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CULVER SCHOOL

Program challenges students to start chain reaction of kindness

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

More than 300 people listened to a presentation on "Rachel's Challenge" with heavy but hopeful hearts at Culver School on Jan. 24.

The program was based on Rachel Scott, who was tragically killed during the Columbine High School shootings, and her positive message to start a chain reaction of kindness.

And such a chain reaction of kindness is taking off in Niles. The same evening, Mayor Robert Callero proclaimed Niles as a Rachel's Challenge Town.

"I've never attended a more powerful presentation," village Trustee Joseph LoVerde said if the program at Culver. "It had a profound impact on me."

During the presentation emotional parents and students together watched video clips of Rachel and her strong belief in kindness during the emotional presentation. Scott was always friendly to new students who didn't have friends yet or special-needs students who also felt left out.

The speaker challenged the students at Culver to go outside their own comfort zone and sit with new

students sometimes during lunch or invite the youngsters to sit with them.

He also talked about the power of positive influences and told the audience to start choosing the right people to be around.

"I think it was great," Damaris Gibson said at the event. She said her children came home from school and were so excited about the Rachel's Challenge presentation they saw at school.

"It had a really good impact on them," Gibson said. "This school is really good about having a no-bullying policy."

Principal Peggy Maniscalco said Rachel's Challenge is having a positive impact on students at Culver. Maniscalco said two students who were engaged in "bullying" behavior came into her office and shared that they have come to make peace with each other as a result of Rachel's Challenge.

"I think success is measured by what continues to live on," Maniscalco said.

A Rachel's Challenge club was started at Culver School and the members will continue to spread Rachel's positive message.

Children at every grade level are making paper chains that empha-



Culver students participated in the program, Rachel's Challenge, based on Rachel Scott, who was killed in the Columbine High School shootings, and her positive message to start a chain reaction of kindness. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

size acts of kindness seen or experienced while at school.

They are also tying ribbons with

positive messages on students' lockers.

Maniscalco said Gemini Junior

High School in Niles has also expressed an interest in holding a Rachel's Challenge event.

GOLF MILL SHOPPING CENTER

Hearing on 25-cent tax hike slated for Feb. 28

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

A public hearing on establishing a special district that would increase sales tax at Golf Mill Shopping Center will take place Feb. 28.

The proposal involves the village levying a sales-tax increase of .25 percent or 25 cents on a \$100 purchase.

Finance Director Scot Neukirch said the village hasn't established this type of special business district for at least 20 years, but has created TIF districts, which are similar.

The goal of establishing the special business district and increasing the sales tax is to create a 30,000-square-foot junior department store and a three-tenant building on Milwaukee Avenue with a fast-food drive-through next to the lot. It was estimated that

\$400,000 of additional revenue per year will be generated if the proposal is approved. The additional funds would also be used to fund various projects, involving sewer improvements, sidewalks, facade improvements and environmental initiatives.

In August, Mike Williams, general manager of Golf Mill, and Wendell Hollan, first vice president at CB Richard Ellis, approached the Niles Village Board of Trustees stating that they needed the village's assistance in order to stay competitive with other shopping centers and be successful.

Williams said the plan is the same as presented to the board in August, but they have hired Houseal Lavigne Associates, the company that worked on the village's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, to help with their presentation to ensure their plan is cohesive with

"We want to stay even with the competition and keep our shopping center the 'crown jewel' of Niles."

the village-wide 2030 plan.

Some trustees have emphasized the importance of the plan coinciding with the comprehensive plan.

"We want to stay even with the competition and keep our shopping center the 'crown jewel' of Niles," Williams said, adding that the village will also benefit financially.

Neukirch said a public hearing is required because it involves a business district.

Trustees recently approved a quarter-cent sales-tax increase in the village of Niles that will start in July. A hearing wasn't required for that action.

DISTRICT 207

Someone may be coming to collect from students who owe money

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

Students have been racking up debt in Maine Township High School District 207, and officials are considering using a collection agency to get their money back.

Business Director Mary Kalou said there's slightly more than \$100,000 owed to the school district.

"We've been watching and it's been growing," Kalou said.

She said a senior could have racked up outstanding costs during the past four years.

"We knew once we went through this year's book sales we wanted to take a look at how much was outstanding," she explained.

Kalou said nearly 500 students owe money for a host of different things, such as outstanding books

and athletic equipment.

Kalou said students are not required to buy their own athletic equipment, but they are required to return borrowed equipment.

A number of different collection agencies have approached the school district to offer their services, but the district hasn't selected an agency yet.

Kalou said she is unsure when this item will appear before the Board of Education for approval.

If the district decides to use a collection agency, parents will first be notified by letters sent home.

"If the school's letter doesn't get a response, they'll be turned over to the collection agency," Kalou said.

Kalou said collection agencies claim to have been successful in collecting money owed by students at other school districts.

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BUSINESS

Owning American Science & Surplus 'ideal job' for Cable

BY NATASHA WASINSKI

Contributor

If it's broke, Philip Cable will fix it. Or at least he'll try.

Evanston's Cable, owner and CEO of American Science & Surplus, has been inventing and recycling things, ideas and businesses long before being green was in.

He acquired the quirky educational supply store in 2000 and has yet to look back.

"This is the ideal job for me," said Cable, a self-described "lifelong science geek."

Seagull yarn, Russian gas masks and the once-popular cheeseburger phone are a few of the more random items that crowd shelves in Cable's "something-for-everyone" shop.

American Science & Surplus is also known for practical goods that can't be found anywhere else, such as robot parts, distinct tools, and electronics.

"We appeal to a lot of 'do-it-yourself-ers', inventors, artists," Cable said.

Cable, who turned 50 Jan. 1, said he had a tendency as child to disassemble household items for their workable motors.

It wasn't uncommon to see smoke billowing from his home's basement windows when his experiments went awry, he said.

Despite a fondness for science, Cable studied English in college because he "never had the math chops to be a scientist," he said. He did, however, have a knack for creative business.

In his mid-20s, Cable packed-up and drove to Chicago from Ohio in a 1968 Rambler Rogue to find work.

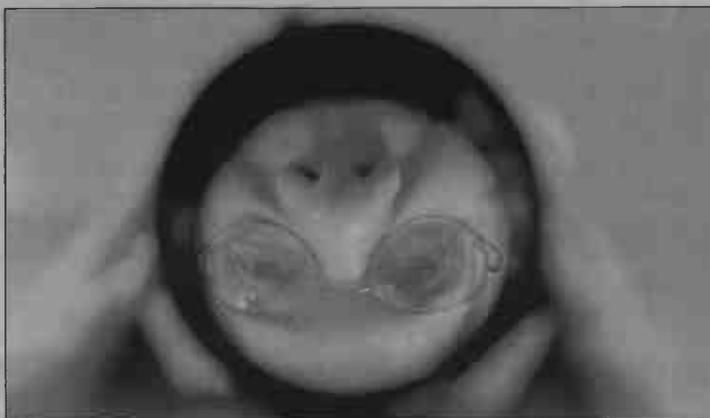
After hearing hammers pounding in a house in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, Cable knocked on the door and asked the contractor if he needed help.

He worked six months rehabbing the house before venturing on his own.

Cable found and purchased a nearly condemned residential build-



Evanston resident Philip Cable is the owner of American Science and Surplus, the place to go for slingshot monkeys, plastic lizards and rubber ducks that look like James Dean. | PHOTOS BY JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Philip Cable holds the lens from an old-style projection television.

ing, spent eight months fixing it up, then sold it for a sizable profit, all before age 30.

Cable had found a niche and has been revamping, rehashing and reinventing ever since. Other

business forays include opening a 12,000-square-foot bar near Wrigley Field where imbibers played mini-golf and operating catalogue-marketing company that sold science-related good for kids.

After taking night classes and earning an MBA from DePaul University, Cable was ready to acquire an already-established business.

American Science & Surplus was for sale and Cable became its buyer. Founded in "about 1937," the company now employs a staff of 60 and has retail stores in Chicago, Geneva and Milwaukee. Catalogue and orders, which account for 70 percent of the business' sales, are processed in a 69,000-square-foot warehouse in Niles.

Despite a track record of moving from one endeavor to the next, Cable said that he'll stick with the science supply store for while.

Besides, he said, where else can you work in an office where gadgets whizzing by employees' heads is considered normal?

"I'm very happy," Cable said. "It's a good fit."

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**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

District 64 contest helps students learn to love science

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

Students were busy launching paper airplanes at a target on the floor and building tall structures using straws and pins — but it wasn't just regular Saturday morning fun.

Students in Park Ridge-Niles District 64 were competing in the annual Science Olympiad held Feb. 4 at Emerson Middle School in Niles.

For more than 20 years students in the district have participated in the annual Science Olympiad.

It is a family affair, with parents volunteering as both coaches and judges in the competition, which involves third- through fifth-graders competing for medals while learning and having fun.

This year about 175 students participated in the friendly competition that featured various events, such as the Catapult, which involved shooting a rubber band at a target; Aerodynamics, which required throwing a paper airplane at a target; Structures, for which students worked together to build skyscrapers out of straws and pins; Egg Drop, in which they designed a device to successfully catch an egg dropped from 12 feet; and Mystery Box, in which participants had to guess what was in different containers based on the objects' various properties.

"We just want to encourage their interest in science," said Anthony Clissem, District 64 science curriculum coordinator for kindergartners through eighth-graders.

Clissem said studies are finding that some students lose interest in science in high school and college because the math and science becomes more difficult. He feels it is important to spark kids' interest in science at the grade-school level so it stays with them.

"We really try to plant those seeds earlier," Clissem said.

Students dedicate much time and effort to prepare for the big competition.

Clissem said students practice well ahead of time.

"I'm so happy," Emily Buerk said of how she and her teammates performed in the Structures



Winning teams in the District 64 Science Olympiad competed in several events and received first-, second- or third-place medals. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

competition. "It was very exciting."

Buerk and her teammates were working hard to create a 10-foot, 7-inch structure out of just straws and pins. They won first place for their effort.

"It really got us interested in science," Buerk said of the Science Olympiad.

Steve Buerk, Emily's dad, who was cheering the team on said: "These events are great for instilling discipline." He added that he believes the Science Olympiad also teaches children that good preparation leads to success.

Roberto Botello's daughter, Nichole, participated in the Egg Drop and took first place in the competition. He felt it was a good opportunity for the children to be involved in a competitive atmosphere and also learn about science.

The 2012 Science Olympiad winners included:

- in Aerodynamics — first place, Jack Dombro and Owen Mech, Grade 5, Field School; second place, Mason Conrardy and Nicholas Walczak, Grade 3, Carpenter School; and third place, Billy Peck and Cole Schmeisser, Grade 5, Field School.

- in Mystery Box — first place, Jack Massari, Liam Cannon and Will Stonebridge, Grade 4, Field School; second place, Erin Converse, Sarah

Biagi and Madeline Biagi, Grade 5, Washington School; and third place, Emma Winkler and Sophie DiMaso, Grade 3, Field School.

- in Rubber Band Catapult — first place, Billy Buerk and Ethan Rich, Grade 3, Field School; second place, Stephen Pontikes and Damien Emmer, Grade 5, Franklin School; and third place, James Lawrin and Joey Sagmeister, Grade 4, Field School; Victoria Pontikes and James Keefe, Grade 5, Franklin School; and Molly O'Brien, Grade 3, Emily Schneider, Grade 4, and Karen Van Den Eeden, Grade 4, Washington School.

- Structures — first place, Emily Buerk and Sabrina Nash, Grade 5, Field School; second place, Madison Purtell and Katy Harms, Grade 5, Roosevelt School; and third place, Matthew Asson and Alex Gonzalo, Grade 3, Field School.

- Egg Drop — first place, Nichole Botello and Trisha Warren, Grade 3, Field School; Brian Farrell and Everett Bochat, Grade 3, Washington School; second place, Raymond Menarik, Grade 4, and Charles Monical, Grade 3, Franklin School; and third place, Bridget Stonebridge, Olivia Sivore and Rhiannon Sites, Grade 3, Field School.

DISTRICT 67

Students urged to take risks, make mistakes at career day

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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"The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker" it wasn't. Golf School District 67's first career day garnered a wide variety of guest speakers from entrepreneurs to tradesmen to a couple of local celebrities.

The program grew out of discussions among the district's partnership-committee members, Superintendent Jamie Reilly said.

The district serves residents of Morton Grove and Niles.

"Career Day is a way to get the community linked in," Reilly said. "And it's good for the students to hear about some of the (employment) opportunities out there."

Visiting with students through an online video feed, comedian Chris Williams ended one of his discussions by telling students, "Don't ever let anyone tell you can't do something. Get as much knowledge and education about whatever it is you want to do."

Sarah Kustock, Comcast sports anchor, told a group of students that her job entails using many of the skills they're learning in school right now.

"The No. 1 skill is writing," she said of her profession. "Even though I do a lot of speaking, just about everything is written first."

The second skill is speak-



A Golf Middle School student tries out the camera of Sun-Times Media photojournalist Joel Lerner during the school's career day Jan. 31. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ing, she said, noting she was terribly shy about public speaking, even in college.

