," works by Chicago area artists portraying plants and wildlife in an urban setting. An opening reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. **Nov. 11.** Visit www.anatomicallycorrect.org.

Oakton Community College, Kophline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. **Through Dec. 2:** "ID Show 2011," featur-

ing paintings, photography, ceramics, and digital art by Oakton faculty members.

Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston. (847) 864-7274. www.SAS1athome.org. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment. **Nov. 13-Feb. 3, 2012:** "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," featuring works by Chicago textile artist Mary Jo Bowers and painter Patricia Schuler of Park Ridge. An opening reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. **Nov. 13.** All art is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting SASI, a community nonprofit that helps adults who, due to aging, illness or injury, need assistance in the home.

Skokie Art Guild Members Only Fall Exhibit will be on display **through Dec. 2** at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. For information, visit www.skokieartguild.org.

BENEFITS

"Bridges from Baghdad to Chicago," a concert featuring Iraqi folk music, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. **Nov. 12** at Loyola University's Mundelein Auditorium, 1020 W. Sheridan Road, Chicago. \$15; \$10 for students. Proceeds will benefit Iraqi students who have been granted tuition waivers to study at DePaul and Loyola University, under the auspices of the Iraqi Student Project. For tickets, call Margaret Sents at (847)-657-6807 or visit www.iraqidepaul.org.

The American Zionist Movement's 19th annual benefit concert will feature Rami Solomonov, violinist, and Ben Solomonov, cellist, at 7 p.m. **Nov. 27** at Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Admission is \$60 per person. To register, call (847) 644-7872.

Empty Bowls, a fundraiser to benefit food banks and other meal programs for the hungry, will be presented by the Ceramics Club from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. **Dec. 3** at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Professional and student potters from the Chicago area have contributed hundreds of bowls for the annual event. For a donation of \$12, participants select a handcrafted bowl that is theirs to keep, and receive a simple meal of soup and bread. The event also includes a raffle drawing for ceramic artworks and a

silent auction of sculpture and jewelry. For more information, e-mail emptybowls@oakton.edu or call (847) 635-1699.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. **Nov. 12,** 2-5 p.m.: Minnesota author Jennifer LeClair will sign copies of *Danger Sector*, the second book in her award-winning Windjammer Mystery Series set on the coast of Maine. **Niles Public Library**, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Nov. 15** and **22,** 6:30-8:30 p.m.: National Novel Writing Month Write-Ins. Wrap-up party will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. **Nov. 30.**

CHILD'S PLAY

Chicago Kids Company will present "Sleeping Beauty" at 10:30 a.m. **Nov. 11, 14-15** and **17-18** and 1 p.m. **Nov. 12** at the Stahl Family Theater inside St. Patrick High School, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. \$10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com.

Children's musician Ralph Covert presents "Ralph's World" at noon and 2:30 p.m. **Nov. 13** at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster, Skokie. \$15 per person. Visit www.tbiskokie.org or call (847) 675-0951.

"A Kite's Tale" will be presented by Blair Thomas & Company at 10 a.m. **Dec. 10** at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The 40-minute interactive performance, appropriate for ages 4-12, combines theatre and puppetry and is set to Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," which will be performed by Music Institute of Chicago faculty pianist Sung Hoon Mo. Pre-performance activities at 9 a.m. include an instrument petting zoo, refreshments, early childhood demonstrations, student performances, and more. Tickets are \$10 per family. Visit www.musicinst.org or call (847) 905-1500, ext. 108.

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Nov. 13,** 2 p.m.: Children's musician Susan Salidor presents a family concert. **Nov. 26,** 2 p.m.: Family movie, "Mars Needs Moms."

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. **Nov. 12** and **19,** 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.:

Three Cat Education presents "The Frog Princess." \$15; free for children 12 and under. **Nov. 20,** 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.: The Amazing Acro-Cats. Tickets in advance are \$15, \$10 for children; at the door \$18, \$12 for children. **Nov. 26,** noon and 3 p.m.: The Singing Scientist Show starring Mr. Nicky. Tickets in advance are \$15, \$10 for children; at the door \$18, \$12 for children.

COMEDY

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. www.maynestage.com. (773) 381-4554. **Mayne Stage Comedy Series - Dec. 9,** 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: The Sklar Brothers. \$20-\$25. **Dec. 14,** 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: Patrice O'Neal.

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.

Perla Café, 1813 Dempster St., Evanston. (847) 424-1382. **Nov. 19,** 7-8 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman presents a comedy performance based on her books, *My Husband the Stranger*, *Still Single* and *Still Dating*. No cover.

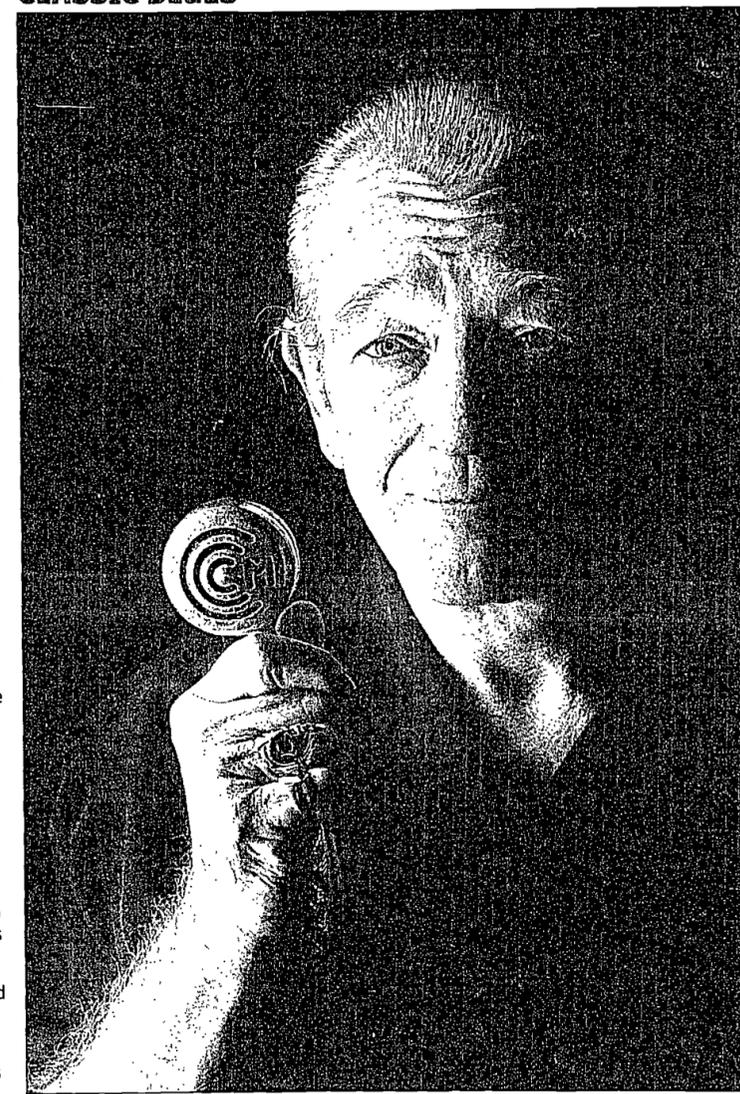
DANCE

Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance, the national organization representing amateur ballroom dancers. Lesson begins at 7:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:15-11 p.m. Admission: \$8 members; \$10 nonmembers; \$6 for students with ID. Dance music for all swing, Latin and ballroom dances. Partners not required - singles welcome. For information, call (847) 577-9014 or visit www.usadancechicago.org. **Nov. 12:** "Narcissus Night Club Two-Step" at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the **second Saturday of the month, through May 2012**, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per person. For information, call (847) 272-6344 or (773) 685-8407.

Line dancing for all ages is held from 7-10 p.m. **every Tuesday** at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Beginner lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and new dance or review at 8 p.m. Admission: \$7; \$5 for ages 17 and under. For further information, call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at

CLASSIC BLUES



Charlie Musselwhite brings his blues to S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The show is part of a continuing celebration of 40 years of Chicago's Alligator Records. Tickets are \$20-\$25. See www.evanston.space.com or call (847) 492-8860. PHOTO BY MICHAEL WEINTRAUB

somedaydd@att.net. **Northwestern University's** Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center, 10 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. **Nov. 11-12, 17-19,** 8 p.m.: "Expanding Approach," dance concert performances showcasing the original works of nine Northwestern University student choreographers. General admission is \$10; \$5 for children and full-time students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Harvest Arts & Crafts Festival, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Nov. 12** at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, featuring a holiday bazaar, silent auction, raffle, children's activities and concessions. For information, call (847) 823-6984 or e-mail office@messiah-parkridge.org.

FILM
Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

(847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. — **Nov. 11:** "Sanctum." **Block Cinema**, in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema. Admission is \$6; \$4 for Block Museum members, students and

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Allison Lane and Matthew Ludwinski in "Going Down in LA-LA Land."

Wilmette-bred actress scores in 'LA-LA Land'

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Contributor

"Unless you're famous, being an actress in this town is the lowest of the low," says Wilmette native Allison Lane as gold-digging wannabe actress Candy in the Hollywood comedy/drama "Going Down in LA-LA Land."

So far, though, for Lane herself, being a film and TV actress is working out just fine.

See for yourself when "Going Down in LA-LA Land" closes the Reeling: Chicago Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Nov. 12 at the Portage Theatre in Chicago.

Lane's success no doubt has something to do with the fact that she is a producer, director and screenwriter in addition to a performer. And that she has been quick to capitalize on the new opportunities presented by the Internet. Nonetheless, she is all about acting, even if it isn't the all-singing/all-dancing variety she had in mind while growing up on the North Shore.

Even as a young girl, Lane had a mature voice, ideal for belting out show tunes ("I just opened my mouth and I could do it") and her late stepfather and mother Stephen and Carolyn Jevelian encouraged her desire to be on stage.

Early stages

She performed for Wilmette Children's Theatre and Northbrook Children's Theatre, took comedy classes

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at Piven Theatre in Evanston, played the lead role in student musical-theater productions all four years at New Trier and studied musical theater at the University of Michigan before heading for New York and Broadway.

A funny thing happened, though, when she got there: She couldn't stop thinking about being in movies.

"I did a bunch of different things on stage, and I got into the musical-theater scene enough to know that I loved doing it," said Lane, who moved to New York around 2000. "I've always loved film, though, as well as theater, and I started to realize that could also be an option for me."

After taking on-camera classes with acting teacher/independent film producer Jenifer Krater, Lane started racking up supporting and leading roles in independent films around 2005, specializing in comedy — apparently another just-comes-naturally skill.

After appearing in the

syndicated sketch-comedy series "Uncle Morty's Dub Shack," created by Trevor Moore of "The Whitest Kids U'Know" ("it was completely wrong and inappropriate, which I enjoy very much"), Lane appeared in a variety of features including the gay comedy "A Four Letter Word" by "LA-LA Land" writer/director Casper Andreas, and "The Video Guys," for which she won the Best Actress award at the Long Island International Film Expo.

Lane also won roles in a variety of Web series, including a cranky casting director on Warner Brothers Studio 2.0's "Viralcom," which riffs on the idea that brain-dead viral-video content is actually churned out by a major Hollywood studio.

And she's created, directs and stars in her own web series, "The Morning Bitch," with her husband Chris Ritter, an author and talent-manager she met on a cruise ship: She was singing and he was managing a magician ("It was just like 'The Love Boat'"). She and Ritter co-wrote the series about the "racist, alcoholic, sex-addict, truly-horrible-person" anchor of a perky morning talk show and her equally repellent co-anchor (Wade Foster) and produce it through their Reel Spiel production company.

The couple also created a half-hour prequel to the series called "WTFU," which won several awards including Best Comedy Short at last year's Illinois International

Film Festival.

After relocating to Los Angeles a few months ago, she and Ritter are working on producing their first co-written feature film through Reel Spiel, starring Lane as "The Homewrecker," a woman who breaks up romances for a price.

Sweet and low

Lane has made a specialty of playing comic characters with varying shades of selfish obnoxiousness ("I'm actually a very sweet girl, but I play a really good bitch"), with Candy in "Going Down in LA-LA Land" apparently one

of the more sympathetic of the bunch — despite a shockingly mercenary matrimonial streak. After working with Lane on "A Four Letter Word," he wrote the role of the snarky rich-husband hunter, whose aspiring-actor roommate (Matthew Ludwinski) goes astray in the gay-porn world, with her in mind. She certainly seems at home in the role, which has attracted glowing such as this one from EDGE magazine: "The star of the film, by far, is Allison Lane, who steals every scene." "The lowest of the low?" Maybe not for long.

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seniors, or as noted below. All films shown at 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **New Documentaries series — Nov. 17:** "Fast Talk." **Nov. 18:** "El Bulli: Cooking in Progress." **Reeling: The Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival — Nov. 11, 7 p.m.:** "Pariah." **Nov. 11, 9 p.m.:** "A Few Days of Respite." Admission for each of the two Nov. 11 special screenings is \$11.

LECTURES

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.: Lyric Opera lecture — "Ariadne auf Naxos."

ORGANIZATIONS

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43 will meet at 7:30 p.m. **Nov. 18** in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Garrett Thomas will perform close-up magic and teach his tricks. \$15 guest fee, which may be applied to membership. Visit www.ring43.org.

