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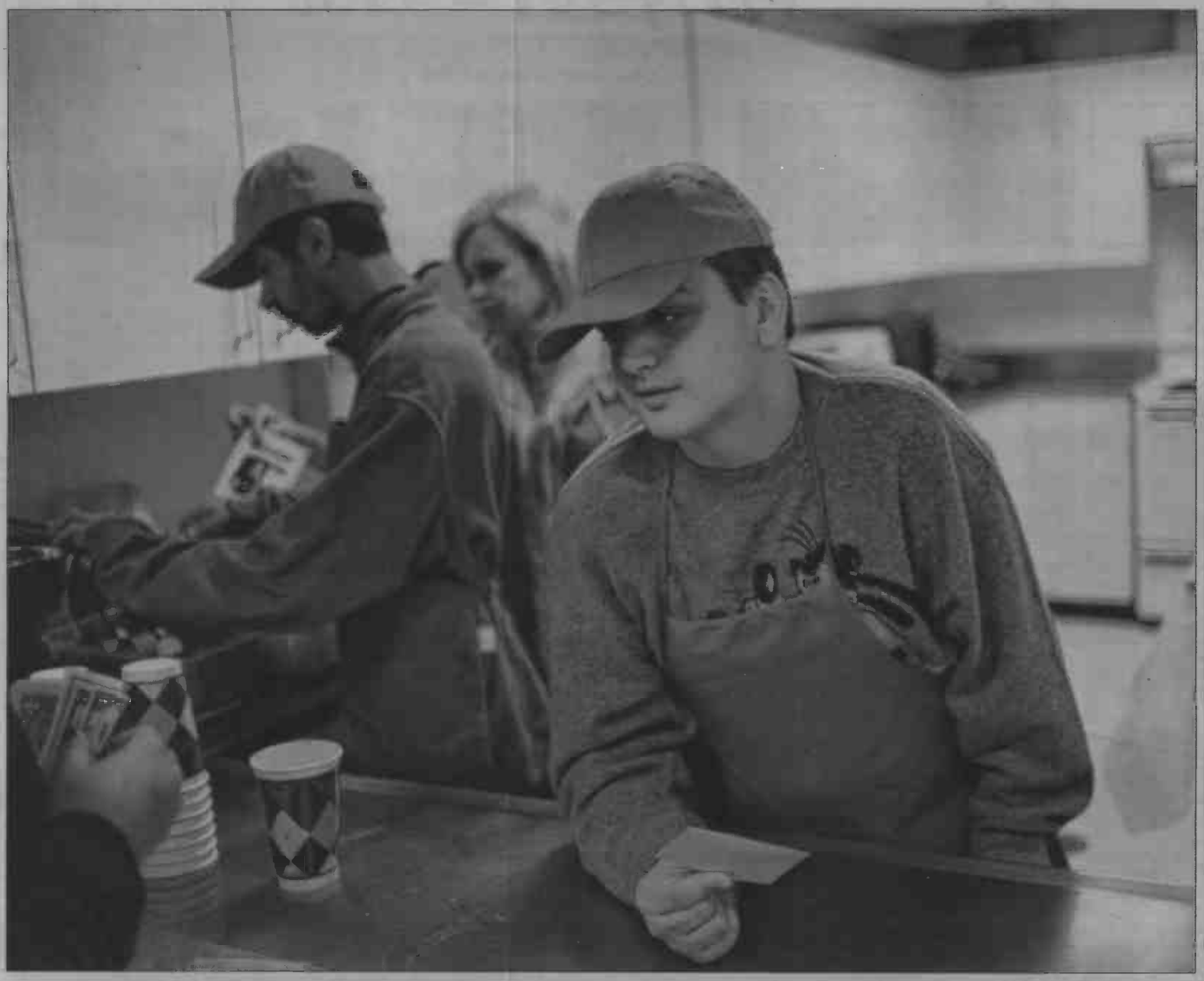

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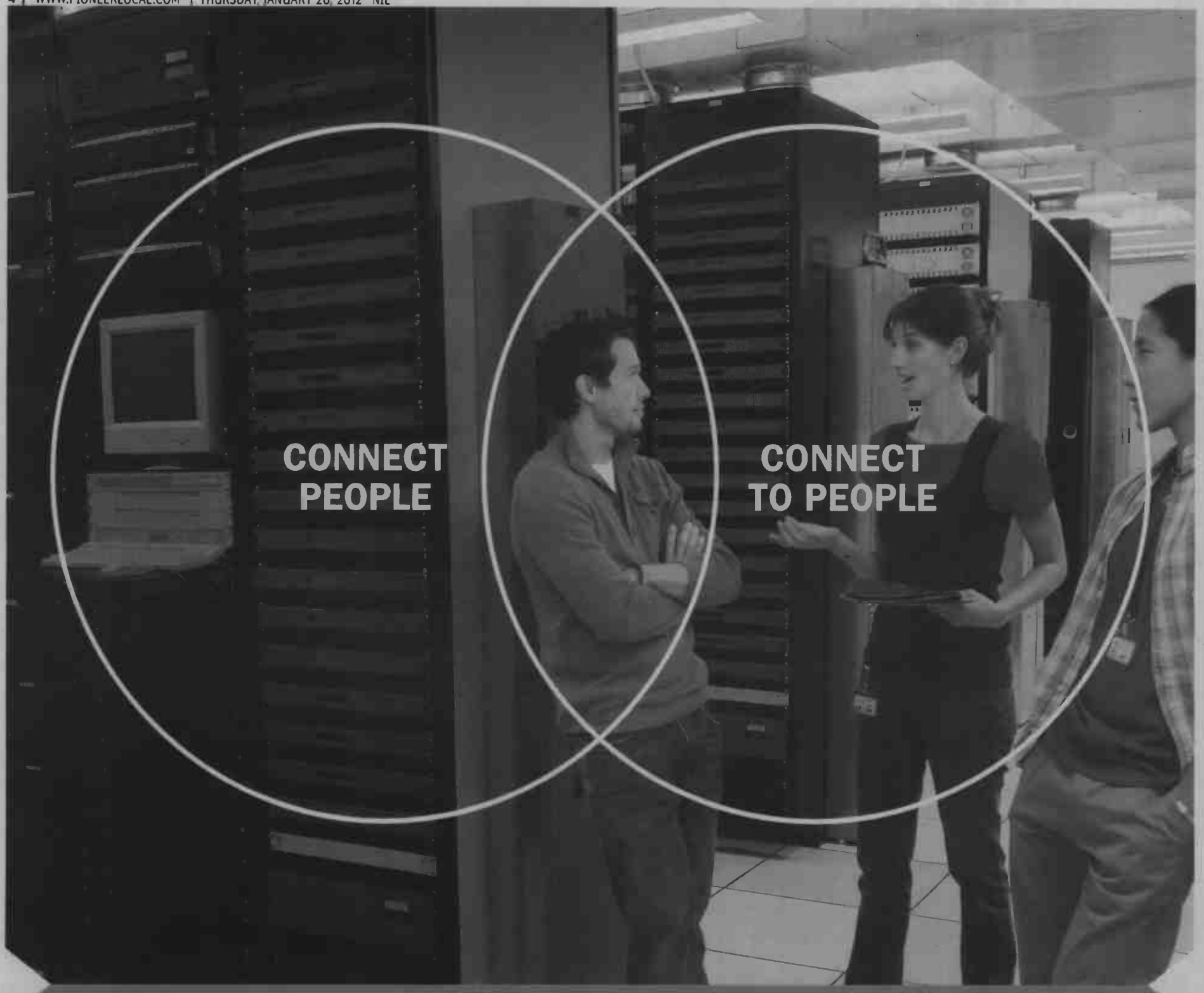

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PUBLIC WORKS

Village responds to winter's second snowstorm

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Niles Public Works employees worked nearly around the clock until about 3 a.m. Jan. 21 following the major snowstorm that blanketed the town in white on Jan. 20.

Niles received about 7.5 inches of snow on Jan. 20, according to Niles Public Works Director Scott Jochim.

"We had all our guys out and we brought out a couple of the retired guys," Jochim said.

As of Jan. 23, Jochim said, the village was still figuring out how much salt it used in last week's storm. He said the village still has plenty of salt in its salt dome.

Jochim said Public Works employees were also faced with a couple of water-main breaks that occurred before the hardest part of the storm coming down.

"It always puts a damper on things," Jochim said of the water-main breaks.

Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said eight accidents were storm-related, but that no severe injuries and no fatalities occurred.

Park Ridge kids Katie Wolinski, Jessica Altman, Kelly Wolinski, Kara Wolinski and Brad Altman stand with the snowmen (and snow dog) they created on Jan. 16. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ETHICS BOARD

Village employees' service on outside committees examined

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

A new provision in the employee manual aimed at avoiding potential conflicts of interest regarding village employees who serve as officers or board members for other organizations is being discussed by the Niles Board of Ethics.

Members on Jan. 17 continued a discussion from last month's Ethics Board meeting regarding Police Cmdr. Joe Penze's being appointed second vice president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

Village Trustee Louella Preston approached the Board of Ethics at its December board meeting to share her concerns regarding a possible conflict of interest, as Penze would be in line to become president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce in two years. Preston attended the Jan. 17 meeting, emphasizing that her concern was specifically regarding employees serving on non-governmental organizations while "on the clock" at their village jobs.

Board members supported creating a provision in the employee manual that requires training for supervisors and employees to help avoid potential conflicts of interest in such situations. They feel it's important for employees to receive training so they don't unknowingly wind up in a situation that presents a possible conflict of interest.

At the Jan. 17 meeting, Village Manager George Van Geem and Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki both supported Penze's appointment to the Chamber.

"I've always been a proponent of village employees being involved in the community as much as possible," Van Geem said.

Van Geem said he supports police personnel being more accessible and involved in the community so residents know they need not be afraid of them.

Strzelecki said he served on the Niles Chamber board for seven years and would just recuse himself if there was a possible conflict of interest.

"There was never an issue," Strzelecki said of his serving in both capacities.

Strzelecki said he spoke with Penze and told him that "his paycheck comes from the village and that's where his allegiance should be."

Ethics Board Chairman Jim Hynes said he felt job supervisors should be responsible for any issues related to taking too much time away from their jobs in order to serve on another board.

Hynes said he will work with Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio to draft language regarding the provision, to be reviewed at next month's Ethics Board meeting.

VILLAGE HALL

Panel wants to promote Niles' awards on new sign at plaza

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

The committee charged with choosing a new name to put on the sign in front of the former Blase Plaza at Niles Village Hall is nearing a decision.

Ethics Board Chairman Rosemary Palicki said the committee decided that it did not want to name the plaza after a particular person, as it had been named after former Mayor Nicholas Blase.

Instead, Palicki said, members want the sign to encompass a pair of awards that the village of Niles has received: the All-American Award it received in the early-1990s and the Bloomberg "Best Place to Raise a Family Award" that it recently received.

"We want it to be a 'Welcome to Niles,' " Palicki said.

The committee's recommendation will likely go to the village board for approval in March.

Palicki said the committee discussed possibly incorporating the logos of the two awards into the sign, though there is no official logo for the Bloomberg award.

The committee received 22 different suggestions from residents regarding what the new name of the plaza should be.

"Most of the suggestions did not encompass the family theme," Palicki said.

Palicki said one person suggested naming the plaza after a historic figure; other suggestions included "People's Plaza" and similar names.

The committee is also considering putting up a piece of artwork that has a family theme.

Palicki said officials are considering having high school students participate in a contest and having the winner's art work displayed.

VILLAGE BOARD

Quarter-cent sales tax hike would fund flood mitigation, pensions

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Niles village trustees were set to consider a quarter-cent sales-tax increase at the regular village board meeting Jan. 24.

The reason for the sales-tax increase is to create funding to help solve flooding issues in the village. If approved the increase would go into effect in July.

The initial phase of a project to improve infrastructure to help relieve flooding problems would cost $10 million to $15 million. After making payments on bond issues for the projects, leftover revenues would go toward funding pensions.

The board was also considering a cost-sharing program that would cost $450,000 per year. Money generated from the tax hike would fund the program.

Under the cost-sharing plan, the village and residents would split the costs of installing overhead sewers in private homes.

At the previous village-board meeting some trustees said they were opposed to the idea of a cost-sharing program because the village should focus on fixing the infrastructure.

If the board were to approve the sales-tax increase the village would collect about $2.1 million, said Niles Finance Director Scot Neukirch.

"I believe that money should be spent on work that will benefit the greatest number of people in our community," said Niles Village Trustee Rosemary Palicki. "If this program was to be funded by a tax, we would be helping a small number of individual homeowners increase the value of their houses at the taxpayers' expense."

If the village decides to spend $10 million for the initial phase on capital projects there would be about $935,000 available for pensions. If the board spends $15 million on the initial phase, $550,000 would be available for pensions.

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MOLLOY EDUCATION CENTER

Perks Cafe lets kids learn while they earn

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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On Thursday mornings, the smell of fresh coffee wafts through the halls of the Molloy Education Center in Morton Grove.

Manning the Perks Café from 9-10 a.m. are high-school-age students who have physical or learning disabilities and attend the center, which serves residents of Niles Township.

The café, a new program offered this school year, offers students an opportunity to improve their communication, socialization and vocational skills, uses concepts learned in speech-, occupational- and physical-therapy sessions, Principal Michael Meyers said.

"The therapists and the teachers brainstormed this project," he said. "It's a clever way to integrate therapies in a more meaningful way."

The center always has offered a cooking component to its curriculum, Meyers said.

"It used to be snacks, but now we have muffins, cookies," he said.

The advent of single-serve machines allows students to safely brew coffee and make hot chocolate, he added.

"And the kids have to do the shopping, preparations, budgeting," he continued. "There's the cleanup component where we work on (food-service) hygiene issues."

For teachers who can't make it to the café during operating hours, students take orders for delivery.

"With the delivery service, we get more kids involved," said Jenny Spiegel, speech language pathologist. "This program is multifaceted. It gives the kids more things to do.

"They work on fine and gross motor skills, communication. It targets all their skills. And we keep tweaking the program as the year progresses."

Café attendants recently began sporting uniforms, Spiegel noted.

And while not quite a self-sustaining program, the café does offer a perk of its own to participants.

"The kids earn enough money to have a party at the end of the year," Meyers said.

Suhib Ali takes coffee orders at the Molloy Perks Cafe on Jan. 19 at Molloy Education Center in Morton Grove. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Kosta Alevizos delivers orders to teachers in their classrooms at the Molloy Perks Cafe on Jan. 19 at Molloy Education Center in Morton Grove. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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BY BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

Sweet family fun nights

Make your next family fun night a little sweeter with these easy to make games that double as dessert.

Beth Engelman uses chocolate chips and graham crackers to make dominoes. | DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Edible Dominoes

This idea comes courtesy of Shannon Payette Seip and Kelly Parthen, authors of *Bean Appetit* (Andrews McMeel, 2010) and founders of Bean Sprouts Café & Cooking School. Be sure to check out their website, **www.beansprouts.com,** for family friendly recipes and updates on their soon-to-be opened café in Deerfield.

You need:
Graham crackers
Cookie icing
Chocolate chips

Directions:
To make a "domino," draw a line with icing down the middle of the graham cracker.

Place from zero to six dots on each side of the cracker. Repeat steps until you have made 28 unique "dominoes."

Need a refresher on how to play? Visit **www.domino-games.com**.

Candy Chess

This tasteful game comes from Sharon Bowers' fantastic book, *Candy Construction* (Storey Publishing, 2010). For more information about this book as well as others by Bowers, visit **www.storey.com**.

You need:
2 kinds of chocolate kisses
Structurally interesting candy (such as licorice allsorts, chocolate truffles, mini peanut butter cups and marshmallows)
Chess board
Frosting

Directions:
Use chocolate kisses as pawns. Be sure to choose a different color for each player such as white-striped or dark chocolate. You need 8 pawns per player.

Use frosting as glue to build castles, knights and bishops with licorice allsorts and/or peanut butter cups. Top each piece with a corresponding chocolate kiss. Be sure to make two castles, two knights and two bishops per player.

Add royal flair to your kings and queens with chocolate truffles, marshmallows and any other candy that might inspire you. You will need one king and one queen per player.

Need a chess refresher? Visit **www.chessguru.net** for rules, strategies and more.

Engelman shows how to use sweets to make games the whole family can enjoy. | DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Candy Matching

A great game to play with leftover holiday candies and treats, this game is perfect on days when you're looking for something different to do with the kids.

You need:
12-20 small paper cups (the more cups you have, the more challenging the game)
6-10 pairs of candies (such as kisses, gummies, licorice allsorts, etc.)

Directions:
Set up the game by placing one piece of candy under each cup.

Slide the cups around to mix up the board.

Just like a traditional matching game, players take turns turning cups over to find matches.

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First United Methodist Church in Park Ridge recently adopted a formal position declaring that anyone, regardless of sexual orientation, is welcome to become a member of the congregation. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

Church becomes 'reconciling congregation,' welcomes members of the LGBT community

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Members of a Park Ridge congregation this month took a formal and, some would say, bold step toward an increased level of acceptance by the church.

The membership of First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., voted Jan. 8 to become a "reconciling congregation," establishing the church as one that welcomes homosexual, bisexual and transgender people for worship.

"To be a reconciling congregation means that we are open to and welcoming of anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity," explained the Rev. Rich Darr, lead pastor of First United Methodist Church.

The reconciling movement is a nationwide endeavor "mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love," according to the Reconciling Ministries Network. The Park Ridge congregation is now one of nearly 500 Methodist churches, campus ministries and other faith-based groups to join the Reconciling Ministries Network, a statement released by the church said.

The process of becoming a reconciling congregation took more than a year and included a series of meetings, bible studies, films and open dialogue, Darr said.

"I feel it's extremely important because it reflects the teaching and example of Jesus Christ," the pastor said of the church's stance. "He taught unconditional love, through his teachings and his example."

This month 112 members of the church voted in favor of the reconciling position, Darr said. Two members voted against the measure and two members abstained from voting.

The church also adopted a new welcoming statement inviting "all persons to participate fully in the life of our church regardless of age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental condition, marital status, family situation, or economic standing."

At the heart of the reconciling movement is letting members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community know they are accepted within the church.

"We need to speak out, be explicit," Darr said. "We need to explicitly welcome these persons."

Members of the church with gay family members helped to lead the movement, Darr said. As the brother of a gay man who was forced to leave his conservative congregation after he revealed his sexual orientation, Darr understands the struggles of gay and lesbian Methodists and their families.

"It hits close to home," the pastor acknowledged. "And there are a lot of people in our church (for whom) it also hits close to home."

In a statement released by the church, Associate Pastor Carol Hill called the reconciling movement a "bold step for our congregation."

"The general church has caused pain to many gay and lesbian persons, as well as their families and friends, with statements of condemnation," she said. "Our vote doesn't undo the damage that has been done, but it's an important step forward."

That's not to say the change did not come with some resistance from church members.

"It's a very contentious issue," Darr acknowledged, explaining there "absolutely" was initial resistance, but that a "healthy, open dialogue" followed.

Though members will see changes within the congregation, they will not be radical changes, Darr believes.

"We're the same people," he said. "We *were* open, we *were* welcoming — we just didn't make it explicit. Now we are."

Darr is also among a number of Methodist clergy from across the United States who have greed to conduct civil-union ceremonies and blessings of same-sex couples. But just like the heterosexual couples who ask to be married in his church, same-sex couples will first need to meet Darr's strict prerequisites, such as being members of the church and completing counseling

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U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

FBI: Edison Park man planned phony Bin Laden threats from Park Ridge home

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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An Edison Park man accused of mailing threatening letters to dozens of businesses and individuals across the country while claiming to be Osama Bin Laden reportedly had a connection to Park Ridge, a document from the U.S. Attorney's Office reveals.

Timothy P. O'Donnell, 51, of 6661 N. Octavia Ave., Chicago, was indicted Jan. 5 on nine counts of falsely threatening the use of explosives, following an FBI investigation.

O'Donnell has entered a not guilty plea to the charges and was released on bond Jan. 12. He has also been ordered to undergo a mental-competency examination, court documents show.

According to an FBI search-warrant affidavit provided to the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate from the U.S. Attorney's Office, O'Donnell stands accused of mailing letters to about 45 addresses in 16 states claiming that Al-Qaeda had planted "nuclear bombs throughout the U.S. in schools, stadiums, churches, stores, financials institutions and government buildings." The "identically-worded" letters, received by schools, law-enforcement agencies, municipalities, a medical facility, private individuals and religious institutions, claimed to be from Osama Bin Laden and were mailed from Chicago during March 2011, the affidavit states.

In the course of the FBI's investigation it was learned that O'Donnell was reportedly seen visiting a home on the 400 block of South Fairview Avenue in Park Ridge, where a computer was allegedly used in March 2011 to visit the websites of six of the recipients that had received the threatening letters, according to the affidavit. These websites included the city of Miami, Fla.; the police department in Ames, Iowa; a hospital in Boise, Idaho; the Dubuque, Iowa, fire department; a school in Villanova, Pa.; and an individual in Nashville, Tenn.

According to authorities, law-enforcement surveillance was conducted outside the Fairview address in June 2011, where a white vehicle reportedly driven by O'Donnell was seen.

Randall Samborn, of the U.S. Attorney's Office, said no residents of the Fairview Avenue address have been charged in connection with this case. A phone call to the home was not returned early this week.

The letters that O'Donnell stands accused of mailing reportedly demanded the neutralization of all nuclear-bomb threats in the United States and a trial held in the style of a popular TV show for all those "responsible for unnecessary crimes of war, poverty and suffering of families in the world."

"Arrest them immediately and bring to O'Hare Air Force Base for a live, unedited trial on TV, just like 'American Idol' where people vote to determine results," the letters reportedly stated.

The writer also allegedly threatened that if these two demands were not met, "85 percent of Afghan and American families die." A number of the letters also contained the names of a British financier and a prominent American banker, stating they should be arrested, according to the affidavit.

O'Donnell is also suspected of sending additional letters in July 2011 to 15 addresses in the Chicago area. According to the affidavit, the letters, written in memo form, include the subject line, "this is a nuclear bomb promise and warning — not a threat."

According to the FBI, O'Donnell's fingerprint was found on a stamp affixed to the envelope that contained one of the July letters.

Authorities do not believe O'Donnell actually posed a threat.

"While there was never any real danger in Chicago or elsewhere, these charges demonstrate that the FBI and the Chicago Joint Terrorism Task Force will aggressively investigate all threats and there are serious consequences for those who allegedly make false threats," said Robert D. Grant, of the FBI's Chicago Office in a press release issued following O'Donnell's arrest.

The suspect's next court appearance is set for March 7.

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sessions. The pastor also said he will likely not perform civil-union ceremonies inside the church.

First United Methodist joins two other Park Ridge congregations that have adopted similar messages of inclusion. St. Mary's Episcopal Church and St. Luke's Lutheran Church openly welcome members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

"St. Mary's has long practiced the full inclusion of LGBT individuals in the life and the ministry of the parish," said the Rev. Sarah Odderstol, rector at St. Mary's. "Part of the reason many members are here, and the reason they chose to come to St. Mary's, is because they have family members who are gay or lesbian and they don't want to attend a place where their child or grandchildren or cousin wouldn't be welcome to come."

Odderstol acknowledged that it can be difficult for churches to take such an inclusive stand and each must be "comfortable" with doing so."

"I think it's been a really courageous thing that First United Methodist and St. Luke's and other parishes and denominations are doing," she said.

In 2004, St. Luke's passed a resolution similar to First United Methodist Church, by welcoming "every person who comes to our church regardless of race, national and ethnic origin, age, physical, mental and emotional condition or capacity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic situation or addiction." The church also authorized the blessing of committed, same-sex relationships.

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The woods are named after the St. Paul railroad, which became part of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Co. In 1874, the railroad decided to cross the Bitterroot Mountains at St. Paul Pass. This pass was chosen because of the marketable white-pine timber and also because there was no other competing railroad nearby.

Many deer and wildlife live in the area along with diverse Midwest prairie foliage.

A squirrel peeks around the corner of a tree in the woods on Jan. 3.

Deer graze in the St. Paul Woods in Morton Grove on Jan. 3.

Some leaves still remain on the trees due to the mild winter this year.

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St. Paul Woods in Morton Grove, at 6591 Oakton St., as it appeared Jan. 3.

Prairie grass is one of the most predominant plants in the woods here.

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RECREATION

Chicago Wolves mascot Skates entertains visitors at Park Ridge's Oakton Ice Arena on Jan. 16. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN TIMES MEDIA

Newcomers get chance to warm up to Ice Arena

Oakton Ice Arena in Park Ridge opened its rink to new and accomplished skaters alike during a special Open House on Jan. 16.

The event, which gave newbies a chance to try out the ice and see what the ice-skating facility has to offer, cost just $1 and included free skate rentals.

Skaters also had an opportunity to meet and get autographs from Skates, the mascot of the Chicago Wolves hockey team.

Oakton Ice Arena is located at 2800 W. Oakton St.

Nathan Urquhart gets help from mom Alicia Urquhart during Oakton Ice Arena's Jan. 16 Open House in Park Ridge. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN TIMES MEDIA

LIBRARY BOARD

OK given for architect to begin renovation design

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Niles Public Library trustees gave Director Linda Weiss the go-ahead to begin negotiations with Product Architecture and Design for renovation-design plans during the library-board meeting Jan. 18.

An RFQ (request for quotation) for a construction manager for the renovation plan, which could cost as much as $5 million, has also been sent out.

Representatives of Product Architecture gave a presentation on a revised plan to the Board of Trustees that was about $300,000 to $400,000 less than the previous plan. The plan includes mechanical work, improving the entryway to the library, creating a cafe area, an automatic check-in system and more.

At a Building and Grounds Committee meeting Jan. 11, trustees discussed the renovation plans in detail and took a tour across the library property to see what changes they wanted to make to the plan.

The original plan had staff offices in the lowest level of the building, but trustees decided they wanted staff offices to remain upstairs. Instead, they felt teenagers in high school should be located in the lowest level.

"Teens don't want to be with little kids," Trustee Sam Puleo said at the Jan. 11 committee meeting.

With the revised plan, teenagers would have access to a study room, and there would be a service desk on that level. The entire teen collection, including both fiction and nonfiction, would also be on the lower level.

"I think the teens are going to love that space," Board President Barbara Nakanishi said.

Trustee Morgan Dubiel said his concern was the price of the project, which could cost about $5 million. He said he'd like to have the architecture firm look at creative ways to lower that price, as there is a total of $4.2 million in the special-reserve fund.

Trustee Chris Ball also wanted to take a closer look at the plan to see where cost reductions could possibly be made.

Other trustees disagreed.

"Let's make a quality library here," said Trustee Linda Ryan, who insisted trustees should not be nitpicking.

"It already is a quality library," replied Dubiel, saying he feels the project started with just renovating the entryway to the library and now has become a large-scale, expensive project.

The attorney for the library said that from a legal perspective residents may start to object to the library's tax rate if they don't start spending money in their reserves.

Weiss said the renovations to the library were derived from asking patrons what they wanted to see at the library.

"It's been massaged and tweaked and rearranged," said Weiss, who supports the plan as presented by Product Architecture on Jan. 18.

DISTRICT 63

Stevenson students win 'Battle of Books' contest

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

Stevenson School has no shortage of bookworms.

After an undefeated season the past fall in Niles' annual Battle of the Books competition, the East Maine School District 63 elementary school came out on top in an inter-library championship against Morton Grove.

Stevenson's Jan. 9 and Jan. 11 victories against Morton Grove's Jerusalem Lutheran School made them local reading champs for the second year in a row.

To celebrate the season's end Niles Public Library held a special ceremony last week in the young readers' honor with guest speaker Katherine Hannigan, author of the award-winning children's novel "Ida B."

Christine Douglass, Stevenson School's library and media specialist and Battle of the Books coach, said the annual reading-trivia competition is "a fantastic collaboration between public libraries and schools."

Schools serviced by Niles Public Library are invited to participate.

This year about 100 fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders from Culver, Nelson, St. John Brebeuf and Stevenson schools faced off in seven reading battles between October and December.

Librarians quizzed students from a list of 62 books, among them: popular cartoon novel "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," Newbery Medal-winning "Number the Stars" and Lewis Carroll's classic "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

Teams accrued points by correctly answering questions related to the books' plots, settings and characters.

Not only do participants become whiz kids on children's lit, Douglass said, but they develop confidence and passion in the process.

"I have seen struggling readers catch the love of a good book," she said. "I have seen shy and introverted kids come out of their shells and excel."

Unfortunately, cutbacks in recent years have forced some schools to drop out of the competition, Douglass said.

"It's a shame," she said. "Battle of the Books is a very important program."

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COOK COUNTY

Local police officials: Courthouse closures just shift cost burden

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

The anticipated closure of suburban courthouses on Saturdays has police chiefs concerned about time and resources the decision will cost their departments.

Michael Alsup, president of the North Suburban Association of Police Chiefs, said the organization's membership directed him Jan. 5 to ask Cook County Chief Judge Tim Evans to reconsider the closures, which will require police officers from more than 120 suburban municipalities to transport arrestees to the Cook County Courthouse at 26th Street and California Avenue in Chicago for weekend bond hearings.

Four Cook County Board commissioners are now asking their colleagues to reconsider the move, which was part of a cost-savings plan announced by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's Office last month.

Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, whose district includes Niles and Morton Grove, co-sponsored a proposal issued at the board's Jan. 18 meeting that asks the chief judge's office to halt all plans until considering alternative options, such as rotating weekend court closures and maintaining three courthouses for northern, southern and centrally located municipalities.

Yet the board's decision to move the proposal to a yet-to-be-determined committee meeting instead of voting on the measure last week means suburban courthouses will continue to close as planned.

The Fifth Municipal District Courthouse in Bridgeview, the first of five courthouses slated to close, ceased its weekend operations Jan. 14.

Dates have not been set for the other courthouses.

Currently, Saturday bond hearings for people arrested by law-enforcement agencies in northern Cook County are held at the Second Municipal District Courthouse in Skokie and at the Third Municipal District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows, depending on the location of the alleged crime.

The closures are expected to save the county about $2 million, according to Preckwinkle's staff.

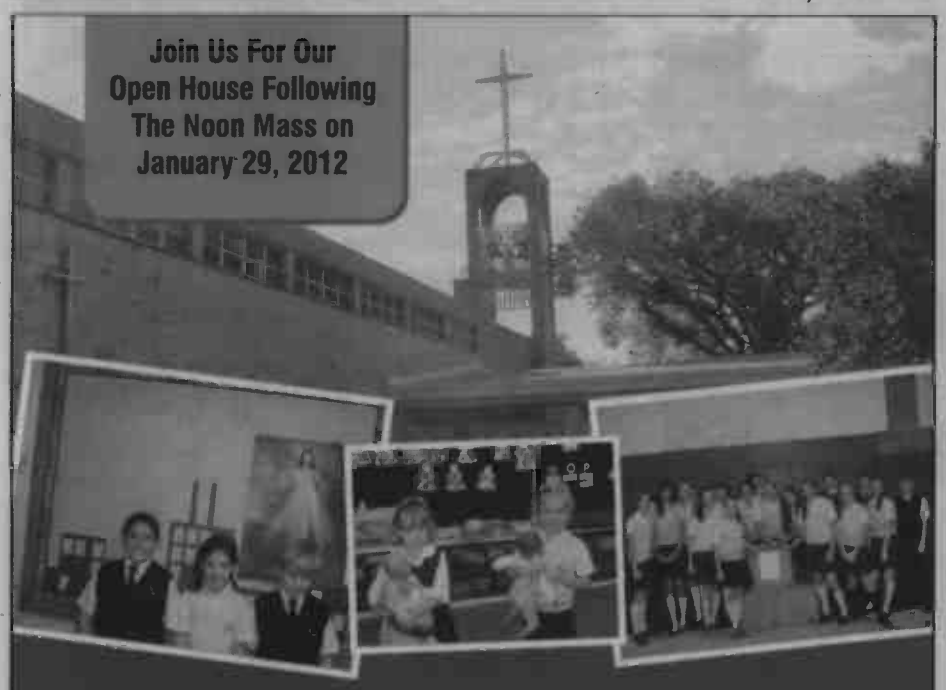
Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said that while he understands the county board's motivation for cutbacks, the measure will just mean additional costs for suburban police departments.

"They're trying to do the best they can with limited resources," he said. "But this isn't saving people money. Somebody is going to pay for this."

Strzelecki added: "For us, it's the constituents here in Niles. This is just another county service we're paying for that no one is going to provide."

Morton Grove Police Chief Mark Erickson agreed, saying his department's stance is not unlike many others in the suburbs since, ultimately, "local municipals are the ones who are going to be paying the costs."

"We're looking at increased costs in overtime and, overall, we do not think this is a savings for the Cook County taxpayer," Erickson said. "It's just shifting the cost from the Cook County Board and government to lo-



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Sgt. Robert Tornabene, Niles' police public-information officer, said the Niles Police Department is now determining the impact the Skokie courthouse closure will have on its operations.

Thirty-two uniformed officers now work in Niles' patrol division, Tornabene said, though he could not confirm the number of officers who work on the weekends, citing safety concerns.

He said that on any given weekend Niles police might arrest one to five individuals who require bonding out at a county courthouse.

Those arrested between Saturday and Sunday night often wait until Monday before appearing in court in Skokie, which is 5.5 miles from the Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave., and 3 miles away from the Morton Grove Police Department, 6101 Capulina Ave.

The Chicago courthouse is nearly 18 miles away from Niles and 19.5 miles from Morton Grove.