"That made the job challenging," she said.

Kustock recommended paying attention to academics.

"You need good grades even if you don't know what you want to do," she told the students. "With what you're learning, you never know what you're going to use. Always being prepared for the unexpected. Be ready for anything."

You've got to roll with it."

Kustock also advised not getting overwhelmed by a mistake.

"We all make them," she said. "The secret is to learn how to make yourself better. Don't let it weigh too heavily on you."

And as tempting as it is to do something that comes easy, Kustock suggested working on the weak spots.

She used as an example taking a job covering hockey games even though she know

nothing about the sport.

"I took the criticism," she said of her lack of knowledge showing through in the early broadcasts. "But now I'm comfortable with it."

"It was hard; it was challenging; but sometimes you need to take a risk."

Student Brandon Nguin, of Morton Grove, said he enjoyed the variety of speakers.

"There was a lawyer, a comedian, a sports anchor," he said. "There's a lot of (job) choices out there."

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CHICAGO CRIME COMMISSION

Gang Book spotlights threats to Chicago suburbs

BY BILL DWYER

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For more than 40 years, street gangs and the illegal drug sales they control have been major drivers of property crime in the suburbs.

For most people, though, gangs remain a shadowy phenomenon, visible only in the occasional newspaper or TV clip and usually in Chicago, not the suburbs.

The 2011 edition of the Chicago Crime Commission's "Gang Book" sheds new light on street gangs and provides a clearer picture of the dangers they present to Chicago's neighboring communities.

"This is a very complicated problem," said Jody Weis, president of the Chicago Crime Commission. "Gangs have been around a very long time, and they're not going away."

The former Chicago police superintendent made the comments during a media talk "Gangs: What We Know, What's Being Done and What's Left to Learn." More than 70 law enforcement officials participated in the three-hour panel.

Police say the harmful impact of street gangs is multi-faceted. Gangs sell heroin to drug addicts who trek here from as far away as Rockford. Those addicts commit crimes like retail theft, copper theft and burglary to pay for their habits.

Meanwhile, gangs such as the Four Corner Hustlers and Vice Lords are also responsible for many crimes in the suburbs, such as armed robberies, burglaries, theft and even violence.

Local concerns

Oak Park and River Forest police responses to the 2011 Crime Commission survey show police here are watching the Four Corner Hustlers, followed by the Vice Lords (which have at least eight operating factions) the Latin Kings and Gangster Disciples.

But it is the presence of gang bangers on the West Side numbering in the thousands concerns police here. "The Gang Book's" maps show a growth in the presence of street gangs on the West Side of Chicago, particularly the 15th district from Roosevelt Road to Division Street.

The Four Corner Hustlers dominate Austin, with the exception of a few areas run by various Vice Lord factions and another controlled by the Black P Stones.

Since 2006, the Hustlers' turf has grown to almost 100 city blocks in the 15th District, and another 50 blocks in the 25th District's North Austin area.

Large gang populations are also present in the Chicago's Galewood to the north, Berwyn to the south

and Maywood and Broadview to the west.

"We border various communities, some of which are challenged," said Oak Park Detective Cmdr. Ladon Reynolds.

He stressed that "gang activity" in Oak Park isn't a definitive term.

"They may reside in Oak Park. That doesn't necessarily mean they're active in Oak Park as gang members. I can tell you that we don't have any areas in Oak Park that are controlled by gangs."

River Forest Detective Sgt. Marty Grill said he too saw no evidence of overt gang activity in the villages.

"Based on my experience, there are many, many more gang members traveling back and forth through (River Forest and Oak Park)," Grill said.

Police in both villages diligently document any and all contacts they have with documented or suspected gang members, whether through arrests, traffic enforcement or street stops.

Oak Park has an officer permanently assigned to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and has two gang intelligence officers. River Forest's Grill regularly participates in WEDGE gang suppression operations as a supervisor. WEDGE involves Oak Park, River Forest and Elmwood Park police.

Educating about gangs

For years law enforcement authorities held to a policy of not publicizing specific gangs, out of concern that doing so glamorized their activities.

That appears to be changing. Weis urged the average citizen, and parents in particular, to work to understand everything about street gangs.

"Learn as much as you can about gangs," Weis urged. "They're a very disruptive influence on young people."

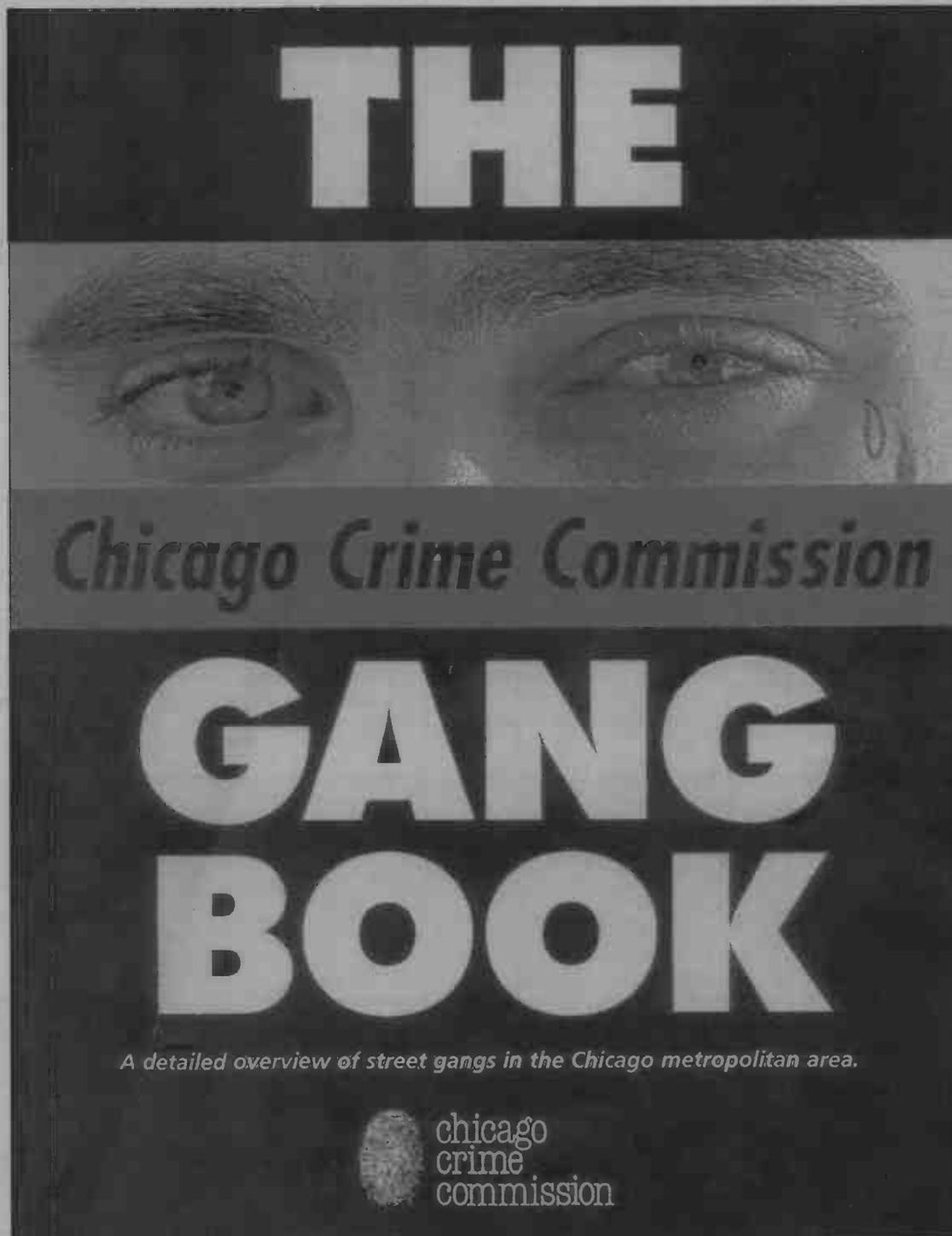
Reynolds echoed that recommendation.

"It's about communication between parents and children," he said of countering the threat of gang involvement by young people. "Parents are a huge part of that."

Grill is adamant that police must continue to maintain and increase pressure on street drug sales. The connection between drug use and property crime, he said, is "as clear as day to me."

"What happens (east of Austin Boulevard) affects not just Oak Park but much of Cook County," Grill said. Drug addicts needing to feed their habits "are responsible for crimes everywhere from where they buy drugs to where they live."

"If we don't go after the street



The Chicago Crime Commission "Gang Book."

drug deals, we're just inviting more users to come in, and then property crime goes up."

Future initiatives

Cooperation is key to future enforcement, police officials said.

"You have unprecedented cooperation in the Chicago area," said Weis, who has served with both the FBI and local urban law enforcement agencies.

"We always get excellent cooperation from the City of Chicago and suburban police departments and the federal agencies," said Grill.

"It's important for us to work with initiatives such as WEDGE and federal authorities," said Reynolds. "We can't do this alone. This is an urban environment and crime is transient."

Reynolds and Grill said they welcomed whatever improved law enforcement tools they are provided, including broadening racketeering charges and enhanced surveillance abilities.

Legislatively, Weis is looking for less restrictions on recording phone conversations.

"We should not have to get a court order in the middle of the night to get

somebody to engage in a telephone conversation where we're trying to develop information that can put a shooter, a killer, in jail," he said.

Officials also called for a state RICO law (racketeering influence criminal organization) that would allow police to go after gang organizations more comprehensively.

"We're working with our legislative partners to try and develop a state RICO statute that makes sense and that will be laser-focused on gangs," Weis said. "To take out the organization and not just the individuals."

Gangs turn to social media to spread violence

BY FRANK MAIN

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Chicago gangs are still spray-painting their graffiti on alley walls, train cars and viaducts — but they're also using their smart phones and computers for "cyber-tagging," according to the Chicago Crime Commission, which released an updated book on the city's street gangs Thursday.

They're provoking their rivals with Internet graffiti and using social media to keep in touch with their associates, according to the commission.

"They're tagging websites with information that is provocative and incites violence," said Jody Weis, former Chicago Police superintendent and president of the commission.

"They can talk to their whole gang this fast," Weis said, snapping his fingers. "They can send a message: Everybody meet at this corner at this time. And everybody's got it."

Weis estimated two-thirds of school-related violence is spawned on social-media sites.

"You and I get in an argument on Facebook and the next thing you know I'm shooting your sister or you're shooting my brother," he said.

Web chatter is a valuable tool for law enforcement officials to monitor for information on gangs, Weis noted.

"A kid may say he's never carried a gun and on his Facebook page there's a picture of him holding an AK-47 or a Glock," he said.

Authorities can obtain search warrants to go deeper into a suspect's social media site and build a criminal case, Weis said.

Last year, Chicago Police tracked social media sites to combat mobs of young thugs robbing and assaulting people in the downtown area.

And in New York City, authorities recently announced charges against 43 Hood Starz gang members who allegedly bragged about their crimes on Facebook and Twitter.

The gang allegedly spoke in code about shooting a rival Wave Gang member by saying he was "clapped off the surfboard," police said. Venturing into Wave Gang territory was called "going to the beach," according to a story in the New York Times.

The Chicago Crime Commission's 320-page gang book revealed some gang members' web conversations about shooting at police officers, mourning slain associates and boasting about drug dealing. One gang member even acknowledged police were watching his social media site.

The book also gave examples about authorities conducting investigations based on gang messages on the Internet.

One case led to the arrest of gang members who threatened a witness in a murder trial. In another case, authorities arrested a man who posed with guns on a website and claimed he was on a

Members of different gangs flashing hand signs and showing their unity on a social media site. Different gangs will work together for monetary profits.

Another Gang Book photo illustration.

"murder mission."

"You can make some great cases," Weis said.

The gang book estimates there are more than 68,000 members of 73 street gangs in the Chicago area.

Over the past decade, the corporate structure of many large gangs like the Gangster Disciples began to disintegrate as housing projects were demolished and gang members were scattered throughout Chicago and the suburbs, according to the book.

As a result, juveniles — those most likely to use social media — have gained power on the streets, making law enforcement's monitoring of their Internet messages even more important, authorities say.

"Social media is now used as part of good police work," said Leo Schmitz, commander of the Englewood District and the former head of gang enforcement for the Chicago Police Department.

"Now gangs not only mark up the streets with graffiti, they use social media to tell where their gang boundaries are and [boast] about their prowess," he said. "Right now, it's beautiful for us."

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An illustration from the Chicago Crime Commission's Gang Book shows an online gang conversation about a shooting.



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Anastasia Dalianis, a seventh-grader at Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge, was named the winner of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's 2012 Spelling Bee on Jan. 30. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

DISTRICT 64

Lincoln seventh-grader advances in Scripps national spelling bee

Twenty-two students battled to be named champion of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's 2012 Spelling Bee on Jan. 30 at Roosevelt Elementary School.