SINGLES

ComboSingles, open to singles 21-plus. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.org. Bowling league at 6 p.m. **Nov. 13 and 27 and Dec. 11** at Brunswick Zone, 824 E. Rand Road, Mount Prospect. \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

SpareSingles Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admis-

sion is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. **Nov. 20:** Music by Chuck and Friends.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Skokie Art Guild offers figure drawing workshops from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is \$20; \$12 for members. Call Steve Gal, (847) 673-4450, or visit www.skokieartguild.org.

ET CETERA

Vaudeville Magic Show, presented by Sean Masterson at 7 p.m. **Nov. 12** and 3 p.m. **Nov. 13** at The Actors Gymnasium in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$10. Tickets available at (800) 838-3006 or www.actorsgymnasium.com.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Through Jan. 15, 2012: "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946." **Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m.:** In Conversation With ... Japanese-American World War II Veterans. Following a film detailing the role of Japanese-American soldiers during World War II, Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny, will interview veterans Sam Ozaki and Allen Meyer about their experiences. Free with museum admission.**

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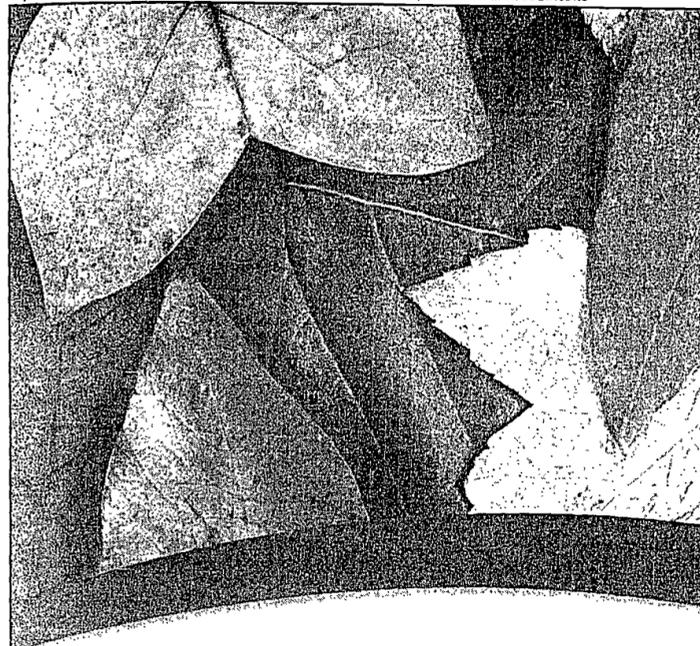
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Top three lifestyle changes to boost diabetes management

The numbers are alarming: More than 25 million people in the United States have diabetes — that's about one in 10 Americans. And according to recent government reports, rates are projected to surge over the next 40 years, affecting as many as one in three Americans by 2050. Research reveals three strategies that can help change the course of the disease:



Key to success: A structured and supervised exercise program helps people with type 2 diabetes lower their blood sugar levels more effectively than just getting advice about working out more. 1 FILE PHOTO

- [1] Eat less fat**
It can help reduce your risk of developing diabetes, regardless of whether you lose weight. With type 2 diabetes, your body either doesn't produce enough insulin, or your cells ignore it; insulin is needed to use glucose for energy. Researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham put 69 overweight people at risk for diabetes on either a lower-fat or lower-carb diet; after eight weeks, the group who reduced their fat intake to 27 percent of their overall diet had significantly higher insulin secretion, improved insulin sensitivity and better glucose tolerance. For a 1,600-calorie diet, that equates to 48 daily grams of fat; for 2,200 calories, it's 66 grams. To help reduce fat grams, choose lean meats and non- or low-fat dairy products, use unsaturated vegetable oils, eat more leafy vegetables and fruits and less foods that contain large amounts of saturated fat, like cakes and cookies.
- [2] Get a trainer**
A structured and supervised exercise program (that includes aerobics and strength training) helped people with type 2 diabetes lower their blood sugar levels more effectively than just getting advice about working out more, according to a recent review published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Scientists also found that exercising for longer periods of time was better at bringing blood sugar levels down than exercising more intensively. Exercise guidelines recommend that people with type 2 perform at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise, and resistance training, such as weight lifting, three times a week.
- [3] Improve sleep habits**
Doing so may help you better manage your diabetes, says a new study in Diabetes Care. Researchers found that those with diabetes who suffered from insomnia had a 23 percent higher fasting blood glucose level, a 48 percent higher fasting insulin level and an 82 percent higher insulin resistance than the normal sleepers with diabetes. Some tips to sleep better: stick to regular bed and wake time, try relaxation techniques before bed (like taking a warm bath or listening to soothing music), keep your bedroom cool and dark, and skip exercise, caffeine and alcohol too close to bedtime.

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'A really expensive disease'

Diabetes emerging as one of the most costly chronic conditions to manage

BY KATIE FOUTZ
For Sun-Times Media

Nearly 500,000 adults in Illinois and 600,000 adults in Indiana have some form of diabetes, according to their state health departments.

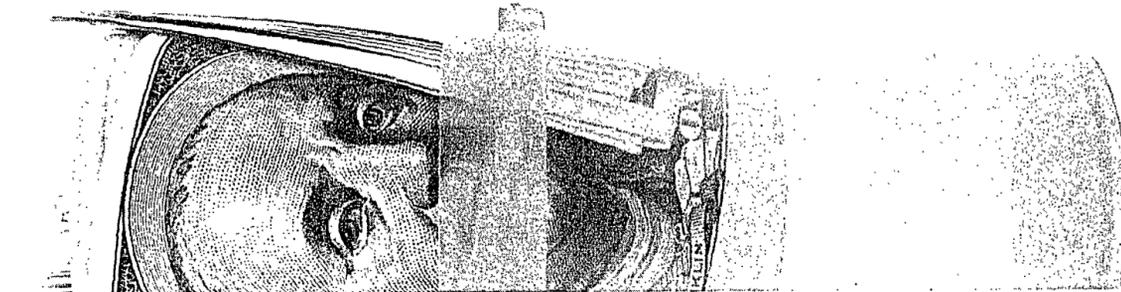
Increasing numbers of children and adolescents also have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes — typically known as adult onset diabetes. And residents of urban areas have unique challenges in managing the disease.

Gregory Larkin, Indiana state health commissioner, wrote in a 2010 report on diabetes that the disease has emerged as one of the most prevalent and costly diseases affecting the state.

"While the impact of diabetes may appear daunting, there is room for optimism," he wrote. "Diabetes is not inevitable and in many instances can be prevented."

Behind the numbers

In Chicago and northwest Indiana, an average to above-average portion of the population has diabetes. The percentage of adults (20 years or older) with diagnosed



diabetes ranged from 7 percent in McHenry County to 10.3 percent in Lake County, Indiana, in 2008 — the most recent county-level data available. The same year, the nationwide percentage was 7.8.

Residents of certain Chicago neighborhoods carry a larger share of diabetes, based on estimates and individual surveys conducted by city universities. Dr. Lou Philipson, a diabetologist at the University of Chicago, said that in heavily Hispanic and Puerto Rican wards, such as Humboldt Park, upwards of 20 percent of the residents have diabetes — more than double the national average.

One reason is access to care. In urban areas, there tend to be concentrations of diabetes specialists, but patients need transportation to get to those specialists and the means to pay for treatment.

"Many people with diabetes have no resources, and that is really a disaster because diabetes is a really expensive disease," Philipson said. "We encourage people to check their blood sugar, eat a good diet and get regular care. And without access to care, we're going to see sicker people who really will be very costly to the health care system."

Latest research

Recent research has shown that some long-term damage to the body, especially the heart and circulatory system, may already be occurring during prediabetes. This is a new name for the condition also known as impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glucose.

According to the American Dia-

betes Association, before people develop type 2 diabetes, they almost always have prediabetes — blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. There are 79 million people in the United States who have prediabetes.

People can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through a healthy lifestyle: improve your diet, increase your level of physical activity and maintain a healthy weight.

These steps are known to help reduce the risk of the most common types of diabetes. But Philipson and his colleagues at the Kovler Diabetes Center at U of C hope to understand unusual forms of the disease.

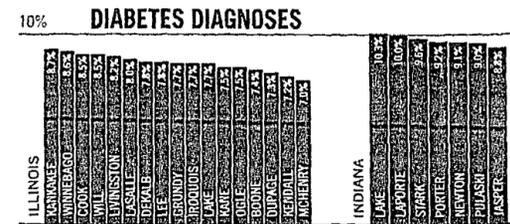
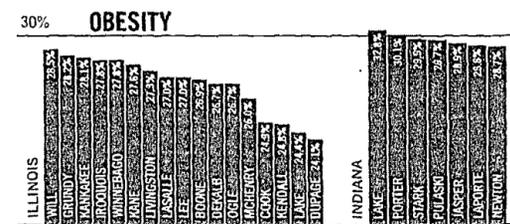
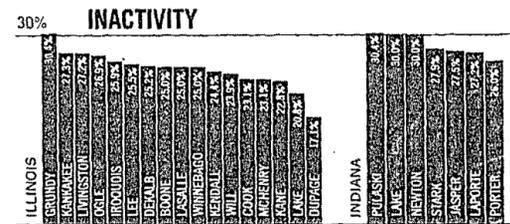
He received a monetary award from the American Diabetes Association to create a new national registry to track all unusual inherited forms of diabetes: people who develop diabetes in the first year of life, families with strong histories of diabetes, and thin people who have type 2 diabetes (which is associated with being overweight 85 percent of the time, Philipson said).

He also is working to identify genes causing diabetes and how those genes are involved in regulating blood sugar. The cities of New York, San Antonio and Toronto are creating diabetes registries for public health purposes, he said.

"The idea is diabetes is so important economically, it's become almost the disease of our time as far as chronic diseases," Philipson said. "They would be able to track what the numbers are and track where resources should be in helping the population."

HOW DOES YOUR COUNTY RANK?

People who are obese and/or inactive are at increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Here's a county-by-county look at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2008 estimates of the percentage of adults who are obese, who are physically inactive and who have been diagnosed with diabetes. The counties are listed in order of highest percentage to lowest percentage.



BY THE NUMBERS: HOW DIABETES EXPENSES ADD UP

2.3 times higher the average medical expenses were for people with diabetes as opposed to people without the disease in the United States in 2007.

\$58 billion estimated indirect costs (disability, work loss, premature mortality) caused by diabetes in the United States in 2007.

\$116 billion estimated direct medical costs associated with diabetes in the United States in 2007.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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HEALTHFUL RECIPE

Cumin pork and sweet potatoes with spiced butter

Ingredients

2 8-ounce sweet potatoes, pierced in several areas with fork

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

Paprika to taste

4 4-ounce boneless pork cutlets, trimmed of fat

Topping ingredients:

2 tablespoons reduced-fat margarine

2 tablespoons packed dark brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest

1/4 teaspoon vanilla, butter, and nut flavoring

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

4 small oranges, quartered

Instructions

Cook potatoes in microwave on high setting for 10 to 11 minutes, until fork-tender.

Meanwhile, place a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Sprinkle cumin and paprika evenly over pork chops and season lightly with salt and pepper if desired. Cook pork chops 4 minutes on each side or until barely pink in center.

In a small bowl, stir together the topping ingredients until well-blended.

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise, fluff with a fork, and spoon equal amounts of topping mixture on each half. Serve with quartered oranges alongside.

The American Diabetes Association's My Food Advisor: Recipes for Healthy Living

NUTRITIONAL FACTS

Serving Size: 3 ounces of pork, 1/2 sweet potato, and about 1 tablespoon of topping

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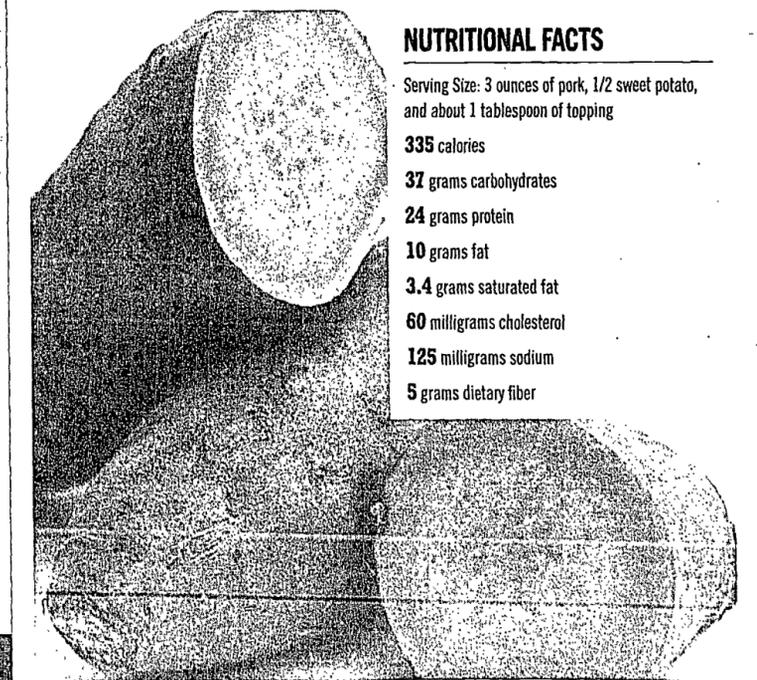
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November awareness events

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Diabetes Fall Fest: 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 12, at Silver Cross Hospital, 1200 Maple Road, Joliet. Exhibits, Ask the Pharmacist, physician-led health sessions and cooking demonstrations. Call (888) 660-4325 or visit www.silvercross.org to register.