Tornabene said not everyone arrested in Niles requires a bond hearing in order to be released from police custody.

Many people arrested for misdemeanor crimes can bond out at the police station. All felony offenses require that the arrestee appear before a judge, and individuals with active warrants and holds issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement will also be required to attend a bond hearing, Tornabene said.

In addition to fiscal concerns Strzelecki said the safety of officers is also in jeopardy.

Instead of traveling 10 minutes to Skokie, Strzelecki said officers will have to travel more 30 minutes with handcuffed persons in cars that aren't designed for transport.

"Now you've got (an arrestee) who is normally calm in the car turning into a combative person," he said. "I don't think (the Chicago courthouse) is a centrally located place for (police departments) in Cook County to bring our prisoners."

Strzelecki said these types of issues might compel suburban police departments to pool resources and collectively purchase a proper transport vehicle.

Alsup, who also serves as chief of police of Harper College in Palatine, said most suburban departments do not have the vehicles or staff to transport prisoners long distances, and many are operating with fewer officers on the street and minimal overtime due to their own budgetary difficulties.

"Our officers belong in our communities protecting our citizens, the people who are paying for them," Alsup said. "They don't belong down at 26th and California."

Tight staffing on the weekends may also force Niles officers to hold arrested people at the Niles Police Station until Monday, when they can be transported to Skokie, Strzelecki said.

Niles' holding cells, remodeled in 2003, hold at least 10 persons at a time.

More troubling to police departments than the altering of their operations is the fact that they were initially left out of all discussions about the change in court procedures.

"We weren't even considered, and that was the problem most of the chiefs have," Strzelecki said.

Tornabene added: "It's not very neighborly."

DISTRICT 207

Student diagnosed with pertussis

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Maine South High School in Park Ridge was notified last week that a student was recently diagnosed with pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough.

The Cook County Department of Public Health informed the school Jan. 18. The student's grade level was not included in the department's notice.

This is the second case of whooping cough reported in Maine Township High School District 207 this school year. The last case was reported at Maine West High School in Des Plaines in December.

Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial infection for which a childhood vaccination is available. Waning immunity has led to the creation of two new vaccines for adolescents and adults.

The first symptoms of pertussis can include a runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and a mild cough, followed by severe coughing fits and vomiting after coughing. The cough associated with pertussis usually lasts several weeks, the Cook County Department of Public Health said.

Four cases of whooping cough were reported during the months of November and December in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64.

SCHOOLS DIGEST

CAMPUS

Graduating magna cum laude from DePaul University was Eli Taylor, of Niles. Graduating cum laude were Magdalena Bieniek and Jeffery Ramirez, of Niles. Graduating with distinction were Jaclyn Carroll and Nicolette Pajda, of Niles.

Kelly M. Plach, daughter of Kevin and Carrie Plach, of Niles, was welcomed into the pharmacy profession as a junior colleague and adorned with a white coat at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Robert Adams, of Niles, was awarded a Patterson Academic Scholarship and an Illinois In-State Scholarship at Lake Forest College.

Jake Wengerski, a junior criminal justice major from Niles, was recently inducted into the Alpha Eta Lambda chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society at Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo.

Jelena Krstic, of Niles, an exercise science major, was named to the dean's list at Carroll University for the spring 2011 semester.

Niles students earning bachelor's degrees from DePaul University were Bhavin Amin, Alicia Apa, Qazi Biabani, Joann Bialobrzewski, Avni Danak, Martin Diamond, Atilla Genc, Nicholas Harter, Tomasz Matusz, Jakub Rzeszuko and Robert Santiago.

Darcy A Foreman, of Niles, was included on the fall quarter dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

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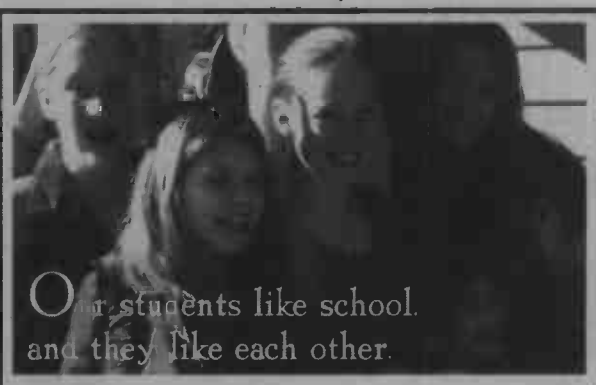

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Kirk suffers stroke, may have arm, leg problems

BY MAUDLYNE IHEJIRIKA
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U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.), who suffered a stroke to the right side of the brain over the weekend that may impact the entire left side of his body, was recovering in intensive care Jan. 23 after undergoing emergency surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital to relieve brain swelling, doctors there said.

"Sen. Kirk has suffered a stroke to the right side of his brain, which I believe will affect his ability to move his left arm and possibly his left leg, and possibly will involve some facial paralysis," Dr. Richard Fessler, the neurosurgeon who performed the surgery on the 52-year-old senator, said at a Jan. 23 news conference.

"Fortunately, the stroke was not on the left side of the brain, in which case it would affect his ability to speak, understand and think. We are very hopeful that when we get through all the recovery, all those functions will be intact," the neurosurgeon said.

Elected to the Senate in 2010 after serving five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, Kirk underwent a three-hour surgery Sunday night in which doctors removed a 4-inch by 8-inch section of his skull to relieve swelling.

It may be days before the swelling goes down and the skull section can be replaced, Fessler said.

However, Fessler said, "He is doing quite well. I am very happy with his current status."

Kirk, who lives in north suburban Highland Park, was able to drive himself to Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital in Lake Forest after suffering the stroke on Jan. 21, "where doctors discovered a carotid artery dissection in the right side of his neck," according to the senator's office.

He was transferred to downtown Northwestern, where further tests revealed he had suffered an ischemic stroke, staffers said.

Ischemic strokes, which result from an obstruction within a blood vessel supplying blood to the brain, account for about 87 percent of all stroke cases.

Doctors said the cause of the stroke, such as the common culprit atherosclerosis — fatty deposits ining the vessel walls — was not immediately clear.

"We do not know what caused the stroke," said Fessler.

"His condition apparently began with a blockage of his carotid artery. At this point, the artery is completely occluded [blocked]. Part of the areas that are not getting blood from that artery will begin to get blood from other arteries. Other areas will not.

"The use of his left arm is going to be very difficult. I'm hopeful for the use of his left leg. Sen. Kirk's job is cerebral, and I believe the functions required to do his job are going to be fine. Sen. Kirk is young, was very healthy and in good shape, and he's very strong. All of these things are in his favor," Fessler said, adding that the senator will have weeks and months of rehab ahead toward recovery.

FessleIschemic strokes cause swelling in the brain, vs. hemorrhagic strokes, where there is bleeding.

Symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking, blurred vision, dizziness and headache, according to the American Stroke Association.

"He was having some dizziness and perhaps some difficulty with headache," Fessler said of Kirk's symptoms before checking himself into the hospital. By the time he arrived at Northwestern, he was going downhill fast. "He was becoming less responsive. He began to deteriorate neurologically," necessitating the surgery, said Fessler.

Kirk, who is divorced, started out in Washington as a member of then-U.S. Rep. John Edward Porter's staff in 1984, spent 10 years in the U.S. House before winning the seat formerly held by President Barack Obama in a close race against Democrat Alexi Giannoulias.

He is also an officer in the Navy Reserves.

In an issued statement, Kirk's family said, "We are very grateful for the excellent treatment and care provided by the doctors and their medical teams at both Lake Forest Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. We are equally grateful for the love and support of our family and friends. We are very encouraged by the prognosis.

Mark has always shown great courage and resilience and we are confident that the fighter in him will prevail."

Republicans and Democrats alike on Jan. 23 offered Kirk their best wishes for his recovery.

"I am extremely distressed by the news that my friend Mark Kirk is hospitalized for emergency medical treatment," GOP presidential hopeful Mitt Romney said in a statement. " I wish him a speedy recovery and a swift return to the U.S. Senate chamber, so he can continue his important work for the people of Illinois and all the people of the United States."

In a statement, Mayor Rahm Emanuel said: "Senator Kirk and I have served on different sides of the aisle, but the entire City of Chicago is by his side today. He remains in our thoughts and prayers as he recovers."

Gov. Pat Quinn said: "Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the senator and his family as we wish him a swift and strong recovery. We can all take comfort knowing that as a Navy commander, Sen. Kirk knows how to fight and he will fight through this to return to his work on behalf of the people of Illinois as quickly as possible."

"It's hard to imagine that anything could slow him down for long," U.S. Rep.

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Sen. Mark Kirk

Judy Biggert (R-Ill.) said. "All of us in the delegation are pulling for his full and speedy recovery."

U.S. Rep. Bob Dold (R-Ill.) said, "Our thoughts and prayers are with Senator Kirk and his family today."

Sen. John McCain tweeted that his "thoughts and prayers" are with his colleague and wished him "a speedy recovery."

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The dining room has hardwood flooring, a chandelier and crown molding.

The carpeted lower level features recessed lighting and extra storage space.

Another update of this property is the master bathroom, which includes granite countertops and a glass-fronted shower.

This house provides a single-car garage and is less than a mile northeast from the Morton Grove Metra station.

Listing agent: Alexander Doroshko, Chel Group Realty, 847-452-5584, sashadoroshko@gmail.com

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Norwood Park	2.22%	$270,000	17.72%	158	28
Des Plaines	3.12%	$165,000	30.64%	692	212
Evanston	2.84%	$322,000	14.02%	599	84
Glenview	3.08%	$385,000	13.28%	542	72
Lincolnwood	2.83%	$292,000	15.7%	121	19
Morton Grove	2.46%	$218,750	19.16%	214	41
Niles	2.2%	$195,000	19.92%	251	50
Park Ridge	2.75%	$332,500	15.57%	366	57
Skokie	2.46%	$220,000	23.8%	542	129
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MAINE SOUTH

Volleyball benefit aims for spike in ADHD awareness

The Second Chance Foundation held a fundraiser and volleyball tournament Jan. 14 to support scholarships in the memory of Chance Walker.

The event took place at the Park Ridge Community Center with participation from junior-high and high-school students. Money raised will benefit scholarships for Maine South High School seniors.

The Second Chance Foundation works to provide support and education to individuals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

It is named in memory of Chance Walker, of Park Ridge, who was diagnosed with the disorder.

Chance died in 2005 at age 11.

Aurora Walker, 16, and Donny Nordstrom, 16, play "Rock, Paper, Scissors" to determine whose team gets to serve first Jan. 14 in Park Ridge. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Maine South senior Steve Sagerstrom dives for the ball. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Cameron Mitchell, center-left, and Jake Sweeney leap at the net for a spike in the Second Chance Foundation's fundraiser volleyball tournament in Park Ridge on Jan. 14. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

GEMINI JUNIOR HIGH

Gas leak near school causes little disruption

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

A gas leak occurred Jan. 10 about 50 feet south of Gemini Junior High School, at 8955 Greenwood.

"No students left the building," Principal Scott Herrmann said. "We didn't have to move anybody."

Herrmann said staff members with classes closest to the gas leak noticed the smell.

"The Fire Department came over and measured the air," Herrmann said. "Not one student or staff member reported feeling ill."

Herrmann said the Fire Department measured the gas level in the building's air and it was zero. Herrmann said officials temporarily shut down vents so air wouldn't come in.

"Nobody was ever in any danger," Herrmann said.

Herrmann noted that the school has an agreement with the IceLand Skate Complex.

"We called over there and said we don't know what's happening as far as the repair time or if it's going to get worse, but 'Can we come over if we need to?' " Herrmann said, noting they did not need to go over to IceLand.

Herrmann said construction workers "nicked" a Nicor gas line, which caused the leak.

MAINE TOWNSHIP

Sheriff's Police award nominations sought

Maine Township has announced that it is again accepting nominations for the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award.

Named in honor of the late Cook County Sheriff's Police Sgt. Karen Lader, the award recognizes a Maine Township resident who has shown support, service and dedication to the township. The winner will receive a plaque and monetary award at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 10.

The deadline to submit a nomination is March 22. Nomination forms are available on the Maine Township website, www.mainetownship.com, or at the front desk of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Forms can be mailed to Township Trustee Susan Moylan Krey at the Town Hall address or faxed to (847) 297-1335.

Karen Lader was a 15-year member of the Cook County Sheriff's Police and a Des Plaines resident. She died in 2010 following a battle with cancer. During her time with the Sheriff's Police she was involved in Maine Township's Neighborhood Watch program and National Night Out which is held annually at Dee Park.

The Sgt. Lader Award was presented for the first time last year. It was awarded to Audrey Nankervis, a resident of unincorporated Maine Township, for her volunteer work.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

BATTERY

A 44-year-old Chicago man reported that someone parked in a disabled space without a handicapped placard on Jan. 18 in a parking lot in the 5900 block of Touhy. The victim allegedly asked the subject to move his vehicle for a disabled driver to park there instead, and the offender reportedly punched him with a closed fist, leaving a cut on his face. Police said the subject drove away in his vehicle.

A 41-year-old man returned home Jan. 18 on the 7400 block of Howard and discovered his house had been burglarized, police reported.

THEFT

A man between 18 and 21 years old reportedly stole a North Face jacket and a Pelle Pell jacket valued at a total of $940 on Jan. 16 from a retail store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Police said the offender was last seen running from the store.

Someone removed a 32-inch Toshiba TV from a shelf Jan. 19 at a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center, and then removed the security device and left without paying. The merchandise has a value of about $300.

Phillip Gearheart, 33, of 9133 Knight, Des Plaines, was arrested Jan. 14 and charged with retail theft for stealing $274 worth of video-game controllers from a store on the 8300 block of Golf Road. He has a court date of Jan. 24.

A 64-year-old Chicago woman reported that someone removed her wallet from her purse Jan. 19 while she was grocery shopping at a store on the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue. The wallet contained $87, credit cards and identification.

Someone forcibly entered a locked locker Jan. 16 at a fitness center on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue and stole $400 from the victim's wallet.

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Taking time out to remember why MLK Day is a holiday

Sometimes it seems as if there is no America, just fragments of America that are in opposition to each other. It can appear that we define ourselves by what divides us rather than what unites us. That is especially true in an election year.

There is red-states America versus blue-states America.

Rich America versus poor America.

Native-born America versus newly arrived America.

Right-to-life America versus right-to-choose America.

Black America versus white America.

There are a great many hyphenated, oppositional Americas.

In spite of this — or maybe because of this — on Jan. 16 we honored a man who worked his entire, and too-brief, life to create a single, united America.

"All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality," The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King said.

He insisted there should be only one America, one that is true to its ideals for all its people. He reminded us it is up to each of us to help create that one America, to look beyond out own selfish interests and become good neighbors to our fellows.

"The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers," Dr. King said.

Jan. 16 is not just a day off from work or school. It is a day for us to ponder what we are and who we are as a nation.

Are we one nation with liberty and justice for all, or a jostling conglomeration of competing interests? Are we e pluribus unum — one people created from many — or is it every man for himself?

Are we brothers and sisters?

Dr. King thought so. He devoted his life to that belief. He died for that belief. This year, he was recognized for it with a memorial on the National Mall.

And he was right. America can only be America if we embrace that network of mutuality.

Through his life's work, and through an eloquence matched only by Lincoln, Dr. King showed the way to the true America. We're not there yet. But getting there is the real American dream.

It is the dream Dr. King spoke of on that August day in 1963 in Washington, D.C., when he ended his great "I have a dream" speech with this vision for our country:

"... when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last.'"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Planning your 2012? Consult your 2011

Time is a fragile thing.

Poets, painters and physicists each try to define it. You and I get to live it. But what should we do when it's over? As in that old calendar you just took down from the kitchen wall.

The pragmatists and environmentalists among us will simply say: "Dispose it." I say: "Study it. Take a little sliver of 2012 time to reconsider what you and I didn't do with 2011 time."

Here's what I see in my 2011 calendar: the days that were used for tasks, appointments, deadlines, family dinners, parties, weddings and funerals; and the everyday rhythms of my life that were scheduled and most times kept.

But there are other dates. I see them scattered among those now-expired hours, never to be regained or relived again: The days I spent dreading the bad weather that never came; the days I hated going to a job that now I wish I still had; the days I never got around to calling my old friend who never made it to the end of the year; the days I forgot to kiss the ones I love.

Well now your 2011 calendar will have other days to it. Gone now. Never to be lived again. But this little exercise is not meant to bury your Caesars. Nor to praise them. Simply to hold them up to the light of your best reflections. Some of them may draw a smile, some a tear, many a shrug.

But if held to the light just right, 2011 could very well be your very best map for traveling your 2012.

Jack Spatafora
Park Ridge

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS

Van Mom becomes Van Boy's backseat driver

BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN

Van Mom Strikes Again

"In other headlines, in a Northwest suburb, a middle-aged woman's hair went mysteriously white. This would not be newsworthy, except that the woman's scary hair was featured in a YouTube of her dog flossing his teeth. Upon viewing the viral video, small children shrieked for their mothers, fearing the Hansel and Gretel witch was going to hurt the dog."

Yes, Pioneer Press readers, my hair went stark white. Think Grandmama, Gomez Addams's mother and, yes, we're talking that tragic and straggly white.

You may ask, "What could have caused this overnight phenomenon, Van Mom?"

The possibilities abound. Perhaps I spotted a ghost. Or watched a horror flick. Or saw the state of Illinois's budget. Or perhaps my hair whitened due to hot pants making a fashion resurgence.

None of the above.

No, the white hair happened as I sat frozen to the passenger seat while my oldest son's hands looped around the steering wheel ... belonging to my van.

He is driving, I remind myself in disbelief, not snuggled in a child's seat in back, eating goldfish crackers and singing a Disney tune. He has chin bristles. He is tall. And he is driving.

"The white hair happened as I sat frozen to the passenger seat while my oldest son's hands looped around the steering wheel ... belonging to my van."

Driving my van.

I'm sure somewhere in Perfectville, the parent gently instructs his or her child: "Apply your foot to the gas gently, fruit of my loins. Thouest must not brake too suddenly. At the next light, dearest child, you will make a right. Oh, try not to hit that pedestrian, my darling offspring."

I'm not sure I can even muster words when my son is driving. A terrified "STOPPPP!" — yes, I croak that out as I white-knuckle the glove compartment. A wretched scream Edgar Allan Poe could love, yes. A deafening "SLOW DOWN!"

Honestly, I don't know how driver's ed teachers do it.

Oh, right — They have a brake pedal under their feet.

But, crediting my son's skills, he is improving. He knows how to adjust the mirrors, check his blind spot and properly signal. As for me, I undergo acupuncture therapy, hum a few chants with a mellow Buddhist monk and resist a shot of Bailey's before I climb onto the van's passenger seat.

Bad timing is everything when it comes to stoplight delays

BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

It's a heavy burden, being right so much of the time.

For years, I was a voice crying in the wilderness — or at least a guy whining in the suburbs — that we need to do something about mistimed traffic signals.

I would tell anyone who would listen — and many who didn't want to listen — that there are many, many intersections at which traffic piles up because the street with light traffic has a green light that is too long and that the opposite, heavily travelled street has a red light that is too long.

I call these unjust lights. And people would just shake their head when I brought this up.

But the U.S. Highway Administration agrees with me, saying that traffic signal timing has the most impact on traffic efficiency. It points to a recent study by Washington state that examined just six re-timed "traffic signal systems." The study found an annual fuel reduction of 295,000 gallons, a reduction in vehicle delays of 145,000 hours.

So important is traffic signal timing, that in 2005, the federal government issued the National Traffic Signal Report Card. The United States received a D-minus for traffic signal operations. Results were based on self-assessment surveys of 378 traffic agencies in 49 states.

The report card stated that if communities had comprehensive signal timing programs — which they don't — savings could be as much as 15 to 37 percent in delays and 6 to 9 percent savings in fuel.

The report card was updated in 2007.

America did better.

We moved up from a D-minus to a D.

How to tackle such a huge problem?

That's a tough question. It would take a lot of money to save a lot of money and fuel, not to mention the reduction in air pollution.

But money — and the willingness to spend it — is in short supply these days.

It costs about $2,500 to re-time stoplights at one intersection.

And it is estimated there are at least 350,000 stoplights in the United States.

That's a lot of money. Of course, the costs would be spread over thousands of communities throughout the United States.

When it comes to huge amounts of money, our ordinary, how-much-I-owe-on-Visa perspective is inadequate.

Maybe this: It is estimated that as of the end of 2011, the war in Afghanistan has cost the United States $1.2 trillion.

Personally, I'd rather have cleaner air.

It snows here. What's the big deal?

BY RANDY BLASER
Columnist

Back in journalism school, my professor had a rule when a student couldn't come up with a good enough story idea from their beat. The student had to write a weather story.

I thought of this today because I don't have a great idea for my column, and, thankfully, it's snowing.

It used to be in Chicago that snow simply meant it was winter. We Chicagoans would button up our overcoats, shrug our big shoulders and move on.

It's not that way anymore.

Today, weather is big news. So it is that I'm out driving around in the snow and everyone is talking about it.

They are talking about how terrible the storm will be. They are talking about how it will snarl traffic. They are talking about how you should stay home.

We've reached a point where the hysteria begins even before the snow flies.

I received an email and a phone call the day before the storm from my son's high school announcing an early release planned for the day of the storm. This morning, flights were cancelled at O'Hare in anticipation of the storm.

We have gone beyond anticipating snow emergencies to actually planning them.

Weather has become the story to end all stories.

I supposed it's such big news because we can actually predict it. No other disaster can be predicted with such accuracy. Thanks to all the new-fangled technology to monitor the weather and the ability to communicate it instantly, snow, or rain, or wind is big news.

We know it is going to snow eight inches, and everybody knows what happens when it snows eight inches in Chicago. Flights get cancelled, traffic gets snarled, and school gets cancelled. People can't get home from the Loop.

Imagine if we could predict other disasters with such accuracy. It would be really big news the day before, wouldn't it, if we knew that the Titanic was going to sink tomorrow? Reporters would plan stories on icebergs and lifeboats and speed records.

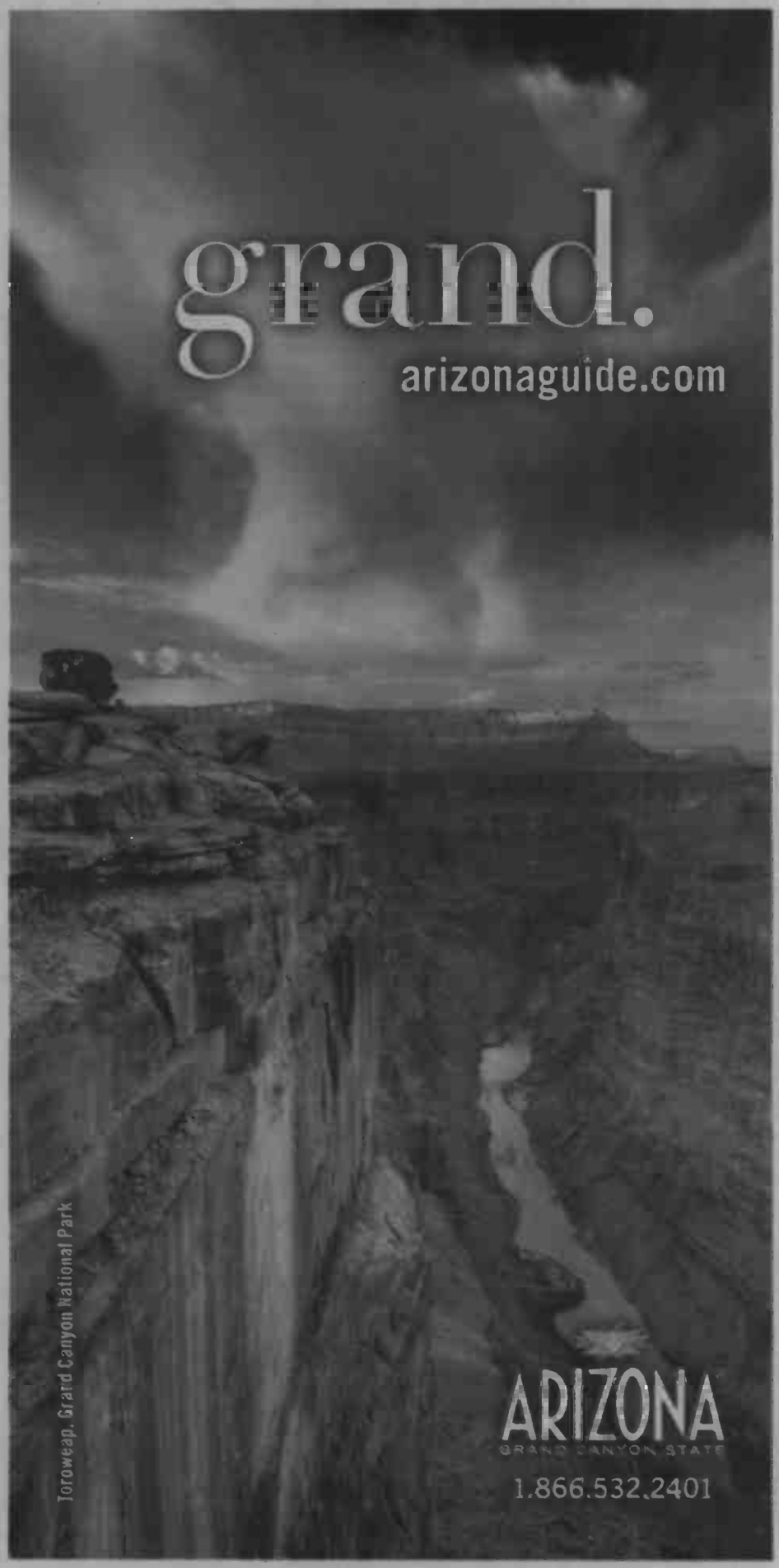
Weather is convenient that way. It gives us ready-made news before it happens. A reporter's dream.

That's the difference. It's not that we can't handle snow and have to panic because it's coming. We just know what's coming.

The underlying question to all stories about weather in Chicago is this: Can we handle it?

Thankfully, most of us shrug our big shoulders and say, "I'm from Chicago. This is nothing."

And when there are no other story ideas, the weather will do.



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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Vinick, presents "Made in America" at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie, Chicago. The program includes Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"; Tower: "Made in America"; and Arr. Rutter: Spirituals. Tickets are $18; $12 for seniors and students. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lsso.org.

2. Hogeye Folk Arts presents An Evening with Weavermania: Mark Dvorak, Michael Smith, Barbara Barrow and Chris Walz at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. Doors open at 7 p.m. $20 general admission; $13 for senior citizens; $5 for students; free for children under 12. For information, visit www.hogeyefolkarts.org.

3. An opening reception for "Two Plus Two = Jackson, Owens, Williams and Wheatley" will be held from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 2 at Oakton Community College's Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The exhibit, featuring works by Preston Jackson, professor of sculpture at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago; Joyce Owens, curator of the Galleries Program at Chicago State University; Bernard Williams, a former instructor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and Rhonda Wheatley, is on display through March 23. Visit www.oakton.edu/museum.

4. "The Bluest Eye," based on the novel by Toni Morrison, will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 3-4; 2 p.m. Jan. 29 and Feb. 5; and 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at Northwestern University's Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets are $25; $22 for seniors; $10 for students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

Capitol Steps: 30 years of political mayhem

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

The good thing about satirizing the foibles of our government is that you never run out of material. Even so, when Elaina Newport cofounded Capitol Steps with other Senate staffers she never dreamed she'd still be doing it 30 years later.

"We imagined that we'd either be fired or told to stop," Newport said. "We were serious Senate staffers thinking that this was our career. We tried it once and we thought somebody's got to say, 'That's enough,' but nobody did."

Their legion of fans across the country are grateful that the powers that be apparently have a sense of humor. The Capitol Steps return to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts for five performances, Thursday, Jan. 26-Sunday, Jan. 29. Their constantly updated material will include numbers from the Capitol Steps' new album, "Desperate Housemembers."

All of the presidential candidates will be satirized by the group that proudly announces on its website, "We put the Mock in Democracy." "We even still have Herman Cain," Newport said. "We think Herman Cain is still funny for about three months."

Everyone a target

Of course, President Obama, Vice President Biden and Nancy Pelosi will get equal time.

Selections from the new album include "Fun Fun Fun 'til Obama takes Our Tea Bags Away" and "Memoirs" (to the tune of "Memories"), about the former prez's current writing project.

Newport, who does about half the writing for the shows, said that once in a while, for about five minutes, "We think the politicians are going to get quietly competent and solve everything." That fear soon passes — and the fun continues.

"We like to think they're thinking of the comedians," Newport said. "Because if we don't think that, then we think that they're really incompetent and that's much scarier.

Newport noted that the Capitol Steps have occasionally been accused of starting scandals to generate material, "like calling up Monica Lewinsky and telling her to keep the dress," Newport said. "We actually don't have that kind of power. I wish we did."

The Capitol Steps

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Many Steps

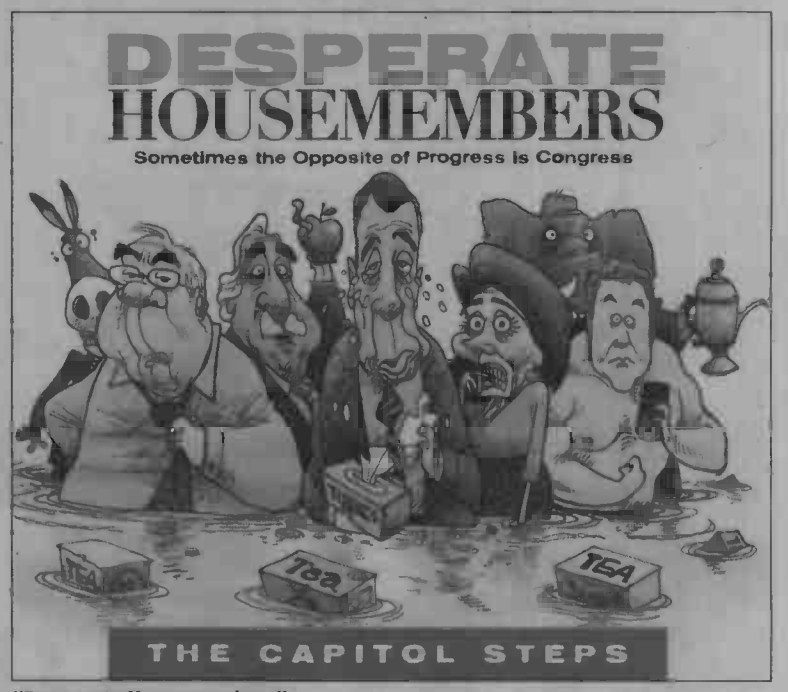
The standard Capitol Steps contingent of five performers and a pianist will be coming to the North Shore Center. The group is so popular that there are more than 30 performers entertaining audiences around the country. Deciding who goes where when can be a comedy routine in itself since different performers take specific roles. "You don't want five people who look like Barack Obama in the same cast," Newport joked.

Newport, who worked for four years as a legislative aide to the late Senator Charles Percy, makes most of the Chicago appearances. "I love coming out there. It's kind of a tradition for me — and I'm coming back," she said.

Although former Governor Blagojevich earned a number in last year's North Shore Center shows because of his shenanigans, the group generally concentrates on national headlines. "National stories and the political primaries are keeping us pretty full," Newport said. "If there was a local scandal that was huge, we'd try to mention it." Hear that, local politicians?

Blagojevich does get a mention in the closing number, "30 Years in 3 Minutes," which celebrates the group's history. "We try to hit the highlights of what was funny over 30 years very rapidly without injuring ourselves," Newport said.

Hopefully no audience members will be injured, either, even though they are in danger of splitting their sides laughing.



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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Fathers and their girls can trip the night fantastic when the Park Ridge Park District presents its Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance Feb. 11 at Maine Park Leisure Center.

Dads & daughters to dance in Park Ridge

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

The Park Ridge Park District runs many events for families but there are few events designed for just fathers and daughters. That's one reason why they host an annual Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance, explained Special Events Supervisor Mary Bart.

"It's a great time. We're always filled every year," Bart said. Bart said that fathers and their little girls, ages 4-12, get all dressed up for their evening together — and some dads even buy their little girls corsages.

This year's gala evening is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St. There will be dancing and games led by a DJ, and finger treats, including miniature cupcakes.

"A professional photography company takes a sweetheart picture of daddy and his daughter as a remembrance of their special night together." Bart said.

The cost is $30 per couple for residents, $48 for nonresidents; $15 and $28 for additional daughters.

For details, call (847) 692-5127 or visit www.prparks.org.

Cultural connection

An art exhibit, dancing and the personal stories of Assyrian students attending school in District 219 will be some of the highlights of the Coming Together in Skokie Kickoff Celebration, 2:30-4:45 p.m. Sunday at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St. Each year, Coming Together in Skokie focuses on a different culture for six weeks, with special activities and events.

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

Read it and weep

A 9-year-old Assyrian girl loses her family while fleeing war in Persia but creates a new one in *Home is Beyond the Mountains* by Celia Lottridge. Mothers and fathers are invited to read the book with their fourth-through-eighth-graders, and then join a Parent-Child Book Discussion, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Register by Jan. 30.

For details, call (847) 324-3149 or visit www.skokielibary.info.

Scientific discovery

Kids will learn that science can be fun when Steve Belliveau presents, Getting Excited About Science!, 2-2:45 p.m. Feb. 12 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Call to reserve tickets in advance.

For details, call (847) 662-6622 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

Waddle they do

A man inherits six penguins, and they turn his life upside down, in "Mr. Popper's Penguins" The live-action family film will be screened at 2 p.m. Saturday at Niles Public Library 6960 W. Oakton St. A snack will be served.