In the end Lincoln Middle School seventh-grader Anastasia Dalianis spelled "imam" correctly to capture the championship over eighth-grader Julia Araneta. Taking third place was last year's winner, Anna Benuzzi, an Emerson Middle School eighth-grader.

Dalianis will now advance to the North Cook Regional Spelling Bee, which will be Feb. 8 at Sears School in Kenilworth. The competition is part of the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The District 64 Spelling Bee lasted 20 rounds, with the last seven a face-off between Dalianis and Araneta.

The students who took part were all winners of their school's own spelling contests, which were held earlier in January. They included Grace Gallery, Will Harter and Georgia Penesis, of Carpenter School; Jessie



Eighth-grader Julia Araneta, of Lincoln Middle School, waits for her word during Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's 2012 Spelling Bee on Jan. 30. Araneta took second place in the competition. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

Beck, Justin Kim and Gabby Galiciano, of Field School; Fallon Adams, Deliah El Bekkali and Ethan LaVaccarre, of Franklin School; Luke Burkum, Jensen Genyk and Anna Sealund, of Roosevelt School; Zoe Berthold, Elizabeth Gorney and Catherine Sernel, of Washington School; Ned Converse and Abigail Ekstrom, of Lincoln

Middle School; and Darragh Dolan and Christo Fosse, of Emerson Middle School.

Franklin School speech pathologist Jane Tufts was the pronouncer for the District 64 Bee. Judges were Franklin School Principal Dan Walsh, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal Andy Petrolina and Field School teacher Anne Ham.

DISTRICT 64

Familiar firm hired for Carpenter asbestos bid

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

A firm was hired to perform the design-and-bidding process for asbestos removal at Carpenter Elementary School at the school board meeting Jan. 23.

The design-and-management fee for services from ENVIRON International Corporation will cost the district about \$72,000, and the actual asbestos-abatement work is estimated at \$485,000.

The asbestos removal will not be necessary, though, if the board decides not to move forward with air-conditioning and boiler projects at Carpenter.

Scott Mackall, director of facility management, said that on April 9, school-board members will decide whether to give their final approval on the HVAC/boiler work.

Recently the board gave permission to move forward with the design plans for the HVAC/boiler improvements.

Mackall said there is about 3,000 feet of piping in the attic.

"The piping in the attic is wrapped in asbestos," Mackall said.

There is also asbestos in the two old boilers at Carpenter. Mackall said that it is intact, and that students and

staff are not in danger from the asbestos.

At the board meeting Jan. 23, board member Dan Collins shared his concerns with selecting ENVIRON to do the work.

"I have concerns with not bidding this out," said Collins, who felt there should

have been a competitive bid on the project, and that the board should discuss bidding projects to determine a cost at which projects should be bid out.

Board President John Heyde said the board is not required to bid out professional services.

"The issue here is timing," said District 64 Superintendent Philip Bender, who supported hiring ENVIRON.

The district has worked with the company for more than 10 years. ENVIRON managed the asbestos removal at Washington School in the past.

DISTRICT 64

Volunteer panel set to examine finances, advise district

BY NATASHA WASINSKI

Contributor

A standing committee of parents, teachers and other residents begin work this month to assist Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 with financial matters.

The district hosted two informational sessions about its Community Finance Committee in late January that attracted 35 residents, many of whom have a background in banking, law and finance.

The committee's first meeting is 7-9 p.m. Feb. 7 at the District 64 Educational Service Center, 164 S. Prospect Ave.

The volunteer group aims to provide research, analysis and advice to district officials on issues related to taxpayer education; the district's 10-year financial projections; transparency and reporting; student fees; and borrowing opportunities.

Since the Board of Education created the Community Finance Committee in 2004, members have tackled issues related to rebidding professional services like bus transportation, providing the public with information about district spending, and seeking alternative and additional revenue sources.

The committee also made the recommendation in 2006 for the district to seek a tax-rate referendum, which voters passed in April 2007.

"Our district has a rich

history of our citizens serving," said Genie Taddeo, who serves as co-coordinator of the committee with Ares Dalianis.

"We're a community of a variety of people so we want to be able to explain and hear (information) from a variety of perspectives," Taddeo said.

At the Jan. 25 informational meeting, resident Cathy Krawitz said it is critical the district remain transparent about salary and benefits costs.

"It all comes down to the expenses and contracts and pensions," Krawitz said, adding that without scrutinizing this information, "you can't really address where you're going from a revenue standpoint."

Business Manager Rebecca Allard said teacher contracts, separate work agreements, benefits costs, and administrative and pension salaries are posted on the district's website.

The structure of student fees is a past topic of the committee that will be re-examined in the spring.

Current annual student fees are between \$300 and \$315.

Superintendent Philip Bender said asking and educating parents about sharing in the cost of their children's education is a necessary discussion, as only about 20 percent of taxpaying households have students currently enrolled in the district.

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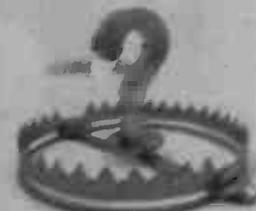
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- 7339 Davis St.:** Sheldon Goldberg to Florin C Talos Diana L Talos, \$273,000, Jan. 12
- 7813 Arcadia St.:** Wong Trust to Joji P Ranni, \$395,000, Jan. 11

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- 6660 W Wood River Drive Apt 107:** Jankausky Trust to Meriton Kadriu Yilka Havolili, \$117,000, Jan. 11
- 6945 W Jonquil Terrace:** Leach Trust to Jose Rodriguez Sherri Rodriguez, \$228,000, Jan. 6
- 7061 W Touhy Ave. Apt 509:** Rita Fink to Howard M Green Cynthia K Green, \$170,000, Jan. 12
- 7608 N Neva Ave.:** Hyang Hee Kim to Geraldine D Martens, \$146,500, Jan. 9
- 7618 W Monroe St.:** Howard R Oswald to Sue Peera Elias Azzoi, \$161,000, Jan. 13
- 8149 N Olcott Ave.:** Rynkar Trust to James H Berger Ellen C Berger, \$225,000, Jan. 12
- 8209 N New England Ave.:** Bank Of America Na Trustee to Rogelio Gapasin Regina Gapasin, \$172,000, Jan. 6
- 8951 N Maryland St.:** Deering Trust to Dragisa Kosic, \$220,000, Jan. 13
- 9248 N Washington St.:** Barbara Zalewski to Ankitkumar Shah Avani Shah, \$470,000, Jan. 11
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- 1030 S Chester Ave.:** Gottwald Trust to Megan Josefowicz Zachary R Osner, \$323,000, Jan. 6
- 1041 N Northwest Highway:**
- Apt B2, Steven W Marchuk to Robert Piotrowski Anna M Piotrowski, \$55,000, Jan. 12
- 109 N Lincoln Ave.:** Mark V Meyer to Theodore W Arthur Mary H Ellen Arthur, \$339,500, Jan. 6
- 1113 Fortuna Ave.:** James M Rose Jr to Ariane A Petyt, \$315,000, Jan. 13
- 1150 Higgins Road:** Unit A, Catalano Trust to Mary Gronke, \$165,000, Jan. 6
- 1154 Parkwood Ave.:** Chris K Kowalski to Benjamin J Seib Andrea E Seib, \$500,000, Jan. 10
- 1333 W Touhy Ave. Apt 203:** Peter Mozdiers to Fari Borz Jalili Nassrin Jalili, \$72,000, Jan. 13
- 170 N Northwest Highway Apt 217:** Richard S Majka to Margaret A West, \$323,000, Jan. 10
- 1761 Pavilion Way:** Unit 307, Heinz W Timm to Paul Subia Bernadette M Subia, \$226,000, Jan. 6
- 217 N Ashland Ave.:** Jeffrey M Beutler to Todd Beidler Maura Collins, \$1,049,000, Jan. 12
- 2221 Mary Jane Lane:** Razi & Aftab Inc to Ernesto Calderon Juana Noriega Ortega, \$280,000, Jan. 11
- 224 N Ashland Ave.:** James M Klein to Mark V Meyer Kimberly S Meyer, \$682,000, Jan. 11
- 2300 Manor Lane:** Malgorzata Milanowska to John Lavaccare Jennifer Lavaccare, \$850,000, Jan. 11
- 24 N Dee Road.:** Dennis R Callanan to Patricia Urbaniak, \$200,000, Jan. 6
- 300 Thames ParkWay.:** Thomas E Gatz to Michael Juneman Christine Juneman, \$105,000, Jan. 9
- 50 N Northwest Highway:** Unit 503, Fannie Mae to Madhava Reddy Pramila Reddy, \$375,000, Jan. 13
- 500 Higgins Road:** Apt B2, Owb Reo Llc to George Kniazewski Lucyna Kniazewski, \$47,000, Jan. 9
- 518 S Lincoln Ave.:** Michael Schimp to Robert S Durkee Aysem B Durkee, \$715,000, Jan. 12
- 603 S Chester Ave.:** Norman G Maske to Richard T Hoffman Linda Hoffman, \$230,000, Jan. 6
- 608 S Fairview Ave.:** Slavko Ljiljak to Hector Gabriel Chahin Christine Chahin, \$415,000, Jan. 12
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HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

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Constructed in 1987, this 1,677-square-foot townhouse sits on 0.06 acres and features a living room with hardwood flooring, tall ceilings and decorative trim.

Highlights of the kitchen include a wrap-around breakfast bar, modern appliances and hardwood flooring.

The master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling, plantation shutters and decorative trim.

Features of the master bathroom include tile flooring, a large mirror over the sink and both a jetted tub and separate walk-in shower.

The townhouse also offers a spacious sunroom surrounded by windows with decorative trim and access to a back deck.

This property provides a spacious garage and is a mile southwest from the Morton Grove Metra station.

Listing agent: Jill McKee, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 312-813-6540, jill.mckee@cbexchange.com



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ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home at 2 Reba Court in Morton Grove is on the market for \$479,000. Built in 1977, the Colonial-style house has 3,100 square feet. The kitchen has a granite island, cherry cabinets and high-end appliances. The meticulously maintained house also includes an enormous master suite and a finished basement with recreation room and office. **Ellen Atlas of Prudential**

Rubloff is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 6805 Prairie St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$294,990. Built in 2011, the attached townhouse has 1,783 square feet. New features include GE Clean Steel appliances, staggered cabinets and granite countertops. This unit also features a balcony and attached two-car garage. The building is close to transportation and shopping. **Nathan Amidon of New Home Star**

is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, two-bath home at 9514 Oriole Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$319,000. Built in 1960, the Contemporary-style house has 1,898 square feet. Its features include an open kitchen-dining area, inlaid hardwood flooring, updated bathrooms, stainless steel appliances and new landscaping. **Julie Naumiak of Baird & Warner** is the listing agent.

— John Ferri

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Edison Park	1.33%	\$250,000	6.12%	98	6
Forest Glen	0.22%	\$280,000	0%	7	0
Norwood Park	1.92%	\$265,000	16.97%	165	28
Des Plaines	2.57%	\$160,000	30.33%	732	222
Evanston	2.32%	\$318,000	13.47%	631	85
Glenview	2.58%	\$377,500	12.77%	564	72
Lincolnwood	2.46%	\$300,000	16.92%	130	22
Morton Grove	2.04%	\$221,500	20.09%	224	45
Niles	1.84%	\$190,000	19.47%	262	51
Park Ridge	2.35%	\$335,750	15.53%	380	59
Skokie	2.01%	\$220,000	24.25%	565	137
Wilmette	1.86%	\$575,000	7.23%	318	23

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COMMUNITY

Widow support group offers comfort in good company

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Two friends who found solace and support in each other following the loss of their husbands are hoping to reach out to local widows and widowers through a new social group.

Laura Tully Dennis and Wendy Doyle Diez, of Chicago's Northwest Side, formed Chicagoland Young Widowed

Connection, a group open to men and women under age 55 who have lost a spouse. Other leaders of the group are Susan Svensson Donatello and Matt Croke.

The goal of CYWC is to provide people with referrals for resources, support, seminars, workshops and volunteer opportunities. CYWC also plans to organize social events every six to eight weeks.

"I think the community, the bond, the social outlet is so important when something like this happens in your life," said Dennis, who was widowed at age 31. "You redefine yourself by the people you surround yourself with."

The group's first social, Valentine & Wine, will be 6-8 p.m. Feb. 11, at Winestyles, 108 S. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge.

"We wanted to try and do something around Valentine's Day because obviously that can be a difficult time," Diez said. "We thought it would be fun to do a wine tasting."

The event, which costs \$25 per person, will allow participants to sample various wines and appetizers while getting to know others.

"It's going to be our first

opportunity to start networking with people," Diez said, explaining that additional information about CYWC will be provided.

Dennis and Diez, who both lost their husbands in 2009, decided to form a group for younger widows and widowers after realizing that people their age, especially those with young children, needed support and help in navigating their new lives. There is no formal membership and the group is open to anyone who has lost a spouse, fiancé or partner, Diez said.

The motto of CYWC is "Touched by loss. Empowered through community."

"There's just nothing like being with people who are in the same boat and really get it," acknowledged Diez, who was 38 years old when her husband, Chris, died from

an aggressive brain tumor. Finding friendships with other widowed people "helps us keep going," she added.