Diabetes Friends Forever: Dreamfields DFF Diabetes Friends Forever Dinner for Young Adults will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Tavern at the Park, 130 E. Randolph St., Chicago. Join Amy Hess-Fischl, a program coordinator for the Teen and Adolescent Diabetes Transition Program at the University of Chicago's Kovler Diabetes

Center, for this event. Email dreamfields@mpfood.com to R.S.V.P. Space is limited.

For educators: The Illinois Association For Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance will present "A Coordinated School Health Approach to Addressing Childhood Obesity and the Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes" at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Turquoise Room at Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles. The program is for physical education and health teachers. Registration is required at www.iahperd.org.

American Diabetes Association Night with the Chicago Wolves: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Family Fun Fest starts at 5 p.m. in the Allstate Arena Skyline Room. Raffle to be held at Association table. Tickets are \$13. Visit with other families of children with Type 1 diabetes and during the Chicago Wolves hockey game. Email Megan Johnson at MeJohnson@diabetes.org for reservations.

Eddie Washington Diabetes Forum: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Park Place Senior Center, 414 S. Lewis



Save the date: Upcoming diabetes awareness programs taking place in the Chicago area include events in Cicero, Joliet, Chicago, St. Charles, Rosemont and Waukegan. FILE PHOTO

Ave., Waukegan. Programs on nutrition and exercise, vouchers for glucose and cholesterol screenings, a chef to serve a healthy lunch, and information on diabetes awareness and prevention. For information email Dianne Daluga at ddaluga@waukegantownship.com.

Community Health: Community Health will

host a diabetes awareness event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2611 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago. Call (773) 969-5919 or visit the website at www.communityhealth.org.

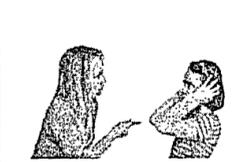
Community Diabetes Fair: Alivio Medical Center will present a Community Diabetes Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the clinic, 966 W. 21st St., Chicago.

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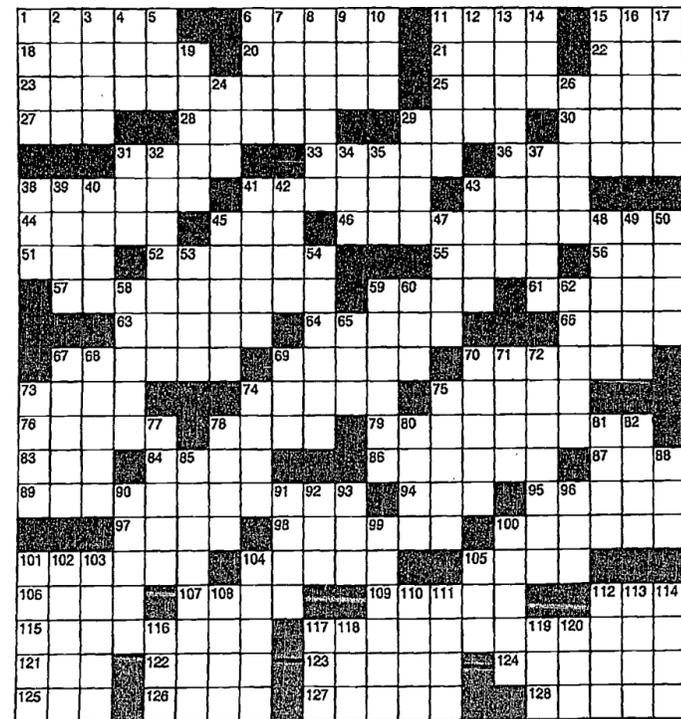
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Off-the-wall
 - 6 Ukrainian city
 - 11 Peepers, to Pope
 - 15 Arrange type
 - 18 Repeated
 - 20 French spa
 - 21 Rain heavily
 - 22 Gob
 - 23 Start of a remark
 - 25 Earmark
 - 27 Asian holiday
 - 28 Annual award?
 - 29 Shake — (hurry)
 - 30 Hurries
 - 31 Depraved
 - 33 Pile up
 - 36 Squirrel's stash
 - 38 Snake-charmer's crew
 - 41 Outcast
 - 43 Globule
 - 44 Riyadh religion
 - 45 Damone or Dana
 - 46 Part 2 of remark
 - 51 Neighbor of Fla.
 - 52 Rice dish
 - 55 Walkiki wing-ding
 - 56 Salute for Caesar
 - 57 Unaware
 - 59 Wes serving
 - 61 Poe crow
 - 63 Ain't right?
 - 64 Type of cabbage
 - 66 Part of NB
 - 67 High-rise building?
 - 69 Part 3 of remark
 - 70 Know-it-all
 - 73 Semester
 - 74 Prickly plant
 - 75 Hellman's relative
 - 76 Marsh slight
 - 78 It should be square
 - 79 Put an end to
 - 83 Carnival site
 - 84 Dentist's directive
 - 86 "The — Kid" (B4 film)
 - 87 Meyers of "Kale & Allie"
 - 89 Part 4 of remark
 - 94 Corn portion
 - 95 Broadcast in July
 - 97 Bates or Flickman
 - 98 Cheerless
 - 100 One of the Waughs
 - 101 Elegant
 - 104 — ferrier
 - 105 Salchow kin
 - 106 Sludge
 - 107 Bloomsbury buggy
 - 109 Bookstore section
 - 112 Actress
 - 115 Managers
 - 117 End of remark
 - 121 Be human
 - 122 MD's area
 - 123 Rita's relative
 - 124 Home on the range?
 - 125 "So there!"
 - 126 Man, for one
 - 127 At daybreak
 - 128 Gushes
- DOWN**
- 1 "Miss Lonelyhearts" writer
 - 2 Dull pain
 - 3 Atkins or Huntley
 - 4 Holyfield stats
 - 5 "Delinitely!"
 - 6 He's abominable
 - 7 Rara —
 - 8 One-dimensional
 - 9 Label
 - 10 Whichever
 - 11 Iridescent
 - 12 Hamlet or Herman
 - 13 Where to spend leva
 - 14 Smash letters
 - 15 Flight segment
 - 16 Consumed
 - 17 Lock
 - 19 Name of a Day
 - 24 "My Gal —" (1905 tune)
 - 26 Butcher-shop display
 - 29 '75 Wimbledon winner
 - 31 Age
 - 32 Garlic hater
 - 34 Bad start
 - 35 Contented sigh
 - 37 — d'Alene, ID
 - 38 Spy org.
 - 39 '52 Winter Olympics site
 - 40 Spill the beans
 - 41 Navigate
 - 42 Bill of Rights grp.
 - 43 — major
 - 45 Like some leaves
 - 47 Chew out
 - 48 Sheltered spot
 - 49 Happening
 - 50 Russo of "Get Shorty"
 - 53 Maintain
 - 54 Beset
 - 58 Delibes opera
 - 59 "Rusalka" composer
 - 60 Elv or Darling
 - 62 Disconcert
 - 65 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
 - 67 Get cracking
 - 68 It's kept in a
 - 69 Bkmi part
 - 70 Opposite
 - 71 Way out
 - 72 Merit
 - 73 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
 - 74 Crooked
 - 75 Raid
 - 77 Adz and awl
 - 78 Chow —
 - 80 Actor
 - 81 Viscount's better
 - 82 Cart
 - 85 Nursery items
 - 88 Hotel
 - 90 Desert refuges
 - 91 Dutch town
 - 92 — Lanka
 - 93 — the fields we go . . .
 - 96 Smoked delicacy
 - 99 Response
 - 100 Be
 - 101 Sheep sheds
 - 102 "M" man
 - 103 Blue hue
 - 104 Social group
 - 105 Sternward
 - 108 TV's " — People"
 - 110 Barbecue fuel
 - 111 The — 500
 - 112 Mature
 - 113 From the top
 - 114 Gets by (with "out")
 - 116 Mal —
 - 117 Ideologue's suffix
 - 118 Singer's syllable
 - 119 Cock and bull
 - 120 Dem.'s opponent



Answers: Inside today's classified section

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For the week of November 16 — November 22

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to let that intrepid Aries temperament take charge. Your strong leadership will help settle those still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two you need to know about it. A health problem needs to be taken care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in his or her support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single Leos and Leonas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship.

The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals and those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're deep into your new project, and that's just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with people you care for is always a wise investment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable. Be careful about decisions you might be asked to make at this time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're gifted with both natural wisdom and wit — a good combination for success as a writer, a teacher and, most importantly, a parent.

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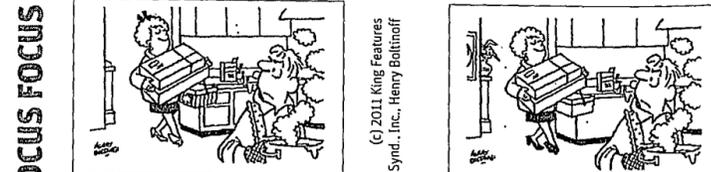
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How to Capitalize on Post-Recession Employee Turnover

By: Jon Picoult

"I quit!"
Those two words, which you may not have heard much since the Great Recession began, could be poised for a comeback.

In October, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that the number of employees voluntarily quitting their jobs had eclipsed the number terminated through layoffs and other types of discharges. Could this signal a shift in the job market, requiring companies to focus less on workforce reduction and more on employee retention and employee engagement?

Employee Satisfaction and the Tip of the Iceberg

Worker satisfaction is at its lowest level since The Conference Board began measuring it in 1987. Four out of every five workers are planning to, or at least contemplating, leaving their current employer, according to a recent survey by human resource consultancy Right Management.

For this reason, the numbers in the BLS report could very well be the tip of a much larger iceberg. As the job market improves, all of the pent up turnover that's been festering in companies since 2008 will start being released.

For those businesses that even recognize this looming threat, the knee-jerk response is to focus on employee loyalty - "What can we do to keep our best people from leaving?"

But there's another side to this equation that routinely gets overlooked. The employee turnover trend doesn't just present a threat; it also presents an opportunity.

This wave will dislodge good people. Forward-thinking employers will capitalize on that dislocation to draw talented individuals into their ranks. So the question shouldn't just be "how do we keep the best people," but also "how do we attract them?"

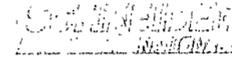
Don't Just Attract Great Candidates - Captivate Them

Here's the answer: Don't just aim to attract top talent - try to captivate them. Create a candidate experience so impressive that it makes people want to work for you.

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Articulate a purpose. People like to be part of something that's bigger than themselves. Purpose driven branding is about defining your company's "reason for being" in terms that transcend mere profit and market share. People will be attracted to a career opportunity that provides greater meaning and purpose in their lives.

Market the opportunity. Defining a compelling brand is but one component of a comprehensive employment marketing strategy. Craft talking points and company overview materials that highlight what is distinctive and different about working at your firm. Create job titles that convey the purpose and importance of a role (e.g., what's more likely to get someone out of bed in the morning - being a "Personnel Recruiter" or a "Talent Scout").

Give your undivided attention. In today's wired world, it's hard for people to maintain eye contact, let alone give someone their undivided attention. Want a candidate to feel valued and appreciated? Try giving them your undivided attention when you conduct an interview. Be punctual, maintain eye contact, and actively listen (and respond) to everything they say.

Communicate considerably. If there's one thing candidates yearn for (other than getting the job), it's timely and relevant feedback. From acknowledging receipt of a resume right through to conveying a hiring decision - candidates are hungry for communication. Yet this need is probably the one that most frequently goes unfulfilled. That means there's great upside potential for those firms that bring a more thoughtful, considerate approach to candidate communications.

Set up listening posts. How do you really know if you're sending the right signals through your candidate experience? There's only one group qualified to tell you - the people who've gone through the process. Have an independent party solicit feedback from new hires about every key touchpoint in the candidate experience.

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• Sell new automotive accounts to increase the overall territory volume and maintain quality service to existing accounts. Maintain relationship with all active dealers/accounts, their agencies and best prospects in assigned territory.
• Implement the many complexities of selling, scheduling and utilize competitive opportunities in the marketplace and develop an awareness of marketing trends. Coordinate administrative duties necessary to ensure proper ad placement and billing.
• Utilize competitive opportunities in the marketplace and develop an awareness of marketing trends and successes of other newspaper markets.
• Communicate relevant marketing, circulation and readership data to accounts in a "call to action" format.
• Other tasks and duties as assigned.
Qualifications:
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• Related college degree preferred (advertising, marketing, communications).
Experience
• Minimum of two years of successful B-to-B newspaper sales experience in newspaper preferred. Experience can be a combination of education and employment.
• Successful track record in sales and customer service to an established client base and ability to prospect for and develop new business.
Skills
• Detail oriented with an outgoing personality with strong interpersonal and communication skills.
• In-depth knowledge of the sales cycle.
• Ability to comprehend and articulate market research in simple, easy to understand terms in presentation format.
• Highly motivated, competitive personality, with strong desire to succeed.
• Must possess transportation for sales calls with proof of valid driver's license and auto insurance.
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FOUR EXPERT CAREER TIPS FOR FALL A SEASON FOR TAKING STOCK, LAYING FOUNDATIONS

By Caroline M.L. Potter, Yahoo! HotJobs

With the end of the year approaching, don't wait until it's too late to kick your career into gear. We asked top career and job search experts what you can be doing to excel professionally in the autumn job search season.