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

MOVIE REVIEW

It's a man's world?

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

ALBERT NOBBS

★ ★ ★ 1/2

Slim-chance romance: Mia Wasikowska and Glenn Close in "Albert Nobbs," a film directed by Rodgrigo Garcia.

"I think you are the strangest man I have ever met," remarks young chambermaid Helen to Mr. Nobbs while strolling one day in 19th-century Dublin during his pained attempts to court her. She has no idea.

For one thing, Mr. Nobbs is a woman. For another, he has spent so many years living a lie that he (we'll say he) has become a virtual nonentity, observing life timidly from the vantage point of a servant who is seen but not seen and known but not known.

That's not to say he's not a hauntingly sympathetic figure, though. And particularly as played by Glenn Close (who won an Obie award for playing this role Off Broadway in 1982) in this odd, painful, but ultimately moving indie drama based on a short story by 19th-century Irish novelist George Moore.

In addition to her peculiar, exquisitely subtle performance, Close co-wrote the screenplay and co-produced "Albert Nobbs," and if she had a hand in choosing director Rodrigo Garcia, she chose well. Garcia, who created HBO's dramatic series "In Treatment," has a history of directing sensitive dramas about women ("Mother and Child," "Things You Can Tell Just by Looking at Her") and his approach to "Albert Nobbs" is appropriately quiet, constrained, carefully observed and content to seek the sort of small dramatic moments — a sad gesture, a half-smile, a murmured revelation — that linger unexpectedly.

Mr. Nobbs is, of course, terribly lonely, but that's what comes of a lifetime spent in hiding. Alone at the age of 14, shortly after being raped by three men, the girl who became Albert Nobbs took a job as a waiter when the woman paid to raise her died. (Nobbs' only family tie is a photo of an unknown, well-to-do young woman with "mother" written on the back.) Becoming a man offered Nobbs the chance to earn an independent living, and also safety of a sort. As a professional servant, waiting tables in a succession of posh hotels, he cultivates invisibility: speaking only when spoken to, in a dull, low-pitched monotone, and maintaining a blank-eyed, empty expression while discreetly observing the world from the sidelines.

Two events conspire to lure Mr. Nobbs out of the security of his extraordinarily self-effacing life.

First, he makes the acquaintance of another man like himself. That is to say, another man who is actually a woman. Bluff, bemused, sociable Hubert (Janet McTeer, who unexpectedly steals every scene), however, has an entirely different philosophy about the situation. Hubert embraces and enjoys the freedom that comes with his new identity (having previously been the abused wife of a house painter). He even has a devoted wife (Bronagh Gallagher) and enjoys a loving domestic life that seems pure paradise to Mr. Nobbs.

Second, he makes the discovery that he has finally saved nearly 600 pounds — enough to buy the little tobacconist shop he's always dreamed of. Only now he dreams of wooing the attractive young chambermaid Helen (Mia Wasikowska, also excellent) in hope of emulating Hubert's happiness. Though Nobbs clearly has no idea of the complications involved (he apparently imagines Helen as little more than a helpmate and companion), particularly since Helen is involved with a handsome young roughneck (Aaron Johnson) who encourages her to take all she can get from Nobbs.

It's clear, early on, that none of this can end well, but it's to the credit of "Albert Nobbs" that the situation doesn't unfold in entirely predictable fashion or with grim heavy-handedness. Instead, there's a sort of lightness and open-endedness at the conclusion that could pass for hopefulness. And there are a few moments along the way that prevent the mood from descending into dire tragedy. Notably, a wonderful scene in which Hubert and Albert put on dresses and walk on the seaside, awkwardly at first, then more confidently, until our hero (heroine?) finally bursts into an exultant run, feeling free, happy and unrestrained for what may be the first time.

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FILM CLIPS

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

OPENING FRIDAY

ALBERT NOBBS
★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for some sexuality, brief nudity and language

Stars: Glenn Close, Janet McTeer, Mia Wasikowska

■ In 19th century Dublin, a woman (Close) disguises herself as a man and works as a waiter so she can lead an independent life, then risks everything after deciding to marry a chambermaid (Wasikowska). Rodrigo Garcia ("Mother and Child") directed the drama. Reviewed in this section.

THE GREY

Rated: R for violence/disturbing content, including bloody images, and for pervasive language

Stars: Liam Neeson, Dermot Mulroney, Frank Grillo

■ The leader (Neeson) of a tough team of oil drillers tries to save his men after a plane crash in Alaska exposes them to the elements and marauding wolves. Joe Carnahan ("The A Team") co-wrote and directed the adventure.

MAN ON A LEDGE

Rated: PG-13 for violence and brief strong language

Stars: Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks, Jamie Bell

■ A police psychologist (Banks) attempts to talk an ex-con (Worthington) down off a ledge, and eventually becomes involved in his tale of an about-to-occur diamond heist. Asger Leth ("Ghosts of Cite Soleil") directed the crime drama.

STILL PLAYING

CARNAGE
★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for language

Stars: Jodie Foster, John C. Reilly, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz

■ Roman Polanski's adaptation of Yasmina Reza's savagely satirical Tony-winning dark comedy isn't nearly as funny as the brilliant production mounted last year at the Goodman Theatre, but it's got the savage thing down cold. That will probably please Reza, who intends her dissections of bourgeoise pretense (as in her 1998 Tony-winner "Art") to be tragedies and is annoyed when her victims find them amusing. Essentially a comedy of inadequate manners, "Carnage" pits two sets of upper-middle-class parents against each other in an attempt to deal like civilized adults with a schoolyard fight between their two 11-year-old sons. Very soon, polite discussion devolves into open hostility, projectile vomiting, heavy drinking and generally appalling behavior that leaves no one unscathed. If you're conflict-averse, this may not be for you, but it's a wicked treat watching Reilly, Foster, Waltz and Winslet revel in Reza's scathing dialogue — especially Foster, whose turn as a holier-than-thou liberal humanitarian gradually gives in to apoplectic rage.

Liam Neeson stars as the leader of a team of oil drillers who tries to save his men after an Alaskan plane crash exposes them to the elements and a marauding pack of wolves in "The Grey." The film, directed by Joe Carnahan ("The A Team"), also stars Dermot Muroney and Frank Grillo.

CONTRABAND

Rated: R for violence, pervasive language and brief drug use

Stars: Mark Wahlberg, Giovanni Ribisi, Kate Beckinsale

■ After going straight, a former smuggler (Wahlberg) is drawn back into the trade to make good on a deal botched by his brother-in-law — and to protect his wife (Beckinsale). Icelandic actor/director Baltasar Kormakur ("The Sea") directed the crime drama.

EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE
★ ★ 1/2

Rated: PG-13 for emotional thematic material, some disturbing images, and language

Stars: Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, Thomas Horn, Viola Davis

■ "Only humans can cry tears," notes young Oscar (Horn), the precocious young protagonist of this fine-pedigreed yet frustratingly hit-and-miss 9/11 drama. The strange thing about director Stephen Daldry's ("Billy Elliot," "The Reader") adaptation of Jonathan Safran Foer's controversial 2005 novel, is that it can make you feel one way one moment and the other the next. You may ultimately wind up feeling more moved than unmoved, but there's also a real possibility that the two extremes will merely cancel each other out. Gradually, Oscar's encounters begin to appear as a sort of tapestry of shared loss, with a few simple moments, here and there, that ring true — despite the filter of whimsy. Especially when an old man who may or may not be his grandfather (Max von Sydow, excellent), joins him on his search. For every moment that works well, though, there are a couple that don't quite make it.

THE IRON LADY

Rated: PG-13 for some violent images and brief nudity

Stars: Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent

■ Years after being forced out of office, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reflects on her life and the sacrifices she made for power. Phyllida Lloyd ("Mamma Mia") directed the bio-drama.

JOYFUL NOISE

Rated: PG-13 for some language including a sexual reference

Stars: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer

■ The star performers (Latifah and Parton) of a small-town church choir have conflicting ideas about the best way to participate in a national competition. Todd Graff ("Bandslam") wrote and directed the comedy.

WAR HORSE
★ ★ ★

Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of war violence

Stars: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson, Peter Mullan

■ Steven Spielberg's epic World War I drama about the soul connection between a farm boy and a thoroughbred stallion is beautifully crafted, grand in scope and deeply moving at its best. Two things, though, prevent "War Horse" from achieving the sort of emotional impact Spielberg is famous for: A storyline that struggles to reconcile material best suited for young audiences, a la "E.T.," with hard-hitting anti-war statements, a la "Saving Private Ryan"; and a detached point of view that makes it difficult to identify closely with any of the characters, including the equine star. That said, "War Horse" is never less than visually dazzling, and its pacifist message, along with the general idea that life is precious, regardless of class or nationality or species, are driven home by effective performances across the board.

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Dolly Parton (foreground, from left), Keke Palmer and Queen Latifah star in "Joyful Noise."

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NEW ON VIDEO

It's '50/50' laughs, tears

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NEW THIS WEEK

50/50

★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for language throughout, sexual content and some drug use

Stars: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen, Bryce Dallas Howard, Anna Kendrick

■ The best thing about the cancer dramady "50/50" is its stubborn streak of genuineness. Based on the personal experiences of TV producer-turned-screenwriter Will Reiser, who was diagnosed with a rare form of spinal cancer at age 24, "50/50" stays true to the plan he outlined with his friend Rogen, when both were working on "Da Ali G Show" — to write a buddy comedy about coping with cancer. Reiser wrote a story in which comedy is a side attraction, focusing on the way coping with a potential death sentence realigned his relationships with the important people in his life. Remarkably, the keep-it-real strategy works nicely, partly because of Gordon-Levitt and Rogen. And partly because of the direction of Jonathan Levine ("The Wackness"), who keeps the mood light, but also emotionally credible. Despite the jokes, it's clear that our hero's life is unraveling in a lonely and increasingly terrifying way.

A close shave: Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Seth Rogen in "50/50." In the keep-it-real buddy dramady directed by Jonathan Levine ("The Wackness), Rogen helps pal Gordon-Levitt come to terms with a diagnosis of a rare form of spinal cancer.

HAPPY, HAPPY

★ ★ ★

Rated: R for sexual conent including brief graphic nudity

Stars: Agnes Kittelsen, Henrik Rafaelsen

■ Doomed relationships crumble inevitably, but not uninterestingly, in this emotionally and tonally complex Norwegian dark comedy. Far too effusively cheerful young wife and mother Kaja (Kittelsen), a radiant presence) lives in the snowy boondocks with her glowering, unloving husband and obnoxious young son. Kaja eagerly anticipates the arrival of city-folk Elisabeth (Maibritt Saerens) and Sigve (Rafaelsen) and their adopted young Ethiopian son Noa, who are leasing the house next door, as potential relief from loneliness — but, of course, complications ensue. Winner of the grand jury prize for World Cinema at this year's Sundance festival.

REAL STEEL

★ ★ 1/2

Rated: PG-13 for some violence, intense action and brief language

Stars: Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo, Evangeline Lilly

■ Former boxer turned sleazy, small-time robot-boxing promoter Charlie Kenton (Jackman) is a selfish, cocky, obnoxious deadbeat dad who actually sells off his rights to his long-ago-abandoned boy Max (Dakota Goyo) for $100,000 to repay gambling debts. He has to look after the boy for a summer, though, which gives Charlie just enough time for redemption as he and Max guide a hopeless sparring 'bot up from the robo underground to a shot at the title.

ALSO NEW

GODZILLA

■ This 1954 great-granddaddy of all radioactive-monster movies, concerning a prehistoric beast rampaging through Tokyo, gets the deluxe Criterion Collection treatment. In addition to a new, high-def digital restoration, extras include the 1956 American release, "Godzilla, King of the Monsters" (starring Raymond Burr), commentary by historian David Kalat on both versions of the film, new interviews with actors and technicians, an interview with score composer Akira Ifukube, theatrical trailers and a booklet featuring an essay by critic J. Hoberman.

MEMPHIS

■ This Tony Award-winning musical (being performed here by the original cast) dramatizes the birth of rock 'n' roll through the 1950s romance between a white deejay (Chad Kimball) and black blues singer (Montego Glover).

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 3

■ Two young sisters (Katie Featherston and Sprague Grayden) begin a friendship with an invisible entity that lives in their home. Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman ("Catfish") directed this prequel to the horror series. Rated R for some violence, language, brief sexuality and drug use. Extras include the extended version of the film.

REVENGE OF THE ELECTRIC CAR

■ Chris Paine returned to direct this follow-up to his 2006 documentary "Who Killed the Electric Car?" — this time exploring the resurgence of battery-powered automotive technology. Actor Tim Robbins returns as narrator.

UNDERDOG: COMPLETE COLLECTOR'S EDITION

■ This nine-disc box set from Shout! Factory includes all three seasons of the 1964 Saturday morning cartoon series about a superhero canine (with the nebbish voice of comedian Wally Cox), plus short cartoons featuring Go Go Gophers, Klondike Kat and Commander McBragg. Extras include alternate openings and closings of episodes plus commentaries.

NEXT WEEK

■ Tune in for TV upgrades. The first two seasons of "Agatha Christie's Poirot," starring David Suchet as Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, have been remastered for their Blu-ray debut. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" is also Blu-ray bound, with the feature-length pilot as well as two fan-favorite episodes scheduled as a sampler. Throughout the year, the entire seven-season series will be re-released in 1080p high-definition as a precursor to additional hi-def TV reruns.

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STAGE

"Black Pearl Sings!", through Feb. 19 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie. Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Feb. 7 only); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (except Feb. 1) and 7:30 p.m. (except Feb. 8); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30. p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Jan. 29 and Feb. 19). $25-$60. Tickets for those 25 and under are $10, subject to availability. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"Home/Land," presented by Albany Park Theater Project **through Feb. 25** in the Laura Wiley Theater at Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago. Children under 12 will not be admitted. Tickets: $6-$22. Advance purchase recommended. Visit www.aptpchicago.org or call (800) 838-3006.

"In/Coporate (Five Tales of Anxiety)," part of the side project theater company's "Cut to the Quick" series, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. **Jan. 26** and **Jan. 30-Feb. 2** at the side project, 1439 W. Jarvis (Rogers Park), Chicago. $10. Visit www.thesideproject.net.

"Mark Twain: Patriot, Teacher, Philosopher" will be presented by the Saint Sebastian Players **Feb. 17–March 11** at St. Bonaventure, 1625 W. Diversey, Chicago. $15; $10 students; $7 senior citizens. Visit www.saintsebastianplayers.org.

CLASSICAL

Chicago a cappella presents "Wade in the Water," a celebration of African-American spirituals, at 8 p.m. **Feb. 11** at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. $28 and $35; $22 senior citizens; $12 students. Call (773) 281-7820 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

Chicago Chamber Musicians. (312) 225-5226. www.chicagochambermusic.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: $25-$45; $10 for students. **Feb. 12,** 7:30 p.m.: CCM showcases two of its founding members — hornist Gail Williams and violinist Joseph Genualdi — in a program of works by Franz Schubert, John Harbison and Mozart.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are $27; $22 for senior citizens. Tickets at the door are $30; $25 for seniors. Tickets are $5 for students, subject to availability, at the box office with ID. Admission is free for children 12 and younger. **Feb. 5:** "Russian," with guest soloist Bella Hristova, violin. The program includes works by Mussorgsky, Khachaturian and Shostakovich.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Vinick, performs at Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie, Chicago. Tickets are $18; $12 seniors and students. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lsso.org. **Jan. 29,** 3:30 pm. "Made in America." The program includes Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"; Tower: "Made in America"; and Arr. Rutter: Spirituals.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. **Feb. 24-25,** 7:30 p.m.: Haymarket Opera Company presents "La Descente d'Orphee aux Enfers." $25 standing room; $45 reserved; $50 VIP booths.

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. **Feb. 11,** 11 a.m.: Wagner's "Gotterdammerung." **Feb. 25,** 11:55 a.m.: Verdi's "Ernani."

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. **Jan. 29,** 7:30 p.m.: "Handel & Haydn," conducted by Nicholas Kraemer.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Feb. 17,** 7-9:30 p.m., and **Feb. 18,** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Master class by pianist Menahem Pressler, founding member of the Beaux Arts Trio. Spectator admission $10. **Feb. 18,** 7:30 p.m.: Violinist Cyrus Forough, joined by pianist Tatyana Stepanova, will perform works by Bach, Beethoven and Prokofiev. $25; $15 for seniors; $10 for students.

Northeastern Illinois University, Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. **Feb. 17,** 8 p.m.: Classical guitarist David Russell. $25; $15 senior citizens; $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. $20; $15 for seniors; $10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Visit www.northwestsymphony.org. **Jan. 29:** "NSO Revisited," with guest soloist Michael Henoch, assistant principal oboe of the Chicago

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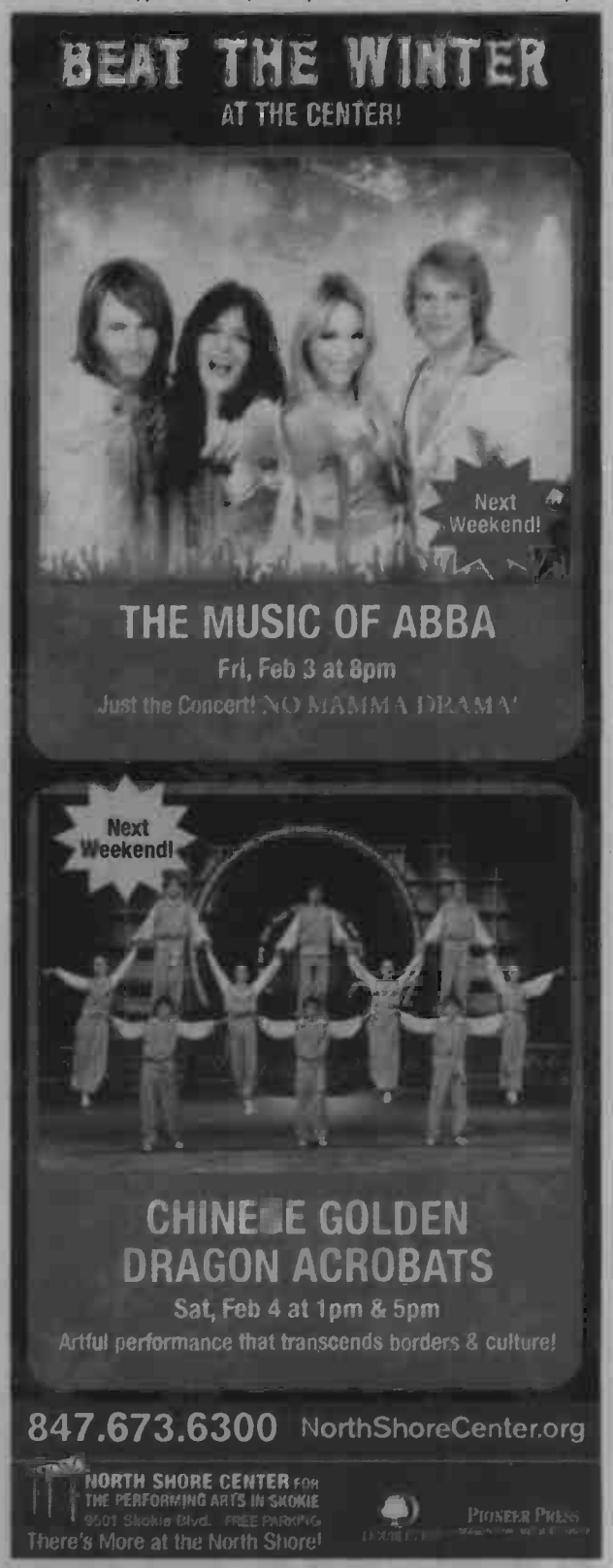

PLAY REVIEW

Great actors, but 'Black Pearl' lacks luster

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
Contributor

Despite a plot that plods along without any noticeable tension and exposition about as imaginative as traffic signage, "Black Pearl Sings!" provides a decent spotlight for two of Chicago's most valuable players. They may be trapped in a mediocre vehicle, but Susie McMonagle and E. Faye Butler manage to make Northlight's mid-winter offering palatable.

Frank Higgins' ostensible drama tells the slight story of Alberta "Pearl" Johnson (Butler), a black woman doing hard time on the chain gang in the 1930s after separating an abusive man from his, well, manhood. (And in Pearl's adamant, defiant words, leaving the world a better place for it.)

She's rescued from hard labor clearing leech-infested swamp land after Susannah (McMonagle) a white, ambitious ethnomusicologist hears her singing. The women settle into an uneasy alliance after realizing the mutual benefits a relationship can reap: Susannah hopes to 'discover' a song from "before slavery times," which will catapult her into a plum position at an Ivy League college. Pearl sees Susannah as a resource for finding her missing daughter and providing a passage to parole.

E. Faye Butler (left), and Susie McMonagle star as two strong women who try to use music to further their lives in "Black Pearl Sings!" | PHOTO BY STARBELLY STUDIOS

In other words, this is a variation on the all-too familiar saga of a white savior swooping in to save the impoverished, oppressed black victim. Still, director Steve Scott keeps "Black Pearl" from collapsing under the weight of that weary plot by helming a production that is better than the script deserves.

That Susannah is no saint complicates matters somewhat; she co-opts black culture for her own benefit and isn't above exploiting Pearl like a sideshow attraction. But Higgins presents these flaws with all the subtlety of blatant obviousness 7 these aren't problems that develop so much as they land with a thud in the middle of the stage. Moreover, Susannah's willingness to stoop to freak-show tactics in the second act is wholly inconsistent with what we've seen of her character in the first act. It's as if her ignorant evil twin inexplicably took over at intermission.

There's also the issue of the music itself. Butler is one of the most emotionally moving and technically accomplished vocalists working in the theatrosphere. She's got a staggering range, and a rich, expressive and rhythmically infectious way with a song that uplifts and energizes any score she puts her mind to. McMonagle is similarly gifted, a Broadway vet who can belt and emote with torrential force. You'd think the two of them harmonizing together would be something grand indeed. But both are oddly muted here, delivering snippets of songs that lack both power and meaningful context.

About that context: Higgins provides an examination of race, sexism, racism and cultural appropriation that is about as deep as an after-school special.

The matter of Pearl's pardon is solved with all the

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ease and dramatic suspense of a simple arithmetic calculation, the fate of her daughter is dispensed with in a similarly anti-climactic fashion. As for Pearl's 11th hour invocation of her ancestors for advice, it is long on anguish and short on substance.

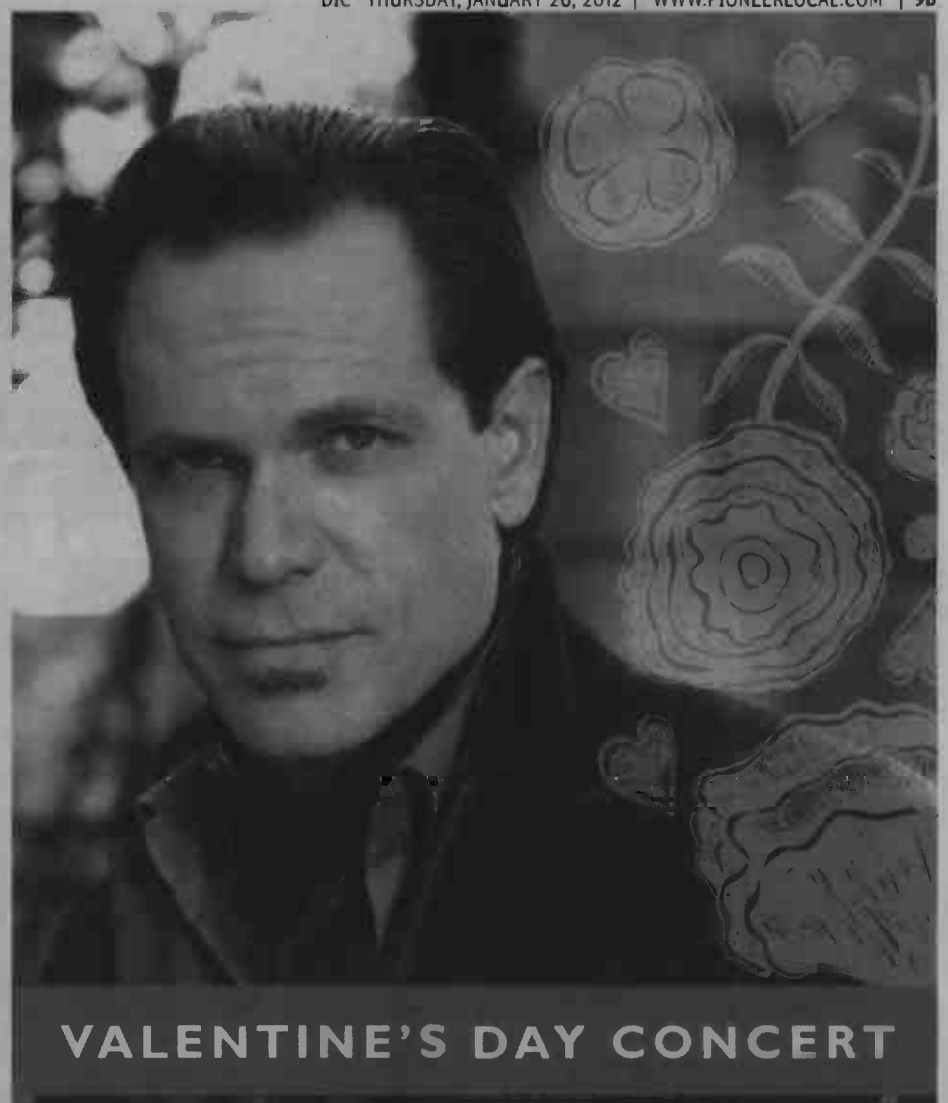
Yet for all that, there's no denying the appeal of both McMonagle and Butler. They're each strong enough to make the play seem better than it is.

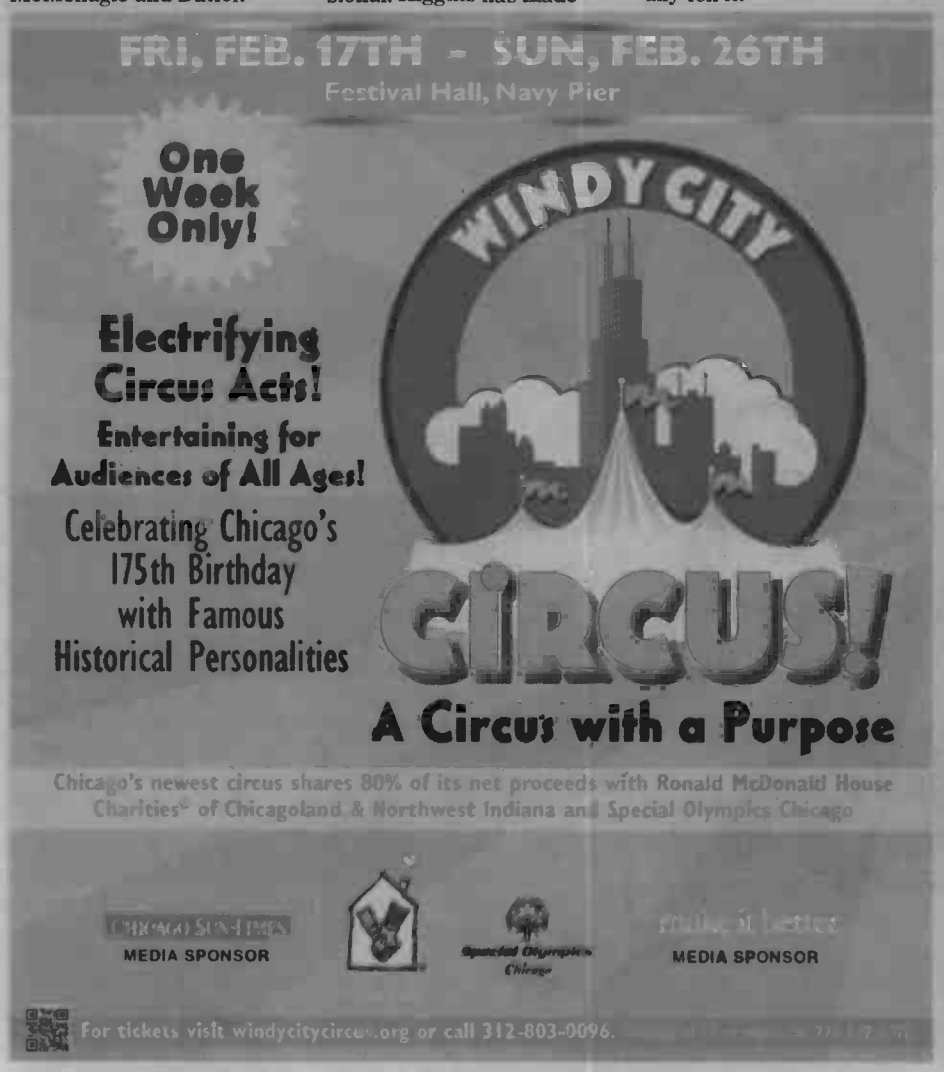
Few actors could make an entrance in leg irons and the world's most unflattering prison stripes with the absolute nobility that Butler manages. As a woman in an ugly situation, she radiates the kind of beauty that comes from force of personality as much as striking physicality. She may be wearing rags in the first act, but she carries herself like a queen draped in diamonds.

As characters go, Pearl isn't especially multi-dimensional. Higgins has made her feisty and defiant — and little else. It's to Butler's credit that the singer comes across with a grit and depth.

McMonagle works similar small wonders with Susannah, bringing much-needed heart to Higgins' clunking exposition.

From the inhuman conditions of female chain gangs during the Great Depression to the thriving cultural scene of Harlem Renaissance, "Black Pearl Sings!" has the elements of a valuable, fascinating story. It's a shame he doesn't really tell it.





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Symphony Orchestra. The program includes Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 in F-minor, Op. 68 ("Pastorale"); and Mussorgsky: "Night on Bald Mountain."

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. $25; $20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. **Feb. 12,** 2:30 p.m.: "Valentine Romance," with Victor Muenzer, conductor. The program includes Bernstein: "A Suite from West Side Story"; Golden: "Eine Kleine Klezmer Music"; and Prokofiev: "Romeo and Juliet."

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. $26-$40; $13 for youth 17 and under. Free preconcert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. **Feb. 19:** The program, featuring guest soloists Michelle Areyzaga, soprano, and Aurelien Fort-Pederzoli, violin, includes Gershwin: Cuban Overture; Granados: La Maja y el Ruiseñor; Sarasate: Fantasy on Bizet's "Carmen," op. 25; Villa-Lobos, Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5; and Albéniz: Suite Española No. 1.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. **March 9,** 7:30 p.m.: Lady Antebellum — Own the Night 2012 World Tour, with Darius Rucker and special guest Thompson Square. $29.50, $45, $59.50. **April 1,** 7:30 p.m.: Van Halen. $49.50, $79.50, $149.50. **May 4:** Rammstein — "Made in Germany 1995-2011 Tour." **May 30,** 6 p.m.: Nickelback with special guests Bush, Seether and My Darkest Days. $51.50, $65, $87.50, $96.50.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. **Jan. 27,** 9 p.m.-1 a.m.: Natural Sounds karaoke. **Jan. 28,** 9 p.m.-1 a.m.: Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones ('50s-'60s rock). $5 cover. **Jan. 29,** 5-9 p.m.: Connie Marshall & Johnny Gabor.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room, $5. Ticket prices for other shows vary. For information, visit www.montroseroom.com. **Jan. 27:** Cypress Groove Project, Mosquitoes. $5. **Feb. 11:** Jim Peterik's Lifeforce (smooth jazz). $20 general admission; $30 VIP. **Feb. 18:** Wayne and Marty from the Freddy Jones Band. $18 general admission; $25 VIP. **Feb. 25:** Lucky Boys Confusion (rock, punk, ska and hip-hop). $12.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **Feb. 3,** 8 p.m.: "The Music of ABBA," with original backing musicians from ABBA. $50-$35.

Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1900. **Jan. 27,** 8 p.m.: "Jazzin' Around," featuring the Loyola Academy Jazz Band. $5 for general admission; $3 for students and seniors.

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S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Jan. 27:** Raul Midon (guitar/R&B). $18/$22. **Jan. 28:** Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater (blues). $15/$18. **Feb. 2:** JT Nero & Allison Russell of Po' Girl (indie folk). $10/$14. **Feb. 4:** Mike Flynn's Crash Landing (rock). $12/$15. **Feb. 5,** 7 p.m.: Guy Davis (blues). $12/$15. **Feb. 8:** Jay Nash, $12/$15. **Feb. 9:** Marco Benevento (jazz/experimental). $12/$15. **Feb. 10:** Michael Tolcher (pop/rock). $12/$15. **Feb. 10,** 10 p.m.: Bonerama (funk). $17/$20. **Feb. 11:** Zoë Keating (cello-rock). $18/$20. **Feb. 14:** Andrew Belle with Sugar & the Hi-Lows and Peter Groenwald. **Feb. 15:** Chris Thomas King (blues). $12/$15. **Feb. 16:** Lizz Wright (gospel/soul). $28/$32. **Feb. 17:** Jill Sobule, $15/$18. **Feb. 18,** 7 p.m.: Sons of the Never Wrong (folk). $17/$20. **Feb. 18,** 10 p.m.: The Pines with Sad Brad Smith (folk). $10/$14. **Feb. 19:** In Tall Buildings with Cains & Abels (indie pop).