Dennis said she hopes CYWC "decreases the isolation that comes with widowhood." She also feels as though she is "holding the flashlight for someone who is in the dark."

"Forming the group has been empowering to me," Dennis said. "It's given me a sense of purpose in what is a really unfortunate situation. Being able to be on the giving end instead of the receiving end of so much kindness is a nice change of pace."

To find out more about Chicagoland Young Widowed Connection or to attend the Valentine & Wine social, go to www.chicagolandwidowed.org or e-mail info@chicagolandwidowed.org.

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.

HARASSMENT

A female who lives on the 7800 block of Nora reported to police Jan. 30 that since December she has been receiving threatening Twitter messages and phone calls from her ex-boyfriend, a 30-year-old Chicago man. On Jan. 30, the man allegedly emailed her a photo of himself holding a knife to his throat and stated that he was going to kill himself, after which Chicago police checked on the man's well-being at his home. Niles police had not received further information about the well-being check, according to the report.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A 73-year-old Niles woman said on Feb. 4 that her home on the 8700 block of Merrill was burglarized. An investigation was pending.

An 81-year-old Niles woman said on Feb. 4 that someone burglarized her home on the 8400 block of Olcott.

A 61-year-old Niles woman said on Feb. 5 that her home

on the 7200 block of Greenleaf was burglarized.

AUTO BURGLARY

A 47-year-old Niles woman told police Jan. 31 that someone forcibly entered her car in a parking lot on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The offenders stole a black purse from the car, as well as a wallet that contained \$30 and credit cards.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Darisz Jandura, 23, and Jerzy Jandura, 51, of 7229 W. Greenleaf, were arrested Jan. 31 and charged with criminal trespass to a building after being evicted. They have a March 9 court date.

BATTERY

A 54-year-old male clerk at a motel on the 6400 block of Touhy Avenue was allegedly the victim of a battery Jan. 28 while at work. The victim said a 21-year-old man wanted to rent a room and was arguing with him about the method of payment. The man reportedly shoved the clerk in the chest once and then shoved him again.

DUI

Carolyn Olson, 26, of 7855 Caldwell, was arrested Feb. 1 at the intersection of Oakton Street and Milwaukee Avenue, and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.



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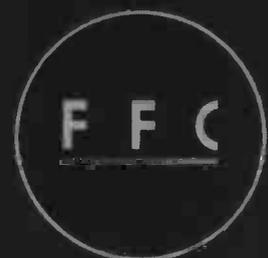
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Suburbs: Get smart about gangs

Gangs in the suburbs.

Five years ago we couldn't get local leaders to talk about gangs, let alone admit that the suburbs had gang members living and recruiting in our towns.

It would have been had publicity for the villages and good publicity for the gangs, police officials told us.

If they went public with police intelligence — including backgrounds, symbols, operations and criminal activities — they believed it would glorify the gangs and make it easier for gangs to recruit members.

Not any more.

It's time for the suburbs to stop being blind victims and instead be part of the solution.

The Gang Book, just released by the Chicago Crime Commission, is an encyclopedia — a wealth of knowledge — about gangs. It provides page after page of mug shots, member bios, tags/symbols and territories. It details the gangs' criminal history and how police have pursued them.

Chicago has more than 100,000 gang members, "more than any other city," said Jody Weis, president of the Chicago Crime Commission.

The suburbs have more than 15,000 gang members, Weis said.

This Gang Book shows how gang activity has increased or decreased in the suburbs and how many members are active in each community.

Many Chicago suburbs — 170 of 249 — responded to the Crime Commission's survey, acknowledging the threats to their communities and sharing information and resources.

Some suburbs did not.

It seems they are in denial about the realities of gangs and that reporting on the issue would unnecessarily scares residents. They still think that gangs are just a big-city issue that doesn't affect their quiet, bedroom communities.

But gangs are everywhere, thriving on a drug trade that is fed by burglaries, robberies, thefts and violence.

"The threat posed by gang members is very real," said Weis. "It will take a comprehensive and integrated approach to return the streets to our

residents."

And that starts with education. Weis and other police leaders agree that it's not just educating the police, they also need to educate the community.

"Most experts agree that solving the gang problem requires a far broader solution than police," Weis said. "It is critical for all components of the community — schools, parents, faith-based organizations, businesses and government agencies — to work together to address the threat posed by these extraordinary numbers of gang members."

The Gang Book is a good start. It signals an openness in communicating about the problem and a willingness to cooperate to end the cycle of drugs, crime and violence.

It's time for the suburbs to stop being blind victims and instead be part of the solution.

It's time the suburbs got smart about gangs.

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



"NICE IDEA, BUT WE ALREADY HAVE ONE MORE THAN WE NEED....."

Remember to be responsible? Forget about it!



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN

Van Mom Strikes Again

OK, so it's my week to carpool.

I stumble to the van, my shaky hand clutching coffee.

I slide behind the steering wheel

as my oldest son hops into the passenger seat.

En route to the high school, he criticizes my driving. "That's called a rolling stop, Mom."

Thank you, Joe Friday.

The sooty snow covering much of our neighborhood is melting, revealing the brown, patchy substance known as grass.

The fog descends on the land like an endless bog, and I half-expect troll creatures to be hitchhiking for rides back to their bridges. One glance in the rearview mirror, and I realize those trolls might mistake me for one of their own.

I drop off the high-schoolers and swing back into our drive for the youngest, the junior-high kid. He

trots out, backpack slung over an arm, gray hoodie covering his face. I smile. My own version of a monk.

The van door slams shut and he settles in back, snapping his seat belt into place. "Mom. I gotta have that chorus form signed by tomorrow."

I smack at my forehead. Just another thing we'd forgotten.

"Son, you're going to have to start remembering these things. It's your responsibility. You're 13 now."

"I didn't know where it was." Uh-huh. This form was mag-

"All proud of myself, I remembered my punch card; my shoes are laced. This is what I can teach my son. I have everything that is critical to a good workout, my New Balance shoes, my comfy clothes, my willingness to humiliate myself. Oh, great. I dive for my purse and search. I left my water bottle in the van."

netically pasted to our refrigerator, front and center. A neon arrow pointing to it and a fireworks-popping Dixie couldn't make it more obvious.

I dodge a troll who's on a

scooter. "What's going to happen when you're president someday and misplace an executive order? You say, 'Sorry, United Nations, I can't find that executive order to stop that killer comet aimed at earth.'"

"Mom..." He blows out a breath and rolls his eyes.

Later, I stride into my Jazzercise class and sign in. Yep. All proud of myself, I remembered my punch card; my shoes are laced. This is what I can teach my son. I have everything that is critical to a good

workout, my New Balance shoes, my comfy clothes, my willingness to humiliate myself.

Oh, great. I dive for my purse and search.

I left my water bottle in the van.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Center of Concern

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

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

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays – Income tax preparation, by appointment.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 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.maintownship.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: rep-mulligan@usa.net; website and E-News sign-up: <http://rep-mulligan.com>. The 65th District includes all or portions of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, Rosemont, Norridge, Harwood Heights, Niles, Elk Grove Village, and the northwest corner of the 41st Ward of Chicago.

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

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

Classes

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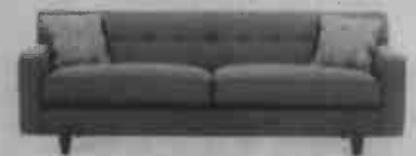
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. Thodos Dance Chicago and Luna Negra Dance Theater perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 and 3 p.m. Feb. 12 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$36-\$46. For information, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.

2. 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. The program includes the world premiere of a new commission, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," by Grammy Award-winning arranger Joseph Jennings, and Jonathan Miller's new cycle, "Old Testament Spirituals." Tickets are \$28 and \$35; \$22 senior citizens; \$12 students. Call (773) 281-7820 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

3. "The World Was Ours," a documentary about Jewish life in Vilna, Lithuania, prior to World War II, will be screened at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. A question-and-answer session with filmmaker Mira Jedwabnik Van Doren follows the screening. Free with museum admission of \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens. Reservations required. Call (847) 967-4889 or visit www.iholocaustmuseum.org.

4. "Hunger," through March 25 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. During the 900-day Nazi siege of Leningrad, a Russian botanist is charged with protecting a cache of valuable seeds for future generations. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$32 and \$35; \$27 seniors; \$20 students. For information, call (773) 761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

Initiative celebrates new realities for dance

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

NEW STAGES FOR DANCE INITIATIVE

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd.

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Dance fans have the chance to see three rare collaborations at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Six acclaimed Chicago dance companies, with distinctly different styles, have paired up as part of the New Stages for Dance Initiative.

The North Shore Center is one of five venues hosting eight collaborations. The others are the Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, Harris Theater for Music and Dance, the Museum of Contemporary Art and Ruth Page Center for the Arts.

"I love the idea of collaborating with Chicago arts companies," said North Shore Center General Manager Michael Pauken. "We've been working hard for a long time to build a dance audience here. We have a great space for it. Our stage is among the very best in the Chicago area for dance performance."

The program launches at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 with Thodos Dance Chicago, led by Artistic Director Melissa Thodos, matched with Luna Negra Dance Theater, under Artistic Director Gustavo Ramirez Sansano.

Rich collaboration

Thodos said she initiated the collaboration with Luna Negra because, "We really appreciate the mission of that organization and their cultural focus on the Hispanic voice in dance. Because they're also a contemporary company, we found some wonderful parallels — and we also found some wonderful differences that we thought would create a rich evening for an audience."

Thodos said that she and Sansano are creating a combined work on each other's companies called "4 + 4." For that selection, Thodos is working with the Luna Negra dancers and Sansano with the Thodos dancers. "The focus is on the artistic voice of each of us as directors on each other's company," Thodos explained.

"It's a win-win project," Thodos enthusiastically reported. "Gustavo and I are happy because we love creating. Our dancers are happy because they are continuing to learn."

Natya Dance Theatre and Mordine & Company Dance Theater join forces at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. This performance is the fourth

collaboration of the two companies, led by Artistic Directors Hema Rajagopalan and Shirley Mordine. They first worked together in 2007 on a piece called "Two Rivers," which explored the interface between classical Indian and Western contemporary dance.



"Shirley Mordine has been watching my way of movement, my vocabulary and the art form that we do and I have interacted with their dancers," Rajagopalan said.

The two artistic directors have been conducting workshops with each other's companies. "We both have been inspired by each other's work," Natya's artistic director said.

Inspiring push

The upcoming collaboration, "Pushed to the Edge," will intermingle dancers from the two companies. "This particular work is about immigrants who come from far off bringing their knowledge to the table," Rajagopalan said. "It's more about who's invited to the table. Who really is accepted and what do we have to do to be accepted. What are our differences and what are our similarities? How can we learn from each other? It's about how you're inspired by being pushed to the limit."

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, audiences will see a combined program by DanceWorks Chicago and Muntu Dance Theatre, the largest African dance company in the United States. Evanston native Julie Nakagawa is artistic director of DanceWorks Chicago; Amaniyea Payne is artistic director of Muntu.

Nakagawa is also a board member of Dance/USA which, along with MetLife Foundation, supports the New Stages for Dance Initiative. She

wanted to pair her company with Muntu for several reasons, including the fact that both companies are celebrating anniversaries this year — the 40th for Muntu, the 5th for DanceWorks.

A second reason for the collaboration, Nakagawa said, is for the two companies "to venture into new territory, logistically, geographically, as well as

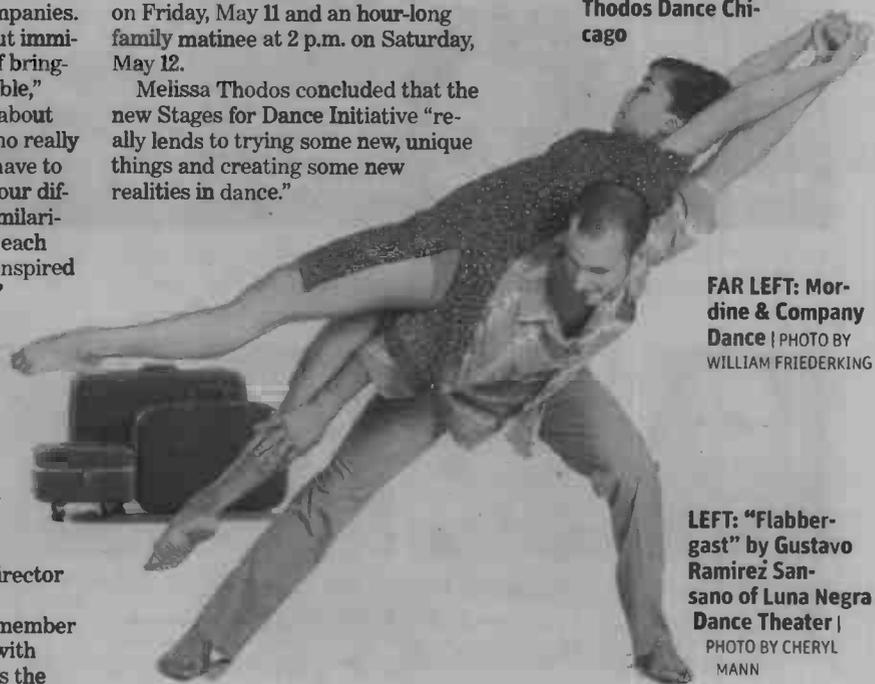
artistically. We knew it would be an opportunity to push each other a little bit."