Thanksgiving is hiring season. "It's time for people to regroup, reenergize and refocus," she says. "This is the time of year to put in that extra energy and get your job search back into gear."

Get Focused
Career strategist Daisy Swan says folks should focus on the here and now, and what's working as opposed to what isn't. "I think right now everyone is on the precipice of activity, of reengagement, and instead of just jumping in blindly, I think it's an important time to really take stock of the things that are working well and going right, because it has been a difficult time," she says.

Get Started
Not ready for a new job this year? If you want one next year, career coach Hallie Crawford says you should begin searching today. "Finding a new job is a process that can take months, so if you're unhappy or ready to make a change, start looking now," she says. "And remember that if employers are going to need to hire people for the new year, they'll be scouting for that talent months ahead of time."

Many people may be feeling depleted - financially, physically and emotionally - so if there's any nourishment and taking-stock that needs to be done, this is the time to do it, Swan says. "Have gratitude for things that are working, and have faith that next year is going to be a better year," she says.

And while the less-than-booming economy should prompt you to be aggressive, Crawford adds that you should be positive and upbeat. "If you're down or seem desperate, it'll be that much harder to land a job," she says. "Don't go there. Instead, just assume you'll get a job."

Get Noticed
John Challenger, CEO of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, says, "This is the most risky time for layoffs - and you might be in a position this fall where it's a make-or-break time at work."

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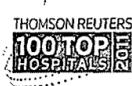
Your job is to convince your employer to keep you for the long term, Challenger says. "Look for ways to make yourself indispensable," he says. "Diversify your skills and responsibilities, and take on tasks that nobody else can do to ensure that you are relied on." Putting in some extra time is helpful - but only if your boss knows you're doing so. Also, it's never a bad idea to "fly the company flag during the tough times," he says. "Your boss will appreciate a positive, can-do attitude."

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- November 7**
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- November 9**
Provena Mercy Medical Center, Aurora, IL
Heart Healthy Dining: A registered dietician will give practical advice on how to incorporate a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet into your daily life.
- November 16**
Provena Mercy Medical Center, Aurora, IL
Diabetes Meal Planning for the Holidays: Join us for a cooking demonstration and presentation by Chef Jennifer Buko Lampfough, MCFE and Lara Rondinelli Hamilton, RD, LDN, CDE, Authors of "Healthy Calendar Diabetic Cooking" and "The Healthy Carb Diabetic Cookbook." Favorite Foods to Fit Your Meal Plan. First 20 registrants will receive a free cookbook! November 16, 5:30-9pm. Location: 1325 North Highland Ave. General Hospital, Family Birth Center. Register at 1-866-PROVENA (1-866-776-6362), FREE.
- November 18**
Oakton Community College, DesPlaines Campus, DesPlaines, IL
Crisis and Change: Treating Couples and Families in Challenging Times. Community College Continuing Education, DesPlaines Campus. For information call (847) 635-1808 or (847) 635-1934
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- Build new and strengthen current client/agency relationships
- Ensure client campaign delivery and complete follow-through activities
- Develop expertise in online trends, competition
- Work closely with Sun-Times Media newspaper Account Managers on joint sales efforts

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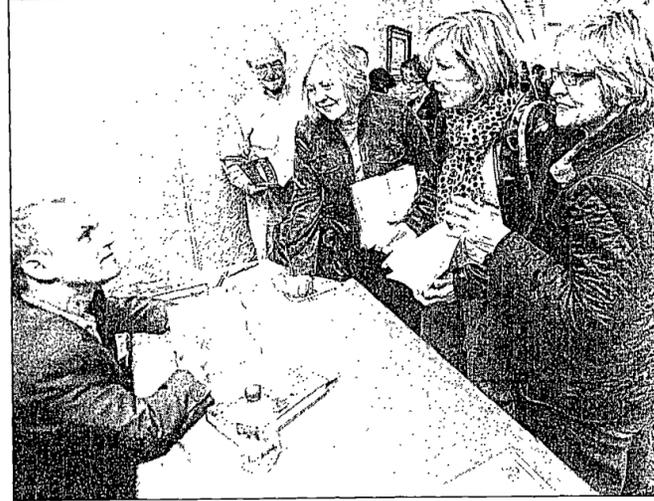
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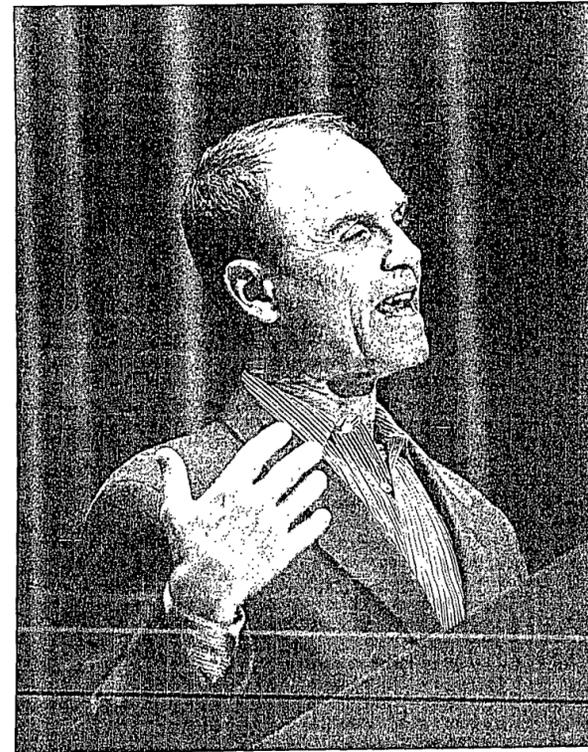
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LEFT: Scott Turow talks to Gary and Ellen Wyshel, of Park Ridge, and their sons Ted, 11, (black coat) and Joe, 9, (blue T-shirt) at the book signing. | MICHAEL SCHMIDT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA
 ABOVE: Scott Turow signs books for three sisters Ruth Marquez, of Park Ridge, Bobbie Temkin, of Chicago, and Rose Wagner, of Des Plaines. | MICHAEL SCHMIDT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

'AN EVENING WITH SCOTT TUROW' Bestselling author tackles truth of war in new book



Scott Turow speaks at "An Evening with Scott Turow" at the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge put on by the Park Ridge Public Library and the Friends of the Park Ridge Public Library. | MICHAEL SCHMIDT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Best-selling author Scott Turow grew up hearing stories of his father's World War II exploits that seemed suited for a movie screen: troops arriving at Omaha Beach in the shadow of D-Day, an Army medic parachuting into Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

As it turned out, some of the tales Turow's father told were, in fact, more suited for Hollywood than the History Channel.

In unraveling his father's truth from fiction, the "Presumed Innocent" author was inspired to write "Ordinary Heroes," a novel that was chosen for the Park Ridge Public Library's Park Ridge Reads initiative this fall. Turow, a Chicago native, spoke to a crowd of about 200 fans Oct. 18 at the Pickwick Theatre and signed autographs of his book.

"Ordinary Heroes" tells the story of a journalist who learns about his father's war experiences through the letters he wrote, leading the son to shocking discoveries, secrets and intrigue. The library is using the book as a springboard to encourage Park Ridge's World War II veterans — and their families — to share their own stories as part of a permanent record.

Turow, who grew up in Chicago's West Rogers Park neighborhood, recalled the "amazing, colorful, troubling stories" his own father, David, would tell — albeit infrequently —

about his service as an Army field surgeon in Europe at the height of World War II.

"He didn't say much, but whenever he talked about the war I knew something enormous had happened to him," Turow said. "The story in my house was that my father was a hero."

David described landing on Omaha Beach six days after D-Day and wondering when he might be the one to die, his son recalled. Another story had David being chosen to parachute into Bastogne to provide medical services to the wounded at the height of the Battle of the Bulge.

But letters, postcards and personnel records Turow uncovered after his father's death revealed different truths. The author discovered that David had not been in Europe on D-Day (or in the days to follow), nor had he ever parachuted into Bastogne (no one had, Turow learned).

"The letters themselves are full of emotions, beautifully written, but they led me to some fairly amazing discoveries," he said.

These discoveries were not necessarily negative. Though they revealed fabrications they also provided evidence of actual events — the emotions of an Army medic who had lost a patient to injuries suffered in battle and the fear of a Jewish man captured as a prisoner of war by the Germans but who still chose to treat their wounded.

"As a Jew he was terribly frightened they would realize he was Jewish and perhaps for that reason (he was) compliant. But mostly he felt it was his obligation under the Geneva convention, as a doctor, to treat all wounded," Turow explained. "And so he had treated the Germans."

The letters also showed that David Turow was a dedicated doctor to his patients, his son noted.

"My dad talked about young men he had operated on, how he had seen them recover and sent them back out to the battlefield only to have them return, wounded again," Turow told the crowd.

Turow also acknowledged that he understands why his father may have fabricated some of his war memories.

"Reassembling that experience of a horrible war in a somewhat fictitious way is not a phenomenon limited to my father. It's probably going on right now with the wars that we are fighting," Turow said. "It's very hard, I think, to face the truth."

He also reserves judgment of his father and others who acted similarly.

"What I learned is that the experience of being in combat is so traumatic that I don't think I have the right to question what accommodations any person makes in crossing the bridge back to civilization," Turow said. "All I know is that having read those letters, (my father) was far more a war hero than I could have dared to be."

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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 Hennmueller, (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

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and its member communities are offering a Holiday Light Recycling Program at no cost to residents. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at various locations throughout northern Cook County. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. SWANCC and the participating communities have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords. The strands are separated and baled and sent to be chopped or shredded and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States. In Niles, recycling program is in effect from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays, up to Feb. 29 at the Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-

7900; and at the Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, through Feb. 29 — 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (847) 588-7900. See www.swancc.org.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaust-museum.org — **Through Jan. 15:** The Art of Gaman Exhibit showcases arts and crafts made by Japanese Americans in U.S. internment camps during World War II; free with museum admission. **Nov. 6, 1:30-3 p.m.:** Commemoration: Fountain of the Righteous & Kristallnacht — Rescuers will be honored, with a special focus on Italy, as new plaques on the Ferro Fountain of the Righteous are dedicated. Then the 73rd anniversary of Kristallnacht will be marked in a program featuring remarks by Consul General of Italy Alessandro Motta and eyewitness Ellen Glass. Reservations required. **Nov. 12 and 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.:** Annual Holiday Bazaar featuring fair trade merchandise from the four corners of the globe; bazaar only is free. **Nov. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.:** In Conversation with . . .

Japanese American World War II Veterans. Following a film detailing the role of Japanese-American soldiers during World War II, Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny, will interview veterans Sam Ozaki and Allen Meyer about their experiences. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. **Nov. 17, 6:30-8 p.m.:** In cooperation with the Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in Chicago, the 70th anniversary of the Holocaust in Lithuania will be commemorated. Author Nancy Wright Beasley discusses her book, *Izzy's Fire*, which spotlights one family's remarkable survival. Reservations required. **Nov. 20, 12:30-3:30 p.m.:** Film and Discussion of the "Judgment a Nuremberg," the 1961 classic starring Spencer Tracy centering on the trial of four German jurists accused of legalizing Nazi atrocities. Free with Museum admission; reservations recommended.

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 "Monster 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 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 battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/battery-recycling.html.

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

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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, collect-

ibles 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.

Crafts/Arts

Resurrection College Prep High School will host its Annual Arts & Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12 at 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Patrons can shop for unique gifts, seasonal items, housewares, and jewelry at more than 180 craft displays plus tasty treats. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$1 for seniors and

children under 10 are free. Call (773) 775-6616, ext. 129, or visit www.reshs.org.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles, will hold "The Magic of Christmas" Bazaar and Holiday Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 18 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 19. The bazaar will feature Christmas gifts, floral arrangements, CDs, jewelry, raffle, a Coffee Shop. The Bake Shop will feature their famous homemade Greek pastries, such as Baklava, Diples, Kataifi, Galaktoboureko, Kourambietes and Melomakarouna. A special visitor from the North Pole will be there from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a Christmas photo; bring a camera. Lunch will be served both days from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and dinner will be served on Friday only from 5:30-9 p.m. There is no admission fee.

A holiday boutique benefiting the Center of Concern in Park Ridge will take from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 12 and noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church,

260 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. The boutique will feature a collection of hand-crafted items such as doll clothes, note-cards, candles, sweaters, floral arrangements, pet accessories, fine chocolates and gift baskets, as well as one-of-a-kind silver, beaded and gemstone jewelry. Pampered Chef, Avon and Tastefully Simply representatives will also be available.

Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, is having its annual Harvest Arts & Crafts Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12. They are looking for crafters at this time specializing in mostly handmade craft items, but will accept a limited number of retail items that may be pertinent to the holiday season. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis according to available space. Include a picture or detailed description of craft with application, which may be accessed at www.messiahparkridge.org. Contact Carol Hrodey, messiahfestival-2011@yahoo.com or (847) 828-7819. 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.

Donations

Village of Niles employees and Citibank are partnering for a food drive to ensure that no person in Niles goes hungry this Thanksgiving and holiday season. This community effort is held through Dec. 16. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any of the following locations: Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Teen Center, 373 Golf Mill Center; Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.; and CitiBank, 8400 W. Dempster St. Per U.S. Marine Corps guidelines, all toys must be new and unwrapped. Used toys, stuffed animals, toiletries and candy cannot be distributed. Toys will be collected through 5 p.m. Dec. 16. Contact Bernadette Knapik, (847) 588-6800.