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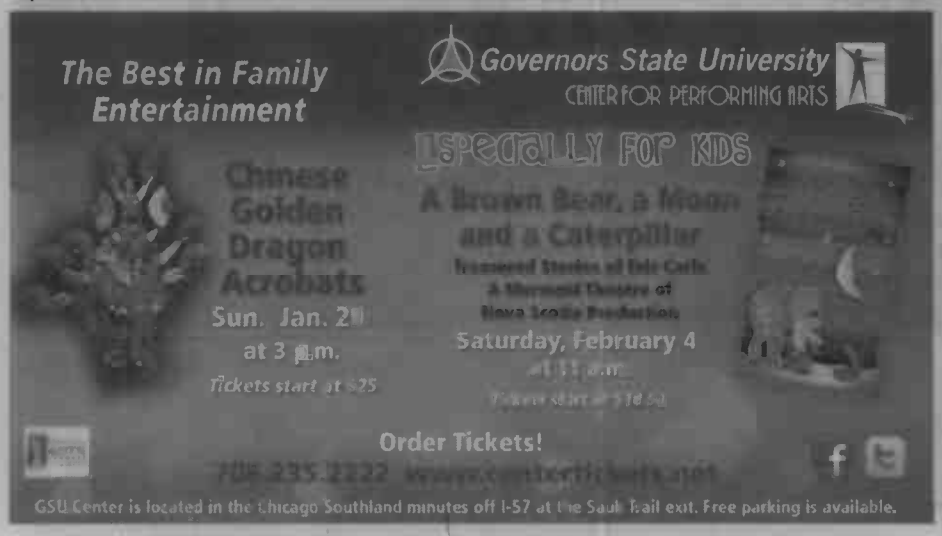

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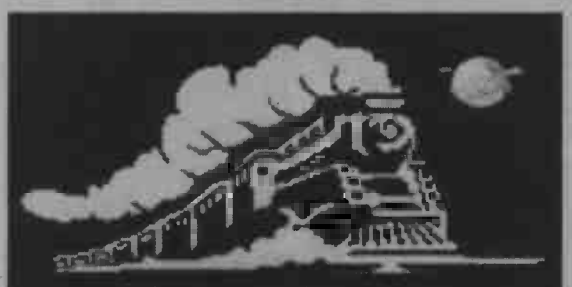

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$10/$12. **Feb. 22:** Nate Herman & June Shellene (jazz). $12/$15. **Feb. 23:** Shawn Mullins. $24/$28. **Feb. 24:** The Flat Five, $15/$18. **Feb. 25:** Livingston Taylor, $22/$25. **Feb. 26:** 93XRT welcomes The Del Fuegos (rock). $22/$25.

"The 3 Divas," a special one night-only Valentine's Day cabaret event with Susie McMonagle, Heidi Kettenring and Christine Sherrill, will be presented at 8 p.m. **Feb. 14** at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. $35. Call (847) 673-6300.

ART GALLERIES

Oakton Community College, Koehnline 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. **Feb. 2-March 23:** "Two Plus Two = Jackson, Owens, Williams and Wheatley." The exhibit features works by Preston Jackson, professor of sculpture at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago; Joyce Owens, curator of the Galleries Program at Chicago State University; Bernard Williams, a former instructor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and Rhonda Wheatley. Opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 2.

Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes, Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston. (847) 864-7274. www.SASIathome.org. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment. All art is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting SASI, a community nonprofit that helps adults in Chicago and the north/northwest suburbs who, due to aging, illness or injury, need assistance in the home. **Through Feb. 3:** Works by Chicago textile artist Mary Jo Bowers and painter Patricia Schuler of Park Ridge. **Feb. 12-May 11:** Paintings by Lowell Goone and Joanne Salvator. An opening reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. Feb. 12.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

The Rising Stars Theatre Company will hold open auditions for select roles in the musical comedy "Nunsense — The Mega Musical" from 7-9 p.m. **Jan. 27** and 1-5 p.m. **Jan. 29** at 2559 N. Sayre, Chicago. Auditioning for the roles of Sister Leo, aged 20 to mid-30s, must be able to dance; Sister Julia, featured role; and an ensemble of singing nuns and brothers, ages 20 and up. Prepare 32 bars of an upbeat song and bring sheet music in your key. Accompanist provided. A simple dance step will be taught. Audition appointments recommended; e-mail auditions@risingstarschicago.com or call (773) 736-2490. Walk-ins will be seen as time permits. Performances will be April 20-29 at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago.

Park Ridge Chorale will hold tryouts for its spring session, **through Jan. 30.** Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays at the Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The concert will be presented April 15, with a theme of gospel music including the Gospel Mass by Robert Ray. For information, call Guy Huff, (847) 647-7116, or Patti Bonk, (847) 825-2216.

BENEFITS

The Chicago Bar Association's 88th annual Holiday Spirits Revue, "LawLaw-Palooza," will be presented at 8 p.m. **Jan. 28** at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Proceeds benefit Oakton's Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $50, which includes a post-performance reception. Call (847) 635-1893.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. **Feb. 5,** 2 p.m.: William Landay discusses and signs *Defending Jacob.*

"Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World," a free seminar examining the role of women in Jewish literature, will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, **through May 9,** at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Presented by the Oakton Library, the series of readings, lectures and group discussions will be led by Benjamin Goluboff, associate professor of English. Copies of the books may be borrowed from the Skokie

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Lincolnwood orchestra celebrates Schubert

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Contributor

It's going to be all-Schubert all the time at the Fine Arts Building on Saturday. Titled Schubertiade Chicago, this musical marathon is presented in anticipation of the anniversary of Schubert's birth date, Jan. 31.

This is PianoForte's eighth annual Schubertiade Chicago, and for the first time the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Philip Simmons, will be among the more than 40 performers taking part in this European-style tradition.

Simmons was a long-time resident of the North Shore, who moved to the Big Island of Hawaii in 2009, where he conducts the Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands. However, his 22-member Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, LCO, remains a high priority for American Music Festivals, the organization Simmons created to produce his many musical projects.

"Performing at the Schubertiade is a natural fit for us," Simmons declared. "I've always been impressed with PianoForte's concerts and artistic vision.

"Plus, American Music Festivals had been looking to bring LCO downtown this year," he continued, adding that the musicians will just fit on stage of Curtis Hall in the Fine Arts Building.

Simmons will conduct the orchestra in Schubert's Symphony No. 5, which is orchestrated for a small ensemble. "That is a natural for this program," he said. But he also wanted to present somethings from the composer's prodigious output for the human voice.

So, in collaboration with friend and colleague bass-baritone Andrew Schultze, the program will also include five arias from three of the composer's many, but little-known operas "Die Freunde von Salamanka, "Des Teufels Lustschloss," and "Die Burgschaft."

Schultze, a faculty member at Columbia College Chicago, is artistic director of the Chicago Syntagma Musicum, an ensemble specializing in early vocal chamber music.

"Phil and I have collaborated on musical projects for about a dozen years," he said, noting that in addition to the Schubertiade Saturday, they will present an all-Bach program at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance Oct. 14.

Franz Schubert was born in Austria in late January, 1797, and the contemporary music world often honors this prolific composer with special performances of his music during this time of year. The name Schubertiade refers to small musical gatherings in private homes, with the composer at the piano playing his music for friends.

Phillip Simmons, artistic director of the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra

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campus library. Participants are not required to attend all sessions. Selections include **Feb. 22:** *Bread Givers* by Anzia Yezierska. **March 21:** *Park Avenue: A Memoir* by Anne Roiphe. **April 18:** *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth. **May 9:** *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg. To register, contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888 (press 3).

Love Is Murder 13, a mystery and romance conference for authors, readers and fans, will be held **Feb. 3-5** at the Intercontinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. The event includes author panels, workshops, pitch sessions with agents and editors, and entertainment. A pre-conference book signing will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Feb 2, featuring authors David Morrell, Donald Bain, Juli James, Hank Phillippi Ryan and Julie Hyzy. Visit www.loveismurder.net.

CHILD'S PLAY

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Jan. 30,** 3:30 p.m.: Screening of "The Smurfs." **Feb. 6,** 3:30 p.m.: Screening of "Kung Fu Panda 2."

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Jan. 28,** 2 p.m.: Screening of "Mr. Popper's Penguins." **Feb. 25,** 2 p.m.: Family Big-Screen Movie Series features "Kung Fu Panda 2."

Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1900. **Feb. 4,** 3 p.m.: Dave Rudolf's Beach Party. $7 general admission; $5 children under 12.

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. **March 4,** 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.: The Fresh Beat Band, Nickelodeon's preschool music group and stars of the television series of the same name. Tickets: $22, $27, $32. Fresh Beat Band Party packages, which include a meet and greet with the band, also available.

"The Wizard of Oz" will be presented by Christian Youth Theater **Feb. 10-19** at Prairie Lake Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. Tickets are $9-$12 in advance; $11-$14 at the door. Call (847) 516-2298 or visit www.cytchicago.org.

COMEDY

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www.northshorecenter.org. (847) 673-6300. **Jan. 26-29:** Political satirists The Capitol Steps. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. $45.50-$49.50. **Feb. 25,** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Lily Tomlin. $42-$76.

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. **Feb. 18,** 8 p.m.: "Defending the Caveman." $41.55-$72.30. **March 3,** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.: Jerry Seinfeld. $45-$75. **March 10:** Gabriel Iglesias Stand-Up Revolution Tour, presented by Comedy Central.

Starbucks, 4116 Dempster St., Skokie. (847) 674-5834. **Feb. 11,** 7-8:30 p.m.: Pre-Valentine's Day comedy performance by Debbie Sue Goodman, author of *My Husband the Stranger, Still Single* and *Still Dating*. No cover.

DANCE

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. www.maynestage.com. (773) 381-4554. **Feb. 17,** 8 p.m.: Chicago Dance Crash KTF presents "Love is a (Dance) Battlefield." CDC's longest running production, Keeper of the Floor (KTF), is a dance competition that welcomes all comers, from breakdancers and ballerinas to belly dancers. $10 general admission.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **Feb. 11,** 8 p.m.: Thodos Dance Chicago & Luna Negra Dance Theater. $46-$36.

Happy Twirlers Square Dancing Club offers square dancing lessons from 7-9 p.m. **Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and 13** at the Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, downtown Park Ridge. First lesson free. Call (773) 685-8407.

Leikarringen Heimhug Norwegian Folk Dancers meet weekly, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Wednesdays,** at Norwood Crossing, 6016 N. Nina, Chicago. New members, age 16 and older, welcome. No dance experience needed, just interest in Scandinavian folk dance. For more information, call (847) 692-6616 or e-mail karlp57@aol.com; or (847) 823-7596 or kronmo815@gmail.com.

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 information, call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at somedaydd@att.net.

FILM

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Jan. 27,** 1 p.m.: "Buck." **Feb. 2,** 10:30 a.m.: "Rise of the Planet of the Apes." **Feb. 2,** 1 p.m.: "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" **Feb. 3,** 1 p.m.: "Kill the Irishman." **Feb. 9,** 10:30 a.m.: "The Debt." **Feb. 9,** 1 p.m.: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." **Feb. 10,** 1 p.m.: "The Trip."

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Jan. 31,** 2 p.m.: Oscar-Winning Musicals Film Series features "West Side Story." **Feb. 4,** 2 p.m.: Screening of "Midnight in Paris." **Feb. 7,** 2 p.m.: Oscar-Winning Musicals Film Series features "Victor/Victoria." **Feb. 13,** 7 p.m.: "The Year in Movies," a recap of 2011's films and an Oscar preview. **Feb. 21,** 2 p.m.: Oscar-Winning Musicals Film Series features "Chicago." **Feb. 26,** 7-11 p.m.: Oscar Night Party, featuring the Oscars telecast on the big screen. Registration required.

Northwest Chicago Film Society presents the Classic Film Series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is $5. For information, visit www.northwestchicagofilmsociety.org. **Feb. 1:** "So's Your Old Man" (1926), starring W.C. Fields, with live organ accompaniment by Jay Warren. **Feb. 8:** "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" (1970).

LECTURES

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Feb. 8,** 7:30 p.m.: Lyric Opera lecture, "Show Boat." **Feb. 27,** 7:30 p.m.: Lyric Opera lecture, "Rinaldo."

SINGLES

Thunderbird Singles, (847) 266-2706 or www.thunderbirdsingles.com. **Jan. 29,** 4-8

p.m.: Friends First Social Mixer at Moretti's, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. $5. **Jan. 29,** 7 p.m.: Sunday Singles Night at Tuscano's Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park. Free.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Feb. 16,** 7:30 p.m.: Songwriters' Group meets. All songwriters are invited to bring new or nearly new songs to play live and get feedback from others in the group.

Oakton Community College offers Alliance for Lifelong Learning classes at various locations. For information or registration, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3. **Writing a Short Story** (COM E69-01), a six-week class, meets from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, **starting Feb. 1,** at Niles North High School, Skokie. Course fee is $115. **Screenwriting for Beginners** (COM S10-01), a six-week class, meets from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, **starting Feb. 8,** at Niles North High School, Skokie. Course fee is $150.

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Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. **Through Jan. 29:** Disney on Ice: Dare to Dream. $11-$75. **March 11,** 5 p.m.: Stars on Ice. Tickets: $25-$150.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **Feb. 4,** 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.: Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats. $20-$38.

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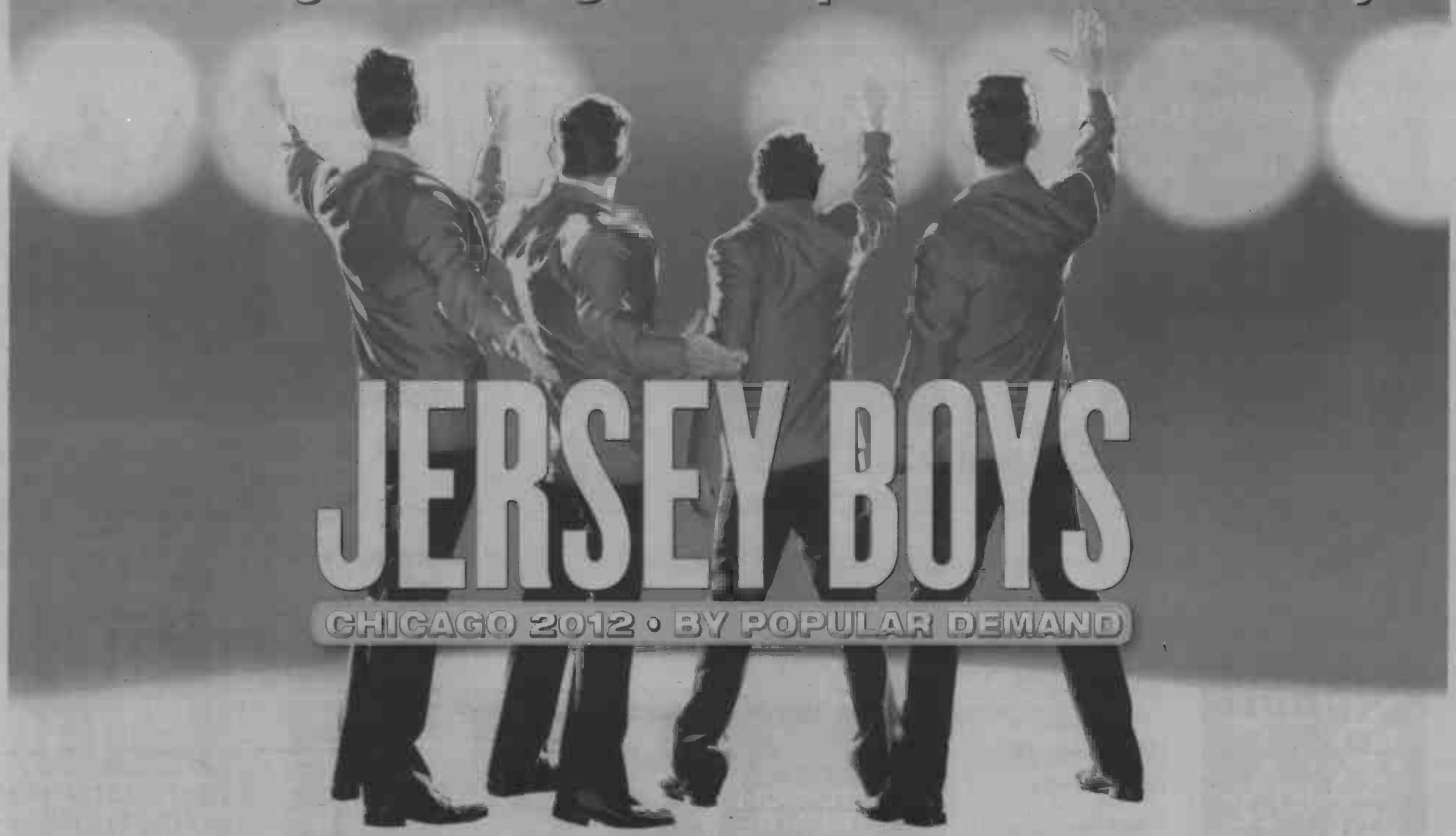

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A FINE TRANSLATION

BY AL VINIKOUR
For Sun-Times Media

Remember when you were a teenager and your dreams of a car took the shape of either a two-door coupe or a convertible? Then you were presented with your first car — and it had four doors!

What a difference a few decades make.

It might be said that the Forte line within the Kia family of Korean vehicles was designed for those without much disposable income who would like a vehicle with at least the minimum of essentials. Truth be told, however, the Forte five-door fails that criterion in one respect: It's designed to deliver a maximum of essentials.

It comes in two trim levels: EX and the SX. Each trim level has its own engine; the EX comes with a 2.0-liter CVVT DOHC 16-valve four-cylinder that puts out 156 horsepower and 144 pound-feet of torque. The SX comes with a 2.4-liter that develops 173 horsepower and 168 pound feet of torque.

Both engines are bolted to either a six-speed manual overdrive or a six-speed automatic overdrive transmission. Though the horsepower numbers don't sound like much, the vehicle's curb weight is less than 3,000 pounds – so while it's not a Corvette in Kia's clothing, it will at least get out of its own way.

When I say fully equipped I'm not kidding. The EX contains almost every amenity its more "upscale" SX sibling has with very few exceptions, like "only" four speakers in the audio system and regular cruise control instead of steering-wheel controlled. Onto life-saving instead of lifestyle, EX and SX both contain the same plethora of safety equipment that one would expect to find in larger, upscale vehicles – things like electronic stability control, traction control system, side-impact door beams, etc.

The interior offers a lot for a vehicle in this segment. My test vehicle had the optional leather package that had a great feel and finish to it. The package also included heated front seats and auto-dimming rearview mirrors.

There's a pretty decent amount of interior room – maybe not for four people that are my size but for folks with regular physiques. Total interior volume is 97.5 cubic feet while cargo volume is 19.4. The Forte five-door won't use up all your gas money, either. Environmental Protection Agency estimates for the 2.0-liter engine are 25 mpg city/34 mpg highway (manual or automatic) and 22/32 for the 2.4-liter manual and 23/31 for the 2.4-liter automatic.

I don't want to exclude exterior styling because the five-door is a looker. It has sweeping window arches, smooth fender flairs and body-color side mirrors and door handles. The rear is streamlined with angled, wrapped taillamps and an uncluttered rear fascia. SX models add a silver-finished exhaust tip. The SX also comes with 17-inch alloy wheels that give it a more athletic profile.

The base price of my SX test vehicle was $18,395, and with a power sunroof, the leather package and freight and handling ($695) the price came to $20,840. The EX starts several thousand cheaper. There are option packages that are exclusive to trim level and it's even possible to get a technology package that includes a nifty navigation system, fully automatic temperature control and push-button start.

Finally, one shouldn't discount the industry-leading warranty. Like all Kia models, the Forte five-door is covered by a 10-year/100,000 mile limited powertrain warranty, a five-year/60,000-mile limited basic warranty and a five-year/100,000-mile anti-perforation warranty. Also included is a five-year/60,000-mile roadside assistance plan.

A word to the wise: Don't discount the quality of a Korean vehicle. The company hasn't earned record sales and profits because it spends its time correcting mistakes via warranty work. I don't speak Korean but I think the Korean word for value is "Kia," which translates well in any language.

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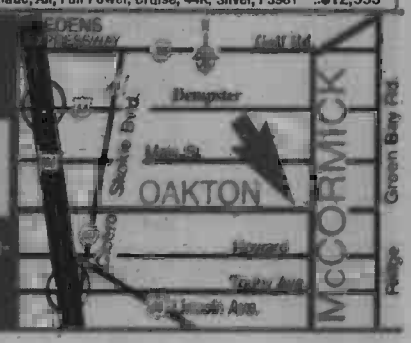

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Grandparents upsize to accommodate growing family

When Larry and Karen Hansen watched their family blossom with the birth of five grandchildren, they decided their condo was just not big enough.

That's when they began a search for a larger home. Since they only needed the large space when their kids visited, they chose an elegant ranch home with an expanded lower level at The Enclave at the Reserve at the Merit Club in Libertyville.

"We have two houses in one," said Larry. "Karen and I enjoy the 2,250 square foot empty-nester ranch when we're alone, but when our kids and grandkids arrive, we open the 1,650-square-foot lower level and have fun with the family."

On the main floor there's a living room, media room, kitchen, dining room, two bedrooms and two baths. Three arched openings adorn both sides of the great room, which opens to the kitchen and family room, while the dining room proved large enough to entertain the entire family over the holidays.

Karen loves the southern exposure allowing sunlight to permeate her home and is delighted by the magnificent views of a green landscape, sparkling ponds and a horse farm. Oftentimes, she sees horses playing and geese swimming in the ponds.

While the main level is for living, the lower level is for entertaining on a grand scale and participating in a multitude of activities with the youngsters. A large playroom and two bedrooms and a bath complete the English basement, with natural light illuminating the space.

With five grandkids aged one to eight, the Hansens

have decorated the space with a U-shaped sectional, large-screen TV with games, and a full size pool table.

"There's even an unfinished area where we can do messy projects," said Karen.

The low-maintenance lifestyle is an important feature for the busy grandparents who also winter in Florida. Designed as a grounds maintenance-free community, homeowners pay a nominal monthly maintenance fee for individual lawn maintenance, snow removal, upkeep of streets, common areas, ponds, the front entrance and guard house.

Since the couple have been Libertyville residents for more than 30 years, they wanted to be close to their old stomping grounds and near their long time friends. Larry maintains that homes in Libertyville have maintained their value because new home prices were similar to resales. But new construction gave them the flexibility to get everything they wanted. Larry opted for a screened-in porch and a heated three car garage, while Karen enlarged the kitchen, breakfast room and mudroom.

Choosing style: An element of style Karen and Larry Hansen found impressive in their new home is the architectural arches that adorn both sides of the Carrington great room, which opens to the kitchen and family room. Karen also chose an expanded kitchen with maple cabinets, granite countertops, oak flooring and professional-grade appliances. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Taking walks and riding their bikes to the forest preserve have become a frequent pastime for the Hansens.

"Walking is a great way to meet people and our neighbors have been very friendly," said Karen.

The Enclave is a perfect choice for buyers who want to downsize into a low maintenance life style, but still have space to see their grandkids grow and flourish. The established community, dubbed by owners "the most beautiful community in Lake County," offers stunning grounds surrounded by the pristine fairways of the Merit Club golf course, rolling hills, sparkling ponds, rock gardens and wildflowers.

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Home Portico: The Portico model shows how Epcon's designs make for easy living at the Maples at The Sonatas in Woodstock, with an easy flow from the dining to the living room, and view out the glass doors to bring in plenty of natural light. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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"We don't build our townhomes in a straight line like other builders. They always have two desirable end units and many undesirable interior units," said Jamie Wilcox, developer of the Epcon community. "In contrast we build our villas in a circular 4-home format, which means there are only highly sought after end-units that share only one common wall with their neighbor."

This design creates a building that resembles a large custom single-family home finished with stone, color coordinated lap siding and a steeply pitched roof covered with architectural-grade shingles. These ranch villa homes feature curb appeal that homebuyers find in few other places, with features combining attached two-car garages, private garden patios, four season verandas and private entrances.

One of the stair-free villa homes available for immediate occupancy is the 1,886-square-foot Canterbury model. This ranch villa includes two bedrooms, a den/study and two full baths. With a finished veranda, upgraded maple cabinetry, Corian countertops, ceramic floor tile and a fireplace in family room, this home is priced at only $174,990.

The Canterbury's great room has a vaulted cathedral ceiling, expansive windows topped with a half-circle transom window, and French doors that provide access to a finished veranda. The model also features a formal dining room with cathedral ceiling, and a kitchen furnished with a large pantry, breakfast bar and GE-brand appliances (refrigerator with icemaker, gas range, microwave/range hood, dishwasher and garbage disposal).

This home also includes a master bedroom suite with cathedral ceiling and windows topped by a half-circle transom window. The owner's suite also has access to a walk-in closet and a private bathroom furnished with a linen closet, an oversized bath vanity with cultured marble top, and a shower with built-in bench.

For those seeking a little less living space, the 1,650-square-foot Abbey ranch is available quickly too. With two bedrooms, two baths and two-car garage, the home is priced to at an affordable $192,650. Highlights of the Abbey include a master bedroom suite with cathedral ceiling and a living room with direct access through French doors to a veranda. The master bedroom features a walk-in closet, and the master bath features double sinks and an oversized shower with built-in seat. Another feature of the home is a great room with fireplace. Adjacent to the great room is the dining room and kitchen, both of which are covered by a cathedral ceiling. This kitchen features granite countertops and a complete set of stainless steel appliances.

The final home available for immediate occupancy is the 1,750-square-foot Portico model, a new single-family home from Epcon's new series of Courtyard single-family ranch homes. These homes do not share a connected wall with any other residence. They offer 1,516 to 1,992 square feet of maintenance-free living space, and each includes a private 400- to 500-square-foot landscaped courtyard that is visible from every room in the house. The Portico model has two bedrooms, two baths, living and dining rooms, den, kitchen and attached two-car garage. A central food preparation island and furniture-quality cabinetry can also be found in the Portico's kitchen.

"This professionally decorated model has so many material upgrades and optional amenities installed, we cannot list them here," said Wilcox. "But rest assured, the sales price of $242,650 would not cover the cost if you were to purchase a different Portico model and finish it with the same list of features and amenities we used for this sales model."

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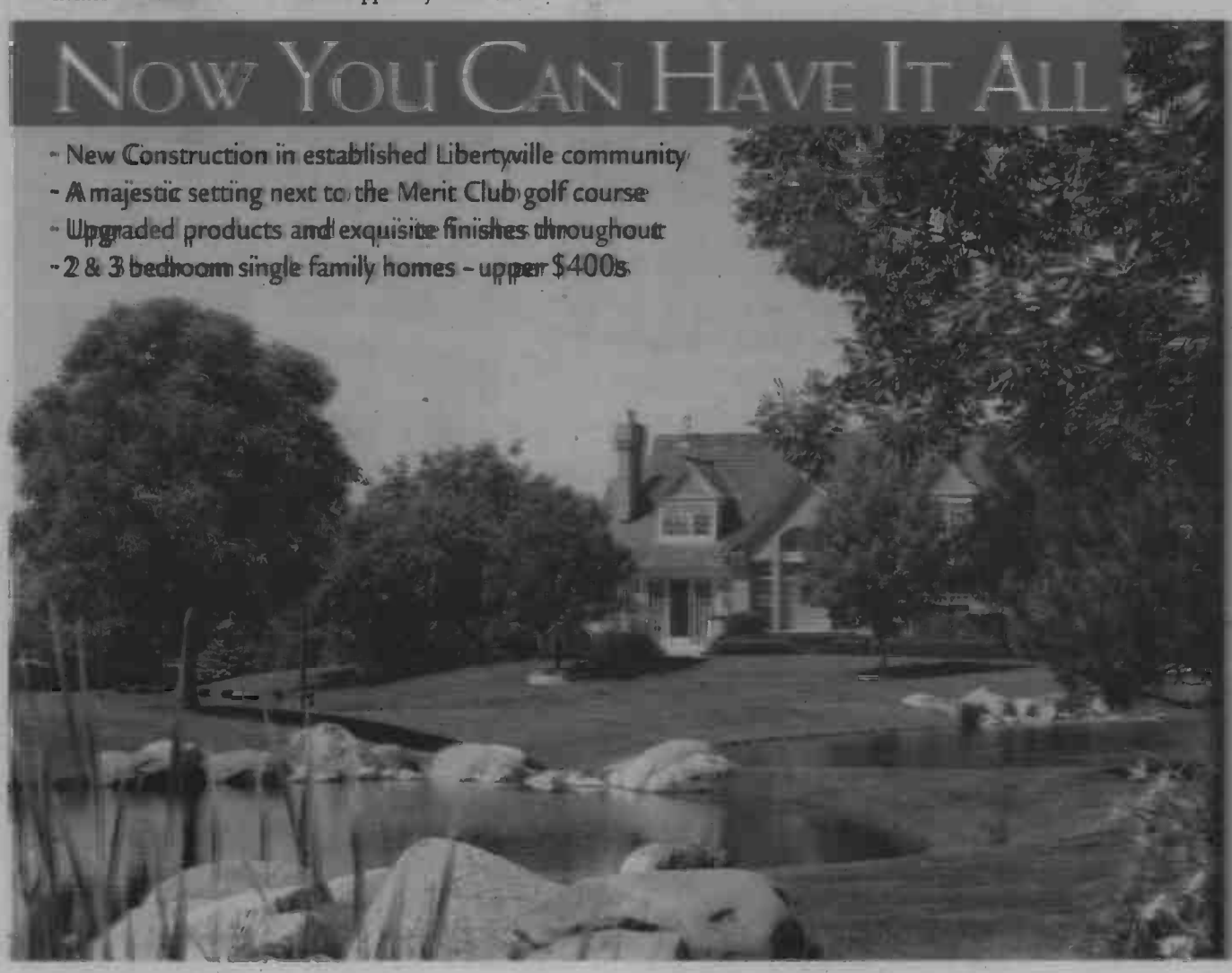

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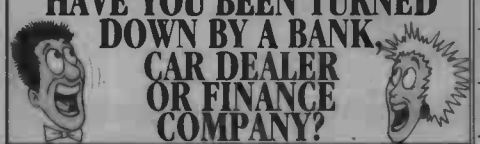

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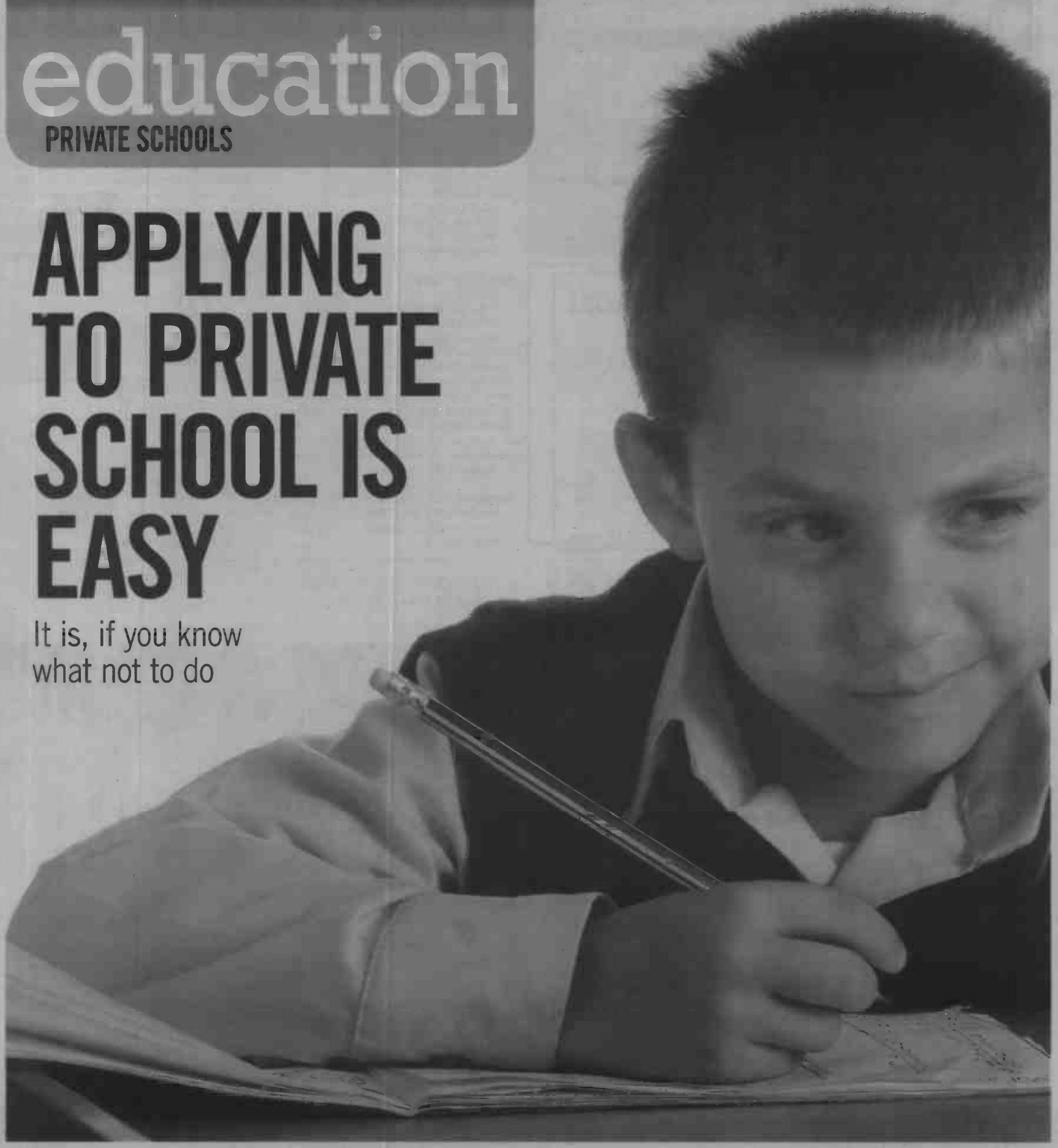

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All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten, except how to be accepted into selective schools

Stiff competition, help and hope for applying to private primary schools

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER
For Sun-Times Media

Navigating the private school admission process jungle can be quite tricky, especially if you're somewhat of a neophyte. Pay attention to details. In some cases, parents must put in a great deal of to achieve right of entry to your desired school. Many schools integrate arduous interviews and incorporate specific submission guidelines and deadlines, testing requirements, and wait-list protocols into their application procedure. Getting into the top schools can be rather competitive and necessitate the inclusion of writing samples and detailed admission forms. Stellar grades and test scores are, thankfully, only part of what most schools consider. The potential intellectual growth of your child as well as how she will fit into the school community are also of utmost importance.