DanceWorks and

Muntu are jointly engaging a young Chicago choreographer, Monique Haley, to create a piece for them to perform. Nakagawa noted that the companies will also work together on other selections for the performance.

In addition to the evening performance, Muntu and DanceWorks will perform a 45-minute lunchtime dance concert at noon on Friday, May 11 and an hour-long family matinee at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12.

Melissa Thodos concluded that the new Stages for Dance Initiative "really lends to trying some new, unique things and creating some new realities in dance."



ABOVE: "Getting There," by Melissa Thodos of Thodos Dance Chicago

FAR LEFT: Mordine & Company Dance | PHOTO BY WILLIAM FRIEDERKING

LEFT: "Flabbergast" by Gustavo Ramirez Sansano of Luna Negra Dance Theater | PHOTO BY CHERYL MANN

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FAMILY FRIENDLY



Temperatures may be moderate, but there is still plenty of fun to be had at Winter Chilly Fest Saturday and Sunday at Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie.

Even if it's warm it'll be cool at this event

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Even if the warm weather continues, families will have loads of fun at the 7th annual Winter Chilly Fest, 4-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, Skokie.

"We're able to provide great winter fun outdoors no matter what the weather," said Facility Manager Lee Hansen. "We have a dozen snow and ice games." These include making ice candles, breaking a block of ice to retrieve a prize, ice fishing for wrapped Swedish candy fish and doing a freeze dance.

There will also be hayrides, wildlife treat trees, animal silhouettes and a campfire where families can roast marshmallows or purchase fixings to make s'mores.

Indoors, participants will dine on turkey or vegetarian chili, cornbread, beverages and desserts.

Reserve by Feb. 10 and it costs \$9, \$7 for children under 10; reserve after that and it's \$2 more. Admission without dinner is \$5.

Call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 or visit www.skokieparks.org.

Girl in a whirl

A twister sends a farm girl on an adventure in Christian Youth Theater's "The Wizard of Oz," Friday through Feb. 19 at Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. A cast of young people, ages 8-18, performs the story of Dorothy and her pals, the Scarecrow, Lion

and Tin Man. Tickets are \$9-\$12 in advance, \$2 more at the door. Call (847) 516-2298 or visit www.cytchicago.org.

Yes, make a mess

Old clothes is the best dress option for 3-to-5-year-olds attending Super Science Kids, 10-11 a.m. Feb. 17 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. There will be science-related stories and some messy activities. Registration is required and kids must be accompanied by a grownup.

Call (847) 663-1234 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

Search party

You never know what you and your toddler or preschooler will find to do at the Park Ridge Public Library's monthly Discovery Days. There are different crafts and activities each month. The next session is 10-11:30 a.m. Friday at 20 S. Prospect Ave.

Call (847) 825-3123 or visit www.parkridge-library.org.

It all adds up

Watch the Evanston Dance Ensemble explore the relationship between humans and numbers when they preview their new show, "Count Me In," 3 p.m. Sunday at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Dance styles include ballet, jazz, modern and hip-hop.

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Charlene Brooks offers a Streisand valentine

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

Contributor

Barbra Streisand taught Charlene Brooks how to sing. That's the multitasking Skokie performer's story and she's sticking to it.

"I was a latchkey child so I was home alone a lot. My parents had their own business and they both worked all day," Brooks related. She filled her time listening to several of her parents' record albums repeatedly. One was Streisand's "Funny Girl."

"I had a little tape recorder," Brooks said. "I would listen to her music and then I would stop every phrase or two and record it until I thought I had got it just right. Then I'd go on."

From that beginning, Brooks has carved a diverse career as a cabaret performer, singer, cantorial soloist, actress, writer and lyricist.

That early training with Streisand had a definite impact, though. Brooks noted that audience members frequently tell her, "You know who you remind me of..." When she was younger, people sometimes stopped her on the street and told her that she looked like Streisand.

Musical connection

"I felt this connection with her," Brooks said. "There weren't too many openly Jewish singers that I knew about. She was funny and she has a unique face, as I did. She resonated with me. I loved the passion that she put in all of her music — a controlled intensity."

It seemed only a matter of time before Brooks would create an homage to her "mentor." You will hear the vocal resemblance when "Brooks Sings Barbra," on Valentine's Day at the Metropolis Performing Arts Center in Arlington Heights.

Brooks emphasized that she will not be doing an impersonation of Streisand. "Even though it's her music. It's still me," she said.

What Brooks will be doing is singing songs Streisand made famous in Brooks' own style, accompanied by a



Skokie singer Charlene Brooks

'BROOKS SINGS BARBRA'

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14

Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell, Arlington Heights
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four-piece band. The song list includes, "Something's Coming," "People," "Evergreen," "The Way We Were," "Don't Rain on my Parade," "A Cock-Eyed Optimist," "Before the Parade Passes By," "A Piece of Sky," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and many more numbers.

"I'm going to do some of the ones that people recognize plus a couple ones that I love to do," Brooks said. That includes "Queen Bee," which she called "kind of a funk tune from 'A Star is Born.'"

Brooks created her Streisand show seven years ago in response to numerous requests. "The postcard that I sent out said, 'Be careful what you ask for. You might just get it,'" she recalled.

Fan favorite

The show premiered at Davenport's in Chicago. "It was the first time I ever sold out," Brooks said. "It was so much fun and everybody was so responsive. I've taken it to different places and people never get tired of it."



Barbra Streisand | SUN-TIMES MEDIA FILE PHOTO, AP PHOTO/CP ADRIAN WYLD

That's why Brooks said "Yes" when she received a call from Metropolis asking if she would do a Barbra show for Valentine's Day.

Brooks, whose shows are as loved for her stories as her gorgeous voice, won't disappoint her fans at this one. "I like to personalize everything," she explained. "There is some information about her that I think is interesting. It's not a history lesson. There's some cute little stories that I've heard her tell and stories that I know about her."

The Metropolis audience will learn why after recording "My Funny Valentine," Streisand didn't sing it again for 40 years.

Brooks won't make you wait that long. "This is Valentine's Day so I'm definitely going to do it," she said.



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Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Josh Hutcherson, Michael Caine
■ A teenager (Hutcherson) teams up with his mother's boyfriend (Johnson) to search for his grandfather (Caine) on the island where he disappeared. Brad Peyton ("Cats & Dogs 2") directed this sequel to the 2008 hit "Journey to the Center of the Earth."

SAFE HOUSE

Rated: R for strong violence throughout and some language

Stars: Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds
■ A young CIA agent (Reynolds) finds himself on the run with a prisoner (Washington) after an attack on the safe house where he was guarding him. Daniel Espinosa ("Easy Money") directed the thriller.

STAR WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE

Rated: PG for sci-fi action violence

Stars: Liam Neeson, Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman
■ This 1999 prequel to George Lucas' "Star Wars" saga returns in 3-D.

THE VOW

Rated: PG-13 for an accident scene, sexual content, partial nudity and some language

Stars: Channing Tatum, Rachel McAdams, Jessica Lange
■ When a young woman (McAdams) loses her memory after an auto accident, her husband (Tatum) dedicates himself to helping her remember their relationship. Michael Sucsy ("Grey Gardens") directed the romance.

STILL PLAYING

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

Rated: PG for action-adventure violence, some drunkenness and brief smoking

Stars: Daniel Craig, Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis
■ A young adventurer (Bell) becomes involved in a race



When the safe house where a CIA agent (Ryan Reynolds, above) is guarding a prisoner is attacked, the agent must go on the run with his charge. Denzel Washington also stars in "Safe House."

for maps leading to sunken treasure with the sea-captain descendant (Serkis) of a mariner who scuttled his ship to keep it from pirates. Steven Spielberg directed the motion-capture animated adventure based on stories by the Belgian comic-book artist Herge.

ALBERT NOBBS

★★★ 1/2

Rated: R for some sexuality, brief nudity, and language

Stars: Glenn Close, Janet McTeer, Mia Wasikowska
■ "I think you are the strangest man I have ever met," says chambermaid Helen (Wasikowska) to Mr. Nobbs — and she has no idea how right she is. For one thing, Mr. Nobbs (Glenn Close) is a woman, disguised as a man for employment and safety; for another, he has spent so many years living a lie he has become a virtual nonentity — a cipher even to himself. In addition to her peculiar, exquisitely subtle, Oscar-nominated performance, Close produced and co-wrote the screenplay to this odd, painful, but ultimately moving indie drama, directed with quiet restraint by Rodrigo Garcia ("Mother and Child"). Two things conspire to lure Mr. Nobbs

out of the safety of his self-effacing existence: Realizing he has finally saved enough money to buy a small shop and meeting another man like himself (Janet McTeer, also Oscar-nominated for her scene-stealing performance) who has a beautiful wife and a loving home. It's clear early on that things will not end well when he tries to follow suit, but the tragic developments don't unfold in entirely predictable fashion or with grim heavy-handedness.

THE ARTIST

Rated: PG-13 for a disturbing image and a crude gesture

Stars: John Goodman, Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo
■ A silent-movie star (Dujardin) worried about the effect sound movies will have on his career falls in love with a young dancer (Bejo). Michel Hazanavicius ("OSS 117") directed the romance.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Rated: G

Stars: Jerry Orbach, Angela Lansbury, Robby Benson
■ After conquering Broadway, Disney's 1991 animated classic returns for a victory lap — in 3-D yet.

BIG MIRACLE

Rated: PG for language

Stars: John Krasinski, Drew Barrymore

■ A small-town Alaskan news reporter (Krasinski) enlists his Greenpeace volunteer ex-girlfriend (Barrymore) in a campaign to rescue a family of whales trapped by rapidly forming ice. Ken Kwapis ("He's Just Not That into You") directed the romantic adventure.

THE GREY

★★★

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

Stars: Liam Neeson, Dermot Mulroney, Ben Bray

■ Lean, mean and suspenseful from its opening moments, "The Grey" wastes no time sinking its teeth into you and never lets go — until the slightly disappointing, ambiguous end. Neeson is perfectly cast as the reluctant alpha male trying to lead a half-dozen oil-rig workers to safety after a plane crash in Alaskan wilderness, fighting off cold, hunger and a ravening pack of wolves. Not bad at all.

HAYWIRE

★★★

Rated: R for some violence

Stars: Gina Carano, Channing Tatum, Ewan McGregor, Michael Fassbender

■ Director Steven Soderbergh ("Contagion") can't help getting flashily cinematic from time to time, but "Haywire" still delivers the adrenaline-pumping goods. That's mostly thanks to mixed-martial-arts fighter Carano, playing a betrayed black-ops mercenary looking for payback. Her acting is so-so, but she clearly could kick the boo-tay of anyone in the cast.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Rated: PG-13 for thematic material and violence/disturbing images

Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Janet McTeer, Ciaran Hinds

■ When a young lawyer (Radcliffe) travels to a remote English village to settle an estate, he discovers the vengeful ghost of a scorned woman haunting the town. James Watkins ("Eden Lake") directed the supernatural thriller.

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NEW THIS WEEK

ANONYMOUS

★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: PG-13 for some violence and sexual content

Stars: Rhys Ifans, Sebastian Armesto, Vanessa Redgrave
■ It's not too terribly surprising that Roland Emmerich (director of special-effects spectacles such as "Godzilla" and "The Day After Tomorrow") made this Elizabethan costume drama based on the more-or-less discredited theory that the 17th Earl of Oxford actually authored Shakespeare's plays and poems. Emmerich is, above all, a whiz-bang when it comes to delivering a ripping yarn and the enormously entertaining "Anonymous" lets it rip with the best of them. Screenwriter John Orloff shamelessly (and effectively) plays fast and loose with history in "Anonymous," mixing the Oxford Theory in with an actual ill-fated grab for the crown of Queen Elizabeth (Redgrave) and a court power struggle pitting Oxford (Ifans) against old, frail Elizabeth's boo-hiss chief advisor William Cecil (David Thewlis) over the succession of King James of Scotland. This beautifully crafted, powerfully acted and remarkably persuasive (while you're under its spell) tale will have you swept up in the grand, Shakespearean — sorry, Oxfordian — drama of things.

A VERY HAROLD & KUMAR 3D CHRISTMAS

★ ★ ★

Rated: R for strong, crude and sexual content, graphic nudity, pervasive language, drug use and some violence

Stars: Kal Penn, John Cho, Neil Patrick Harris

■ It's little more than a nonstop stoner goof, of course, but this third entry in the just-say-yes, low-budget, low-brow, but not entirely low-IQ comedy series is surprisingly entertaining from time to time — and a major improvement over the previous "Harold & Kumar Escape



Something wicked this way comes: Rhys Ifans stars as the Earl of Oxford in "Anonymous," a film from director Roland Emmerich ("Godzilla," "The Day After Tomorrow") that explores the more-or-less discredited theory that the Bard did not, in fact, author the plays that are attributed to him.