The Village of Niles/Niles Fire Department announces the official kickoff to the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve/Village of Niles Toys for Tots Drive. Toys for Tots, run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides toys to children in need during the holiday season. The Niles Fire Department is collecting toys at both fire stations located at 8360 W. Dempster St. and 6611 Jarvis Ave. Collection boxes are also located at the following locations: Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Teen Center, 373 Golf Mill Center; Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.; and CitiBank, 8400 W. Dempster St. Per U.S. Marine Corps guidelines, all toys must be new and unwrapped. Used toys, stuffed animals, toiletries and candy cannot be distributed. Toys will be collected through 5 p.m. Dec. 16. Contact Bernadette Knapik, (847) 588-6800.

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 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

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.

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.likenewauto-spa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

Health

Advocate Medical Group is now providing immediate care and occupational health services at the Advocate Medical Group Patient Center, 7255 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles. This will provide community members with convenient, quality medical care including treatment for non-life-threatening illnesses such as: Cuts and burns, sprains and bruises, eye injuries, flu symptoms, sore throats, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, ear aches, respiratory and urinary tract infections. The center provides easy access to X-ray and laboratory services to assist in diagnosis and treatment of these and other ailments. In addition, the clinic provides international travel medical services including for those planning a trip out of the country. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call, 847-647-0355.

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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.

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

A local dialysis clinic, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or

resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

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

Historical Society

The Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is now open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. Weekday hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call (847) 390-0160.

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Niles Historical

Society in an evening of food, friends, socializing, raffles, entertainment and fun, at \$20 per person, beginning at 4 p.m. Dec. 4. The party had to be moved to larger quarters and will be at the Niles Park District Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Make checks payable to the Niles Historical Society and mail to 8970 Milwaukee Ave. 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.

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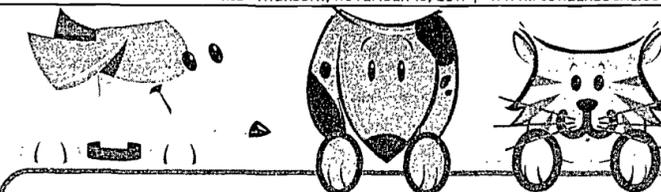
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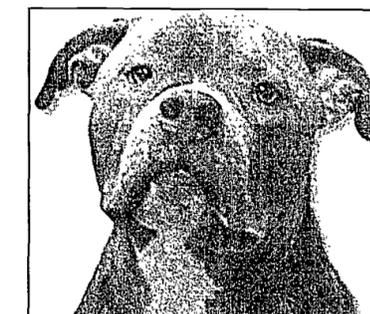


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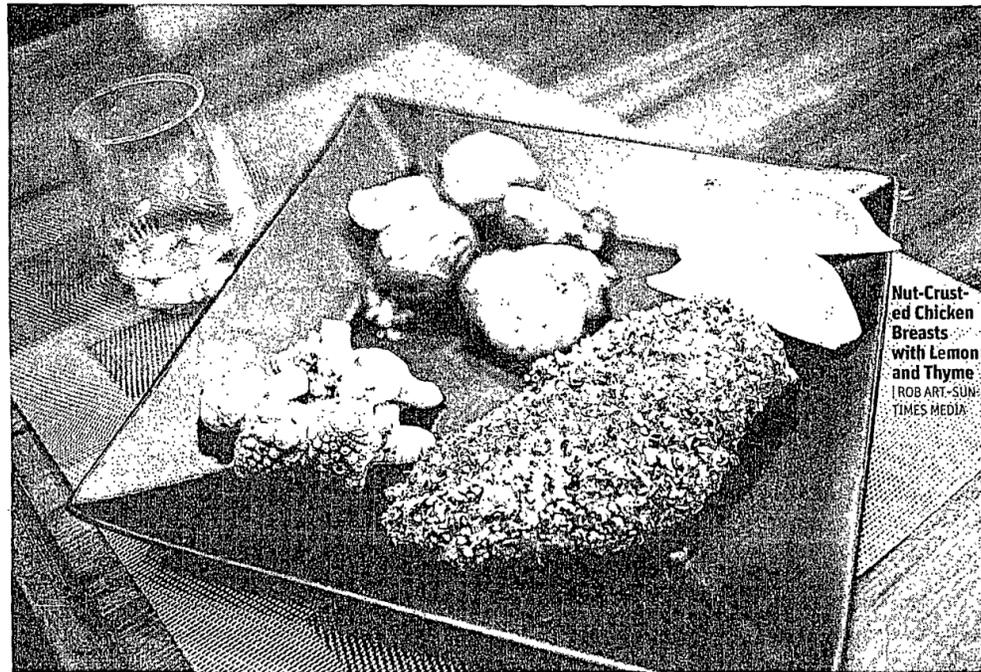
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A Wright good book for any cook

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Reinventing "Shake and Bake." That's just one of the inspiring claims made in *The Cook's Illustrated Cookbook: 2,000 Recipes from 20 Years of America's Most Trusted Food Magazine* (America's Test Kitchen, 2011). America's Test Kitchen host and *Cook's Illustrated* magazine founder Christopher Kimball will discuss the new 890-page cookbook at Unity Temple in Oak Park on Nov. 17.

Kimball will talk about recipes like Nut-Crusted Chicken Breasts with Lemon and Thyme. The modern recipe incorporates an unlikely ingredient in traditional bread crumb coating for chicken: nuts.

"Adding nuts gives a healthy take to an old recipe," said Melinda Wright, a former development director for Unity Temple Restoration Foundation and an accomplished cook. "Nuts give a crispy, crunchy, nutty flavor. They keep chicken crispy without frying. My husband and kids love it." Wright, an Oak Park resident, tripled the recipe — making one dozen chicken breasts for her family and members of her dinner co-op.

Wright will attend the Unity event with her father, a long-time Kimball fan who will travel from

his home in St. Louis, Mo. for the event. "This is a big deal for him," Wright said.

UTRF Program Director Jessamyn Miller made the chicken alongside Wright. "*Cook's Illustrated* recipes are very precise," she said. "If you follow them closely, you're always in for a treat."

Patt Chase volunteers to test recipes for America's Test Kitchen at her home in River Forest. "You have to follow the recipes exactly as they are written," she said. The event, part of UTRF literary series "Writers at Wright," will be hosted by partners The Book Table, an independent book store in Oak Park, Friends of the Oak Park Public Library and Midwest Media.

Elizabeth Berg, Jim Lehrer and Neal Stephenson are among past presenters. "Through our partnership in Writers at Wright, UTRF introduces new audiences to the beautiful architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple.

It's a chance for us to introduce the public to the international significance of Unity Temple, tell them about the upcoming nomination to the World Heritage list, and update them on the progress of the restoration and the work that still needs to be done. Since it was completed in 1909, Unity Temple has been a center for the arts, and it's important that we continue that legacy," said UTRF Executive Director Emily Roth.



Nut-Crusted Chicken Breasts with Lemon and Thyme

(From *The Cook's Illustrated Cookbook: 2,000 Recipes from 20 Years of America's Most Trusted Food Magazine*)

This recipe is best with almonds, but works well with any type of nut. We prefer kosher salt in this recipe. If using table salt, reduce salt amounts by half.

4 (6- to 8-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, tenderloins removed, trimmed

Kosher salt (to taste)

1 cup almonds, chopped coarse

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 shallot, minced

1 cup panko bread crumbs

2 teaspoons lemon zest, finely grated

1 lemon, cut into wedges and zested

1 teaspoon fresh thyme, minced

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 cup all-purpose flour

3 large eggs

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Set wire rack in rimmed baking sheet. Pat chicken dry with paper towels. Using fork, poke thickest half of breasts 5 or 6 times and sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Transfer breasts to prepared wire rack and refrigerate, uncovered, while preparing coating.

Pulse almonds in food processor until they resemble coarse meal (about 20 pulses).

Melt butter in 12-inch skillet over-medium heat, swirling occasionally, until butter has turned brown and releases nutty aroma (4-5 minutes). Add shallot and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook, stirring constantly, until just beginning to brown (about three minutes). Reduce heat to medium-low, add bread crumbs and ground almonds and cook, stirring often, until golden brown, 10-12 minutes.

Transfer panko mixture to shallow dish or pie plate and stir in lemon zest, thyme and cayenne.

Place flour in second dish. Lightly beat eggs, mustard and pepper together in third dish.

Pat chicken dry with paper towels. Working with one breast at a time, dredge in flour, shaking off excess, then coat with egg mixture, allowing excess to drip off. Coat all sides of breast with panko mixture, pressing gently so that crumbs adhere. Return breaded breasts to wire rack.

Bake until chicken registers 160 degrees, 20-25 minutes. Let chicken rest for 5 minutes before serving with lemon wedges.



Jessamyn Miller (left) and Melinda Wright prepare a recipe from *The Cook's Illustrated Cookbook*. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Retired Executives, will be at the Library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at www.scorechicago.org/. If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

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

Maine Township

Maine Township's FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken, (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

Parks

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 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.

Over the Rainbow — Young children will have fun learning the colors of the rainbow through stories and songs at Dee Park on Fridays, 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.

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.

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,

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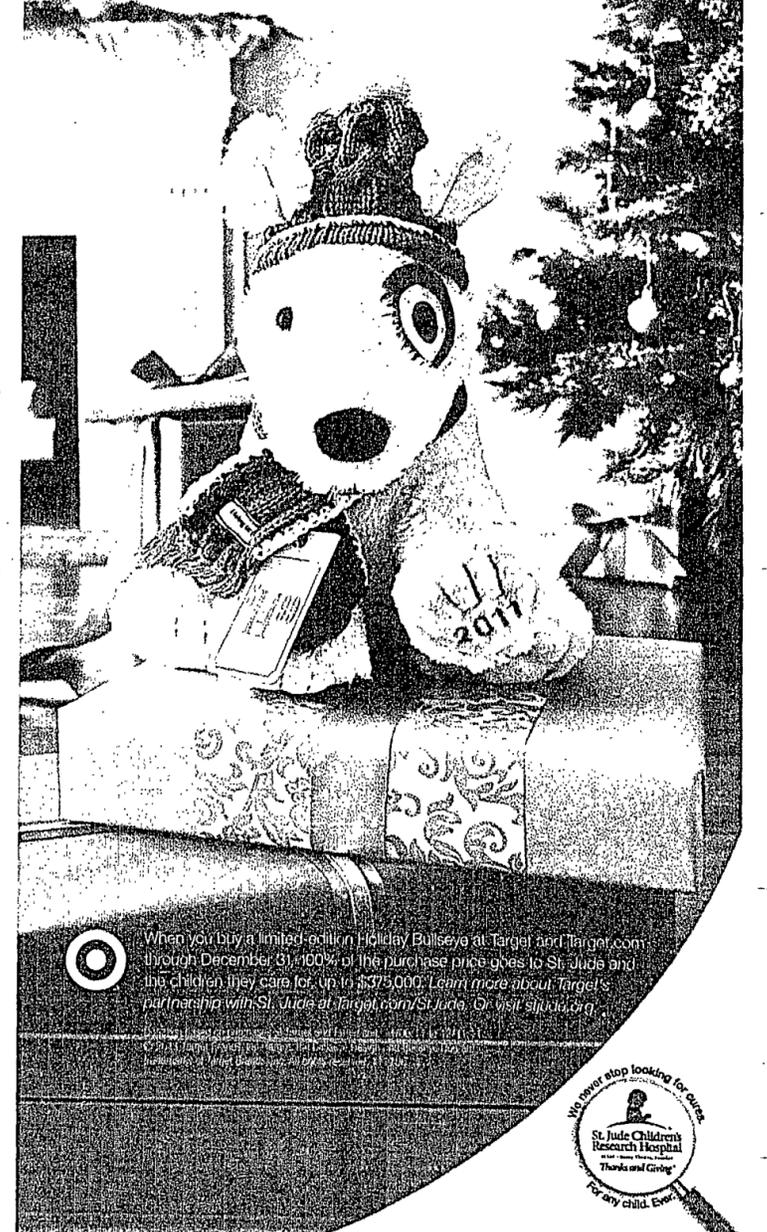
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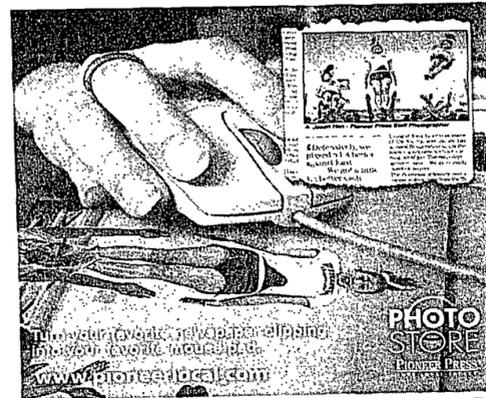
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Religion

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its K'atomin 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.

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.

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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, 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 MainStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MainStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MainStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or

go to www.maintownship.com.

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older, and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

Featured in a multimedia presentation by Bob Levi are melodies from some of Gilbert and Sullivan's most memorable operas — "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Pirates of Penzance," and "The Mikado" from 2-3:30 p.m. Nov. 21. Cost is \$7.50, members; \$10.50, nonmembers.