Some common mistakes could possibly impair your likelihood for admission. Habitually calling an admissions office, not keeping the lines of communication open, failing to tour the school at the scheduled time, tardiness, repeatedly missing deadlines and canceling appointments could all be detrimental to the chances of your child earning a coveted spot.

The application process can be an anxiety producing exercise for many parents, thus the motive behind the inception of a brilliant organization called Primary Readiness Enrichment Program (PREP). This Chicago-based test-tutoring curriculum prepares students and parents for the grueling application process for private schools. In a twelve-week session, kids will learn invaluable language maturity, listening techniques, orientation and spatial interactions, among other skills, which will give them a competitive edge when applying. Parents may go through a series of informational sessions to learn about the myriad of options that exist.

Advice, insight and what to expect moving forward

Delve into the process early, as the spaces available might be scarce and the competition high.

"First and foremost, parents should do their research. Take tours, talk to directors. While exploring the educational options available for your student, it is important to realize "the best school" is the school that fulfills student's needs," said Geri Redd, founder of PREP. "By first determining their academic motivation, personality and how they process information, you'll have a clearer understanding in the selection process of which schools' philosophy, goals and long-term plans are best suited for them."

Redd also recommends submitting your application promptly, providing respectable letters of recommendation, making sure your child is ready if testing is required and sending a personal and pensive thank you letter to the director after your interview or tour with the school.

"Put your best foot forward during your interview. Treat this like a job interview. Dress to impress," said Redd. "Ask thoughtful questions that show you have done your homework. Be clear and concise in your responses to questions. Be yourself! Schools are looking for a diverse population of families that would be a good match for the school. Let them know what benefits your student and your family would bring to the school."

Why should all of these measures be taken?

"Would it be fair to send your child to take the SAT or ACT without any idea of what to expect? The same concept applies here. There are certain skills that are required for anyone to be successful while taking tests or participating in interviews," said Redd. "They need to be familiar with the types of questions that are asked, be able to sit and pay attention for a longer period of time and even be comfortable answering questions from a stranger."

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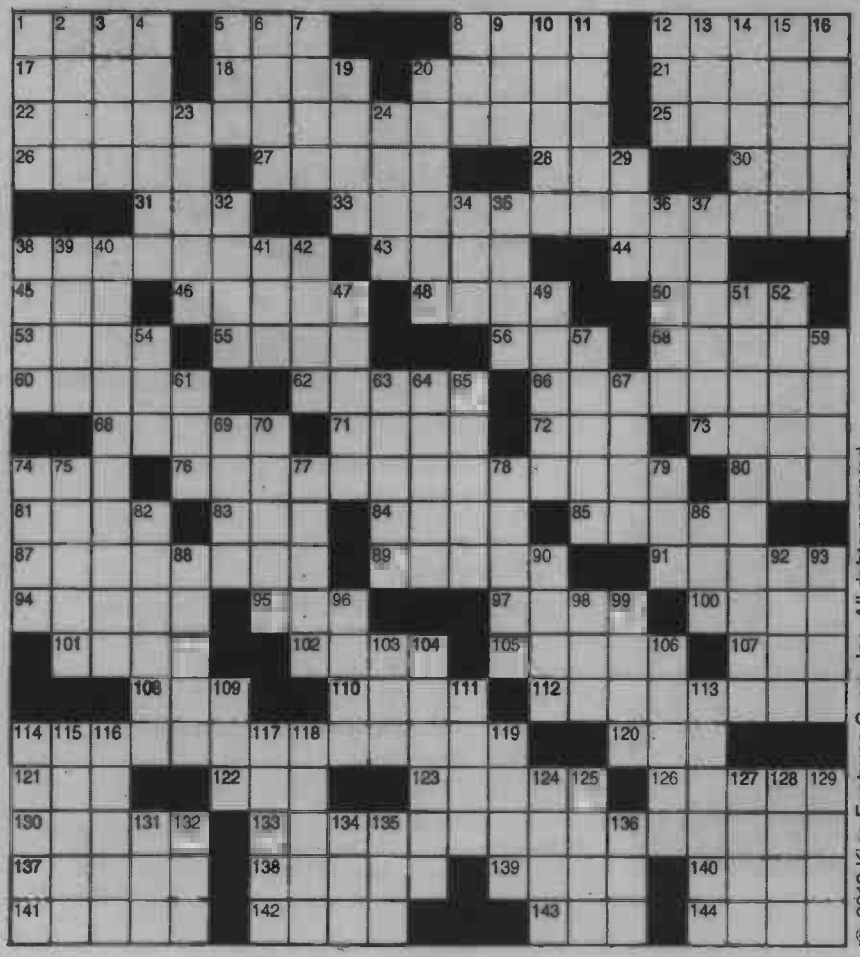

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Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 1 — February 7

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of mixed signals can create an unreliable situation in which to make decisions. Best advice: Hold off on making any commitments until you're sure you know what's going on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An apparently friendly offer comes with some strings attached. Be careful not to get tied into something you don't really want. Thoroughly examine all your options before making a choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're not careful, distractions can interrupt your best efforts. Continue to focus on what you need to do. You'll soon have lots of time to enjoy the rewards of your dedication.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Knowledge replaces suspicion as you begin to learn more about that "act of betrayal." On a lighter note, someone close to you might be planning a pleasant surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Control your sometimes-overactive jealousy gene before you find yourself saying or doing something that you could later regret. Best advice: Stop obsessing and move on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to loosen up and do something wonderful and exciting before your more reserved nature resurfaces. A message brings news of imminent change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Cheer up. Things begin to improve significantly by mid-February. However, you might still need help to get through the rest of this sometimes-difficult period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Something you learned last week takes on new meaning as you begin to relate it to another situation in your life. It's best to keep this matter to yourself for now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energy level is climbing, and so is your self-confidence. Good for you, because you'll need a good dollop of both to tackle an exciting challenge on the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family issue might interrupt a career-linked project. Try to give the matter the attention it needs, but be careful not to jeopardize your workplace situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some self-doubt shows up this week, causing you to question your ability to handle a new challenge. But you know you can do it, and this is your chance to prove it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal matter requires you to be as clear and forthcoming as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings. A career move is eased with the emergence of new facts.

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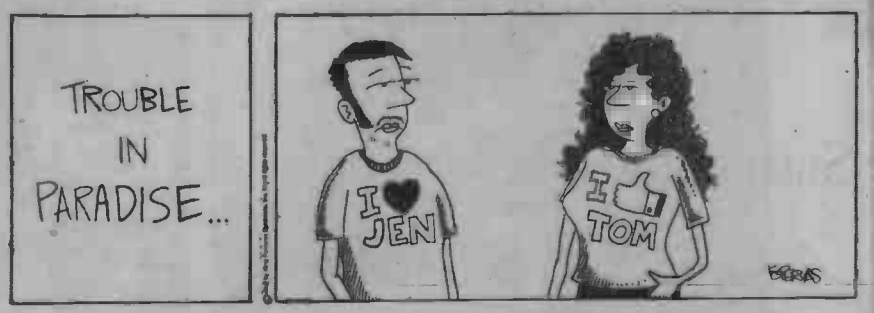

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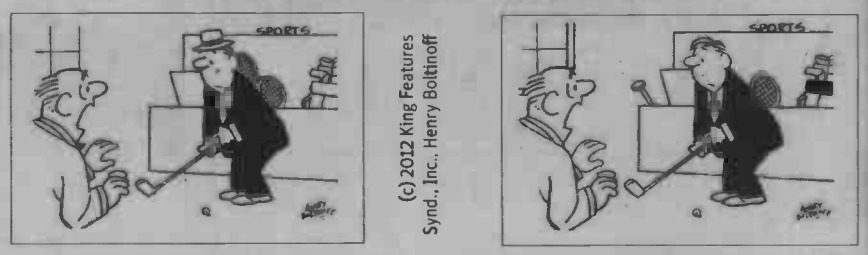

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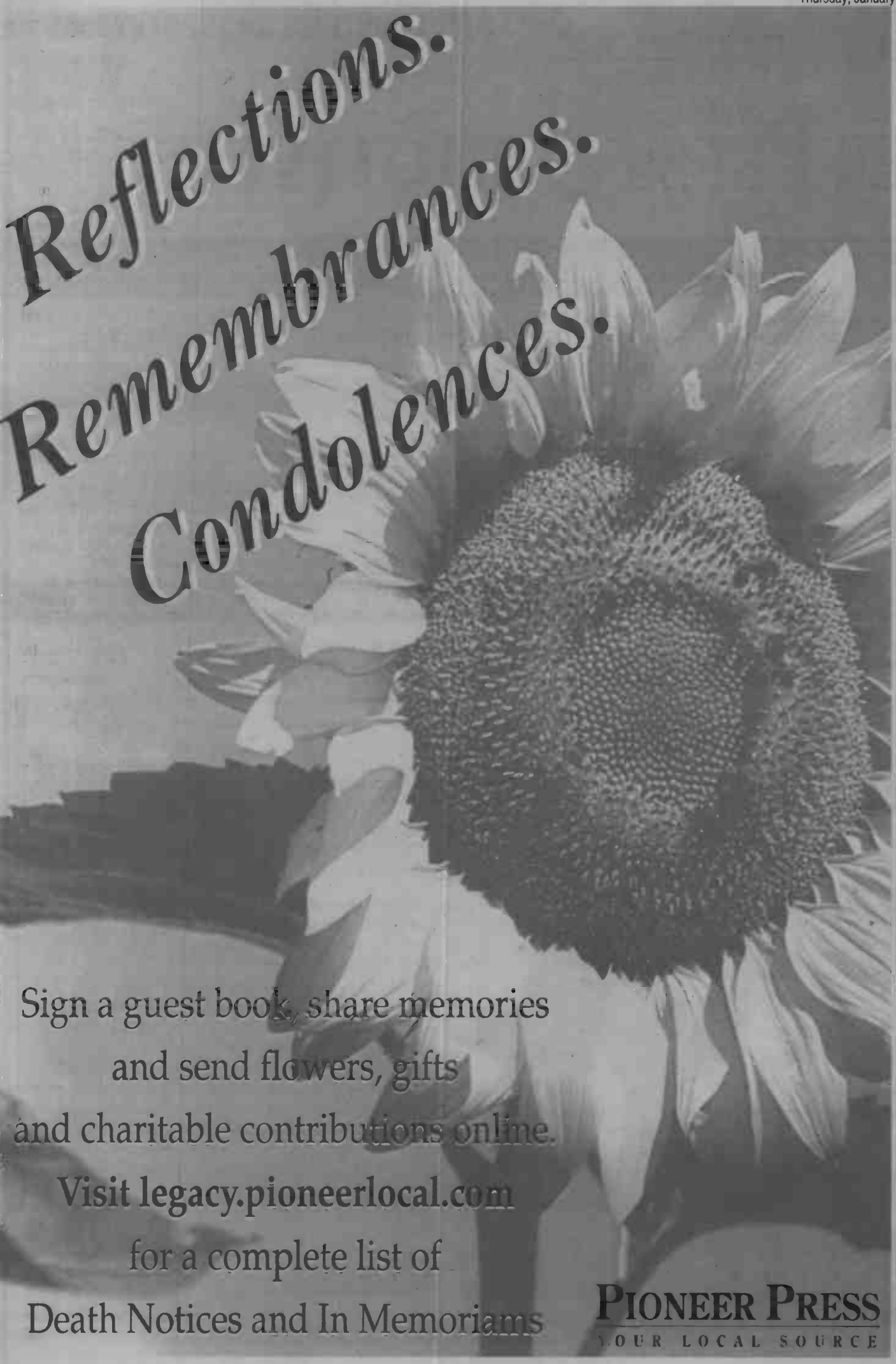

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92, died January 18, 2012 at Ivy Court Assisted Living Facility, Orlando, Florida. He was born on Oct. 28, 1919 to Frank and Eva Brown in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Bob worked for the A.C. Nielsen Company and later Material Service. The many hobbies he enjoyed after retirement included building and flying remote controlled helicopters, fine woodworking, stained glass and gardening, and was still playing the tenor sax until the year before he died.

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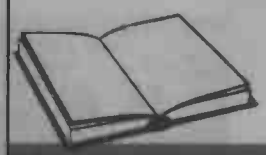

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Recruitment Strategies that Reach and Engage Today's Job Seekers

By: Dona DeZube, Monster.com Finance Expert

As more consumers set aside laptops in favor of smartphones, iPads and other tablet computers, job seekers expect to be engaged with videos, job notifications and quick follow-up. Many experts say that recruiters must learn to adapt their recruitment strategy to these platforms.

Today's mobile job seekers have different expectations and look for:

- Instant updates about new jobs via their mobile devices
- Immediate feedback to their job application
- Recruiting videos to watch on their mobile devices
- Engaging, interactive content from employers

While that may seem impossible as a small business hiring strategy, here's the good news: responding to those demands with consistent recruiting messages across multiple platforms is easier and less expensive than you might imagine.

The Growth of Mobile Recruiting

Based on the growth of tablet sales, and expectations that mobile Internet use will surpass desktop use by 2015, Monster has created a suite of mobile apps for iPhone, iPad touch and Android devices to better cater to this audience.

Necklas encourages employers to take an integrated approach to mobile-friendly apply solutions. "Monster has taken a lead role in integrating mobile with our job search applications," he says, adding that Monster now reaches over 2 million mobile job seekers.

The Ease of Mobile Messaging

One of the quickest and easiest ways for recruiters to take their recruiting message mobile – adjusting a traditional Monster.com job posting to fit a smartphone format – also happens to be free.

As Internet-connected mobile devices are an "always-on" personal device, any opportunities to link these attributes into the recruitment process will be beneficial to seekers.

Some Ideas Include:

- Job postings where seekers call the hiring manager directly
- Mobile customer relationship management (CRM) that links recruiters and seekers via instant messaging
- Use of permission-based Short Message Service (SMS)
- Frequent updates to show the candidate their progress through the application process
- Incorporation of QR codes (Quick Response) in recruitment materials

Going Beyond the Written Word with Video

While mobile devices tend to be small, job seekers' desires for more in-depth information are growing, says Leslie Cope, a senior product director for Monster.com. "They want to see videos about the company, hear from people who are already employed and compare one opportunity to the next," she says.

Eva Bitteker, product manager for Monster's Video Profile product, says videos are especially effective for companies that have to sell candidates on their location (think rural hospitals), increase their response rate for qualified applicants, or illustrate positions that are difficult to describe with words alone.

Here's why videos work well in those situations:

- Your employees are your best asset. A video that features your employees talking about the reasons why they enjoy working for your company can be compelling.
- They give job seekers a peek at your corporate culture. Video is a great medium to visually communicate and showcase key selling points for your company.
- Show what job requirements look like in real life. This also helps candidates more accurately judge if they're equipped to do the job.
- Feature aspects of the job that don't fit easily into a job description.

What to Do with All Those New Leads

What's the downside of a more powerful mobile recruiting strategy? It increases candidates' expectation for two-way communications. To cope with those demands, Monster provides candidate management tools that can be put in place before you activate new mobile-based campaigns.

As recruitment strategies and small business hiring strategies evolve, there's no doubt that Web 2.0, mobile and video recruitment tools will take center stage. Now's the time to put these tools to work and enable your small company to stand out from competitors and make all your job postings more engaging.

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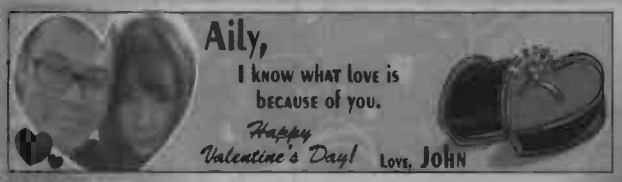

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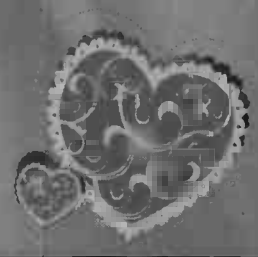

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Plaintiff,
-v.-
MARK GLATT A/K/A MARK E. GLATT, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.
Defendants
08 CH 014122
7257 N.E. PRAIRIE ROAD LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 7, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 10, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7257 N.E. PRAIRIE ROAD, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-26-315-042. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0826918. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0826918 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 08 CH 41758
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ANDREW J. MULLEN, MALINDA MULLEN, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., CITY FIRST MORTGAGE SERVICES, L.L.C., CLARA MUNIZ
Defendants
08 CH 018875
8311 N. MONTICELLO AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 9, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8311 N. MONTICELLO AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-23-307-031. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-08-09922. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-08-09922 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 08 CH 014122 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #223275

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ALLAN T. LEVIN A/K/A ALAN T. LEVIN, VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, IRIS S. LEVIN
Defendants
08 CH 41758
8636 KEYSTONE AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 1, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 3, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8636 KEYSTONE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-207-041. The real estate is improved with a 2 story brick house without garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0826918. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0826918 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 08 CH 41758
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217428

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-6
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JAMES KANDU, JENNA KANDU, COLE TAYLOR BANK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
Defendants
08 CH 48632
9105 LAWLER AVE. Skokie, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9105 LAWLER AVE., Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-404-037-0000. The real estate is improved with a multi unit building containing two to six apartments. The judgment amount was $467,692.94 Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The

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subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC , 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 . THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Attorney Code. 40387 Case # 08 CH 30727 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217342

LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-AR4 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff,
-v.-
MARIUS LIMBASAN, DIANA BAROIU, "MERS", MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC.
Defendants
08 CH 30727
6442 N. SPAULDING AVE.
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 6, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 14, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6442 N. SPAULDING AVE., Lincolnwood, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-35-423-046-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $293,593.11 Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC , 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 . THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Attorney Code. 40387 Case # 08 CH 48632 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217298

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2005-6
Plaintiff,
-v.-
NISSIM ABISDRIS, REBECCA ABISDRIS
Defendants
09 CH 018531
4908 W. FARWELL AVENUE
SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 16, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 16, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drve - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4908 W. FARWELL AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-33-226-047. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-09-15536. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-09-15536 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 09 CH 018531 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227440

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF BCAP LLC TRUST 2007-AA2
Plaintiff,
vs.
EVELYN AORAHA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INS AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, NA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EVELYN AORAHA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
09 CH 29023
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 4, 2010, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
P.I.N. 10-23-126-046-0000.
Commonly known as 8545 MONTICELLO AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the condominium Property Act Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0920332.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #221344

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
ONEWEST BANK FSB
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MOHAMMED T. SULTAN, ISHRATH JAHAN, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ONEWEST BANK FSB, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
09 CH 032631
7708 NILES CENTER ROAD
SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 3, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 10, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:Commonly known as 7708 NILES CENTER ROAD, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-28-122-042. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-09-12873. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-09-12873 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 09 CH 032631 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
I403075
1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217432

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Plaintiff,
-v.-
EVA A. TONTA, GROVE MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
Defendants
09 CH 030493
8600 WAUKEGAN ROAD UNIT #408E MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 5, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8600 WAUKEGAN ROAD UNIT #408E, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-19-114-050-1037. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-09-19786. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-09-19786 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 09 CH 030493 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217350

NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR UBS MARM 2004-5
Plaintiff,
-v.-
PERICLES G. NIKAS A/K/A NIKAS G. PERICLES, STAVROULA NIKAS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Defendants
09 CH 25939
4236 NORTH ODELL AVENUE
Norridge, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:Commonly known as 4236 NORTH ODELL AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-423-021-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $243,519.21 Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC , 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 . THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Attorney Code. 40387 Case # 09 CH 25939 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
I401957
1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217305

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
KHALED ROUF, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
10 CH 48769
7904 KARLOV AVENUE Skokie, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 5, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7904 KARLOV AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-27-205-037-0000 Vol. 0124. The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The judgment amount was $545,004.49 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1023935. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA1023935 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 10 CH 38389
I406384
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227549

BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAC HOMES LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Plaintiff,
vs.
TOMASZ WISNIEWSKI; STANLEY WISNIEWSKI; ZOFIA WISNIEWSKI AKA SOFIA WISNIEWSKI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD, CALL 847-998-3400 OR VISIT PIONEERLOCAL.COM/CLASSIFIEDS

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, FSB C/O GENPACT; FIRESIDE TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.
10 CH 45007
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 30, 2011, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
P.I.N. 03-06-400-035-1066.
Commonly known as 705 GROVE DRIVE UNIT 202, BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1025643.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I406211
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227536

MORTON GROVE
W10100245
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALON ALTMAN; RACHELI GALAY-ALTMAN; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; Defendants,
10 CH 50250
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 28, 2011 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 10-20-229-060-0000.
Commonly known as 5838 Main Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call Kara Findlay at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (866) 402-8661. For Bidding instructions call (630) 453-6713 24 hours prior to sale.
W10100245
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I406149
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227520

LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff,
-v.-
LILLY CHOLLAMPEL, DISCOVER BANK
Defendants
10 CH 045066
6446 N. CHRISTIANA AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 29, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6446 N. CHRISTIANA AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-35-422-016. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-10-35999. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-35999 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 10 CH 045066 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
I405638
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #226360

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ADMOON PITYOU A/K/A ADMOON T. PITYOU, WANDI PITYOU, LINCOLN POINT CONDOMINIUM HOMES ASSOCIATION, UM CAPITAL LLC
Defendants
10 CH 018448
4838 HOWARD STREET UNIT #402 SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 3, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 8, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4838 HOWARD STREET UNIT #402, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-28-230-083-1057 10-28-230-083-1026. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1014191. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-14490 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 10 CH 018448 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
I405396
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #226356

NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
STANISLAW DOMAGALA, JANINA DOMAGALA, NEVA MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
10 CH 36242
4330 NORTH NEVA AVENUE UNIT 210 NORRIDGE, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 1, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:Commonly known as 4330 NORTH NEVA AVENUE UNIT 210, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 13-18-300-054-1010. The real estate is improved with a orange brick multi unit with a four car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1014191. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA1014191 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 10 CH 36242
I405381
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #226350

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
VASILE DORIN POP, RODICA POP, BANK OF AMERICA, NA, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VASILE DORIN POP, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
10 CH 24489
5629 CAROL AVENUE MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 1, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5629 CAROL AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-20-208-059-0000. The real estate is improved with a two story single family home with an attached one car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1008687. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA1008687 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 10 CH 24489
I404999
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #226302

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHANG SU KIM A/K/A CHANG KIM; YUN JU KIM; HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA, INC.; THE WOODLANDS OF MORTON GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHANG SU KIM, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
10 CH 5790
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 16, 2010, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
P.I.N. 10-20-121-045-1278.
Commonly known as 8300 CALLIE AVENUE, F-512, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1025643.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I404797
1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #223285

NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK NA
Plaintiff,
-v.-
F. CHRISTIAN CUAJUNCO, THE ALEXANDRA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
10 CH 018710
4935 N. EAST RIVER ROAD UNIT #3A NORRIDGE, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 9, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:Commonly known as 4935 N. EAST RIVER ROAD UNIT #3A, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-11-311-017-1031, Property Index No. (12-11-311-010 underlying). The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-10-03627. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-03627 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 10 CH 018710 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #223263

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PACIFIC GLOBAL BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ERNEST DIAZ, ANGELINA DIAZ, VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
10 CH 30471
8942 LINDER AVE. Morton Grove, IL 60053
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 10, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8942 LINDER AVE., Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-16-318-023-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $711,675.43 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: NERY & RICHARDSON LLC , 4258 WEST 63RD STREET, Chicago, IL 60629, (773) 582-7000 . THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. NERY & RICHARDSON LLC 4258 WEST 63RD STREET Chicago, IL 60629 (773) 582-7000 Attorney Code. 42859 Case # 10 CH 30471 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #223257

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-NC3, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-NC3
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JENNA KANDU, JAMES KANDU, COLE TAYLOR BANK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.
Defendants
10 CH 016729
9132 LAWLER AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 17, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9132 LAWLER AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-403-006. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

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TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-10-00934. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-00934 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 10 CH 016729 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #221894

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ELINA BAMPI, VADIM GOREV, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA AS PURCHASER OF THE LOANS AND OTHER ASSETS OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA FROM THE FDIC, ACTING AS RECEIVER FOR THE SAVINGS BANK AND PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT
Defendants
10 CH 010529
9435 N. LAVERGNE AVENUE
SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 22, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9435 N. LAVERGNE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-223-017. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1031138. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA1031138 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 10 CH 45756
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217345

BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
VADIM NEGER, MARINA NEGER, VILLA VERDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
10 CH 10763
6 VILLA VERDE #305 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 23, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 10, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6 VILLA VERDE #305, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 Property Index No. 03-07-201-019-1323. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was $97,536.07 Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1031138. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA1031138 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 10 CH 45756
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217345

BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ALICE M. SMITH AKA ALICE SMITH, DEVONSHIRE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION C/O
Defendants
10 CH 45756
4735 GROVE STREET UNIT 103
SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 2, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:Commonly known as 4735 GROVE STREET UNIT 103, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-316-040-1003. The real estate is improved with a yellow brick condominium with a one car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1031138. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA1031138 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 10 CH 45756
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217345

LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK N.A. Plaintiff,
-v.-
GEORGIA TOUNTAS, GUS TOUNTAS, SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION, REZA TOULABI, COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY, LOCAL 21 PENSION FUND, STATE OF ILLINOIS, MASONRY INSTITUTE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GEORGIA TOUNTAS, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
10 CH 12346
6701 NORTH MINNEHAHA AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6701 NORTH MINNEHAHA AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-33-400-013-0000, 10-33-400-014-0000. The real estate is improved with a white brick ranch single family home with a two car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1008125. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA1008125 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 10 CH 12346
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BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2005-1
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ANTONITA JANKIEWICZ, MARK JANKIEWICZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants
11 CH 005013
1345 ROSE BLVD. BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 1, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1345 ROSE BLVD., BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089 Property Index No. 03-06-406-005. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-10-44278. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-44278 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 11 CH 006013 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227560

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FCOF BAR SNPWL 2008-1 TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ASHOK I. PATEL A/K/A ASHOK PATEL, RITA PATEL, STATE OF ILLINOIS
Defendants
11 CH 026067
7508 DAVIS STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7508 DAVIS STREET, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-407-029. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-11-22956. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-22956 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 11 CH 026067 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227554

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-J8, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-J8;
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOBET PALMAIRA; MAGNOLIA CAUSING; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOBET PALMAIRA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MAGNOLIA CAUSING, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.
11 CH 24832
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 1, 2011 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 2, 2012 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 8716 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act
For information call the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W11-1515.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I406238
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227544

BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FIRST AMERICAN BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO COLE TAYLOR BANK, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST NO. 92-4175 DATED AUGUST 31, 1992; DR. STEVEN CIOLINO, AN INDIVIDUAL; STEVEN CIOLINO, P.C., AN ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
11 CH 25453
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 10, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 985 South Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, Il 60089.
P.I.N. 03-09-101-047.
The mortgaged real estate is a commercial building - approximately 8,000 square foot single story multi-tenant medical office and may be available for inspection by contacting Mr. Barry Missner at (847) 972-5330
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
For information call Mr. Miles V. Cohen at Scott & Kraus, LLC, 150 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 327-1059.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I406140
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227516

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION;
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTONIE COSTESCU; ELIZABETA CONSTESCU; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants.
11 CH 4424
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 1, 2011, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
P.I.N. 10-17-409-047-0000.
Commonly known as 9015 MASON AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
For information call the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W11-1515.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I406131
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227502

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
Plaintiff,
-v.-
GHULAM MOHAMMAD, PARWIN SKINDAR
Defendants
11 CH 000845
8318 BENNETT AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 29, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:Commonly known as 8318 BENNETT AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-23-405-080. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale

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shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-10-46974. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-46974 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 11 CH 000845 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 **#226597**

LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TCF NATIONAL BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
BIM SAIN CHANANA A/K/A BHIM S. CHANANA A/K/A BHIM CHANANA, SANYOGITA CHANANA, POOJA KAPOOR, CITIBANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CITIBANK, FSB, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
11 CH 25673
3303 W. ALBION AVENUE
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 19, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 27, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3303 W. ALBION AVENUE, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-35-417-047-0000 AND 10-35-417-049-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $339,522.23 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-11-22557. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-22557 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 11 CH 026420 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
HARRIS N.A.;
Plaintiff,
vs.
BARBARA DZIUGAN; ROBERT DZIUGAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANTS OCCUPANTS AND LEASEHOLDS;
Defendants,
11 CH 5821
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 16, 2011, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 20, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 4520 North Oriole Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706.
P.I.N. 12-13-225-008-000.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Gary E. Green at Plaintiff's Attorney, Clark Hill PLC, 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 985-5900.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I404690
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 **#225910**

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WINONA NATIONAL BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
HERB ARCHER, ELAINE ARCHER, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, CHURCH AND NILES CENTER TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
11 CH 026420
4633 CHURCH STREET UNIT C
SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 21, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 22, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4633 CHURCH STREET UNIT C, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-302-056. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-11-22557. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-22557 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 11 CH 026420 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CATHAY BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
TAI K. LU, LIEN H. LUU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
11 CH 09823
9319 N. HARLEM AVE. Morton Grove, IL 60053
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 10, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9319 N. HARLEM AVE., Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-18-117-015-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $522,733.84 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF DEBORAH S. ASHEN, LTD. , 217 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 600, Chicago, IL 60661, (312) 655-0800 . THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF DEBORAH S. ASHEN, LTD. 217 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 600 Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 655-0800 Attorney Code. Case # 2011 CH 09823 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
NICHOLE M. BOYD A/K/A NICHOLE BOYD A/K/A NICHOLE EASON, COREY BOYD, SKOKIE TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CITIBANK, N.A., VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
Defendants
11 CH 018781
8700 SKOKIE BLVD. UNIT #1K
SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 20, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8700 SKOKIE BLVD. UNIT #1K, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-21-229-002-1055. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC , 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 357-1125 Attorney Code. 18837 Case # 11 CH 19343 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #223305

NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
KELLY C. KNIELING, CARMEN EAST RIVER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
11 CH 19343
5041 NORTH EAST RIVER ROAD, 3B Norridge, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 16, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5041 NORTH EAST RIVER ROAD, 3B, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-11-320-002 & 12-11-326-003. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $179,051.70 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC , 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 357-1125 Attorney Code. 18837 Case # 11 CH 19343 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HARRIS N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JANINA ROG, WTADYSLAW ROG, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
11 CH 16464
4014 NORTH ODELL AVENUE
Norridge, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 16, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4014 NORTH ODELL AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-414-027-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $390,636.37 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: EHRENBERG & EGAN, LLC , 330 N. WABASH AVE., SUITE 2905, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 253-8640 . THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. EHRENBERG & EGAN, LLC 330 N. WABASH AVE., SUITE 2905 Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 253-8640 Attorney Code. 44451 Case # 11 CH 16464 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK OF INDIANA
Plaintiff,
-v.-
FERNANDO SALINAS, LILIANA SALINAS
Defendants
11 CH 028177
7709 TRIPP AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 16, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7709 TRIPP AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-27-220-012. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-11-17297. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-17297 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 11 CH 028177 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
PERRY P. CAPULONG, THE ALEXANDRA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
11 CH 026013
4939 N. EAST RIVER UNIT #1B NORRIDGE, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4939 N. EAST RIVER UNIT #1B, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-11-311-017-1012 (12-11-311-010 U/P). The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number **14-11-09983.** THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 **(312) 236-SALE** You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-09983 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case # 11 CH 026013 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #223265

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff
V.
JAMIE LEE,
Defendants
11 CH 15270
Property Address: 5301 Crain Street Skokie, IL 60077
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file # 11-052336
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their
own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 18, 2011, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 22, 2012, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
Commonly known as 5301 Crain Street, Skokie, IL 60077
Permanent Index No.: 10-21-111-019 & 10-21-111-020
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $309,523.39. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, **(847)** 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217259

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO VILLA PARK TRUST & SAVINGS BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANDAMMA JACOB; NINAN JACOB A/K/A NONAN JACOB, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES OF NINAN JACOB A/K/A NONAN JACOB; VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, ILLINOIS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
11 CH 12973
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 14, 2011, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 8339 North Hamlin Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076.
P.I.N. 10-23-304-012.
The mortgaged real estate is a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Kelly M. Doherty at Plaintiff's Attorney, Keough & Moody, P.C., 1250 East Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 369-2700.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I402528
1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #221333