From Guantanamo Bay." This time around, Harold (Cho) has cleaned up and scored a high-paying gig on Wall Street, where he does his best to avoid his old low-life roommate (Penn) — who's still very much devoted to the 420 lifestyle. The fun starts when Kumar stops by to say happy holidays and burns down the prize Christmas tree of Harold's Yule-loving, Korean-hating father-in-law (Danny Trejo), which they attempt to replace during a desperate, 11th-hour Christmas Eve raid on Manhattan. Harris pulls out all the stops with his usual cameo.

RECENT RELEASES

DRIVE

★ ★ ★ ★

Rated: R for strong, brutal, bloody violence, language and some nudity

Stars: Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan, Bryan Cranston, Albert Brooks, Ron Perlman

■ This ultra-stylish, ultra-tough, yet almost sociopathically understated modern film noir from Denmark's Nicolas Winding Refn (who won the best director prize at Cannes), features an intense, tightly controlled performance by Gosling as a Hollywood stunt driver who works nights behind the wheel of getaway cars — and turns out

to be a dangerous and disturbing hero. Extras include an interview with Refn.

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■ In 18th-century France, a bored noblewoman (Glenn Close) asks a former lover (Jonh Malkovic) to seduce the virtuous lady (Michelle Pfeiffer) her current young lover plans to marry. Stephen Frears ("The Queen") directed the Oscar-winning drama. Extras include commentary by Frears.

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BFF 'Divas' in concert at Northlight

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Contributor

The best of friends off stage, "The 3 Divas" have finally found a way to put their chemistry to work for an audience.

Don't let the name fool you, though.

"The diva thing is tongue-firmly-planted-in-cheek," said Susie McMonagle, who will share the stage with her pals Heidi Kettnering and Christine Sherrill during the threesome's concert performance Valentine's Day evening at Northlight Theatre in Skokie. "It's kind of funny that we're calling ourselves the divas, because we're so not. We're going to be singing some really hard songs and just belting them out, so that qualifies — but there's no attitude going on."

Local favorites

All three of these divas are familiar faces on

Chicago stages, as well as veterans of Broadway and Broadway tours, and they have paired off from time to time: Evanston residents McMonagle and Kettnering have performed together and so have Kettnering and St. Charles resident Sherrill. Yet they never had the opportunity to join forces until McMonagle's agent, Sam Samuelson of Wilmette, suggested teaming up for concert and cabaret performances.

The Valentine's Day concert at Northlight will be the first in a series of bookings over the next few months for the trio, who will appear with pianist/cabaret artist Becky Menzies, who has helped them shape their show. This Northlight concert will naturally focus on romantic songs from the Great American Songbook and, in classic cabaret fashion, the divas will introduce numbers with stories from their lives and their friendship.

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The show won't be all hearts and flowers, however. While there will be plenty of sigh-inducing tunes, such as a medley of love songs from shows by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the general idea is that the divas are performing songs they love to sing. Kettnering will be singing Stevie Wonder's "For Once in My Life," for example, while McMonagle sings "Electricity," a tune from the Broadway musical "Billy Elliot" that's sung by the title character. (McMonagle performed in the first national tour of "Billy Elliot" and always admired that

Elton John song.) She will also be performing "Some Enchanted Evening" from "South Pacific," which is usually sung by a man.

"We'll be shaking things up like that," she said.

In short, McMonagle said, the idea is to have a good time — for them and the audience.

"We're not looking at this as a formal evening of concert music," she concluded.

"It's going to be more like three best-girlfriends hanging out and singing beautiful songs. Although we will be wearing pretty dresses and high heels.

"You never know; I might even put on makeup."



Heidi Kettnering, Susie McMonagle and Christine Sherrill are The 3 Divas, in their first concert at Northlight Theatre. PHOTO BY MCLAREN SORIANO AT CHICAGOEMERGINGARTISTS.COM

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Victor Muenzer, conductor, Park Ridge Civic Orchestra; Lisa Taylor, French horn soloist with the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra; Dan Golden, viola soloist and composer with the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra.

Park Ridge orchestra salutes romance

BY DONALD LIEBENSON
Contributor

Love and discovery are the themes of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's "Valentine Romance" concert on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pickwick Theatre.

Love, of course, because Valentine's Day is nigh, and in the immortal words of Shakespeare, "If music be the food of love, play on." The PRCO will perform suites from two monumental works, Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" and Prokofiev's "Romeo & Juliet, Opus 64."

And discovery, with the world premiere of "Likht un Shotn (Light and Shadow)," a klezmer concertante composed by violist Daniel Golden, who is in his eighth year with the orchestra.

Klezmer premiere

Lisa Taylor, French Horn soloist and principal horn of the PRCO, was originally approached about playing a traditional concerto, Golden said, "but what she really wanted to do was a work involving a group of soloists." A klezmer fan, she asked Golden, who was a member of a klezmer band in Canada for several years, to compose something in that idiom. "She had seen me in action," he said.

"Likht un Shotn" is not an arrangement of traditional klezmer tunes, Golden

'VALENTINE ROMANCE'

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge

2:30 p.m. Feb. 12

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emphasized, but a blending of klezmer and classical (klezmer-cal?) that evokes the joyous and danceable rhythms of Eastern European Jewish music, as well as Middle Eastern, Balkan and gypsy music. In addition to Taylor and Golden, the piece will feature Alan Steiner on double bass and Joe Lill on trumpet.

"I think it's a very accessible program," Golden said.

Broadening the audience for the orchestra, now in its 18th season, is a priority for Music Director Designate and conductor Victor Muenzer, whose father Edgar, a 47-year veteran first violinist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, founded the PRCO. Victor, 53, will fully take over orchestra duties in July.

"My passion is connecting with audiences who have yet to discover us," he said, "so we're trying to change things

up a bit. There will be a popular piece, such as 'West Side Story,' on every program. I may talk a little more from the podium to let people know why are performing these particular pieces and connect with them on a personal level. That's what music is all about and why we do what we do." He added with a laugh, "I mean, nobody does this for the money."

The concert's Sunday afternoon starting time is one way to reach out to families, Muenzer said, "but we need to get the parents coming."

Love stories

"Valentine Romance" is part of that effort to win minds and hearts. Muenzer suspects that "West Side Story" is the big draw, but "Romeo & Juliet," a suite created from Prokofiev's ballet, has much to offer audiences who may be more familiar with Tchaikovsky's orchestral work based on Shakespeare's immortal tragedy. "It has huge sweeping themes and much more of the feel of film music," he said.

"Likht un Shotn," he added, "is full of soulful melodies and dance rhythms that are extremely infectious. The piece has exceeded my expectations on what it was going to be."

What's more, he joked, in contrast to the stories of Tony and Maria and Romeo and Juliet, "it does have a happy ending."

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PLAY REVIEW

Burning dialogue doesn't warm up 'Hesperia's' plot

BY CATEY SULLIVAN

Contributor

Do a quick Google on "born again porn stars" and you'll find there's a surprising number of Evangelicals who gave up so-called sins of the flesh upon finding Jesus. Yet despite its grounding in an apparently not uncommon phenomenon, Randall Colburn's "Hesperia" strains credulity.

The story of sex workers striving to make new lives in a wholesome heartland far from Hollywood's den of flesh-peddling iniquities has the marks of a writer gifted in dialogue and able to see intense depths in characters all too often played as stereotypes. Still, the Writers' Theatre remount of a script seen in a Right Brain fringe production in 2010 is marred by a script that's hamstrung by improbabilities.

Directed with unsparing intensity by Stuart Carden,

"Hesperia" (named for the small Midwestern town where it's set), opens with promise. Ian (Nathan Hosner), brooding, dark-eyed and clearly anguished, is in mid-conversation with Jessica (Kelly O'Sullivan). Jessica is the blonde beauty who was both his best childhood friend and his love interest both onscreen and off after both fled troubled families, headed west and carved out careers as adult movie stars.

Colburn's dialogue is spare and emotional, filling in the gaps in Claudia and Ian's story without lapsing into chunky exposition. She's now calling herself Claudia and has found both Christianity and a new mate. Having left Ian without a word (and having clearly left him heartbroken), she's sent him a wedding invitation. Her intended? The local youth pastor, Trick (Erik Hellman).

And here's where "Hesperia" begins to become unlikely.

Not only is Trick totally fine and forgiving about Claudia's past as Jessica, he's willing to welcome Ian into their home as a temporary houseguest (albeit on a couch in the garage), invite him to church and set him up with his untried cousin.

In theory, Christianity is based on such amazing feats of compassion. With Trick, the situation doesn't read as compassionate so much as it does sexual disinterest in the woman he's engaged to. Fortunately, the secret heart of a gay youth pastor is not where Colburn is going in Hesperia. Unfortunately, Trick appears so sexually milquetoast toward Claudia that it seems like he's a closet case, even if the script makes it clear he isn't.

Yet that's not the deal breaker here. What does derail "Hesperia's" plausibility is the premise that absolutely nobody in the tiny town knows of Jessica's past except Trick.

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Yes, there's a DVD that shows up late in the story — which only emphasizes the highly unlikely fact that nobody in town seems to have access to Internet porn. Even that would be possible, had Jessica and Ian not grown up in a town within the same high school athletic conference as Hesperia.

Surely somebody a mere town or two over would have known what happened to Ian after he stopped running track in high school and lit out west with his girlfriend. As if to explain away this plot hole, Colburn goes out of his way to stress that Jessica and Ian never spent any time in Hesperia growing up (except, apparently, for the occasional track meet). Despite that repeated insistence, it's tough to imagine that news of Jessica and Ian's ascension in the skin flick field surely wouldn't have spread.

Finally, there's a subplot between Ian and Daisy that is distracting, inconsequential, and confusingly conflicts with Ian's feelings about Jessica.

What saves "Hesperia" is Colburn's ability to upend stereotypes and dig deep into his characters' psyches. The porn stars here are not amoral, self-loathing libertines. The Christians are not judgmental, close-minded, holy rolling simpletons. Carden elicits a gentle, humane warmth from Hellman's portrayal of Trick. As Jessica, O'Sullivan mingles the wounded sadness of lost innocence with a steely, determined anger to keep the past firmly in the past.

As a gawky teenager trying to juggle the pure thoughts with adolescent lustful longings, Tyler Ross walks off with every scene he's in. Hosner doesn't fare so well; the vibe he radiates is more Marlon Brando than Harry Reems.

Overall, "Hesperia" is a mixed bag. The dialogue often burns. But the plot could use some work.



Nathan Hosner and Kelly O'Sullivan in "Hesperia." | PHOTO BY MICHAEL BROSILOW

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- "Faith, Forgiveness, Sin and Salvation — Exploring Religion in Hesperia," a conversation between the Glencoe Union Church's Rev. David Wood and playwright Randall Colburn, 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at Glencoe Union Church, 263 Park Ave, Glencoe.
- "Who We Are vs. Who We Were — The Psychology of Sex and Religion in Hesperia," a conversation between Dan McAdams, Department Chair of Psychology at Northwestern University, and playwright Randall Colburn, 6 p.m. March 10 at 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe.
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"The Cherry Orchard," by Anton Chekhov, will be presented by Piccolo Theatre March 9-May 5 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. \$25; \$22 seniors; \$15 students; \$12.50 for previews, March 9-11. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"The Girl in the Yellow Dress," presented by Next Theatre Company through Feb. 26 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. When Pierre, a French-Congolese pupil, signs up for English lessons with Celia, a beautiful young white teacher, they both get more than they bargained for. Set in contemporary Paris, the play explores the ways in which class, race, and language continue to divide us. Tickets: \$30-\$40. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

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"You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," presented by the James Downing Theatre Feb. 18-March 4 at the John Waldron Arts Center, housed at Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Performances are at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for students and seniors. Call (224) 725-3696 or visit <http://jamesdowningtheatre.typepad.com>.

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Chicago a cappella sings spirituals in Evanston

BY ANNIE ALLEMAN
For Sun-Times Media

"Wade in the Water" is the name of one of the more well-known African-American spirituals, and it is also the title of the latest concert from Chicago a cappella.

Chicago a cappella performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

Some of the selections will be familiar to those who frequent Chicago a cappella concerts; others are brand new, said director Jonathan Miller.

"The most exciting thing about this program from a new music point of view is that we have several world premieres on this program," he said.

New work

Grammy Award-winning arranger Joseph Jennings, former music director of the men's choral group Chanticleer, was commissioned to do a new piece for these concerts.

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with his work because at our very first concert, we did his arrangement of 'Steal Away,' which was a staple of our repertoire for the first 10 years or so," Miller said. "He's been a colleague of ours. We've done several of his other pieces. When we looked to who we wanted to commission for these concerts, he was at the top of the list. He was available, he said yes, and he wrote us this absolutely beautiful arrangement of 'Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen.' It's very slow and very beautiful. He really has a



Chicago a cappella will perform a program of spirituals for its Feb. 11 concert. | COURTESY OF CHICAGO A CAPPELLA

touch for the slow stuff. It's an interesting text because it's a text of sorrow, but there's also this 'Glory.'" The choir will also perform Jennings' "Way Over in Beulah Lan."