Join in a special salute to veterans in an USO luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 14. Lunch will feature

BBQ chicken, mostaccioli, cole slaw and an apple slice. Entertainment by the famous Legacy Girls will follow. Reservations by Nov. 9 required. Cost is \$13, members; \$18, nonmembers.

A Thanksgiving Day Celebration featuring traditional turkey and pumpkin pie for those with families far away will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 24. Reservations are required by Nov. 17. There is no cost but food and monetary donations to the Niles Food Pantry are requested.

Niles Senior Center and the Niles Public Library are looking for volunteers to assist 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.

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

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. Joe Cunniff of DePaul University will discuss "The Island Empire: Japan" at 1 p.m. Nov. 17. Take a look at Japanese culture with a film and commentary. Suggested donation is \$8. John Eskola, vocalist, and Pat Rusk on keyboard will present "Songs of Thanksgiving" on Nov. 18. Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal at 4:30 p.m. with the show at 5:30 p.m. A discussion of Long-Term Care Insurance will be given at noon Nov. 19. Golf Mill Shopping Center is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine

Township MaineStreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

CJE SeniorLife is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors, 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency. Additional supportive services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available. For an application and tour of Robineau, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.

Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30

p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

Support

La Leche League of Des Plaines a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W. Golf Road in Niles, (Four Flags Shopping Center). Expecting and nursing mothers are invited to attend this series of meetings continuing Dec 21, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. Mothers may attend any or all meetings and babies are always welcome. Accredited La Leche League Leaders will be on hand to answer questions and guide the discussion. Call 1-877-452-5324 or visit lila.org.

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Margaret Ellen Griffiths, daughter of Jim and Barbara Griffiths of Glenview, IL, married Erik "Happy" Robert Anderson, Jr., son of Katherine and Erik Anderson, Sr. of Gainesville, FL on August 29, 2011 in Woodbury, NY. Meg graduated from Glenbrook South High School in 1998 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film and Communications from Boston University in 2002. Happy received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting from Ithaca College in 1999 and a Masters of Fine Arts in acting from Indiana University in 2002. The couple lives in New York City where Meg is a comedian, improver and event planner and Happy is an actor working on stage, screen and television.

Wickell - Tobin Engagement



Daniel and Lisa Wickell of Skokie, Illinois and Paul and Kris Tobin of Park Ridge, Illinois, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Alexander Key Wickell and Erin Marie Tobin. Alexander is a graduate of Niles West High School. He currently is an undergraduate student at North Park University seeking a degree in Theology. He also is the Director of Student Ministry at the Harvest Bible Chapel - Niles Campus. Erin is a graduate of Maine South High School. She is currently an undergraduate student at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, seeking a degree in Theology as well. The couple plans to be wed on June 24, 2012 in the wedding chapel of the Harvest Bible Chapel - Rolling Meadows campus. A reception will follow at "The Seville" in Streamwood, Illinois. The couple plans to reside in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago.

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BUSINESS

Custom jewelry store celebrates silver anniversary

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Amid the empty storefronts of a once-bustling Main Street, a Park Ridge jewelry store has managed to maintain its sparkle, even during difficult economic times.

Solari & Huntington Jewelers, 100 Main St., will celebrate 25 years of pearls, diamonds and gem stones Nov. 11. Owner and operator Robert Solari credits his store's longevity and success to the on-site, custom-designed jewelry pieces customers crave.

"It's still exciting to sit down and work with a customer to create a piece of jewelry," Solari remarked.

Solari & Huntington employs an on-site goldsmith, allowing jewelry to be crafted in-house, a component many stores do not have, Solari said.

"A lot of people come with stones that they have, that have been passed down from their grandparents and parents," he explained. "We'll show them things we have made that are a similar shape and as they describe what they like or dislike or what they would like to have, we can start doing the sketches. Once we have an idea of what they want, we can carve the wax or we can start fabricating it."

Handcrafted jewelry is "one of the things I built my business on," Solari

said.

Solari's entry into the jewelry-making business began as teenager when he learned gold and watch-making skills. In the 1980s, while working for a jeweler in Palatine, he decided to open his own shop.

"I guess that's part of the American dream," he said with a smile.

After a plan to lease a building in Palatine fell through, Solari took over Park Ridge's Huntington Jewelers in 1986 and added his name. The store, at the corner of Main Street and Fairview Avenue, has expanded twice in the past two-and-a-half decades. The building itself has been a jewelry store since just after World War II, Solari said.

Some of Solari's most loyal customers go back to his days in Palatine. He is also seeing new generations of clients as adult children and grandchildren make Solari & Huntington their preferred jeweler.

As Solari looks to the future, he acknowledges that his hope is to repeat the past 25 years and "just make some really great jewelry."

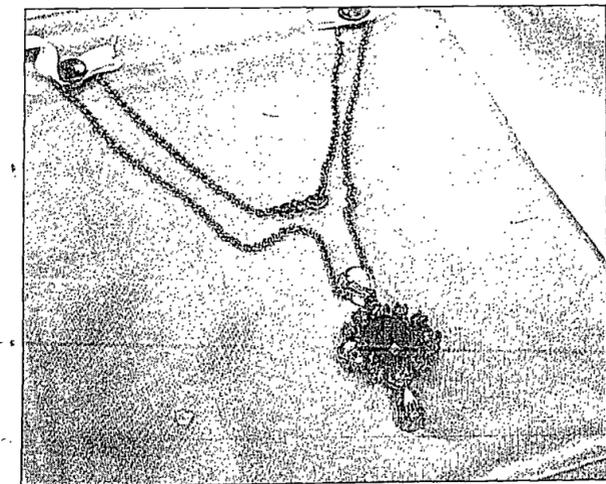
"The man who trained me, Ted Byhring, told me one of the most important things to do is to figure out what you do best and just do what you do best," Solari said. "And I guess if you do that and you put the emphasis on customer service and quality, the rest just kind of falls into place for you."



ABOVE: Robert Solari, of Solari & Huntington Jewelers in Park Ridge, stands inside his shop at 100 Main St. The business is marking its 25th anniversary on Nov. 11. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

LEFT: Solari & Huntington Jewelers is marking 25 years in Park Ridge this month. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

FAR LEFT: A one-of-a-kind, 11-carat, green tsavorite garnet is one of the more unique pieces sold by Solari & Huntington Jewelers in Park Ridge. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



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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.catholic-charities.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.

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. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSys-

tem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Legacy is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University Health-System Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org.

Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call 1-800-932-8677.

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

One Hope United, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit www.onehopeunited.org.

The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as: job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence or

other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its Family Support Group for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Nessel Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-2252.

The local TOPS Club chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871; to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms G952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

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

The Neptune Society, the

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The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowen@lesturnerals.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home+Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

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

Rainbow Hospice's Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every

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

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

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

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

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

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

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

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

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first

floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

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

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

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

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Ln., Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

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

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

Queen of All Saints hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275

N. Ionia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060. Additional meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

Teen Center
The Niles Teen Center is hosting a Halloween Party from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Oct. 29. Come for a frightful night of dancing and themed games at Golf Mill Mall after hours. There will be a contest with prizes for

the scariest, funniest and most creative costumes. Chips, candy and soda will be for sale so bring extra money. Admission to the dance is \$5. Entry will only be allowed between 9-45 and 10:30 p.m. Open only to sixth-grade through 10th-grade students. No weapons of any kind are allowed. All costumes must be appropriate. No one is allowed to walk home. Call (847) 375-8949.

The Niles Youth Council is a group of teens from sixth through 12th grade who

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

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

the Niles Teen Job Connection form available on the center Web site and return it to Mark at the center. Information will be shared with the director of the center and contacts will be made with residents in need of services.

Register your bike through the Niles Teen Center or Niles Police Department. Every year the Niles Police Department accumulates a number of lost or stolen bikes and is forced to sell them at an auction because their owners cannot

be identified. By registering your bike, you are issued a Village of Niles Police Department sticker and your bicycle's information is entered into a national database allowing the Police Department to reconnect you if it is ever lost or stolen.

Volunteers

Individuals who have a few hours to spare are urged to join the Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe Team of Volunteers. Avenues is looking for friendly, hard-

working men and women to help staff at the Thrift Shoppe, 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Volunteers receive a discount. No experience is needed. All proceeds from the Thrift Shoppe help Avenues continue valuable programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Contact the store manager, Michael Frustini, (847) 292-0870, Ext. 771.

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30 yr jumbo refi	Call for Rates				
15 yr fixed	Call for Rates				
FHA and VA Approved- Call us for Details (B) One Oakbrook Terrace, Suite 210, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 MB.6760321					

Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
LIBERTY BANK FOR SAVINGS 888-542-2265 http://www.libertybank.com					
30 yr fixed	3.990	0.000	\$1870	20%	4.085
30 yr jumbo	4.500	0.000	\$1870	20%	4.537
20 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$1870	20%	3.880
15 yr fixed	3.125	0.000	\$1870	20%	3.290
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20 yr fixed	4.125	0.000	\$1560	20%	4.340
15 yr fixed	3.500	0.000	\$1560	20%	3.639
10 yr fixed	3.375	0.000	\$1560	20%	3.575
(C) 626 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068					

Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
AIMLOAN.COM 888-525-8496 http://www.aimloan.com					
30 yr fixed	3.875	0.000	\$995	20%	3.925
15 yr fixed	3.250	0.000	\$995	20%	3.338
10 yr fixed	3.125	0.000	\$995	20%	3.252
5/1 ARM	2.750	0.000	\$995	20%	3.079
Apply & Lock Rate 24/7. View GFE 24/7. Call Sat/Sun till 3:00 PST (A) 4121 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108, NMLS#2890, MB6759981					

Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
30 yr fixed 15 yr fixed 5 yr ARM					
This week	4.23			3.48	3.18
Last week	4.33			3.57	3.22
Last year	4.42			3.81	3.57

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Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
UNITED BANC GROUP, INC. 630-601-1238 http://www.UnitedBancGroup.com					
30 yr fixed	3.875	0.000	\$1715	20%	3.961
30 yr FHA	3.875	0.000	\$1715	3.5%	3.961
15 yr fixed	3.375	0.000	\$1715	20%	3.527
5/1 ARM	3.125	0.000	\$1715	20%	3.243
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Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
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30 yr fixed	3.875	0.000	\$995	20%	3.925
15 yr fixed	3.375	0.000	\$995	20%	3.463
5/1 ARM	2.875	0.000	\$995	20%	2.958
30 yr jumbo	4.750	0.000	\$995	20%	4.770
(A) 3 Westbrook Corporate Center, Suite 1010, Westchester, IL 60154					

Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
AIMLOAN.COM 888-525-8496 http://www.aimloan.com					
30 yr fixed	3.875	0.000	\$995	20%	3.925
15 yr fixed	3.250	0.000	\$995	20%	3.338
10 yr fixed	3.125	0.000	\$995	20%	3.252
5/1 ARM	2.750	0.000	\$995	20%	3.079
Apply & Lock Rate 24/7. View GFE 24/7. Call Sat/Sun till 3:00 PST (A) 4121 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108, NMLS#2890, MB6759981					

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Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
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30 yr fixed	3.875	0.000	\$1361	20%	3.943
15 yr fixed	3.250	0.000	\$1361	20%	3.370
5/1 ARM	2.875	0.000	\$1361	20%	3.140
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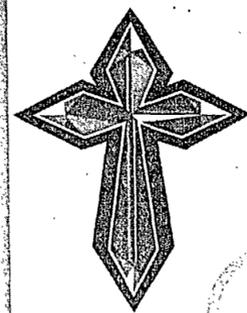
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EVERGREEN BANK GROUP 630-413-9580 http://www.EvergreenBankGroup.com					
30 yr fixed	3.875	0.000	\$914	20%	3.921
15 yr fixed	3.250	0.000	\$914	20%	3.330
5/1 ARM	2.875	0.000	\$914	20%	3.118
7/1 ARM	3.125	0.000	\$914	20%	3.199
Hassle Free - Local closing and funding (C) 1515 W. 22nd Street, Suite 125, Oak Brook, IL 60523					

Loan Program	Rate	Monthly Payment
\$165,000 loan amount		
1 yr ARM	3.66%	\$755.74
5/1 ARM	3.18%	\$711.77
15 yr fixed	3.48%	\$1,177.94
30 yr fixed	4.23%	\$809.77
\$435,000 loan amount		
30 yr jumbo	4.81%	\$2,284.92

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6626 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL
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773.631.9131, www.edisonparkchurch.com
Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m. Evensong,
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Traditions
9:15 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

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North Shore Unitarian Church
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www.nsuc.org
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Morton Grove, IL
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NORTHFIELD

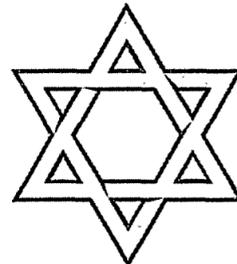
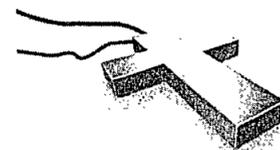
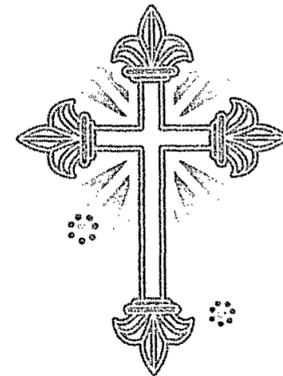
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847-441-6599
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9 & 11 a.m.
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For more information visit
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Chicago, IL
773-631-2860
Fax: 773-631-0142
Sunday Service 10AM
Sunday School 9AM
(September thru May)
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www.parkridgepresby.org
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9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie
847-676-1300
www.StTimothySkokie.org
Worship: Sundays at 10AM