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff
V.
JAMIE LEE,
Defendants
11 CH 15270
Property Address: 5301 Crain Street Skokie, IL 60077
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file # 11-052336
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their
own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 18, 2011, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 22, 2012, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
Commonly known as 5301 Crain Street, Skokie, IL 60077
Permanent Index No.: 10-21-111-019 & 10-21-111-020
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $309,523.39. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, **(847)** 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D11128661 on December 29, 2011. Under the Assumed Name of
BEEKEEPER'S RESERVE
at 5700 W. Cullom Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) Jeffrey T. Leider, 5700 W. Cullom Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634.
Pub:1/12, 1/19, 1/26 215179

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D12128778 on January 11, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of
GSTAR
with the business located at 1843 Grove Ave., Schaumburg, IL 60193. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Gaudencio Rodriguez, 1843 Grove Ave., Schaumburg, IL 60193.
Pub:1/26, 2/2, 2/9 225681

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D12128774 on January 11, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of
JZJ SIGNS, BANNERS, & MORE
at 18310 Holland Rd., Lansing, IL 60438. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Kimberly Piekarski, 18310 Holland Rd., Lansing, IL 60438 and Robert Piekarski, 18310 Holland Rd., Lansing, IL 60438.
1/19, 1/26, 2/2/12 #224329

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business In the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D12128719 on January 6, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of
LLC Products
with the business located at 906 E. Suffield Drive, Arlington Hts., IL. 60004. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) Lynda Claytor, 906 E. Suffield Drive, Arlington Hts., IL. 60004.
Pub:1/19, 1/26, 2/2 220523

Assumed Name

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business In the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D12128778 on January 17, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of
United Dental
with the business located at 8501 S. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Max H. Kim DDS, 1937 Western Ave., Northbrook, IL.60062.
Pub:1/26 2/2, 2/9 227145

Bid Notice

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for the 2012 Sewer Improvements will be received at the Village of Lincolnwood, Village Hall Council Chambers, located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 until 11 A.M. local time, Thursday, February 23, 2012. All Bids will be publicly opened at that time and read aloud. Prevailing wage rates are required as per the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. The rates shall be the most current prevailing wage rates for work completed in Cook County Illinois.
Drawings, Specifications, Bids, and .Contract Documents may be obtained, beginning January 31, 2012, at Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., the Village Engineer for Lincolnwood, located at 850 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. A non-refundable fee of $20.00 is required for the contract documents.
Envelopes are to be marked "Sealed Bid for the 2012 Sewer Improvements".
Pub: 1-26-12 227755

Village of Skokie
Notice to Bidders
The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed BIDS for Automated Teller Machine Provision, Installation, Operation and Maintenance
Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive BIDS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent until 11:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, February 23, 2012.
A copy of the bid can be obtained by visiting www.skokie.org. Click on Village Departments, Purchasing, Bids& RFP's to download a copy. Bids can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above.
Bidders will be required to certify that for all work to be performed pursuant to the Contract Documents, at least the prevailing rate of wages as found and determined by the Illinois Department of Labor for Cook County will be paid to all workers and employees employed and working on the project.
Any bid or proposal submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmissions or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.
Skokie Village Hall is a fully accessible building. Persons requiring assistance should contract the Purchasing Office at 847-933-8240 or TTY 673-9330
Michael Aleksic
Purchasing Agent
Village of Skokie
Pub:1/26/12 227960

Bid Notice

Village of Skokie
Notice to Bidders
The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed BIDS for Village of Skokie Southeast & East Industrial Districts Maintenance Services
Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive BIDS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent until 11:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, February 16, 2012.
A copy of the bid can be obtained by visiting www.skokie.org. Click on Village Departments, Purchasing, Bids & RFP's to download a copy. Bids can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above.
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Michael Aleksic
Purchasing Agent
Village of Skokie
Pub:1/26/12 227967

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CENTER MEDIAN - CUL DE SAC LAWN CARE
The City of Park Ridge will accept sealed bids for the following listed equipment, in accordance with the specifications and contract documents now available:
Specification No. PW-12-02 for Center Median - Cul de Sac Lawn Care Program, for period 03/31/12 to 11/30/14.
Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained at Park Ridge City Hall, 1st Floor, Cashier's Desk, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois. A deposit for the documents is not required.
Bids will be accepted at the Cashier's Desk, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068, until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. A bid deposit will not be required.
The City of Park Ridge reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Brian Wiebe
Superintendent of Public Works
Pub:1/26/12 225633

Public Notice
The Niles Library will receive statements of interest from construction firms interested in providing construction management services for the renovation of our library building. These services include, but are not limited to, development of a preliminary project schedule, development of bid documents, preparation of preliminary cost estimates and identification of subcontractors and suppliers. Statements of interest in the project, qualifications and performance are due on February 10, 2012 on or before twelve noon, at the Business Office of the Niles Public Library District located at 6960 Oakton, Attention Administration, Niles, Illinois, 60714. Proposals must conform to the Request for Qualifications for Construction Management Services available in the Business Office of the Library, 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m., Monday - Friday. Further information may be obtained at (847) 663-6403.
Pub: 1/26/12 22535

Mechanics Liens

NOTICE OF LIEN
Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2012, a sale will be held at:
GORDON'S AUTO REPAIR
7319 S. WESTERN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60636
To sell the following article to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such article for repairs and storage furnished for such article at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed prior to the designated sale date:
OWNER: Neccole Mc Mullen
4747 S. King Dr. Apt 1602
Chicago, IL 60615
LIEN HOLDER:
Turner Acceptance Corp.
4410 N. Ravenswood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60640
Vehicles: 2003 Dodge Neon
VIN # 1B3ES56C83D245917
Amount of Lien: $1595
1/26/12 #227919

NOTICE OF LIEN
Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2012, a sale will be held at:
MORAN AUTO REPAIR
5243 S. ARCHER AVE.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60632
To sell the following article to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such article for repairs and storage furnished for such article at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed prior to the designated sale date:
OWNER: Tuiana L. Smith
5723 S. Aberdeen St.
Chicago, IL 60621
LIEN HOLDER:
Overland Bond Corp. 84256
4701 W. Fullerton Ave.
Chicago, IL 60639
Vehicles: 2007 Pontiac G6
VIN # 1G2ZF58B274265888
Amount of Lien: $8789
1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227947

NOTICE OF LIEN
Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2012, a sale will be held at:
ZEPEDA AUTO SERVICE
3061 W. ARMITAGE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60647
To sell the following article to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such article for repairs and storage furnished for such article at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed prior to the designated sale date:
OWNER: Danielto Valentin
5330 S. Spaulding
Chicago. IL 60632
Jade Galindez
5330 S. Spaulding
Chicago, IL 60632
LIEN HOLDER:
Celebrity Auto Sales
2435 N. Cicero Ave.
Chicago, IL 60639
Vehicles: 1999 Dodge Durango
VIN # 1B4HR28Y9XF634278
Amount of Lien: $1954.03
1/26/12 #227930

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD, CALL 847-998-3400

Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
In the matter of the estate of Grace M. Majda,
Deceased
Case No. 05 P 86
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of Grace M. Majda of Mt. Prospect, IL. Letters of office were issued on 1-12-12 to Joyce M. Rowe, 615 Craighurst Terrace, Monteray Park, CA. 91755, whose attorney is Cary A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd. Suite 407,Arlington Heights, IL 60005, 847-577-0030.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 19, 2012, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.
/s/Joyce M. Rowe
(Representative)
/s/ Cary A. Lind
(Attorney)
Pub 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 224127

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
In the matter of the estate of Darlene A. Lobojko
Deceased
Case No. 2011 P 006974
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of Darlene A. Lobojko of Palatine, IL. Letters of office were issued on January 5, 2012 to Wendy D. Strange, 905 S. 14th Street, Herrin, Il 62948, whose attorney is Scott B. Friedman, 1110 Lake Cook Road, Suite 185, Buffalo Grove, IL. 60089. 847-850-5343
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 12, 2012, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.
/s/ Scott B. Friedman
(Attorney)
Pub: 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 217723

Public Notices

Invitation for Construction Bid:
Classroom Casework/Woodwork Replacement
Skokie School District 68
Old Orchard Junior High School
First published: Monday, January 23, 2012
Project Description
Bids are requested from qualified contractors for the replacement of classroom casework and wood work at the Old Orchard Junior High School located at 9310 Kenton Avenue, Skokie, Illinois.
The Work includes some minor selective demolition, removal and disposal of selected interior wood casework in twelve (12) existing classrooms as well as furnishing and installing new wood/laminate casework and countertops in accordance with the bid documents.
The Work shall be awarded as a single lump sum contract to a qualified General Contractor in accordance with the State of Illinois Purchasing Act.
Bid Documents are available to the Contractors with the deposit of a $ 100.00 refundable check by contacting:
BLDD Architects, Inc.
833 West Jackson Boulevard
Suite 100
Chicago, Illinois 60607
1-312-829-1987
Attention: Geoff Hoffman
Pre-Bid Meeting & Walk Through:
A Pre-Bid Meeting & walkthrough will be held at the old Orchard Junior High School at 3:15 pm on Monday, January 30, 2012.
Pub: 1/26/12 228031

The North Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the North Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District: A General Election will be held February 23, 2012 (7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) at 899 Jay Street, Elgin. Three Directors will be elected to serve two year terms on the Board of Directors. Directors perform on a voluntary basis. This is NOT a salary position. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted. All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or possession of land lying within the District are eligible to vote, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots will be available for casting in the District office Feb 9th - 22nd. Info. 847-468-0071 www.northcookswcd.org - James Singer; Chairman-NCCSWCD
Pub:1-26-12 225277

NOTICE
LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74
BOARD MEMBER
VACANCY
For information you may contact:
Regina Shalzi
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
at 847-675-8234
6950 N. East Prairie Road,
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
or rshalzi@sd74.org
Pub:1/26 2/2 2286

Storage - Legal

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT:
THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE
2525 West Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60647
DATE: Friday February 3, 2012 BEGINS AT: 2:00PM
CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by cash, credit card, or certified funds. No personal checks accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
Unit 1061 Barton Faist
Unit 1062 Barton Faist
Pub: 1/19, 1/26/12 220843

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property
Metro Self Storage
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned self storage unit(s) will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, in their entirety to the highest bidder, on or after **1/18/12** to satisfy the lien of Metro Self Storage for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The said property has been stored and generally described below is located at the respective address. The sale will be held at the first of the following addresses, listed in order, and will begin at 8:30am or after on said date and will continue hour by hour until all units are sold.
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Metro Self Storage - 6603 W. Diversey Ave, Chicago, IL 60707
Unit A-1112 Diana M Hincapie:

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Stereo, Table Dining Room, TV. Unit D-1155 Ramon A Rivera: Bicycle, Boxes, Suitcase
Metro Self Storage - 9501 W. Grand Ave, Franklin Park, IL 60131
Unit# 458 Angie Nicosia- Box Spring, Mattress, Frame, Headboard, Other Misc.
Thursday, February 16, 2012
Metro Self Storage - 465 N. Desplaines, Chicago, IL 60654.
Unit 5093 George Blakemore: Bags. Unit 5094 Sylvia Harris: bench chair, clothing, coffee table. Unit 5094 Syliva Harris: bench chair, clothing, coffee table.
Metro Self Storage - 601 W Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60607
Unit 467 Shirley Ely: box spring, headboard, sofa. Unit 467 Shirrley Ely: box spring, headboard, sofa. Unit 616 Veronika Gonzalez: boxes, ironing boards, suitcases. Unit 616 Veronica Gonzales: boxes, ironing boards, suitcases. Unit 637 Dale Hollingworth: boxes, chairs, suitcase. Unit 637 Dale M Hollingworth: boxes, chairs, suitcase. Unit 640 Kenn Voegele: bags, boxes, chair. Unit 640 Kenneth Voegele: bags, boxes, chair. Unit 642: Vicki Scott: bags, clothing, suitcase. Unit 681 Betty Davis: bicycle, boxes, sofa. Unit 681 Betty J Davis: bicycle, boxes, sofa. Unit 686 Amy Dannenberger: boxes, chairs, suitcase. Unit 820 Matthew Steiner: box spring, mattress, sofa. Unit 867 Robert Favreau: bags, boxes, chairs. Unit 1067A Patrick Mata: boxes, clothing.
The terms of the sale will be cash only and must be paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is. Metro Self Storage reserves the right to withdraw any or all units from the sale at any time. All contents must be removed within 72 hours or sooner.

Pub:1/26, 2/12 219812

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage / PS Orangeco, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by Competitive bidding on February 3rd, 2012 at 12:00pm on the Premises where property has been stored, which are located at **Public Storage #25518/6460 N. Lincoln Ave. Lincolnwood, IL 60712-4038. (847) 677-5975.** In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below.
Unit - Customer
2154 - Phelps, Marcellus
Public Storage / PS Orangeco, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjournment.

1/19, 1/26 215751

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage / PS Orangeco, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by Competitive bidding on February 3rd, 2012 at 11:00 am on the Premises where property has been stored, which are located at **Public Storage #22335/2101 W. Howard Street, Chicago, IL 60645-2191. (773) 262-0902**
In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below.
Unit - Customer
0153 - Graham, Ansel
2008 - Taylor, Kenneth
3163 - Ibrahim, Yvette
Public Storage / PS Orangeco, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjournment.

1/19, 1/26 215745

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage / PS Orangeco, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by Competitive bidding on February 3rd, 2012 at 10:00 am on the Premises where property has been stored, which are located at **Public Storage #23404/5643 N. Broadway St. Chicago, IL 60660-4415. (773) 784-8410.** In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below.
Unit - Customer
2154 - Bennett, Todd
A094 - Akomolafe, Catherine
B242 - Flowers, Michaela
Public Storage / PS Orangeco, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjournment.

1/19,1/26 215736

NOTICE OF AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Illinois Self-Storage Facilities Act, a sale will be held on February 15, 2012 at 11:00 am., at LifeStorage Centers of Elgin, 450 Airport Rd, Elgin, IL 60123 (847)888-1834. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash, credit card or certified funds. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be otherwise disposed of.
Renee Losik- HHG, Personal Items, Boxes Unit # 903
Kia Hutt - HHG, Personal Items, Boxes Unit # 428
Kelly McLemore- HHG, Personal Items, Boxes Unit # 248

225296 Pub: 1/26, 2/2/2012

758075 Fortress U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2012 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ
Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2012, U-HAUL Auctioneer, Executive Administrator, Storage Clerk for U-Haul Co. North Shore Chicago will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lein process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. U-Haul Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 4100 W. Fullerton Ave, Chicago IL 60639 and will be at or after 9:00am and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Unit 5283- Movies, Vacuum, T.V., Bags & Boxes Unit 3180- Mattress-& Box Spring, Table, Toolbox, Cabinets, Chairs & Boxes. Unit 3369- Dresser, Cabinets, Couches, Cushions, Chairs, Drawer & Boxes. Unit 3380- NEW Washer & Dryer
Unit 3390- Stroller, Bed, Flat Screen T.V., Tools, Pictures, Luggage, Artwork, Trunk & Totes. Unit 3713- Tires, Auto Supplies, Mattress & Box Spring, Auto Fluid, Tools, Rims, Car Floor Mats & Bags. Unit 3861- Books, Mattress & Box Spring, Luggage, Lamps & Totes. Unit 3872- Big Screen T.V., Wheel Barrow, Lamp & Chairs. Unit 4165- Kitchen Table Top, Children Toys, Luggage, Stroller, Totes & Boxes.
Unit 4196- Luggage, Lamp, Mattress & Box Spring Totes & Boxes. Unit 4243- Couches, Cushions, Bed Set, Stereo System, Backpack & Totes. Unit 4386- Washer & Dryer, Cabinets, Table, A/C units, Dresser, Trumpet, Satellite Dish & Boxes. Unit 4477- Bike, Black Light, Books, Stereo System, Chairs, Children's Tricycle, Recliner, Stove & Boxes. Unit 4573- Toys, Chairs, Football, A/C unit, Tools, Grill, Totes & Boxes. Unit 4587- Humidifier, Snow Shovels, Steamer, Cabinets, Luggage, Totes & Boxes. Unit 4638- Schwinn Bicycle, Wardrobe, Luggage & Boxes. Unit 4794- Recliner, Chairs, Copier, Printer 2 Dollies & Totes. Unit 4798- Chairs, Bed Frame, Trunk, Kitchen Table & Boxes.
Unit 4836- Mattress, T.V./VCR, Record Player, Electronics, A-Track Player & Totes. Unit 4887- Coffee Table, Bar Stools, Tank, Cushions & Boxes.

Pub: 1/19, 1/26 218925

Life Storage Centers of Humboldt Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2012, at Life Storage Centers of Humboldt Park, 4014 W. Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60651, (773) 235-2884.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Name	Unit #
Joan Bennett	1
Jimmie Jones	8
Shemika Hall	26
Lashika Conner	39
Beatrice Lamptey	60
Nastassia Ross	82
Brenda Mack	96
Jerry L. McGee	102
Circle Family Care c/o: Phil Faust	183
Mark W. Krieglstein	191
Mark W. Krieglstein	192
Judith Dotson	222
Edward Harrell	312
Johnnie White, Jr.	443
Antwan Gallion	475
Carla Duncan	558
Sharon Harris	610
Edwin Urrutia	612
Erica J. Franklin	625
Georgia M. Wyatt	697
Koffi Amouzou	734
Tavares Sanders	772
Tiara Keosha	782
Sheila Rhone	796
Miguel Rivera	869
Lavaris Collay	925
Christopher LeBeau	954

Pub: 1/26, 2/2 225618

758059 Lincoln ParkU-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2012 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ
Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2012, U-HAUL Auctioneer, Executive Administrator, Storage Clerk for U-Haul Co. North Shore Chicago will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lein process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. U-Haul Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 1200 W Fullerton Ave. Chicago, IL. 60614 and will be at or after 10:30am and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Unit C119- Old Furniture, Cabinets, Lamp & Boxes Unit C368- Luggage, Pillows, Tape, Bags & Boxes. Unit C380- Thomas Piano, Bins & Totes. Unit D302- Purse & Totes Unit F206- Love Seat, Entertainment Center, Bike & Boxes. Unit F324- File Cabinet, Computer, Totes & Boxes. Unit F352- Mattress, Pictures, Totes & Boxes. Unit F398- Entertainment Center, Space Heater, Mini Fridge, Clothing, Bags & Boxes. Unit G349- Luggage, Bags & Boxes. Unit G407- Clothing & Toiletries. Unit H119- Mattress & Box Spring, Fan, Chairs, Radio, Tool Boxes, Walker & Boxes.

Pub: 1/19, 1/26 218935

TO PLACE A HELP WANTED AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS, CALL 847-998-3400

NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at LifeStorage Centers of Morton Grove, 6505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053, 847-966-1899. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #
PATRICIA BROOKS	1141
JERROLD LE VINE	1031
RICHARD SPANDAIRY	1724

Pub:1/26, 2/2 225738

758086 Morton GroveU-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2012 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ
Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2012, U-HAUL Auctioneer, Executive Administrator, Storage Clerk for U-Haul Co. North Shore Chicago will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lein process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. U-Haul Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 9009 Waukegan Rd, Morton Grove, IL. 60053 and will be at or after 12:45pm and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Unit 139- Sinks, Meat Grinder, Shovels, Tools, Shelving, Commuters & Boxes

Pub: 1/19, 1/26 218984

758021 Portage U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2012 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ
Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2012, U-HAUL Auctioneer, Executive Administrator, Storage Clerk for U-Haul Co. North Shore Chicago will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lein process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. U-Haul Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 4301 N Cicero Ave, Chicago, IL 60641 and will be at or after 8:00am and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Renetta Skibinski- 3024 Gunnison, Chicago, IL. Unit B172- Paint, Leaf Blower, Snow Removal Tools, Extension Cords, Suitcase, Boxes & Totes. B185- Couch, Cushions, Bags, Boxes, Mattress & Box Spring, Bed Set & Pillows. B396- Lamps, Boxes, T.V., Crutches, Wooden Furniture, Record Player & an A/C/ unit. B398- T.V., Bags, Mattress & Box Spring, Bed Set & Pillows.

Pub: 1/19, 1/26 218893

Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Life Storage Centers of Rogers park, 7524 N. Paulina St. Chicago, Illinois, 60626. (773) 381-1417
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #
David Ramirez	L14
Micheal Williams	L27
Michael Williams	L27
Larry Murphy	L34
Gerald Edison	L39
Melissa Aleksey	118
Jacquelyn L Muhammad	120
Jacquely L Muhammad	120
Stephanie Wynn	127
Ashli Serrano	166
Kevin M Gordan	254
Diondria Williams	264
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Loutesia A Wright	311
Alvin Slater	352
Michelle Y Young	481
Katerina A Kanavos	489
Pamela Eubanks	527
Jan Alcantara	541
Jan K Alcantara	541
Ronald Lewis	546
Cecil Martin	548
Cindy Isham	590
Jafar Kosary	598
Yezenia Train	608
James Bates	731
James Wedel	970

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758061 UptownU-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2012 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ
Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2012, U-HAUL Auctioneer, Executive Administrator, Storage Clerk for U-Haul Co. North Shore Chicago will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lein process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. U-Haul Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 4055 N Broadway Street Chicago, IL. 60613 and will be at or after 11:15am and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Unit 5095- Nigh Stand, Mattress & Box Spring and Boxes. Unit 189- Stereo, Children Toys, Backpack, Cleaning Supplies, Bags & Boxes, Unit 330- Desk, Computer, Books, Wheel, Bike, Trunk & Boxes. Unit 360- Sofa Unit 398- Compact Disc Holder, Lamps, Bags & Boxes. Unit 440- Mattress & Box Spring, Pillows, Couches, T.V., Lamp, Desk, Shelves, Bags & Boxes.

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758078 Westside U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2012 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ
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Unit 5133- Sub-woofer, DVD Player, Tin, Luggage, Microwave, Bags & Boxes. Unit 5717- Totes, Boxes, Office Chair, Fridge, Stove & Radiator. Unit A106- Mattress & Box Spring, Totes, Microwave & Boxes. Unit A110- Big Screen T.V., Toys, Blankets, Wooded Furniture, Chairs, Lamps & Boxes. Unit A118- Scooter, A/C units, Cabinets, Mattresses, Clothes, Shoes, Paintings, T.V., Totes & Bags. Unit A148- Leather Couches, 2 A/C units, PS2, Fan, Chairs & Bags. Unit A153- Entertainment Center, Flat Screen, Speaker, Space Heater, Vacuum, Luggage, Pictures, End Tables & Night Stands.
Unit A157- Mattress & Box Spring, Entertainment Center, Christmas Tree T.V., Fish Tank & Boxes. Unit A158- Stoves, Washer, Dryer, Bar Stools, Mirror, Couch Dolly & Totes.

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Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 12:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2012, at Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville, 3323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618. (773)478-0805
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit
Donald Pangallo	1032
Patricia Brooks	1153
Ricardo Sanchez	1238
Tadeo Lara-Boada	1479
Sarah M. Mellen	1512
Emily Rovai	1482
Andrew P. Martha	3020
Anthony Cahill	3037
Juan A. Hernandez	4190

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Public Hearings

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 7:00PM, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:
Property Address: 6544 North Leroy Avenue
Property P.I.N.: 10-33-416-023-0000
Applicant: Annette and John Vranas, Property Owner
Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for a one-story addition to the rear of the existing two-story home. The petitioner seeks a variation to exceed the maximum finished first floor height in order to allow for a one-story addition to the rear of the existing home.
At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application
Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting, fixing the time and place of its reconvening.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "interested party", with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing, must file an appearance form with the Village of Lincolnwood no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Appearance forms are available in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.
This is not a "notice to appear." It is an invitation to all interested persons to submit oral or written comments concerning this application. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-673-7402
Dated: January 23, 2012
Village Clerk
Village of Lincolnwood
1/26/12 #227601

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on February 15, 2012 at or after 10:00 AM at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:
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Skokie, IL. 60076
(847) 674-0226
The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances.
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2203 Jmarkz Trading Inc / Oganihu Ifeanyichukwu
1126 Keenan Arnold
2127 Johny Bulbuc
2193 Potrus Dawood
4012 Debbra Bresette
2040 Roma Advaney
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.
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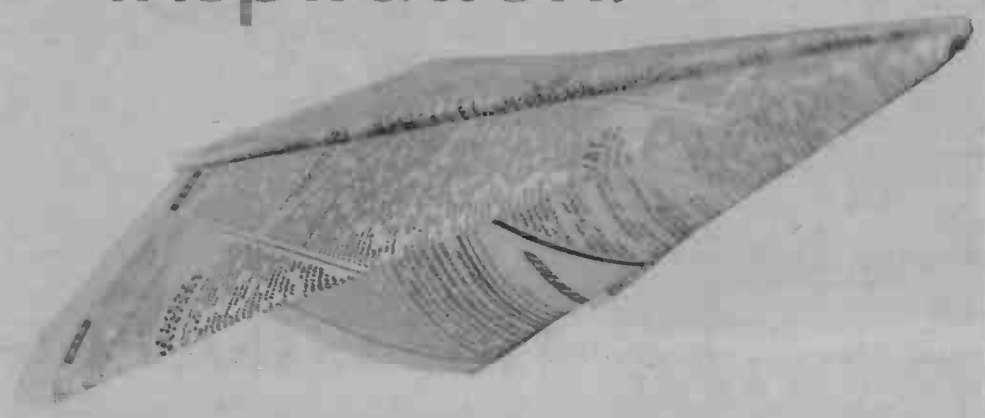

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From Grand Theft Auto to Grand Theft Xbox ...

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Free of charge, we offer tales of stupid criminals, strange crimes, odd news and otherwise silly stories from around the area.

A good turn gets punished

NILES, JAN. 13 — A resident, 32, reported that a gentleman called him at his apartment on the 8800 block of Washington Street to ask for a ride home from drug rehab. When the resident got back, his Xbox was missing. He told the cops he doesn't believe in coincidences.

Is there a future for us? I've recently come into some money ...

FRANKLIN PARK, DEC. 21 — A man held up a firm at 9645 Grand Ave. that specializes in sending money to Poland for $2,184. After he told the employee to put the money in a bag, he asked the lady her name.

Cold hands make animals of us all

OAK PARK, DEC. 23 — A man who implied he was armed reached into another man's coat pocket on the Oak Park Avenue CTA platform and took out a pair of gloves. He then got on a westbound train.

In the wind

WILMETTE, NOV. 30 — A cart got away from a shopper in the windswept parking lot of Jewel Foods, 411 Green Bay Road. When she saw a woman grab it, she appreciated that the other lady had apparently put herself out to prevent a car from being hit. She felt less appreciative later when she remembered that she had left her wallet and smart phone in the cart.

Lexus tastes on a Cannondale budget

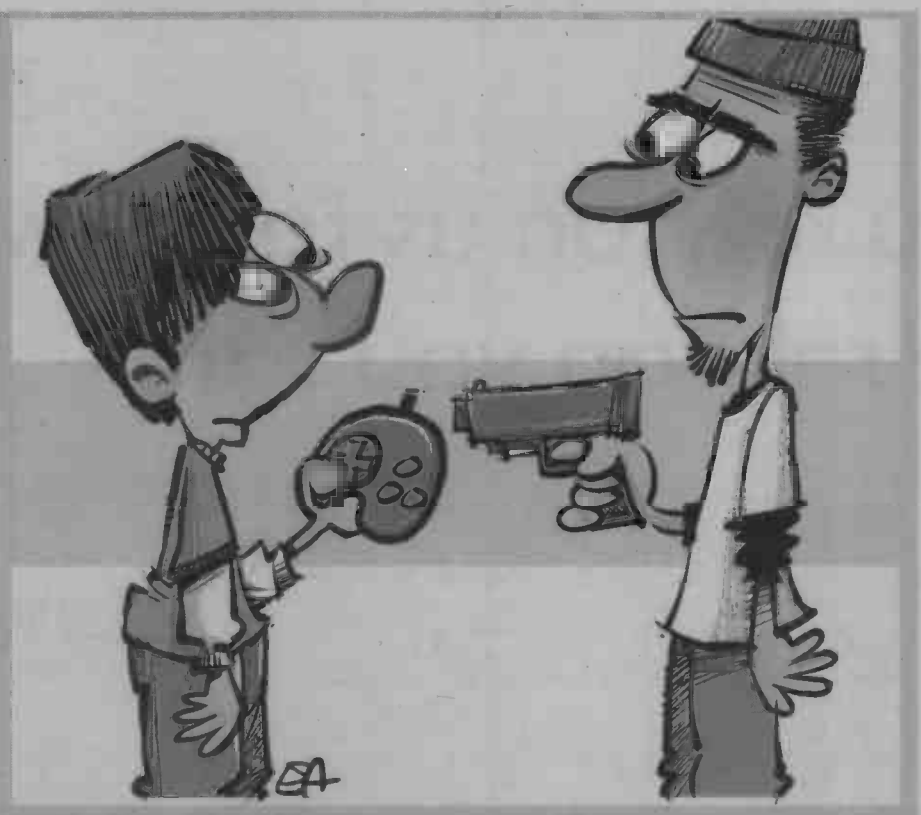
ELMWOOD PARK, DEC. 15 — A thief stole eight packages of lobster tails from Caputo's Fresh Market, 2400 N. Harlem Ave., and pedaled down 72nd Court to freedom.

They'll never find him

OAK PARK, JAN. 8 — A man who stole an $800 iPhone from a store in the 900 block of Madison Street had a tattoo of a red star and a dollar sign on his forehead.

Because that's where the dough is

PANERA BREAD STORES, JANUARY — Wallets were lifted from purses on Jan. 5 and Jan. 6 at Panera Bread, 305 Waukegan Road, Lake Bluff, and Jan. 9 at the Skokie Panera at 9611 Skokie Blvd. Losses topped $13,750, mostly in fraudulent credit card use.



This is how I play

OAK PARK, DEC. 3 — Three young men were invited by another youth to an apartment on the 300 block of South Wesley Avenue to play video games. Upon arrival in the host's bedroom, one of the kids, 18, pulled a gun and ordered everybody else to freeze while he grabbed two laptops and fled.

The end of a bright and shiny babysitting career

WESTCHESTER, DEC. 20 — A Hillside woman, 18, was charged with felony hit-and-run driving, six counts of failure to secure children in a car seat, failure to slow down to avoid an accident and driving with an obstructed windshield after she rear-ended a car at a Cermak Road stoplight, causing a four-car pileup. No kids were hurt; one of the other drivers was treated for bruises.

Nobody here but us midnight mechanics

OAK PARK, JAN. 13 — Police responding to a possible garage burglary in progress at 4:23 a.m. followed snow prints to the 700 block of South Lyman Avenue. There they found evidence of a break-in to a garage. Inside, they saw a pair of feet sticking out from beneath a car. They arrested their owner, who was held in lieu of $50,000 bond.

Pete Townshend-style assault

EVANSTON, JAN. 13 — A man recovering from broken ribs at Evanston Hospital told police that a Wilmette woman, 57, had beaten him the previous day with a solid-body electric guitar.

They're still together — at 26th and California

NORTHBROOK, JAN. 11 — A mom, 58, and her live-in daughter, 25, made their escape from Home Goods in Willow Festival with a truck full of stolen goods, but they were easy to find. They left the tailgate down, and police could see all the reported stolen property heading west on Willow Road. The ladies were arrested after driving about four blocks.

She's just sick about it

PARK RIDGE, DEC. 31 — A patient's diamond necklace was reported stolen from Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St.

Somehow, it sounds more impressive

FRANKLIN PARK, DEC. 19 — A man robbed the service desk of Jewel Foods, 10203 Grand Ave., claiming he had three guns. The clerk handed over about $350, and he left.

None of it was under his arms

WESTCHESTER, DEC. 19 — A Maywood man, 57, was detained by employees at Jewel-Osco, 2128 Mannheim Road, who removed two dozen deodorant sticks from his clothes, all of which they believed had been on the store's shelves until very recently.

Sometimes, you're glad you don't wear a watch

NILES, DEC. 17 — A Buffalo Grove man, 34, told police that while outside a bar on the 6900 block of Milwaukee Avenue, a man drove up and asked him for directions. The man told police that the driver remarked he had a beautiful ring. Upon being given directions, the driver repeatedly thanked him and shook his hand. The driver stepped on the gas and was gone a second or so after the complainant felt the ring slip from his finger.

Sometimes it's wise to just say yes

WILMETTE, DEC. 23 — A police officer, seeing a man throw garbage on the street at Lake Avenue and High Ridge, asked him to pick it up. The litterer then suggested, the police officer later wrote in his report, that he "commit an unnatural act." The officer's next act was an arrest. Naturally.

A small charge after all

BURR RIDGE, DEC. 29 — A homeowner called police to accuse her cleaning lady of stealing several Disney figurines. Police charged the maid with theft.

Well, he took something off ...

MORTON GROVE, DEC. 28 — Employees and customers of a restaurant in the 7000 block of Dempster Street grew wary when a man came in wearing a ski mask and didn't order anything. When somebody got brave and asked him to take the mask off, he kept it on, but dropped his pants.

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:

Monday, Jan. 30 – Employment counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Mondays, Feb. 6, 13, and 27 – Employment counseling, by appointment.

Monday, Feb. 13 – Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays (starting Feb. 4) – Income tax preparation, by appointment.

Tuesdays, Feb. 7 and 21 – Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program).

Wednesdays, Feb. 8 and 22 – Grief and loss support group (call first).

Friday, Feb. 10– Bunko parties to benefit the Center, 12:30 and 6:30 p.m., South Park Recreation Center, Park Ridge,

Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 25 – Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Feb. 25 – Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Note: The center will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Two Bunko parties will be held to benefit the Center of Concern, a social service agency in Park Ridge. The events will be held Feb. 10 at the South Park Recreation Center (Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue, Park Ridge). The first event, "Bunko and Lunch" for men and women, will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Later, "Ladies' Night" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; $15 ticket includes Bunko games and prizes, choice of beef sandwich or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy at (847) 318-1008 to make reservations; tickets will be held at the door. Indicate which session and whether beef or pasta is desired.