Miller's new cycle, Old Testament Spirituals, also receives its world premiere at this concert.

"The first piece is very short. It's a narration of 'Little David, Play on Your Harp.' All

four of the spirituals in this cycle are based on Old Testament stories. The first one is very sweet. The second one is a much longer piece called 'Daniel, Moses, Joshua,' and I love this piece. It's a layering of 'Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?', 'Go Down, Moses' and 'Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho.' I was able to make a piece that involves all three tunes in really unusual ways.

It's a big piece; very effective. I think people will really like it."

Song variety

There will be about 20 songs in the 90-minute program, he said, including composer Robert Morris' "I'm Tired, Lord" and "Save Me, Lord"; Nathaniel Dett's "Walk Togedder, Childron"; and Oak Park composer Paul Carey's arrangement of "Blin-

Man."

The two pieces by Robert Morris are half-spiritual and half-gospel, Miller said.

"Robert Morris often lived in that zone in between spirituals and gospel music and I find him exciting for that reason," he said. "He's really unconventional. His harmonies are a little on the complicated side, but they really work. He was an arranger for Duke Ellington."

Other featured artists include Jester Hairston, Moses Hogan, Marques Garrett and Lela Anderson.

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students. **March 11, 3 p.m.:** "Youthful Virtuosity." The program includes Borodin: Overture to "Prince Igor" and Dvorak: Symphony No. 7 in D minor, as well as a piano concerto performed by the winner of the Emilio Del Rosario Concerto Competition.

Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$35; \$30 senior citizens; \$15 students. Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org. **March 10, 7:30 p.m.:** Counter tenor Iestyn Davies sings works by Handel.

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. The program includes the world premiere of a new commission, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," by Grammy Award-winning arranger Joseph Jennings; Jonathan Miller's new cycle, "Old Testament Spirituals; and arrangements by Robert Morris, Moses Hogan, and Oak Park

composer Paul Carey. Tickets: \$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 "Twilight Music." The program includes Franz Schubert's Rondo in B minor, D. 895, Op. 70; John Harbison's "Twilight Music" and Mozart's Divertimento No. 17 in D Major for two horns and string quartet. **March 11:** The concert features guest artists Wendy Warner, cello, and Peter Lloyd, double bass, in program of works by Camille Saint Saëns, Béla Bartók and Franz Schubert.

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. **March 11:** "Eternal Light," featuring the Chicago Chamber Choir. The program includes works by Theofanidis, Sibelius, Lauridsen and Smetana. **May 13:** "Dufour Plays Mozart," with guest soloist Mathieu Dufour, principal flute of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The program includes Bach: Toccata & Fugue in D Minor; Mozart: Flute Concerto #2 in D Major; and Brahms: Piano Quartet in G Minor.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Vinick, joins with the Queen of All Saints choir and soloists performing for the Music of the Masters Series at 3:30 p.m. **March 4** at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash, Chicago. The program includes the Faure Requiem and Brahms Requiem. Free-will offerings accepted. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lssso.org.

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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. **March 21, 6:30 p.m.:** Chicago Chamber Musicians presents Its Classical Conversations series featuring music by Francis Poulenc, Leonard Bernstein, Mikhail Glinka and Roberto Sierra. \$20; \$10 students. **The Met: Live in HD**, the Metropolitan Opera's series of live performance transmis-

sions 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." **April 7, 11 a.m.:** Massenet's "Manon." **April 14, 11:55 a.m.:** Verdi's "La Traviata." **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 Bach's Chaconne; Beethoven's Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 6 in A Major, Op. 30, No. 1; and Prokofiev's Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 80. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

March 4 and 11, 3 p.m.: Four Score Festival celebrates the music of Charles Ives and Aaron Copland and explores how their inspiration threads through the works of two of their students: the March 4 performance focuses on the music of Ives and Gunther Schuller; the March 11 performance features the music of Copland and Mario Daviodovsky. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. **March 9, 7:30 p.m.:** Four Score Festival: Young Composer's Concert. Free. **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. **The Northshore Concert Band** will present its winter concert at 3 p.m. **Feb. 19** at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The program includes American composer Johnny Vinson's "Echoes of the Hollow Square," Bizet's "Carmen Suite," and two folk-inspired

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The Orion Ensemble presents "Celebrating Women Composers" at 7:30 p.m. **March 11** at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes works by Stacy Garrop, Louise Farrenc, Phyllis Tate and Fanny Mendelssohn. Tickets: \$26; \$23 for seniors; \$10 for students; children 12 and younger are free. For tickets or more information, call (630) 628-9591 or visit www.orionensemble.org.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$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."

Rembrandt Chamber Players perform in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Single tickets are \$35; \$25 for young adults ages 18-30; \$10 for students. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org. **March 4, 7:30 p.m.:** "Pas de Trois." The program includes works by Sir Malcolm Arnold, Debussy and Ravel.

Segovia Classical Guitar Series will be presented by the Northwestern University Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music and the Chicago Classical Guitar Society through **April 14**. All concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, or Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, on Northwestern's Evanston campus, as noted. Call (847)

467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. **March 3:** Johannes Moller's Lutkin Hall program includes music by Albeniz, Barrios and Gougeon. \$20; \$10 for students. **March 4:** Johannes Moller will present a master class at 1 p.m. with Bienen School student guitarists in the rehearsal room of Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. Admission is free. **March 28:** Two-time Grammy nominee Anoushka Shankar and guests will perform a program in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall titled "Traveler." Shankar melds music of Spain with the ancient forms of Indian classical music. \$26; \$10 for students. **March 31:** Guitarist Sharon Isbin will share the stage with Brazilian percussionist Thiago de Mello at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. The program will include excerpts from her album "Journey to the Amazon" and other favorites. \$26; \$10 for students. **April 14:** Eduardo Fernandez's program in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall will conclude the 2012 Segovia series. \$24; \$10 for students.

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Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$26-\$40; \$13 for youth 17 and under. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. **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.

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Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechamberonline.com. Feb. 10, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.: The Renditions (oldies). No cover. **Feb. 11, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** The Meteors (oldies). \$5 cover. **Feb. 12, 5-9 p.m.:** Pianist/singer Marc Pompe. **Feb. 15, 5-9 p.m.:** Music by LaVerne (oldies). **Feb. 17, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** Natural Sounds live music karaoke, no cover. **Feb. 18, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** Route 66 ('50s-'70s dance music). \$5 cover. **Feb. 19, 5-9 p.m.:** Anne and Mark Burnell. **Feb. 22, 8:30-10:30 p.m.:** Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, \$10 cover. **Feb. 24, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** Just ENUFF (classic pop dance band). No cover. **Feb. 25, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones ('50s-'60s rock). \$5 cover. **Feb. 29, 6:30 p.m.:** Music by LaVerne (oldies).

Hogeye Folk Arts hosts concerts at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. \$15 general admission; \$13 for senior citizens; \$5 for students; free for children under 12. Admission may be paid at the door in cash or by check, or by credit card in advance from www.brownpapertickets.com. For information, visit www.hogeyefolkarts.org. **Feb. 18:** Bill Staines.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room, \$5. Ticket prices for other shows vary. Visit www.montroseroom.com. **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. **March 3:** Coco Montoya (blues guitar). \$10 general admission; \$15 VIP. **March 9:** Local H. \$15. **March 10:** Ides of March. \$20 general admission; \$30 VIP. **March 14:** Buckwheat Zydeco. \$18 general admission; \$25 VIP.**

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwood-library.org. **Feb. 19, 2 p.m.:**

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Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. **Feb. 12, 7 p.m.: Kevin Moore presents "Broadway Score by Score — The Music of Andrew Lloyd Weber." \$20 general admission; \$25 reserved.**

Feb. 17, 10 p.m., and Feb. 23, 9 p.m.: Singer/songwriter Mercedes. Free. **Feb. 18, 9 p.m.:** Brazilian Carnival, with music by Swing Brasileiro. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. **Feb. 28, 9 p.m.:** Singer/songwriter Trevor Reusch. Free. **March 2-3, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and March 4, 7 p.m.:** Putting on the Ritz presents "Voices of Chicago," a musical celebration in honor of Chicago's 175 anniversary of official incorporation. The concert features jazz, blues, gospel, folk, pop, and soul. Tickets: \$27 general admission; \$35 reserved. **March 9, 7:45 p.m.:** Ensemble of Ragas School of Performing Arts and Las Guitarras de Espana present Surabhi: A Melting Pot of Music, including Indian, flamenco and Arabic music. \$25 general admission. **March 10, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.:** Windy City Gay Chorus and Aria present "Broadway and Beyond: An Evening of Broadway Benefit & Concert," with proceeds to benefit Windy City Performing Arts. \$50 general admission. **March 17, 8 p.m.:** Bluegrass band Sexfiist; WhiteWater Rumble opens. \$12 general admission; \$18 reserved seating. **April 4, 8 p.m.:** Jazz guitarist Lee Ritenour. \$25 general admission; \$40 reserved. **April 22, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.:** An Intimate Evening with Eddie Palmieri Quartet (salsa and Latin jazz). \$37-\$65.

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. **Feb. 24: Big Time Rush — "Better With U Tour." **March 30-31, 8 p.m.:** Celtic Woman. \$32-\$72.**

Sing to Live Community Chorus presents "Sing for the Cure" at 8 p.m. **March 3** at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets: \$20 general admission; \$15 students and seniors; free for breast cancer survivors. Visit www.singtolive.org.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanston.space.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **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, 2 p.m.:** 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). \$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. **Feb. 28:** Pearl & the Beard (Americana/soul). \$10/\$12. **Feb. 29:** The Giving Tree Band, \$10-\$18. **March 1:** Commander Cody (rock/blues) \$17/\$20. **March 2:** Magic Slim & the Teardrops (blues). \$15/\$20. **March 3:** 93XRT welcomes Shemekia Copeland (blues). \$23/\$25. **March 8:** Katie Herzig (indie folk). \$15/\$18. **March 9:** Ryan Montbleau Band (folk/rock). \$17/\$20. **March 10:** Teitur (folk rock). \$15/\$18. **March 14:** Dave Specter's "Adventures With A Blues Diva," featuring Sharon Lewis (blues). \$12/\$15. **March 16:** Ellis Paul (folk). \$20/\$25. **March 17, 7 p.m.:** Megan McDonough and Susan O'Halloran in "Pot of Gold: Irish Stories & Songs." \$18/\$20. **March 18:** Fillisko & Noden with Tab Robinson Trio, \$12-\$22. **March 20:** Milk Carton Kids (folk). \$12/\$15. **March 22, 7 p.m.:** Mike Doughty, \$22-\$42. **March 23:** Communion with Ben Howard, The Staves, Nathaniel Rateliff, Bear's Den, \$12/\$15. **March 24:** Jackopierce (country/rock). \$27/\$30. **March 25, 7 p.m.:** California Guitar Trio, \$17/\$20. **March 28, 7:30 p.m.:** Uncle Bonsai (folk). \$12/\$15. **March 29:****

Hunger Games chat

The *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins is the book chosen this month for the Pioneer Page Turners online book club.

In the future, North America has become a nation known as Panem that is overseen by the wealthy Capitol. Every year, a boy and a girl are chosen from each of the twelve districts to take part in the spectacle known as "The Hunger Games," in which they must fight to the death in an outdoor arena while every citizen of Panem looks on.

In an attempt to save her younger sister Prim, who's been chosen by the lottery, sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen volunteers to join the game in Prim's place. Katniss is no stranger to fighting to survive and her strength may just be what's needed to sow the seeds of rebellion that will free the people of Panem.

The *Hunger Games*, the first book in a trilogy, is the featured book for Barrington Library's "One Book/One Barrington" event, which will feature programs based on the book throughout the month of February.

The live Pioneer Page Turners book chat will take place at 7 p.m. March 1 and is open to readers of any age to take part. For more information on "One Book/One Barrington" visit www.balibrary.org/OBOB. To visit the Pioneer Page Turners blog and to take part in the chat visit <http://blogs.pioneerlocal.com/bookclub/>.



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Anna Fermin with Hawley, \$12-\$22. **March 30:** Janiva Magness CD release party (blues). \$15/\$18. **March 31 and April 1, 7 p.m.:** Melissa Ferrick (folk). \$25/\$30. **April 4:** Lost in the Trees with Poor Moon (orchestral folk). \$15/\$18. **April 5:** Trevor Hall (rock/reggae). \$15/\$18. **April 6:** The English Beat, \$38-\$68. **April 12:** Pure Prairie League, \$32-\$48. **April 13, 9 p.m.:** The Lumineers and Kopecky Family Band (folk/rock). \$10/\$12. **April 15, 7 p.m.:** Darrell Scott (bluegrass). \$18/\$22. **April 17:** Joe Firstman and Ernie Halter, \$12-\$22. **April 19:** Lurrie Bell Full Band CD release party, \$12-\$22. **April 20, 7:30 p.m.:** Anais Mitchell with Cuddle Magic (folk). \$12/\$15. **April 21, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.:** Mason Jennings (folk). **April 22, 7 p.m.:** Jason Reeves (bluegrass). \$12/\$15. **April 23-24:** Johnny Winter, \$30-\$58. **April 26:** Jonathan Edwards, \$18/\$22. **April 27, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.:** Dar Williams (folk). \$18/\$20. **April 28:** James Hunter (rock). \$27/\$30. **April 29, 7 p.m.:** Kim Richey with Joel Henderson, \$15-\$27.