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www.beneshalom.org
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www.stpeterccskokie.org
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May)
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Religious School Wed & Sat;
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski
Rabbi Neil Brief, Emeritus

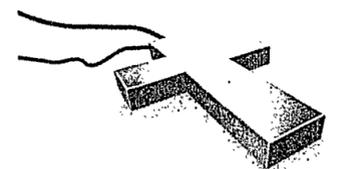
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2011 NORTH STARS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

BOYS

TOP SEVEN

- Zach Eckhart, Maine South senior
- Todd Ford, Loyola senior
- William Hague, Loyola senior
- Marc-Daniel Julien, Niles West senior
- Leland Later, New Trier senior
- Neal Omar, Niles West senior
- Aron Sebhat, Niles North senior

HONORABLE MENTION

- Michal Filipczak, Maine South senior
- Masafumi Hoshi, Niles West senior
- Ethan Kaplan, New Trier junior
- Chris Kelly, Loyola junior
- Carlitos Rangel, Niles North senior
- Chip Schaff, New Trier senior
- Jon Vaccaro, Maine South

GIRLS

TOP SEVEN

- Courtney Ackerman, New Trier junior
- Jessica Ackerman, New Trier junior
- Valerie Bobart, Glenbrook North junior
- Danielle DeVito, Glenbrook South senior
- Megan Lemersal, Maine South junior
- Emily Leonard, Maine South sophomore
- Mimi Smith, New Trier freshman

HONORABLE MENTION

- Austen Beaugureau, Maine South senior
- Anna Berglund, New Trier senior
- Julie Jackson, New Trier senior
- Kathleen Keene, New Trier junior
- Molly Krueger, New Trier sophomore
- Ellery Marrinan, Glenbrook North sophomore
- Katherine Weber, Glenbrook North junior



New Trier junior Courtney Ackerman passes Lake Park's Kaylee Flanagan in the 3A state finals in Peoria. | PATRICK GLEASON-FOR THE SUN-TIMES

RUNNER OF THE YEAR

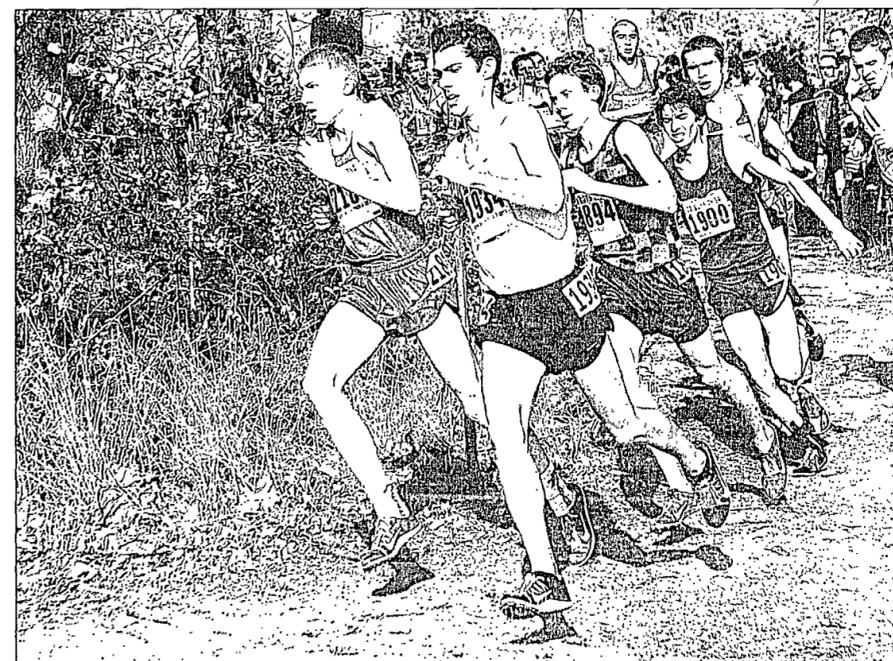
Courtney Ackerman, New Trier junior
 College: Undecided
 Highlights: Part of the best 1-2-3 pack in the state, the junior hit her peak at the right time. ... Sat out regionals, but came back strong to win the sectional meet before finishing a team-best fourth at the State Meet and helping the Trevians capture the program's first state championship. ... Ackerman is a three-time all-state runner.

Quotable: "What Courtney and Jessica have done, along with bringing their natural ability to the team, is they amp up the expectations of other people. They expect a certain work ethic from others, and the kids respond to that. They bring extraordinarily high expectations of what is possible." — New Trier coach John Burnside

RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Leland Later, New Trier senior
 College: Undecided
 Highlights: Won ever major invitational except one in Peoria on Sept. 10, his birthday. ... Seemed to get stronger as season. Won the CSL Meet by more than 42 seconds, captured the Loyola Regional by more than 11 seconds and beat Oak Park-River Forest's Malachy Schrobilgen by more than 10 seconds at the Niles West Sectional. Schrobilgen had come into the race undefeated on the season. ... Later then capped his sensational season by winning the state title, the program's fourth overall and first since 1965.

Quotable: "It was a dream season. His confidence increased with every win and by the State Meet Leland knew that he was good enough to win. He improved by 43 seconds from last year, which is a huge time drop considering he ran 15-flat at the State Meet last year in perfect conditions. Most importantly, Leland is one of the nicest and most respected young men that I have ever coached. He is very approachable and modest about his accomplishments. He has inspired an entire group of young Trevians to dream big, and because of his accomplishments and guidance of our young runners, the future looks very bright for our program." — New Trier coach Dave Wisner



New Trier senior Leland Later and Garrett Sweatt of Edwardsville lead the 3A state cross country meet around the first bend. | PATRICK GLEASON-FOR THE SUN-TIMES



Maine East diver Kathy Kolodziejki finished sixth at Saturday's CSL North meet at Deerfield. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Blue Demons look and learn at league meet

BY DAN SHALIN
 Contributor

During Saturday's CSL North Meet in Deerfield, it took many of Maine East's young swimmers time to get into the flow.

But once they did, the Blue Demons turned in a solid performance.

"We came into the meet a little overwhelmed with the atmosphere," said first-year East head coach Peter Przekota. "CSL North rivals) Deerfield and Glenbrook North have some really fast girls. I wouldn't say our girls were intimidated, but they're just not as fast as (those other teams)."

During the first break in the action, Przekota gathered his team for a meeting. He spoke about the importance of concentrating on individual performance instead on opponents, and not becoming stressed about times.

"We regrouped and took a deep breath," Przekota said. "We have a real young team and (many) had never been in this type of situation before. We told them, 'Let the race come to you. Don't worry about your times until after the race. Reflect on it after the race. (Before the race) visualize your goal, and go for it.'"

The Blue Demons seemed to settle down, and time drops followed. Maine East (51 points) finished last in the six-team meet, but for a sophomore-laden team that features just two seniors and three juniors, the 2011 season is mostly about gaining experience.

Maine East will have another learning experience Saturday when it competes in the Glenbrook South Sectional — arguably the toughest sectional in the state — with diving set for 9 a.m. and swimming at 1 p.m.

For the Demons, the focus again will be on time drops, setting some sophomore records and building for the future. Przekota said the event also will give his youngsters a chance to observe top-heat swimmers from schools like New Trier and Glenbrook South, athletes his Maine East swimmers should look to emulate.

"They see what these girls do and see the condition they're in," Przekota said. "The girls know that to get there, to be a good swimmer, it's not a three-month season. You have to commit to being in the water almost year-round. The girls want to get better. We'll see what we'll do in the offseason. There has been a lot of talking going on (about offseason training). We'll see what kind of follow-through there is."

All signs point to a strong offseason. Przekota, who also coaches East's boys teams, said he has been pleased with the level of commitment shown by his girls this season.

"The girls saw the guys had some really good results, and they have bought into what we're doing," the coach said. "This group had never done doubles before, but we've been coming in during the mornings and lifting and doing dry-land work. Anything we've thrown at them, they've never complained."

Conference recap

At the CSL North Meet, Maine East junior diver Kathy Kolodziejki finished sixth with 316.55 points. She'll enter sectionals looking to earn a trip to the IHSAA State Meet.

In addition, Blue Demons sophomore Isabelle Trier finished 10th in the backstroke (1:10.27) and 14th in the 100 free-style (1:05.64), dropping time in both. Trier is a few seconds off the school's sophomore record (1:06.8) in the backstroke.

Junior Christine Lam took 11th in the 100 butterfly (1:09.52). Classmate Eliza Mazzga placed 11th (6:23.10) in the 500 free, and sophomore Sandra Kietlinska finished 12th (6:27.25).

7 sophomores crack Maine East varsity lineup

BY MIKE BUDA
 Contributor

After a disappointing five-win campaign and the loss of its top scorer, Maine East (5-23, 0-8 CSL North) will be relying on a roster heavily filled with underclassmen to turn it around.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said head coach Karol Hanusiak. "I think we can do pretty well this year and I think that we can be competitive in the conference against every team. It's been awhile since I've seen a team like this at East so I think we're going to give some teams a run for their money."

Despite the giant loss of Angela Jones, who transferred to Niles North, the Blue Demons are pushing forward as a team. During the summer, all 13 girls attended a basketball camp at Wisconsin-Whitewater and it could not have gone better.

"It totally gave them a sense of being one and being a family," Hanusiak said. "It was awesome for them to go and basically learn from someone else and have the game explained to them a different way. I think they came out of there a lot more disciplined and with just this year and I think that we can be competitive in the conference against every team. It's been awhile since I've seen a team like this at East so I think we're going to give some teams a run for their money."

some experience, with Lherisson averaging 3.2 points and 2.8 rebounds per game and Kappos 2.6 points and 1.8 rebounds per game.

"Hopefully the seniors are going to be stepping up this year," said Kappos. "We need to take charge of the team."

Maine East boasts seven sophomores, including the top returner of her class, Maria Protic. As a freshman, Protic averaged 3.8 points and 7.1 rebounds.

Another second-year girl who could supply production is Shaylee Sloan.

"She's just a big body down below," said Hanusiak. "She had a great summer, she's really strong and she just has a nose for the boards."

Entering a new season, Hanusiak's biggest concern is keeping everyone healthy and in good standing, but she's also excited about her lineup as a whole.

"It's been a really long time since we've had a solid 10," Hanusiak said. "We're not going to have that much drop-off, so to be able to have that depth is really a luxury. We also have a lot of speed on the team so we're really hoping that we can push the tempo in some games. We finally this year have numerous kids that can take it to the basket and put some points up for us."

Maine East opens up the 2011-12 season Nov. 14 at the Vernon Hills tournament.

"I think we're going to have a lot more wins than we've had in the past and I really think that this team this year is going to go far," said Kappos.



Maine East's Laura Lherisson (35) is one of three seniors who supply the Blue Demons with experience. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Veteran Hirsh to run show for Niles North

BY BILL PEMSTEIN
Contributor

It's Year No. 4 for Niles North point guard Alissa Hirsh, and that means the senior has been with the Vikings' varsity for all but the first game of her freshman season.

Head coach Dan Paxson is ready and willing to put the ball in Hirsh's hands and see what happens during the 2011-12 girls basketball season.

"She does things you can't teach," Paxson said. "She had a good summer playing for the AAU Hustle. She can create on the floor."

A season ago, the Vikings lost some close games and finished with a 13-16 mark overall. But with the return of Hirsh and budding star Mariyah Henley, Niles North may be ready to make some noise in the CSL North. Hirsh wasn't the least bit happy with those close losses, and is prepared to do something about it this winter.

"We want to force the tempo this year," Paxson said. "We are getting after it this year."

In 6-foot senior Henley, the Vikings get a player who can do most anything on the court. Paxson also pointed out that Henley works hard in practice.

"She's really a skilled player," he said. "She's drawn interest from some colleges. She can shoot it outside and she can drive."

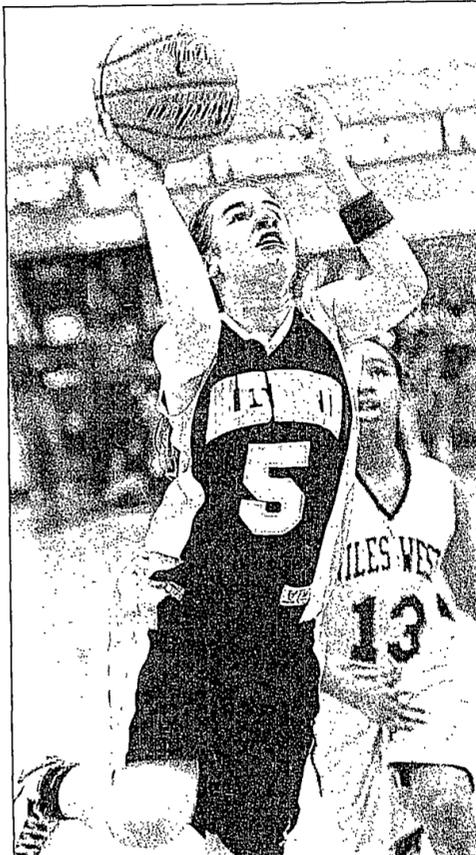
If opponents try to drive the lane, they'll run into 6-2 Sorriyah Ranger.