Homeowners desiring additional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider the Center of Concern's Shared Housing Program Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations.

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

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

Chamber

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

Civic

Maine Township is again accepting nominations for the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award. The award recognizes a Maine Township resident who has shown support, service, and dedication to the township. The winner will be recognized at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 10 and will receive a plaque and monetary award. Deadline to submit a nomination is March 22. Nomination forms are available on the Maine Township website, www.mainetownship.com, or at the front desk of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Forms should be mailed to Township Trustee Susan Moylan Krey at the Town Hall address or faxed to (847) 297-1335.

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

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

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports

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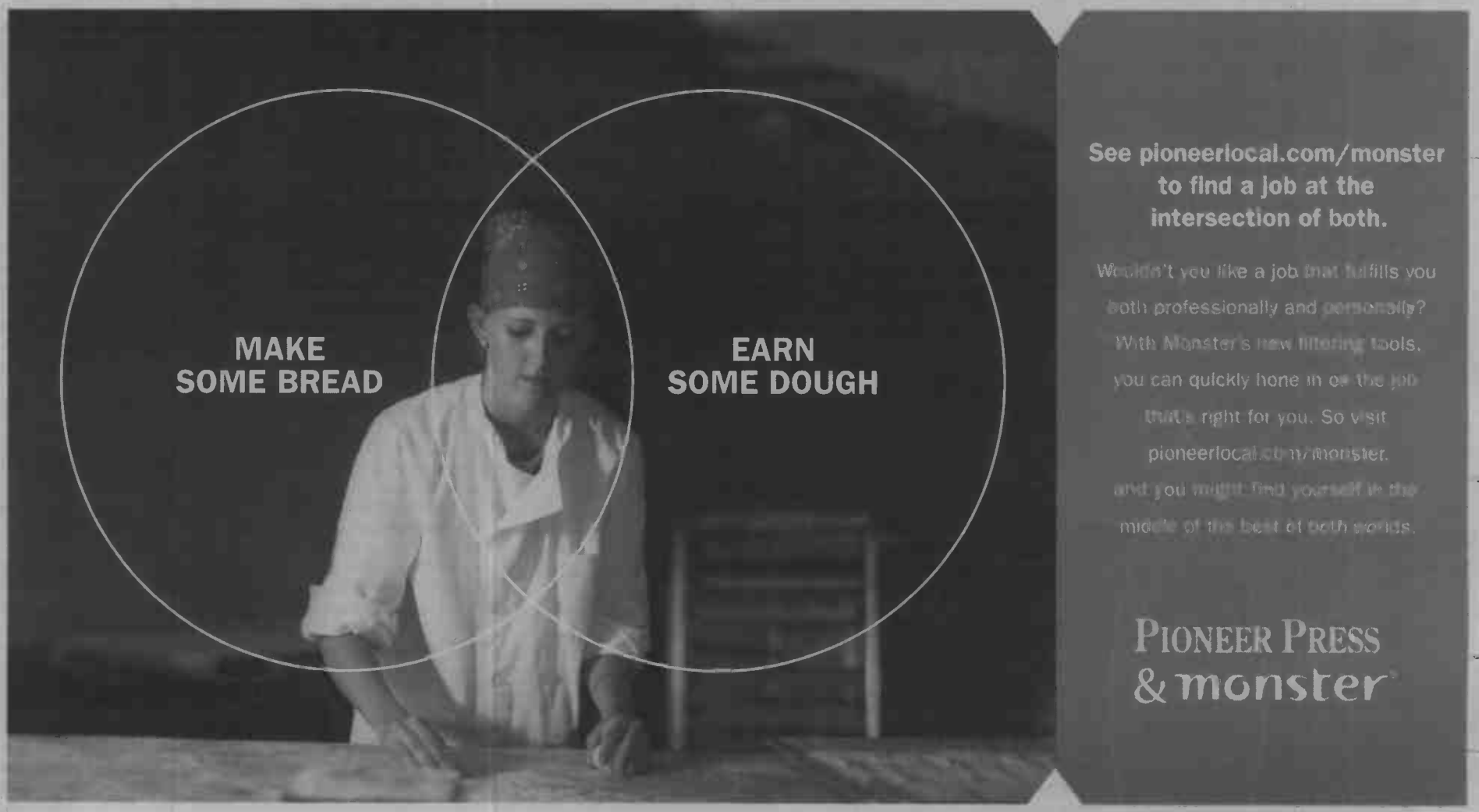

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from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

Classes

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.

Clubs

The "Out to Dinner" group from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Skokie, will meet at the Kabul House, 4949 Oakton St., Skokie, at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 29 All are invited to join the group for dinner and socializing. Call (847) 966-8445.

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

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

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

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

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

Community

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie will hold Movie Night at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 1. All are invited to enjoy a feature film, popcorn and discussion. Movie Night is held the first Wednesday of each month. Call (847) 966-8445.

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; reservations, 9847) 967-4889, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Museum admission prices: General Admission, $12; seniors (65+), $8; students (ages 12-22), $8;children (ages 5-11), $6. Reservations required for programs — **Jan. 26,** 6:30-8 p.m.: Special program — Memorialization and Memory in Recognition of the International Day of Holocaust Remembrance. The museum presents two leaders in the field of memorialization, James Young and Cliff Chanin. Young, a professor of English and Judaic Students at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, served as a World Trade Center Site Memorial jury member. Chanin, the curator of the Illinois Holocaust Museum's Legacy of Absence galleries, is 9/11 Memorial Museum Education Director Free with museum admission. **Feb. 12,** 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Film and discussion - "The World Was Ours," this documentary celebrates Jewish life in Vilna, referred to as "The Jerusalem of Lithuania,' prior to World War II. Q&A with filmmaker and native of Vilna, Mira Jedwabnik Van Doren, follows the screening. Fee with Museum admission. **Feb. 19,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Exhibition – Ours to Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War; through their artifacts, letters, and photographs, the "Greatest Generation" tells the stories of what the war was like for all its participants, and for Jews in particular. Curator Talk with Lou Levine, 1:30 p.m. Free with Museum admission.

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/batteryrecycling.html.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers – PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals – mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs – printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org.

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

Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

Donations

The Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, the Polish Women's Alliance, the Polish Falcons of America, along with the affiliates of the PNA, the Polish Daily News (Dziennik Zwiazkowy), WPNA 1490 AM Radio, and both PNA Bank locations, are joining in the support of the "Cell Phone for Soldiers" program. The donated phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone, enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad with prepaid calling cards. Local residents can support the collection drive by donating their phones at the following locations: Polish National Alliance, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, (800) 621-3723; Polish Roman Catholic Union, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, (800) 772-8632; Polish Women's Alliance, 6643 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, (888) 522-1898; Polish Daily News, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, (773) 763-3343; PNA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, (847) 966-7900. Donations are accepted until March 1, 2012 during regular office hours.

Fundraisers

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

Health

This year, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a weekly community lecture series. Each month will cover different topics. All lectures will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's West End Grille, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Free valet parking is available and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend, however registration is required; call 1-800-323-8622 and mention the class code or visit www.advocateheatlh.com/luth click on "I need a class or support group" and type in the class code.

Jan. 31: "Adult Congenital Heart Care" presented by Dr. Ira Dubrow, pediatric cardiologist. Class Code: 8G51.

The following lectures in February focusing on heart related programs all have the Class Code 8G52:

Feb. 7: "Reducing Your

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Rice goes glam as *risotto*

Chef Luis Quiroz's Wild Mushroom Risotto.

Chef Quiroz slices mushrooms as he prepares mushroom risotto at Barrington Country Bistro. | PHOTOS BY RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

Rice is the staple food for more than half of the human population. That's according to the International Rice Research Institute. And chefs help us consume our share of that rice when they turn the humble staple into the gourmet delight known as risotto.

White Alba mushrooms, white button mushrooms and portobello mushrooms go into the mushroom risotto created by Chef Quiroz.

"Risotto is easy to make and it can take on many different flavors," said Luis Quiroz, chef de cuisine at Barrington Country Bistro in Barrington.

A challenging part of the process can be ensuring that the correct amount of liquid, which usually consists of chicken or vegetable stock and white wine, is cooked into the rice. Most chefs add the liquid to the rice in batches, taste-testing as they progress. The trick is to make a consistency that is not too thick or too thin. "I like my risotto a little runny," Quiroz said.

Pick a flavor

Risotto is one of the easiest, most satisfying ways to showcase seasonal ingredients. "Risotto is very versatile," Quiroz said. "You can make meat, vegetable or seafood risottos."

This time of year, Quiroz features braised pork shoulder, roasted bell pepper, Spanish chorizo and other hearty ingredients in his signature risottos. Different types of risotto appear on his menu on a revolving basis. Each daily special reflects whatever mood he is in and what's in season. Wild mushrooms — black trumpets, hedgehogs and chanterelles among them — shine in Quiroz's Wild Mushroom Risotto. Come spring, he'll showcase fresh morel mushrooms, asparagus and pea shoots in risotto.

A good stock can add flavor complexity to risotto. Quiroz has made risotto with green asparagus stock. For his lobster risotto, which gets crowned with a medallion of lobster, he makes a lobster stock to cook Arborio rice.

Arborio is stubby-grained rice that is grown in the paddy fields of the Po Valley in northern Italy. It has traditionally been the most popular rice used to make risotto.

Rice option

But Cristiano Bassani, a native of Bergamo, a town in Italy some 200 miles south of the Swiss border, prefers carnaroli rice for making risotto. The starchier, longer-grained rice also hails from northern Italy. "Carnaroli is easier to work with because it's a little bit harder and stays al dente," Bassani said.

As chef/owner of BaPi Italian Ristorante in Arlington Heights, Bassani keeps risotto options fresh, but one variety, Porcini Mushroom Risotto, is always on the menu.

The last step in the risotto making process is known as the *mantecare*, which means "to blend" in Italian. Immediately after the rice is removed from the heat, an ounce of butter and 4-5 teaspoons of grated cheese is stirred rapidly into the mixture. During the *mantecare*, all ingredients are brought together cohesively.

The *mantecare* step is as flexible as the rest of the risotto making process: Quiroz opts for manchego cheese for finishing off his hedgehog mushroom risotto. Olive oil replaces cheese in seafood or fish risottos. Bassani uses extra virgin oil from Tuscany instead of cheese when making his seafood risotto. "The worst thing you can do is mix cheese and fish," Bassani said.

Wild Mushroom Risotto

(Adapted from Barrington Country Bistro)

Serves 4-6 people

MUSHROOMS:

15 ounces seasonal mushrooms (3 ounces for stock and trimmings)

2 shallots

2 cloves of garlic

2 tablespoons olive oil

STOCK:

1 medium carrot, peeled and diced

½ medium onion

Reserved mushrooms and trimmings

½ cup white wine

8 cups chicken or vegetable stock

RISOTTO:

10 ounces Arborio rice

½ medium onion

3 cloves of garlic

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon butter (optional)

FOR FINISHING *(MANTECARE):*

1 ounce butter, room temperature

4-5 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

3 tablespoons heavy cream

Mushrooms: Assortment of different mushrooms (about 12 ounces). Clean and reserve the trimmings to make stock. Sauté mushrooms, shallots and garlic with olive oil until lightly caramelized. Set aside.

Stock: Sauté carrots, onions and mushroom trimmings. Deglaze with wine and add stock. Let simmer for about 15-20 minutes on low heat.

Risotto: In heavy bottom pot, sauté onions, garlic and olive oil. Add Arborio rice and sauté until onions are translucent. Deglaze with wine and add half of the stock. Stir constantly. Lower heat, and continue to cook until rice has absorbed most of the stock and just add a little more stock at a time. Add mixed mushrooms. Cook until al dente or a bit longer if you wish. Finish with grated Parmesan cheese, butter and heavy cream. Stir quickly. Serve immediately.

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Risk of a Heart Attack" presented by Dr. Parag Patel, cardiologist; Feb. 14: "You Make My Heart Beat Fast: What is Atrial Fibrilation?" presented by Dr. Scott Miller, cardiologist; Feb. 21: "My Heart is Falling for You: What is Heart Failure?" presented by Dr. Nagui Sabri, cardiologist; Feb. 28: "My Heart is Falling for You: What is Heart Failure?" presented by Dr. Samuel Goldstein, cardiologist.

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.-8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call, 847-647-0355.

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

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.

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.

Creative individuals who love to write songs are invited to join the Niles Public Library Songwriters' Group from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 16. All songwriters are invited to bring original songs to play live and get feedback from others in the group. This group is open to the newest songwriter, the seasoned professional or anyone interested in the songwriting process. Songwriters are asked to register by calling (847) 663-1234 or online at nileslibrary.org/calendar; for further questions, contact publicity and graphic design coordinator Sasha Vasilic at (847) 663-6404.

For anyone who needs some help downloading eBooks, go to www.nileslibrary.org/contactus and click on eBook Help or click on the Overdrive Download link on the homepage to find step-by-step instruction sheets for different eBook readers as well as how to get started on MyMediaMall. MyMediaMall titles are now available for the Amazon Kindle.

Book Buddies — Students entering eighth grade in the fall and adults can become Book Buddies. Buddies read and/or listen to children read once a week for an hour. The Niles Public Library provides all materials and training.

The Niles Public Library is open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year.

Weekly, counselors from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors 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. on 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. on 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 at (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek at (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

Parks

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

Niles

Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2011, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center. Session run up to May 17. Call (847) 967-6633.

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.

First- through third-grade Youth Basketball League — Introductory league for young participants to learn the skills of basketball. At Feldman Recreation Center.

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.

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Before & After School Child Care – Children attending Mark Twain, Apollo or Stevenson schools in District 63 can sign up for childcare. 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).

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. on Mondays and Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at 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 (five 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, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com/.

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Religion

Enjoy three free weekly classes on the modern Jewish take on Spirituality, Values, and Community, hosted by Temple Judea Mizpah. The course is free and is for people seeking to learn more about Judaism who are not currently affiliated with a congregation. All are welcome, Jewish or not. To register, contact Felicia Ross at fross@urj.org or go online at www.curiousaboutjudaism.org/il or call (847) 239-6988.

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its K'tonim Pre-School Program of Judaic Arts and Play, for children ages 2 and older. Children will enjoy Judaic arts and crafts, stories, games, singing, and snacks with their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings are welcome. Children under 2 are free. The 2011-12 classes will be held two Sundays per month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Schedule to be determined. Tuition per semester will be $60 and $75, respectively, for members enrolling one or two children; and $85 and $100, respectively, for nonmembers enrolling one or two children. Call the temple office at (847) 676-1566.

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.

Reunions

The Roosevelt High School Athletic Fund is holding an all-year reunion May 4 in the school cafeteria, 3436 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. There will be a buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Cost is $60 per person. Call Arnie Kamem, class of 1950, at (847) 432-2773; visit www.rooseveltschicago.org.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf

School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sjbschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

Maine Seniors

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.mainetownship.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.

Lite Lunch and Movie begins at noon Feb. 10. Lunch is bratwurst on a bun, cole slaw and dessert followed by the movie, "You Don't Know Jack." Cost is $5, members; $7.50, nonmembers.

Free tax assistance appointments are available in February. Some restrictions apply. Call the Center Tax Hot Line, (847) 588-8440.

Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's nationwide movement that celebrates the energy, passion and power women have together to wipe out heart disease. Cardiologist Dr. Katsamakis will give a presentation on Women's Heart Disease at 11 a.m. Feb. 3. Bring a lunch; fresh fruits and vegetables will be provided. Wear a red dress pin. Cost is $3, members; $4.50, nonmembers.

Join the Honorable Judge Patrick Sherlock from the Circuit Court of Cook County for an informational presentation on identity theft, financial fraud, and asset protection at 1 p.m. Feb. 8. This program has been designed to alert people to current risks affecting them and their assets. Free.

"Securing Your Legacy: Wills vs. Trusts" will be presented from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Feb. 15 by James Goldman and Chris Kolososki of Morgan Stanley. The presenters will provide an overview of wealth planning topics including different types of personal trusts, calculating net worth, estate tax law changes, estate planning tools, handling retirement plan distributions, and analyzing insurance needs. Free.

Academy Award Winning Movie Series features "Casablanca" at 2 p.m. Feb. 2. Free.

The Niles Senior Center Kitchen Band is looking for new members. Under the direction of ukulele-playing George Button, the popularity of this unique group of musicians has led to a very active performance schedule throughout Niles and the surrounding communities. If you like to sing, play the spoons, or are interested in learning how to play a ukulele, consider joining this fun group.

Learn about the history of numerology from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 2 and 16. Some people believe that numerology can help unlock the door to a better understanding of oneself and others. Pre-register. Bring a pencil to class. Cost is $9, members; $13.50, nonmembers.

Join the Computer Interest Group to discuss all the recent computer innovations or individual problems or concerns. Contact Jaymi for dates, (847) 588-8420.

Niles Senior Center Issues in the News meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays.

An Effective Communications group for persons with hearing loss meets monthly from 11 a.m.-noon Feb. 29. Learn about the latest equipment and devices. Contact Trudi, (847) 588-8441.

A Valentine's Day trip to Tommy Guns Garage will be taken from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 for an interactive dinner show. Lunch features choice of prime rib, lasagne or boneless breast of chicken, served with side dishes. Cost is $68, members; $73, nonmembers.

Registration is required for the following winter program sessions; there is no cost for members of the Niles Senior Center; nonmembers pay a $12 fee for each group — Social Card Play of Billiards, Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m., 4:30 p.m.; Drop-in Art, Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon; Sudoku Club, Mondays, 11 a.m.- noon; Choral Group, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjongg, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Social Bridge, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.; Line Dance, Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.; Social Bunco, third Tuesday of the month, 1-3 p.m.; Computer Interest Group, every other Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m.; All American, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon; Issues in the News, Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjongg, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Drop-in Ceramics, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Drop-in Wood Carving, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Social Scrabble, Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon.

Take a trip to see "Gypsy" at the Drury Lane Oakbrook, from 10 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Jan. 26. Lunch prior to the show will feature freshly baked breads, chef's soup of the day, roast turkey breast with herb dressing, gravy, cranberries, dessert, and coffee. Cost is $63, members; $68, nonmembers.

The Niles Senior Center offers a wide variety of support groups. Cost per group is $10, members; $15, nonmembers. Weight Management meets the first Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. Diabetic Management meets the second Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. Virtually Impaired Motivators (VIM) meets the third Tuesday of month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cancer Survivor Group

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Black Tie leads to red tape — and new computer

BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
The Fixer

Dear Fixer: I purchased a Compaq Notebook computer from Best Buy on Jan. 5, 2009, for $450. I also purchased a three-year "Black Tie" protection plan at a cost of $180.

I took the Notebook to the Geek Squad in April because there was a blank area on the screen. They sent it out for repair. Later, I received a call saying it was "junked" and I should come in to get a replacement. I replaced it with a more expensive HP laptop, but I paid the difference.

I was told that the remainder of the protection plan would be transferred over to the new computer since I had almost a year left on the plan.

In December, my 3-year-old granddaughter grabbed at her mom's coffee and some of it spilled on the keyboard. The laptop powered on and the mouse and programs worked, but the keyboard did not. I called Best Buy and was told it would be covered by the plan.

However, when I brought the laptop to the store for repair, I was told it was not covered. I was informed that the plan was on the original Compaq and it was not transferred over.

They said Best Buy had fulfilled the plan when they junked the first computer and replaced it, even though it was less than the three years of coverage I had purchased.

I have called the customer service number several times and have been reassured that the second computer was indeed covered. I was told at the end of December that they needed to update their system and it would take a few days.

I have been told by different employees and customer-service reps that the computer is covered or it is not covered.

I scrimped and saved to purchase the original Notebook and cannot afford to replace or repair this one also. All I would like is for my computer to be fixed or replaced under the terms of the protection plan I purchased.

Deb Zak

Dear Deb: It turns out that the Best Buy employees who told you the second computer was not covered were right: In the fine print of your Black Tie plan, it states that if Best Buy replaces a broken computer, that action ends their responsibility under the plan.

In other words, a three-year plan means they'll replace something once (if needed) within that three-year period — not that they'll keep on doing that for three years.

However, it did seem odd that you weren't able to get a straight answer as to whether your second machine was covered.

We asked Best Buy to look into this, and after reviewing all the customer-service reps' notes, Julie Dalton, a manager at their suburban Minneapolis HQ, agreed that you were given conflicting information.

Because of that, they've decided to give you $485.99 to purchase a new computer. (Be sure to keep the kids away from this one.)

Dear Fixer: I read your recent column about protecting Social Security numbers. How ironic that a few days ago, I received my first Medicare card. Medicare uses Social Security numbers as ID numbers!

I have never carried my Social Security card and have always protected the number. Now my new insurance card has that number right on it. The government is really stupid.

I am going to have to watch my credit much more closely. Could you give me the information about where to get those annual credit reports?

Wayne Warren

Dear Wayne: Sure thing. The official website to get your free annual credit reports — one report each from Experian, TransUnion and Equifax, every 12 months — is annualcreditreport.com. It's easy, and you can print them out right away.

As to the Medicare cards, federal legislation has been introduced to try to stop the practice.

Meanwhile, the nonprofit Privacy Rights Clearinghouse suggests this: After you visit your health-care provider for the first time and use the card, make a photocopy.

Keep the original card in a safe place at home, and use a black marker on the photocopy to cross out the last four numbers. Cut it to card size and keep that in your wallet instead. If your wallet is stolen, you will have reduced your chances of becoming a fraud victim.

Whose lifetime?

The Fixer recently got a letter from a reader who bought a new vehicle in 2010 after the dealership promised free "lifetime" oil changes. It turns out the dealer was talking about his business' lifetime — not the vehicle's — because less than two years later, the dealership is out of business. Competing dealers weren't interested in honoring the offer, and the manufacturer wouldn't step up, either.

The Fixer has heard this sad story before — with lifetime oil changes, lifetime car washes and lifetime memberships to fitness clubs.

These offers can be a nice perk — just don't base a purchasing decision on them because the business making the offer might not have much life left.

The fine art of fine print

If you enjoy playing "spot the ripoff" when reading through fine print, there's a website for you.

MousePrint.org collects examples of teeny, tiny print in ads, on labels and in contracts and exposes too-good-to-be-true deals for what they really are.

They post a new example each Monday, so check 'em out.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com/fixer.

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meets the third Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes winter term, running to June 25 – Level 4 Advanced, meets 9-10 a.m. Mondays; includes weight training with under 3-pound weights, standing and sitting exercises. Level 1 Beginners/Pain Management meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays; includes gentle stretching, mostly chair exercises. Cost for each session is $10, members; $15, nonmembers. Contact Sue Friedman.

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

Paul C. Odrobina, vice president of the Polish National Alliance, announces that the PNA North Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Feb. 8 at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. The theme of the meeting is "Welcome Back after the Holidays." Items to be discussed includes the upcoming seniors trip to the Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Mich., on March 7. All seniors ages 55 and over (members and nonmembers) are invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking available in the lot behind the building. Call (773) 286-0500, ext. 316, or visit www.pna-znp.org and click on "Events."

Mather's–More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips. Call (773) 774-4804 for more information, except where noted. **Chess Club** for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies. Sessions are Wednesdays at 1 p.m. **Jazzercise** – Jazzercise is a fitness program that combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, **Pilates**, cardio-kickboxing, and other fitness styles. The classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and the cost is $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. on Mondays and 10 a.m. on 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. on 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.

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 at (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

Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter (2050 Claire Court, Glenview) grief support groups meet for eight weeks and are offered at no charge to the general public. The schedule for winter includes: Hope & Healing: Adult Loss, Thursdays, Feb. 9 to March 29, 6:30–8 p.m.; First Light: Spouse/Partner Loss, Wednesdays, Feb. 8 to March 28, 6:30–8 p.m.; Families with Children, Wednesdays, Feb. 8 to March 28, 6:30 p.m., (847) 556-1999; Drop-in Group, first and third Fridays of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call (847) 556-1777 to register. Registration deadline is four business days before the start date of each group. Visit www.carecenter.org/groupsupport.

La Leche League of Des Plaines, a breastfeeding support group, meets at 7 p.m. at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W. Golf Road in Niles (Four Flaggs Shopping Center). Next meeting date is Feb. 15. Expecting and nursing mothers are invited. 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 llli.org.

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

St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229.

The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club for stroke survivors and their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potterfield, (847) 723-4765.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss. 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 the Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from the parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only are 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 HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Legacy is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSystem 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 chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

One Hope United, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit www.onehopeunited.org.

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 Nesset 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 Nesset 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 Nesset Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration

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is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

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

The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowen@lesturnerals.org.

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

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Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jessi Lenth, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509.

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

Teen Center

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

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

Volunteers are needed to serve as Court Watchers for Domestic Violence at the Skokie Courthouse. Being a Court Watcher is easy, convenient and rewarding. To volunteer for this very important program, contact Joanne Liberman at (847) 412-1577 or email Joanne at NonnyL@aol.com.

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. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or 1-8 p.m. on 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.

The Men's and Women's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is looking for new members. The community-based philanthropic and social organization raises funds for the hospital through a variety of events, including an annual golf outing, glove sale and concert. The organization's donations have assisted the hospital in expanding programs, purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment, and pursuing research and education initiatives. Yearly dues are $35. Call (847) 723-6105.

Many individuals have found themselves laid off or unable to find employment. Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care would like to respond by helping professionals stay current with their job skills (or gain experience if recently graduated) by offering professional volunteer opportunities. Possible opportunities include positions in medical records, human resources administration, community outreach, finance, marketing and admissions/customer service. Volunteers must have a willingness to make use of their professional skills and a positive attitude allowing them to take on a great deal of responsibility. Training and seminars for professional and personal development will be provided. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (847) 685-9900, Ext. 3128, or rparrow@rainbowhospice.org. Visit www.rainbowhospice.org.

How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress

Week ending January 20

Major roll call votes in the House

1. Debt-Limit Revisited: Members disapproved, **239-176**, of a $1.2 trillion rise in Treasury borrowing authority, to $16.4 trillion, that is needed by Jan. 27 to keep the U.S. from defaulting on debt already incurred. A yes vote was to partially roll back a debt-limit increase that bipartisan majorities agreed to last August. (HJ Res 98)

Key votes ahead

In the week of Jan. 23, the Senate will vote on raising the national-debt ceiling. The House schedule was to be announced.

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Bobby Rush, D-1st	N	Adam Kinzinger, R-11th	Y
Jesse Jackson Jr., D-2nd	N	Jerry Costello, D-12th	N
Dan Lipinski, D-3rd	N	Judy Biggert, R-13th	Y
Luis Gutierrez, D-4th	N	Randy Hultgren, R-14th	Y
Mike Quigley, D-5th	N	Timothy Johnson, R-15th	Y
Peter Roskam, R-6th	Y	Donald Manzullo, R-16th	Y
Danny Davis, D-7th	N	Bobby Schilling, R-17th	Y
Joe Walsh, R-8th	NV	Aaron Schock, R-18th	Y
Jan Schakowsky, D-9th	N	John Shimkus, R-19th	Y
Robert Dold, R-10th	Y		

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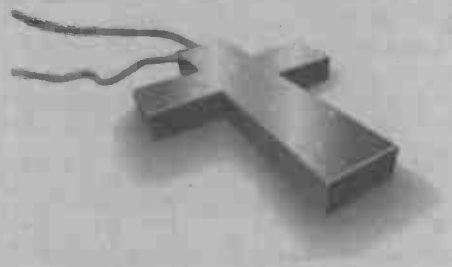

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Wolves looking for game-day leadership

BY DANNY MEHIGAN
Contributor

To be brutally honest, it has been downright ugly as of late for the Niles West boys basketball team.

After losing some close games early in the season, the deficits have grown worse as the losses mount. But even though the season didn't turn around against visiting New Trier Friday night, there are some signs of encouragement coming from the Wolves' camp.

Alek Biser, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, recently returned from a broken leg, and senior guard Nathan Sagett is back from a broken ankle, so reinforcements are coming. Biser, Sagett and their teammates just hope there is enough time left to save the season. To a man, they admit it starts on days when there's no opponent.

"This is my fifth game back, and I'm really frustrated that I'm not getting the playing time I got last year," Biser said. "I have to earn that in practice. On the floor, I feel like I was getting into the groove and hitting the shots I know I can hit, but I feel comfortable. If anyone came to see our practice, I believe we practice harder than anyone else in the conference. We bust our tails, and we need to come with that mentality every day."

The Wolves (2-13, 0-6 CSL South) forced five New Trier turnovers in the first quarter, and only trailed the conference leaders by a deuce after one period.

Biser hit a 15-foot jumper about a minute into the second quarter to tie the score at 18-18, but he committed his second foul at the 6:39 mark and was forced to the bench for the rest of the half. The Trevs (17-2, 6-0 CSL South) went on a 21-4 run to end the first half, and it was 39-22 at the break.

New Trier scored the first six points of the third quarter, and then coasted to a 67-43 victory. It was West's 10th loss in a row. Joe Younan led the Wolves with nine points on three three-pointers, while Biser and Alex Darville added six points apiece.

"I don't know if it was 22-20 or whatever, but next thing you know, it's 39-22," said West coach Bob Williams. "They just went on that run and we just didn't respond. That's been something we've struggled with all year. There's those certain points in the game where things don't go well, and how you respond to that determines the outcome of the game many times. We had no response, we started throwing up bad shots, not running the floor. That whole combination just killed us."

Williams has been prodding his team to find a leader to step up and demand accountability, but with two of his seniors out, it's been a tough go lately.

"I think it's just learning how to pull together as a team and respond when things don't go well on the floor," Williams said. "It sounds like a broken record, but we have to fix it. It has to be a record that plays for us. We have a great bunch of kids and there's no quit in any of them. They want to work on it, but we just haven't gotten there yet."

West gets its next chance with a trip to Maine South on Friday, and then hosts Buffalo Grove in a nonconference tilt on Saturday.

"We need some leadership on the floor because our practices are very competitive and our kids are working really hard," Williams said. "Somehow we have to get that confidence to play like we practice. It's not something we're going to quit at — we're going to keep working."

Niles West's Alex Biser (right) battles Glenbrook South's Matt Siegel for a rebound. Biser recently returned from a broken leg. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Dons must rebound after first loss in ESCC

BY DAVE SILBAR
Contributor

Royale Ewing dropped in a season-best 19 points and the rest of the team added some stellar fourth quarter defense, as St. Patrick pulled off a 54-46 road upset over rival Notre Dame in the East Suburban Catholic on Friday night in Niles.

Ismar Seferagic added 12 points and 13 rebounds and Parish McCullum chipped in 10 points and six boards for the Shamrocks (8-7, 2-2).

"To see us react on the road in a arch-rival's gym with the poise that we played on both ends of the floor," said St. Patrick coach Mike Bailey, whose team has lost six games by four points or less. "Really, in the fourth quarter and down the stretch, it says a lot for our guys."

St. Patrick put together a 20-6 run for a six-minute stretch in the fourth for a 50-41 advantage and erased a 35-30 deficit after three quarters, with a lot of credit going to its defense.

"It all starts with our defense," Bailey said. "We defended well and we were more solid in the fourth quarter. We did a much better job getting to (Notre Dame's) three-point shooters in the final quarter."

Ewing scored 13 points in the final quarter and 17 of his 19 in the second half.

"I just wanted to come in and attack," said Ewing, who was bothered by foul trouble in the first half. "I just wanted to put the team on my back to get the win. We needed to get this one."

Notre Dame (14-5, 2-1) suffered its first loss in the ESCC.

The Dons had pulled away from St. Patrick late in the third quarter with the help of Justin Halloran hitting one of his three treys of a game-high 11 points for the five-point lead.

However, the fourth quarter the same looks were not there down the stretch for the Dons.

"St. Patrick took it to us and played awfully well," Notre Dame coach Tom Les said, "(St. Patrick) made shots when they had to and made free throws down the stretch.

"They played good defense against us. We didn't execute that well, because they were the ones who played well."

Notre Dame's Joe Ferrici elevates over Loyola's Peter Pujals. | TRACY ALLEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Dons' Canova averages 208 at Stevenson

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

Despite junior Mike Canova's best efforts, neither he nor his Notre Dame teammates will advance to the IHSA state meet.

Lake Zurich edged Vernon Hills 6,423 to 6,391 in the Stevenson Sectional at Lakeside Lanes in Mundelein on Saturday to collect the two automatic team berths.

The co-favorites staged a virtual re-run of last year's sectional when the host Bears nipped the Cougars by 69 pins. They went on to place second and third, respectively, in the state meet.

Notre Dame placed sixth in the 15-team tourney with 5,700 points. Deerfield (6,011), host Stevenson (5,989) and Huntley (5,827) took the third though fifth spots.

Canova stepped up with a six-game series total of 1,247. His 208 pace exceeded his season average by 14, but it wasn't quite enough to gain an individual at-large berth.

Junior Mike Schmitt of Lake Zurich registered the highest series total with 1,469. Deerfield's Zach Cole (1,332) and Libertyville's Jake Thompson (1,291) earned automatic advancement to State. Schmitt was the runner-up in last year's state meet, two spots ahead of Cole.

Notre Dame, coached by Dominic Catalano, won its sixth straight regular-season title in the Catholic League North. The Dons rose from fourth to first place with a strong finish.

The Dons were led this season by seniors Peter Velez (215 average) and Irvin Lopez (213). Velez claimed the Tournament Player of the Year award in the Catholic League meet on Jan. 14.