"She runs really well," Paxson said. "She's active on defense. She has worked on finishing around the basket."

Returning at the two-guard is junior Shelley-Rae Moody. Paxson reports that Moody is anything but moody. She's always smiling, no matter what's going on.

"She's really athletic," he said. "She's our best on-the-ball defender. She could always get to the basket and now she has a short-range jump shot."

Standing 5-4 is guard Lizzie Rivera, who brings instant energy.



Niles North point guard Alissa Hirsh (left) returns for her fourth year on the Vikings varsity. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"She's scrappy," Paxson said. "She's always talking on defense."

The incoming junior class bring plenty of three-sport athletes. Rachel Matthies plays softball and volleyball. On the basketball court, she brings toughness on defense. Softball player Kristen Reichert brings strength and smarts. Karime Assaf, a gifted volleyball player, is a physical post player. Chinell Williams is coming off a strong summer and can play on the post.

From Maine East comes transfer Angela Jones. An injury will keep her sidelined until December, but in the meantime, her freshman

sister, Kienya Jones, may see some playing time. This 14-player squad also includes Brittany Reilly and Gina Civito. Sophomore Taylor Louis, another volleyball star, brings in good size at 6-2.

Niles North tips off the campaign with a visit to Johnsonburg on Nov. 18. The annual Somebody's Hero Tournament begins Nov. 20. Annual powers Fenwick, Wheeling and Resurrection are some of the expected guests.

"It's a tough way to open the season, but we love it," Paxson said.

Niles North will also take its annual trip to Gurnee for the Warren Holiday Classic in December.

Loyd back for one last dance with Wolves

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

Niles West is blessed with mega-star Jewell Loyd, one of the top four seniors in the country, and two other talented returning starters.

What the Wolves don't have is anyone taller than 5-foot-10, which provides no solace to opponents already fretting about trying to stop the unstoppable Loyd in her fourth season.

The spellbinding 5-10 combo guard was set to sign her official letter of intent this week to attend the University of Notre Dame after announcing her decision in April. Loyd led last year's young Niles West team to a 22-9 record (7-3, 2nd CSL South) and a trip to an IHSA Class 4A sectional final. An overtime loss to CSL South champion Maine South prevented a second straight Elite Eight appearance.

As a sophomore, Loyd spearheaded a veteran squad to a 27-6 record and a share of Niles West's first conference title since 1985. That season ended with a hard-fought supersectional loss to Fenwick. Ranked by ESPN as Illinois' best player and No. 4 in the nation among the 2012 class, Loyd will seek her third straight first-team all-state berth and fourth

all-CSL selection.

After averaging 23 points per game two years ago, the affable Loyd compiled nearly unfathomable statistics last winter. She averaged 30.1 points on 53 percent field-goal shooting, 15 rebounds, 4.1 assists, 4.5 steals and 3.2 blocks. Loyd scored 40 or more points five times, including a career-high 46 against St. Francis. She enters this season with 2,241 career points and likely will reach 3,000 well before the state playoffs begin.

"She does all that while being double- or triple-teamed every single game, and she's a great floor leader," said Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz. "Every year I scratch my head and ask how much better can she get. She was also our homecoming queen, so she's loved by everyone as not just Jewell Loyd the basketball player but Jewell Loyd the classmate and person."

High-character marks also go to returning starter Molly Kleppin, a 5-8 defender supreme and three-sport standout. She will be counted on to improve her six points per game on the offensive end. Though just a junior, Kleppin will take on co-captain duties with Loyd.

"Molly has embraced the role. She is right up there with her sister

(former star Kelly) in terms of both character and intensity," said Konsewicz. "She is an all-hustle kid — a tremendous defender — and had a great summer."

The very athletic Dashae Shumate, a 5-8 sophomore, should blossom after averaging an uneven seven points and seven rebounds as a freshman regular thrown into the fire.

"She had some big games for us, but we want to see consistency on both ends this year," Konsewicz said. "Dashae is dynamic, quick and has an incredible wingspan."

Out of necessity, Konsewicz plays four guards. One who graduated last June was Nicole Moy, an all-conference selection. Helping to fill the void will be 5-6 sophomore Alex Galanopoulos. A reserve last year, she gained confidence with a stellar performance in a win at Evanston. Galanopoulos then turned heads this summer by consistently attacking the basket.

Three 5-9 players are vying for the big role. Senior softball whiz Lexi Leftakes is a cerebral player with an instinctive court sense and a deft lefty touch. She got occasional minutes off the bench last year. So did senior Jackie Cardenas, a strong defender who's working on her post

moves. Junior Jasmine Townsend reported in outstanding physical condition after an encouraging summer in which she showed the ability to score from short range.

A pair of 5-6 seniors furnish depth. High-energy Janet Iqal, who has varsity experience, is a steady defender who's not afraid to mix it up underneath. Liz Troyk is a skilled spot-up shooter from the outside. Freshman Katherine DeLara stands only 5-0, but she's a glue-fingered dribbler with either hand who has impressed Konsewicz in summer camps since she was in fifth grade.

"We'll have quickness and the ability to pressure teams," said the Wolves coach. "We'll need to do everything well to make up for our lack of height. Our goals are to win conference and our regional and make it Downstate."

In conference, Niles West will be hard-pressed to dethrone preseason favorite Maine South, which won all three head-to-head meetings last season. Evanston appears dramatically improved, and New Trier and Glenbrook South are always competitive.

The Wolves' season gets interesting right out of the chute when they open at home against Hersey at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15. In last year's



Niles West's Dashae Shumate (left) averaged seven points and seven rebounds as a freshman. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

season opener, the host Huskies — and Megan Rogowski, who's now at DePaul — withstood a jaw-dropping, 45-point show from Loyd for a 66-56 win.

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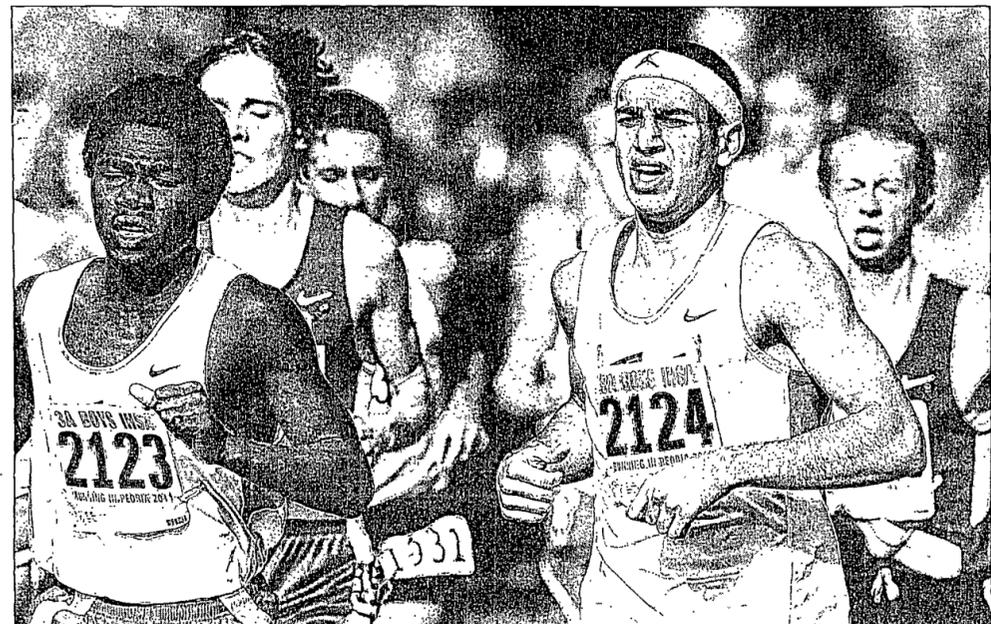
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- The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2010 were \$6,855,088. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2011 are \$7,048,792. This represents a 2.8% increase over the previous year.
- The property taxes extended for debt service for 2010 were \$481,083. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2011 are \$488,214. This represents a 1.5% increase over the previous year.
- The total property taxes extended or abated for 2010 were \$7,336,171. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2011 are \$7,537,005. This represents a 2.7% increase over the previous year.
- The taxing district has estimated its equalized assessed valuation to secure new growth revenue and must adhere to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL or "tax cap" law). PTELL limits the increase over the prior year in the property tax extension of the taxing district to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is 1.5%.

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Niles West seniors Marc-Daniel Julien (left) and Neal Omar navigate the State Meet course at Detweiller Park, in Peoria. | ROB DICKER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Wolves plan to pack for more trips to State Meet

BY DANIEL L. CHAMNESS
Contributor

The Niles West boys started a new chapter in cross country history on Saturday.

Never before have the Wolves qualified for the State Finals as a team. They had plenty of individuals advance to State, but in their first trip as a squad, they took 19th by scoring 391 points in the IHSA Class 3A State Meet held at Detweiller Park, in Peoria.

"This was a real feather in our hat," said Niles West coach Mike Grossman, who ran for Niles West before embarking on a career at University of Illinois-Chicago. "I loved the fact that we made it, but I also know it will pay dividends for a long time. I believe we are on the way up. We will not only be able to credit this, but our feeder program as well."

Palatine won the Class 3A team title with 114 points. Downstate O'Fallon took second with 120, while St. Charles East and Neuqua Valley tied for third with 144.

Neal Omar was the top Niles West finisher, touring the three-mile course in 15:12, which was good for 39th. He missed Class 3A all-state status by only 11 seconds. Danville sophomore Johnny Leverenz, the final all-state finisher, took 25th with a time of 15:01.

"We knew that we had a couple of runners that had a chance to make all-state," said Grossman. "Neal was one of those. The other was Marc-Daniel Julien. Neal ran real well. They both stated after the first half of the race, it was very tough to maneuver around the large packs of runners on the course."

The top five runners on the Wolves team all were seniors.

Besides Leverenz, Niles West will lose Julien (64th, 15:22), Masafumi Hoshi (85th, 15:29), Blake Helton (146th, 15:54) and David Iverson (173rd, 16:07).

George Webb and Yandiel Cardenas, both juniors, will return after coming in 206th and 208th, respectively. Webb finished the race in 16:48, while Cardenas clocked 16:59.

"Every one of our athletes ran their best time of the year at the State Meet," said Grossman. "I knew when I added the numbers, we had a great chance to get in the top 20. I knew that top 10 or even top 15 was going to be very tough, if not impossible."

"We always ran our five seniors, but the sixth and seventh runners, we switched it up. We have a deep junior class and a great incoming freshman class."

While Iverson is graduating, his mother (Gloria Iverson) has made a lasting

impact on the Niles West, as well as the Niles North, cross country programs, for a long time. A former DePaul University runner who turned pro, she started the District 219 feeder program for the two schools. It allows athletes interested in cross country to get involved at a younger age.

"When we started the year, we had 18 athletes out for cross country," said Grossman. "By the time the season ended, we had 52 athletes. That is a very good thing, because athletes competing with each other in practice will make us a better team. It is the way many teams in the Chicagoland area have become successful. We hope to follow that thinking."

"Gloria has helped so much and we feel that her knowledge and expertise had been great in getting these younger athletes out for cross country."

Yim continues to climb up competitive skating ladder

BY MATT HARNESSE
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A skater since she was barely old enough to walk, Vivian Yim now looks to become one of the best girls on ice in the country.

The Niles North sophomore finished second out of 50 competitors at the Novice level last month at the Upper Great Lake Regional Figure Skating Championships, in Minnesota, to earn a spot at the Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Championships in Colorado.

The Skokie teen travels to the Edora Pool Ice Center, in Fort Collins, for the Nov. 15-19 event. There, she hopes to finish in the top four to secure an invitation to Nationals early next year.

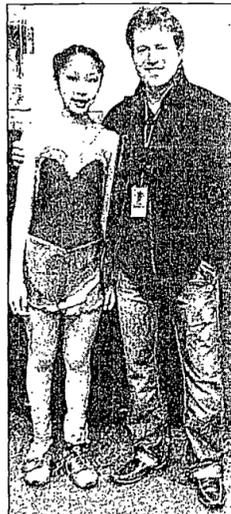
"The competition is getting tougher," the 15-year-old Yim said. "You're always a little nervous at big meets. I'm also adding another triple jump to my long program for sectionals."

Yim got into the sport after watching her older brother Ivan at the Skatium Ice Arena in Skokie. Ivan Yim, a junior at Niles North, gave up figure skating and now plays hockey for Team Illinois.

By the time she was in elementary school, Vivian Yim became a competitive skater.

More than a year ago, Yim starting working with Jeremy Allen at several rinks around the area, including ones in Wilmette and Northbrook. She trains six days a week and up to three hours a day.

"It's fun," she said of her craft. "I like doing all the



Niles North sophomore Vivian Yim has been training with Jeremy Allen for the past year. | PHOTO COURTESY OF VIVIAN YIM

programs and having an audience watch you: It's fun being to achieve something."

Yim performs both long and short programs, which include choreographed routines. The scores from each are combined to give each skater a total. The only difference from Olympic competition is the skill level.

Despite being busy with skating, Yim finds the time for her classwork. She was a member of the honor roll as a freshman and hopes to be back on the list after her sophomore year.

"You really have to use your time wisely and try not to procrastinate," she said. "But I'm sometimes up until midnight or 2 a.m. doing homework."

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