Canova, senior Frank Rybak, junior Joe Zaccagnini and senior lefty Mark Lukasiewicz were solid regulars. Senior Joe Reeves added both depth and enthusiasm. Canova, Zaccagnini and sophomore Alex Jensen are expected to lead Notre Dame next season.

Demons lack energy during setback to Giants

BY ERIC BENNETT
Contributor

Maine East had no answer for the spirited effort of Highland Park, as the Giants dictated the flow of the game on both ends of the floor to crush the Blue Demons 64-37 on Jan. 19.

Aaron Shannon knocked down 15 points for Maine East, but the show was stolen by Highland Park's venerable coach, Paul Harris, who notched his 200th victory.

"That is a very well-coached team," said Maine East head coach Dave Genis. "They are very understanding of the team concept and buy into what the team is trying to accomplish."

Genis said the Blue Demons (4-13) have demonstrated they can hang with stiff competition, but that they simply came out flat against Highland Park.

"We lost some of the speed that we showed in our last matchup with Highland Park," Genis said. "In all facets, we came out flat and more slow — our passes, our thoughts, our movements. That is something these guys can regain."

The Blue Demons were able to adjust in the later stages, Genis said, but it was too little, too late.

"Highland Park carved out a niche for themselves with their three-quarter pressure and halfcourt zone," Genis said. "Once we reacted, we started passing over their zone, and that was effective for us."

Genis said he's fielding a team that lacks experience, but he believes the Blue Demons have what it takes to be competitive.

"This a young team," Genis said. "At one point, I believe I had all underclassmen on the court, including two freshmen. But with the more minutes they get, the more quickly they are growing."

Genis said there's still time for his team to turn it around.

"We still have eight or nine ballgames to go," he said. "We need to attack practice with new energy. We put these guys in situations that rely on high energy. They lost the sense for the speed of the game (vs. Highland Park)."

Maine East's Ezeke Omeke runs into Highland Park's Ross Chukerman as he maneuvers in for a shot. | TRACY ALLEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Giants senior guard Jake Norcia keyed the rout with 12 first-half points, cutting off several Blue Demons passes to lead a surging fast-break offense in helping to deliver Harris a memorable victory.

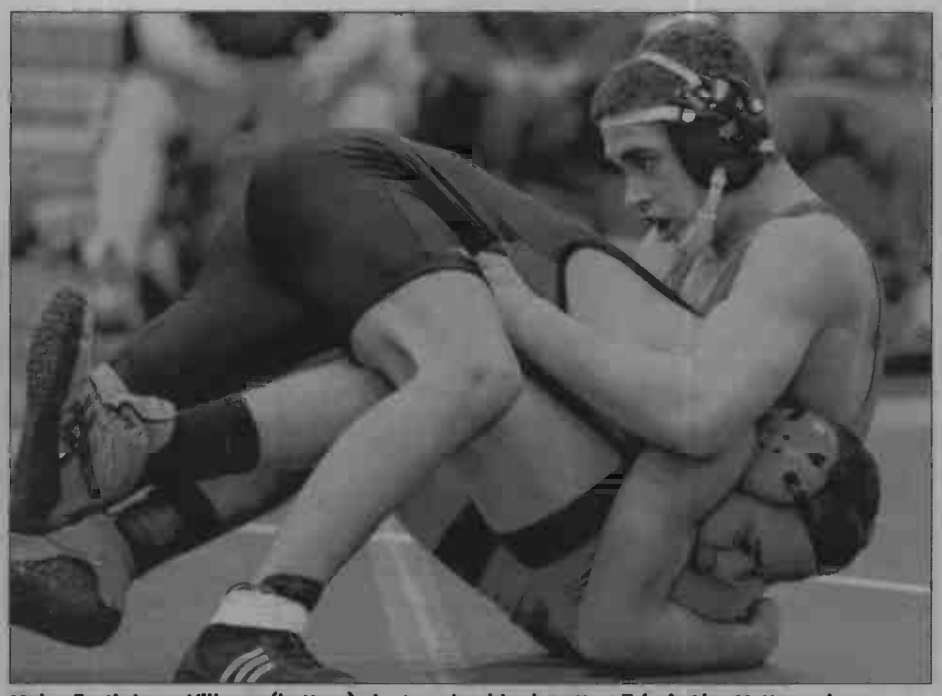
"It just means I'm getting older," Harris quipped. "But this is a milestone for this program, for the team — not an individual. It's been rewarding to see the improvement of all the players over the years."

The Giants (10-6) looked inspired across the board from the onset, especially Ross Chukerman, who delivered a fierce performance in the paint, hammering in a game-high 21 points. Norcia finished with 18 points, eight assists and five steals.

Harris said that he was pleased with his squad's wherewithal, considering it was finals week.

"They came out very sharp," he said. "Their routine has been altered this week because of finals, but they came out and responded in a big way."

The Blue Demons were to host Buffalo Grove at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and welcome Maine West on Friday.



Maine East's Jesus Villegas (bottom) plants a shoulder into New Trier's Alec McKenna in a 132-pound match at at the Central Suburban League Tournament. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Man for man, Maine East pleased with CSL results

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

Maine East deployed plenty of manpower as the efficient host of the 12-team CSL Tournament Friday and Saturday, but not enough of it was on the wrestling mats.

Attrition left the Blue Demons with only nine participants in the 14 weight classes. The good news was that five of them earned points by placing among the top six.

Juniors Aayush Shah and Markus Lukado and sophomore Jesus Villegas each finished fifth. Juniors Nenif Keso and Pablo Lopez both placed sixth.

Maine East wound up in ninth place with 54 points. As expected, the conference's top four teams dominated the proceedings.

South champion New Trier won the crown with 259.5 points on the strength of six individual champs and 12 placers. North champ Deerfield (247.5), the pre-tourney favorite, scored in all 14 classes. Maine West (213.5) and Maine South (154.5) had 12 and 10 placers, respectively.

After a bye, Shah (20-5) shut out two 120-pound opponents and repelled Highland Park's gritty John Ciancio 10-5 in the fifth-place bout. The Demons' leader lost to a pair of ranked stars in Maine South junior Terry Calkins (29-4) and Deerfield senior Christian Hoogheem (26-5).

"The big thing for (Shah) is to stay in the middle of the mat and use his speed more," said Maine East head coach Emiliano Hernandez.

Shah began his stellar campaign with 18 straight victories before facing many of the state's best performers over the past month.

"Some of the losses have helped me learn what I need to work on. I still want to go from regional to sectional to State, but I have learned to think one by one match at a time," said Shah, whose fourth-place finish in last year's regional was one slot short of advancing.

Lukado (9-9) gamely scrambled back from a first-round setback at 195. He pinned Niles West's Jason Chavez, lost to Maine West's Zach Watson and closed with a first-period pin of New Trier's Josh Thybony.

Villegas (13-4) pinned Highland Park's Andrew Freeman in the fifth-place match at 132 following a win and two defeats. The Demons' sophomore gained confidence last month with a victory on Deerfield's Senior Night over a highly regarded Warrior. Villegas wants another shot at Maine West senior Colin Gratz (32-1), who breezed to the league title.

Keso (12-13) crafted two victories against three defeats in the 138-pound competition won by Maine South's Dan Brewster.

In the 145-pound class, Lopez (10-18) stepped up with a pair of wins against two losses. He assured himself of a place with a hard-earned, 6-3 decision over Niles West's Marc Coss.

Junior Federico Cabrales (7-2) had a victory as well as his first two losses at 182. A sore shoulder delayed Cabrales's season debut, but he exploded out of the chute with six straight wins. In his first match of the season, he maneuvered his Glenbrook North opponent into a cradle for a pin.

Junior Jalen Lewis (152) went 1-2. Sophomore Eric Mendoza (170) picked up his second victory in only five varsity matches. Senior David Cirrincione lost twice in a difficult 160-pound field.

Maine East sorely missed injured junior Izzy Medina (12-2) in the 132-pound bracket. Junior heavyweight Billy Kounelis was lost for the season a month ago when he broke his collarbone.

Hernandez's Blue Demons went 9-8 in duals, including 2-3 in conference, this season despite their youth, lack of roster depth and various injuries.

Maine East will focus on individual rather than team advancement in the Class 3A regional at Niles West on Feb. 4. Maine West and Maine South headline the eight-team field.

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Only two players in NCAA Division I basketball history have averaged double-doubles (double figures in points and assists per game) over the course of an entire season. Incredibly, they did it in the same year – 1987-88. Any guesses? They were Avery Johnson of Southern University (who went on to be an NBA head coach), and Anthony Manuel of Bradley University. But keep an eye on Iona's Scott Machado, who averaged a double-double through the first month of the 2011-12 season.

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In the NBA, one mark of greatness in a single game is notching a triple double – double figures in points, assists and rebounds. When Jason Kidd registered a triple double at age 37 in 2010, he became just the fourth player to do so after the age of 36. Any guesses as to the other three? They are all-time NBA greats Elvin Hayes, Karl Malone and John Stockton. Malone and Stockton played together in Utah.

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Monreal-Berner tops CSL field at 182 pounds

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

A year ago in the first CSL Tournament that maintained team scores, Niles West finished sixth with a little more than 100 points, placing seven wrestlers in the top six and one champion in Vaughn Monreal-Berner.

Niles West duplicated that performance Friday and Saturday at Maine East, with one difference. After breezing through the 171-pound bracket last year, Monreal-Berner (26-7) found himself deadlocked 1-1 late in the title match at 182 against Deerfield's Zach Perbohner (17-8). Gut-check time.

"My game plan was to score early and often, but that didn't work out. I knew I had to escape in the third period," said Monreal-Berner, after securing the 2-1 victory. "This is a good tournament, and it feels good to win again."

After a bye, the Wolves junior standout dominated Maine East's Federico Cabrales 13-4. Two of the four contenders at 182 then bit the dust in the third round. Monreal-Berner pinned Maine West's Max Hanak (26-8) in 2:44 while Perbohner prevailed 4-3 over New Trier's Scott Schwartz (26-6).

Monreal-Berner is determined to qualify for the state meet after falling one step short last season in a 3-1 sectional defeat.

"He wants to be a state placer. He just needs to push the pace, attack more, be more aggressive," said Niles West head coach Anthony Genovesi. "He wrestled tough and rolled (Perbohner) pretty tough when he was on top."

Anthony Underwood (17-9) won three of four matches at 170 to earn third place. The junior all-conference returnee and three-sport standout recovered from a 14-9 loss to Glenbrook North's Jim McPike (19-5), the eventual champion, to pin Deerfield's Cotton Emmerich (15-9) in 2:46.

Junior Steve Apple (23-11) and sophomores Isaac Reinemann (16-14) and Brian Knorr (16-14) each placed fourth at 113, 132 and 152, respectively. Apple is one of Niles West's six returning sectional qualifiers. Reinemann, who moved up a class, and Knorr both came through with three wins against two losses.

Tommy Williams (22-14, 126), another all-CSL returnee, and sophomore Nick Vickers (106) added sixth-place finishes. Both advanced to sectional last season. Williams did not have his best tournament, but has beaten a couple of ranked opponents and is one of the Vikings leaders, along with fellow juniors Monreal-Berner, Underwood and Apple.

Sophomore Jason Chavez won one bout at 195, while heavyweight classmate Dennis Gargovic lost twice but continued to display considerable potential. Marc Coss claimed two wins while subbing for injured Nick Yonan at 145.

Junior Kevin Kaufhold lost twice at 220 but has been quick learner as a new wrestler, notching 10 wins this season. Senior Andrew Matias picked up a win at 160 while holding the fort for injured junior Sam Conrad (knee). Sophomore veteran Matt De La Vega (138) is also out with an injury.

"I was really happy with our three sophomores (Vickers, Reinemann, Knorr) who placed," said Genovesi.

South champion New Trier rode upset victories in the lighter weights to the team title, edging favored North champ Deerfield 259.5 to 247.5. Two solid conference runners-up, Maine West (213.5) and Maine South (154.5), rounded out the top four.

Niles West scored 104 points, four fewer than last year. Glenbrook South (120) took the fifth spot, but lost to the young Wolves (12-8, 3-2) in the final regular-season dual.

The Wolves won a regional crown last year at St. Patrick and advanced nine wrestlers to the sectional. But Niles West will encounter a tougher field when it hosts a Class 3A regional on Feb 4. Only the top three wrestlers from each class move on, and Maine West and Maine South will be among the eight teams.

Niles West's Thomas Williams (right) ducks under Glenbrook South's Michael Kindelin in the 126-pound class at the CSL Tournament at Maine East. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Levi, Pascoe put up good examples for Vikes

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

First-year Niles North head coach Chris Albandia would love to see more Vikings climb the ladder as quickly as sophomore Shawn Levi, who's quietly developed into the team's second best wrestler, behind junior Camerin Pascoe.

In his first season on the varsity level, Levi has compiled a sparkling 15-9 record. He went 1-2 in the rugged 113-pound bracket at the CSL Meet, held at Maine East Friday and Saturday.

"Shawn is a prime example of what we want in our wrestlers," Albandia said. "He was under .500 on the freshman team last year. He had a big camp this summer in Minnesota, and put all the work in. It shows. He's just a little raw and needs to be a little more technical. He needs to find a set of moves that he can call his own."

Added Levi: "I have a hunger to want to succeed. If I'm going to do something, I want to be good at it. My shots and intensity are strengths. I need to work on my technique and pregame."

Albandia inherited a team with scant depth and experience. The rebuilding Vikings went winless in CSL North dual meets, and placed 11th in the 12-team conference tourney. Pascoe earned fourth place at 220 for Niles North's only top-six finish.

South champion New Trier nosed out favored North champ Deerfield 259.5 to 247.5 for the crown. Six Trevians claimed individual titles to three for the Warriors. Senior-laden Maine West (213.5) and the other conference runner-up, Maine South (154.5), rounded out the top four.

Niles North's Nick Lakhani finds himself in trouble against New Trier's Andrew Steen during a 145-pound bout at the CSL Tournament. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

The only roadblock for Pascoe (21-12) at 220 was New Trier's John Benson, who blanked him 5-0 in the third-place match and 3-0 in the second round of the winners' bracket.

Pascoe also earned four wins during a busy weekend. He opened by pinning his Waukegan opponent in the first period. In the wrestlebacks, Pascoe earned a solid 9-6 decision over Maine South's Stefan Barac, and added two more falls against opponents from Evanston and Glenbrook North.

"We want Camerin to be a contender for a regional title and have a good sectional," Albandia said. "Do better on the bottom and wrestle all six minutes."

Earlier in the season, Pascoe lost to CSL champion Artie Bess (29-1) of Deerfield by only three points. Bess entered the meet as the conference's highest-ranked wrestler — No. 3 in the state by Illinois Matmen.

"I actually thought I should have won it in the third period. I was building confidence during that match," said Pascoe, who will seek his first sectional berth. "I'm good on my feet and my top game. I have to get better with my ground game and turning the guy."

Nick Lakhani had a strong showing at 145. He started by pinning Glenbrook South's Dan Lydon in the first period. Lakhani lasted into the second period against No. 8-ranked Lenny Bloom (28-1) of Deerfield. The Vikings junior advanced in the consolation bracket, winning by default, and then hung tough in a 6-2 loss to New Trier's Andrew Steen.

Losing both of their matches were senior Kin-Man Lee (138), juniors Gene Edmond (285) and Anas Hasan (170), and sophomores Anton Shaykovsky (195), Alex Cimarrustt (182) and Daniel Litovchenko (106).

Sophomore Futtaim Ali was too ill to compete, and Albandia left several classes vacant to allow inexperienced youngsters compete in underclass matches.

Niles North will compete in the IHSA Class 3A Niles West Regional on Feb. 4. Maine West and Maine South are also in the eight-team field. The top three wrestlers in each class advance to the Glenbard North Sectional.

Wolves still in control of fate in CSL South

BY ALAN FEWRGUSON
Contributor

After ending its longest losing streak of the season, Niles West will try to carry that momentum into an important CSL South matchup.

The Wolves have a chance to remain in first place in the conference by knocking off visiting Maine South on Friday night.

Niles West's title hopes seemed to take a hit with a 56-43 loss at New Trier Friday, but the Wolves and the rest of the CSL South teams caught a break when Maine South fell 46-36 at Evanston that same night.

The result dropped the Hawks into a three-way tie for first with Niles West and Glenbrook South at 5-2. The Wolves will travel to Glenbrook South on Feb. 10 in their regular-season finale. They beat the Titans 53-40 at home on Jan. 6.

"We're still in the conference hunt," coach Tony Konsewicz said. "Obviously, (Friday's game) is a must-win for us."

Niles West will enter that game having already ended a three-game skid with a 52-36 win over Danville on Saturday. The Wolves, though, weren't as stout defensively during a 65-55 loss at Maine South on Dec. 9.

The Hawks knocked down 10 three-pointers and had five players score at least seven points, with Mackenzie Duffy's career-high 16 leading the way. Niles West star Jewell Loyd had 22 of her 29 points in the final 10 minutes, but it wasn't enough to rally her team from a 15-point deficit in the third quarter.

STANDINGS

CSL South		
Maine South	5-2	20-3
Niles West	5-2	17-7
Glenbrook S.	5-2	17-4
Evanston	3-4	12-10
New Trier	3-4	14-7
Waukegan	0-7	2-17
CSL North		
Niles North	6-1	13-10
Maine West	6-1	8-13
Glenbrook N.	5-3	16-6
Highland Park	3-4	10-10
Deerfield	2-6	5-18
Maine East	0-7	3-16

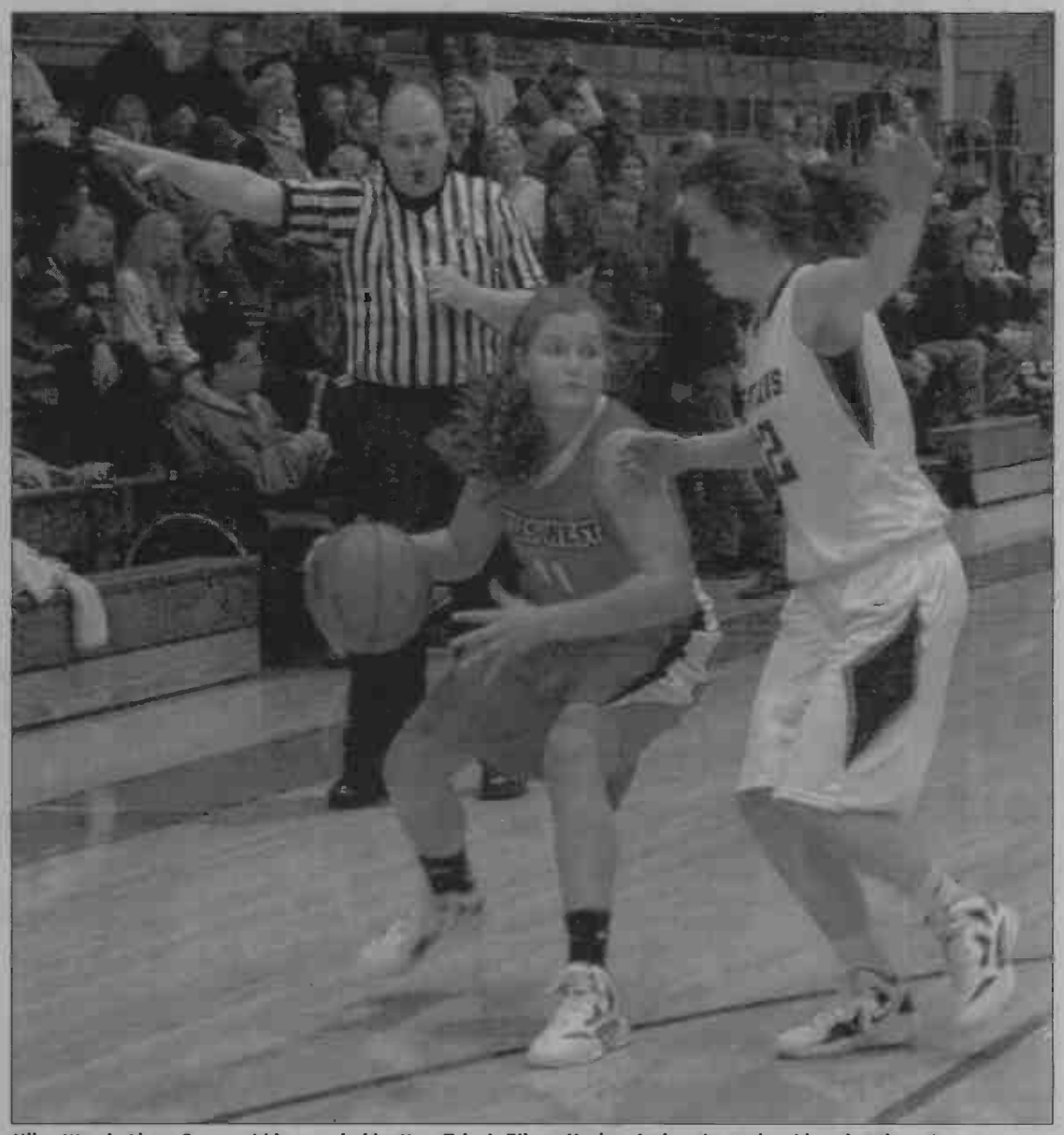
(Records through Sunday)

Slow starts hindered the Wolves during their three-game losing streak, Konsewicz said, adding that his team will likely have to do a better job of limiting its turnovers to win its upcoming games.

Niles West committed six turnovers in the first 4:09 in Friday's game and missed its first six shots while falling behind 13-0. The Wolves rallied to take a lead as Loyd scored 10 of her 26 points during a 16-1 run but couldn't take control for good.

"We've gotten into a bad rut in getting off to slow starts," Konsewicz said.

"We've got to get out of that rut. ... We also need to be stronger with the ball and not throw the ball away. You can't start off a big game by throwing the ball out of bounds."



Niles West's Alexa Czyzynski is guarded by New Trier's Eileen Hurley during the Wolves' loss in Winnetka. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Vikes understand mission is far from over

BY MATT HARNESS
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Alissa Hirsh and Mariyah Henley are experts on the Niles North girls basketball program.

Both four-year varsity veterans believe this is the best team they've played on.

Even Saturday's 53-50 overtime loss to No. 14-ranked Loyola was a sign the Vikings are a team to watch when the playoffs start next month.

Down by as many as nine in the fourth quarter, Niles North sent the game into OT behind Henley. Hirsh then gave the Vikings the early advantage in the extra period, but it was all Loyola after that.

"I think we did a great overall," the point guard Hirsh said. "It's tough not to get the win."

Henley missed the entire half while attending her grandmother's funeral. When the 6-footer entered the game at the 2:51 of the third quarter, the Vikings trailed by nine. Henley finished with a team-best 13 points, while Hirsh added 12 points.

Things were different a night earlier after the Vikings beat Glenbrook North 57-42 to stay tied for first in the CSL North at 6-1. Hirsh scored a team-high 20 points, and Henley poured in 18 points in the win.

Niles North was scheduled to play Gordon Tech on Wednesday and Highland Park on Friday. The Vikings get conference co-leader Maine West on Feb. 3.

"We don't talk about the long-term goals," said fifth-year coach Dan Paxson, who is looking for his first conference championship with the Vikings. "I know there's talk around us, but that's not our focus in the locker room or at practice. Our focus is on what's in front of us."

Paxson called the Vikings "a young team with experience." Niles North features only five seniors, including Angela Jones, Sorriyah Ranger and Lizzette Rivera. Nine players on the roster are in their first season on the varsity.

"I like this team the best," Henley said. "We can go deep on our bench. We definitely are better than the other years."

Later this week, Niles North will learn its seeding and where it will play at the New Trier Sectional. The Vikings are looking for their first regional championship since 2004.

"In my four years, this is by far the most hard-working and most talented team and the one with the best chance to make a run, come playoff time," Hirsh said. "I think we can win a regional and get deep into the sectional. Obviously, it will take a lot of hard work, and it will take winning games like (Saturday's).

Niles North senior Alissa Hirsh gets to the basket while guarded by Glenbrook North's Sammie Von Rueden during the Vikings' win in the CSL North. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Wrestle at ESCC Tourn. at Marian, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday
Hockey vs. Brother Rice at Niles-Ballard, 8 p.m.
Monday
Swimming at Maine West, 5 p.m.

NILES NORTH

Friday
Boys basketball hosts Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball at Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
Boys swimming at Glenbrook North, 5 p.m.
Wrestling at CSL Quad at TBA, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Girls gymnastics at CSL North Tourn. at Deerfield, 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Boys basketball at Maine South, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Girls gymnastics at Stevenson Regional, 6:30 p.m.

MAINE EAST

Friday
Boys swim/dive hosts Maine West, 5 p.m.
Wrestling at CSL Quad at TBA, 6 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Maine West, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Girls gymnastics at CSL North Tourn. at Deerfield, 11 a.m.
Monday
Girls basketball hosts Elmwood Park, 7 p.m.
Boys basketball at Elk Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Girls gymnastics at Stevenson Regional, 6:30 p.m.

NILES WEST

Friday
Boys swimming hosts New Trier, 5:30 p.m.
Boys basketball at Maine South, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Maine South, 7:30 p.m.
Girls gymnastics at CSL South Tourn. at Evanston, 6 p.m.
Wrestling hosts CSL Quad, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Boys basketball hosts Buffalo Grove, 5 p.m.

Voitik drains game-winner at horn

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

The Niles North boys basketball team that traveled to Glenbrook North Friday barely resembled the Vikings squad that had lost to the Spartans by 28 points on Dec. 6.

Since that 67-39 defeat, the young Vikings had grown up and regained the services of one of their best players, senior Mychael Henley.

North brought a seven-game winning streak to Northbrook for the rematch. But, in the first half it looked as if little had changed.

Niles North shot poorly, did not get back on defense and trailed 29-18 at the break to a GBN team playing without star center Andrew McAuliffe, who was injured.

The second half was a different story, however. Led by the aggressive play of senior B.J. Beckford (14 points) and the perimeter skills of star junior Malachi Nix (19 points), Niles North stormed back, briefly taking a third-quarter lead.

The game went down to the wire. When Nix's potential game-winning 35-foot three-pointer fell short, Niles North junior Billy Voitik was there to collect the rebound, spin and lay the ball in as time expired, giving the Vikings a dramatic 56-54 win.

Niles North (4-2 CSL North) pulled into a first-place tie with Glenbrook North and Highland Park atop the conference.

"We had some poor possessions (in the first half) and played poor transition defense," Niles North head coach Glenn Olson said. "We took quick shots and needed to get the ball to the hoop. We were an easy team to defend in the first half. Once we started attacking, we scored 23 points in the third quarter."

Beckford reached the basket and the free-throw line repeatedly in the third to carry Niles North to a 41-40 cushion late in the frame.

The contest went back and forth in the final quarter, before the Vikings squandered chances to put it away with some late free throws. Glenbrook North's Jason Markus hit a three-pointer with eight seconds remaining to tie the score 54-54.

The visitors did not call a timeout, and it was clear Nix would be the man to take the final shot. His 35-foot look was not a great one, but Voitik (who missed time over the holiday with broken ribs) was there to be the hero.

"Nobody works harder than Billy Voitik," said Olson. "It's not just on game day that he's diving for loose balls. It's legitimate hard work and toughness. He loves it and prides himself on that. He's relentless.

"When he makes a play (like the game-winner on Friday), some people say it's luck. But we know luck is about preparation. There is not a ball that goes up that he doesn't want to rebound. There is not a ball on the floor he doesn't want to get. We are glad we have Billy Voitik."

The following evening, the Vikings improved to 14-5 overall with a 65-41 win over Mather. Niles North showed no signs of a letdown as they took a 40-11 lead into halftime.

"We had a real intense game Friday and we wanted to bring the same intensity. We wanted to pressure them," Olson said. "Mather does not have a great record, but they have kids who can play and they play a good schedule. I was pleased with our business-like approach."

Henley led the Vikings with 13 points and Nix chipped in 12. In a game where 10 Vikings scored and everybody played significant minutes, Olson said he was pleased with the performances of junior Sabir Ahamed and senior Ali Rafiq. The coach said senior Jaylen White continues to give the team strong defense.

On Jan. 17, Beckford scored 23 in a 63-44 win over Leyden.

"It was a great game for us," said Olson, whose team trailed 8-0 early. "We really clamped down and got our transition defense going. Nix only had 10 points and Henley didn't have his best night. So, for us to beat a good team by 19 was great."

The Vikings host Highland Park at 7:30 p.m. Friday

STANDINGS

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Evanston	3-3	13-6
Maine South	3-3	12-9
Glenbrook S.	1-5	5-13
Niles West	0-6	2-13
CSL North		
Glenbrook N.	4-2	13-4
Niles North	4-2	14-5
Highland Park	4-2	11-7
Maine West	3-3	8-8
Deerfield	3-3	8-9
Maine East	0-6	4-12

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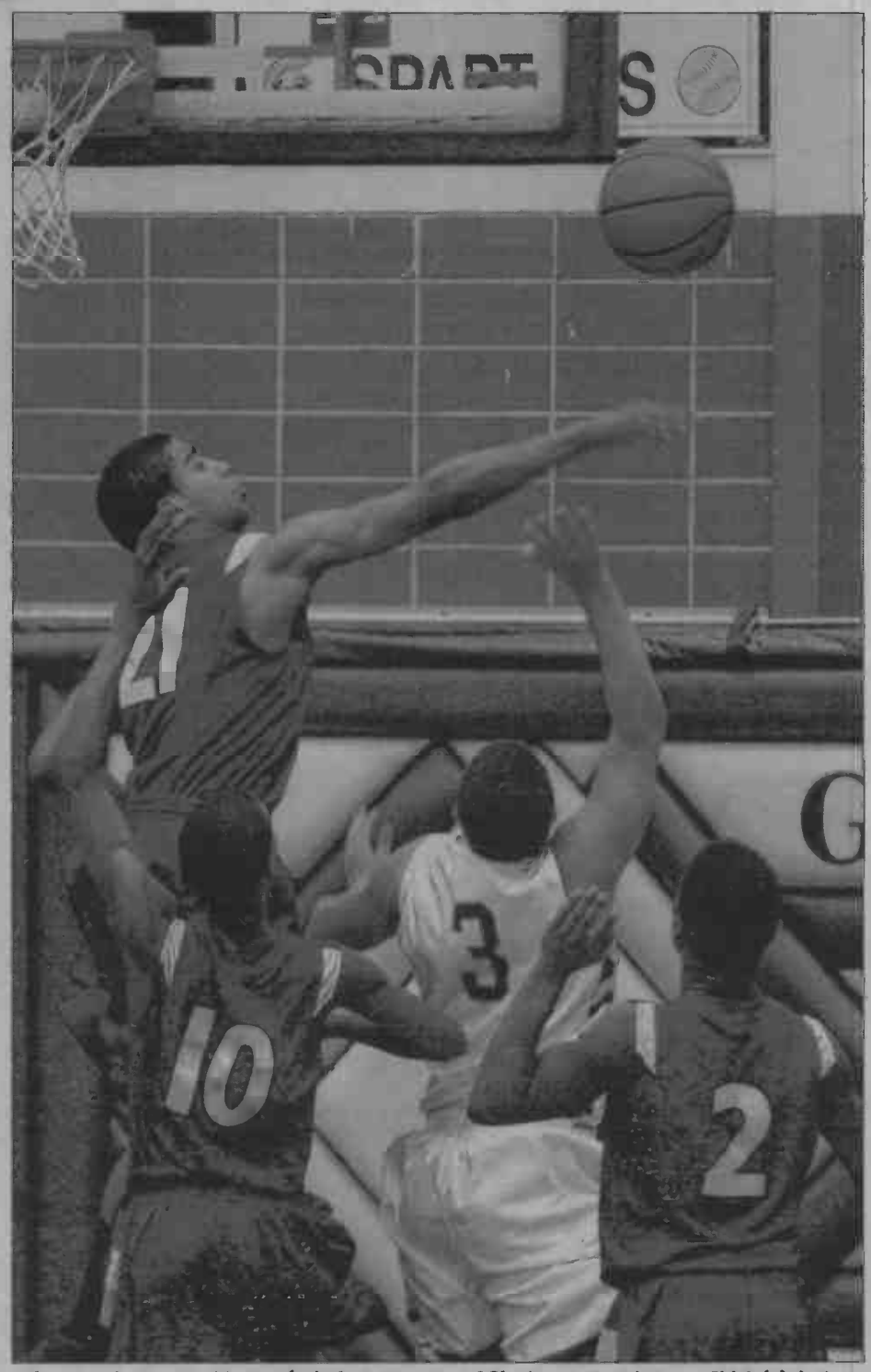

Niles North's Eron Washington (21) blocks the shot of Glenbrook North's Adam Chick (3) during the Vikings' victory. Niles North's Tafari Beckford (10) and Malachi Nix (2) also defend. | BUZZ ORR-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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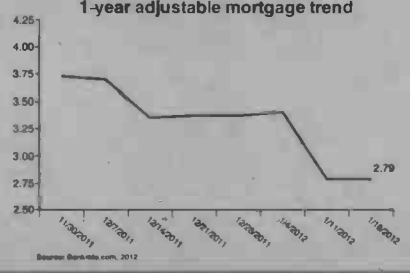

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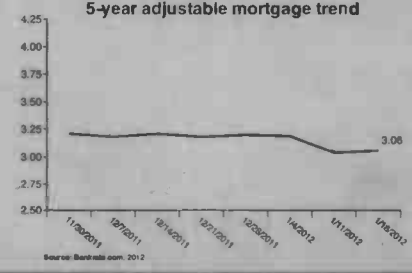

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