"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, Koehline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. **Through 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.**

Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Elm St., Prospect Heights. **Through February 29: A exhibit of photographic prints by members of the Arlington Camera Club. For information, visit www.arlingtoncameraclub.org.**

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. **Feb. 12-May 11:** Paintings by Lowell Goone and Joanne Salvador. An opening reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. Feb. 12.

Simply Chicago Art presents a reception for "Places to Go, People to See," featuring woodcuts, paintings and etchings by Joseph Taylor, from 5-9 p.m. **Feb. 10** at the DoubleTree Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Visit www.SimplyChicagoArt.com.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Custer's Last Stand festival of the arts is accepting applications from arts and crafts vendors for the 2012 edition of the fair, slated for **June 16-17** in Evanston's Main Street Station shopping district. For an application, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com.

BENEFITS

Friends of the Little City Center for the Arts will host an artists' reception and silent auction from noon-4 p.m. **Feb. 26** at Affresco, 11 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Cost is \$35 per person, with proceeds to benefit Little City's Center for the Arts, which serves those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Visit www.littlecity.org.

"Heroic Music for Brass, Organ, and Percussion," a concert to benefit Evanston's Bach Week Festival, will be presented at 4 p.m. **Feb. 26** at Winnetka Congregational Church, 725 Pine St., Winnetka. The program includes works from the Renaissance and Baroque eras to the 20th century. Tickets: \$25. Visit www.bachweek.org or call (800) 595-4849.

BOOKS & POETRY

"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 campus library. Participants are not required to attend all sessions. Selections include **Feb. 22:** *Bread Givers* by Anzia Yeziarska. **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).

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Feb. 13, 11 a.m.:** Discussion of *Three Junes* by Julia Glass.

CHILD'S PLAY

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m.:** Screening of "Prom." **Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m.:** "Mr. Popper's Penguins."

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **March 17:** Family Day of Music. Events include

an open house with an instrument petting zoo, refreshments, early childhood music demonstrations, student performances, and more at 9 a.m.; a family concert by Rami Vamos at 10 a.m., \$10 per family; Skokie Montessori recorder group performance at 1 p.m.; and performances by The Joseph Sears School Band and Quintet Attacca at 3 p.m., and Evanston Escola de Samba at 3 p.m.

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Feb. 25, 2 p.m.:** Family Big-Screen Movie Series features "Kung Fu Panda 2."

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"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. **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., and Feb. 12, 3 p.m.:** Thodos Dance Chicago & Luna Negra Dance Theater. \$46-\$36.

Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance, the national organization representing amateur ballroom dancers. Lesson begins at 7:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:15-11 p.m. Admission: \$8 members; \$10 nonmembers; \$6 for students with ID. Dance music for all swing, Latin and ballroom dances. Partners not required - singles welcome. Beginning dancers encouraged. For information, call

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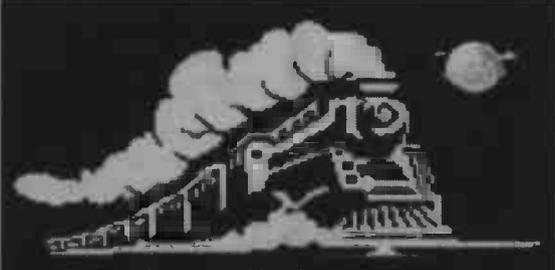
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(847) 577-9014 or visit www.usadancechicago.org. **Feb. 11:** "Valentine's Romantic Rumba" at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park.

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

Happy Twirlers Square Dancing Club offers square dancing lessons from 7-9 p.m. **Feb. 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.

FILM

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwood-library.org. **Feb. 10**, 1 p.m.: "The Trip." **Feb. 16**, 10:30 a.m.: "Higher Ground." **Feb. 16**, 1 p.m.: "Rebecca." **Feb. 17**, 1 p.m.: "Beginners." **Feb. 23**, 10:30 a.m.: "In a Better World." **Feb. 23**, 1 p.m.: "Now, Voyager." **Feb. 24**, 1 p.m.: "The Interrupters."

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **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.northwestchicagofilm-society.org. **Feb. 15:** "Back Street" (1932). **Feb. 22:** "Too Late Blues" (1961). **Feb. 29:** "Twentieth Century" (1934). **March 7:** "Give Us This Day" (1949). **March 14:** "Centenni-

al Summer" (1946). **March 21**, 7 p.m.: "Reds" (1981). **March 28:** "Man of the West" (1958). **April 4:** "Liebeleil" (1933). **April 7**, 7 p.m.: Special Saturday presentation of "The Ten Commandments" (1956). **April 11:** "Angel" (1937). **April 15**, 7:30 p.m.: Special Sunday presentation commemorating the Titanic centennial — "A Night to Remember" (1958).

LECTURES

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

SINGLES

ComboSingles, open to singles 21-plus. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.org. Bowling league at 6:30 p.m. **Feb. 26**, **March 25**, **April 22** and **May 20** at Brunswick Zone, 824 E. Rand Road, Mount Prospect. \$15 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, for bowling and shoes.

Thunderbird Singles, (847) 266-2706 or www.thunderbirdsingles.com. **Feb. 18**, 8 p.m.: Annual "Red Party" with live band and buffet at Moretti's Ristorante, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. \$15. **Feb. 19** and **26**, 7 p.m.: "Mambo Italiano" singles party 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.

Skokie Art Guild offers figure drawing workshops from 9 a.m.-noon **Saturdays** at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is \$20; \$12 for members. For information, call Steve Gal, (847) 673-4450, or visit www.skokieartguild.org.

ET CETERA

The Actors Gymnasium presents "Lost and Found: A Recycled Circus," featuring aerial acrobatics and live music, **Feb. 12-March 11** at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. **Fridays**; 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **Saturdays**; and 3 p.m. **Sundays**. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for children 12 and under and students with ID. Gala opening night will be **Feb. 11**; tickets are \$100 each, which includes a post-show reception. Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com or (800) 838-3006. For information, visit www.actorsgymnasium.com.

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 11**, 5 p.m.: Stars on Ice, featuring Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen, Canadian National Champion Kurt Browning, U.S. National Champion Todd Eldredge and other skaters. Tickets: \$25-\$150.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Feb. 12**, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Screening of the documentary "The World Was Ours," which celebrates Jewish life in Vilna, Lithuania, prior to World War II. A question-and-answer session with filmmaker and native of Vilna Mira Jedwabnik Van Doren follows the screening. Free with museum admission. Reservations required. **Feb. 19-June 17:** "Ours To Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War." Curator Talk with Lou Levine will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. **Feb. 19**. Free with museum admission. Reservations required. **March 15**, 6:30-8 p.m.: Clark University professor and Holocaust scholar Deborah Dwork discusses her book, *Flight from the Reich: Refugee Jews, 1933-1946*. A book signing will follow the presentation. Free with museum admission. Reservations recommended. **March 22**, 6:30-8 p.m.: Elliot Lefkowitz, Loyola University and Spertus Institute faculty member, leads a discussion of *Nazis on the Run: How Hitler's Henchmen Fleed Justice* by Gerald Steinacher, recipient of the 2011 National Jewish Book Award. Free with museum admission. Reservations recommended.

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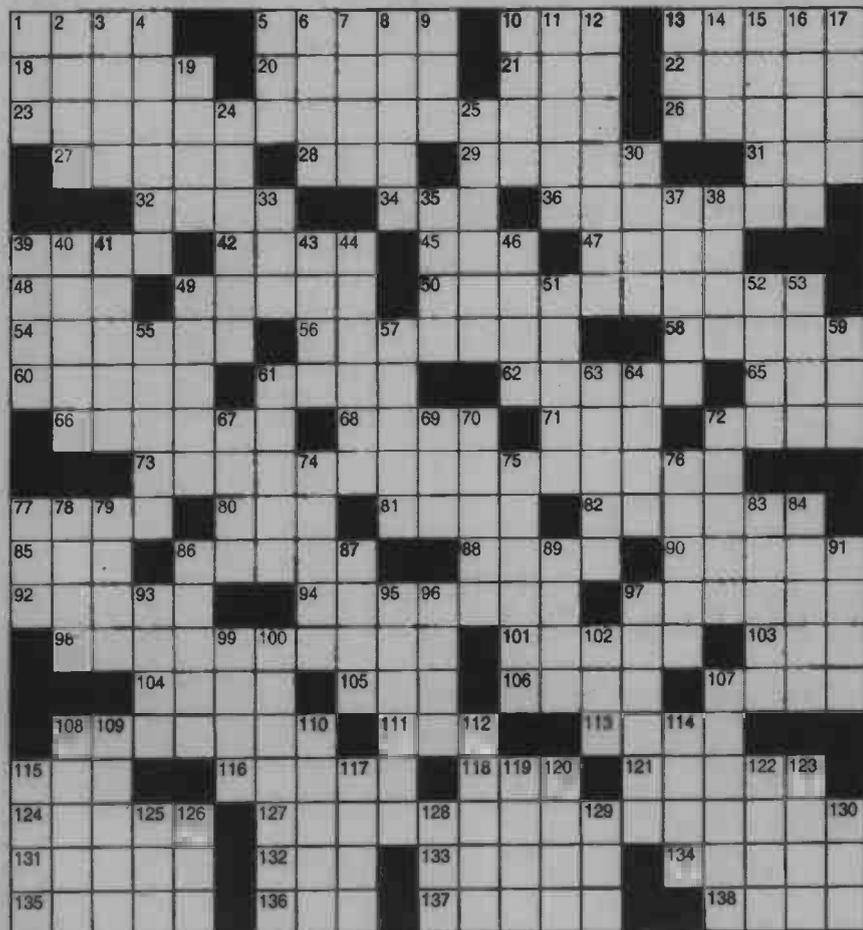
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HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 15 — February 21

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due

credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

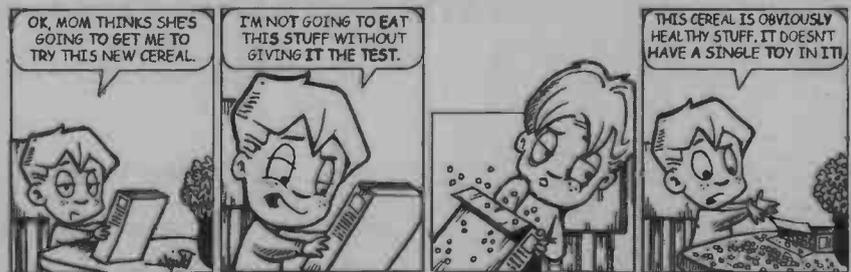
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher.

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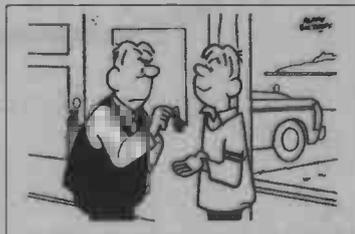
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Mortonson, Margaret S.

(nee Winger), born on August 20th 1922. She died February 3, 2012 peacefully at her home in Luther Village from Alzheimers. Marge was active with Park Ridge Country Club and Northwest Community Hospital. She lived a long, full and blessed life and will be missed. Wife of the late Warren "Red" Mortonson; mother of Robert (Barbara) Mortonson and Carol (Jerry) Kaminski; grandmother to Brad (Kelly) Bednar, Matthew, Daniel and Bethany Mortonson, Jackie (Chase) Plumley, TJ (Lauren) and Charlene Kaminski; great grandmother to Gage Plumley; sister of the late Mary Roth and late Andrew Winger; aunt to many.

Visitation Tuesday from 10AM until time of funeral service at 12PM at the Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Alzheimer's Assn. of Greater Chicago 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60631, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or Midwest Palliative Hospice & Care Center, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025 are appreciated. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Formerly of Skokie, IL. Passed away at home on January 31, 2012, surrounded by his family in San Diego, California.

David is survived by his wife, Pam and three children; his mother, Lee and father Myron; and his brother, Howard, his brother's wife, Dana and their three children; Preceded in death was David's sister Jill Bernstein (Joe).

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made to support Glioblastoma Cancer Research at U.C. San Diego. Please visit the Remembering David website for the mailing address or to make an online donation.

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Smith, Sharlene

(nee Wrona) passed away at the age of 71, surrounded by loved ones, on a sunny afternoon in mid-January at her home in Park Ridge, Illinois. Born to Joseph and Emilia "Mildred" Wrona in Chicago, Illinois, Sharlene is survived by her brother Thomas and her two children, Jenine and Rich.

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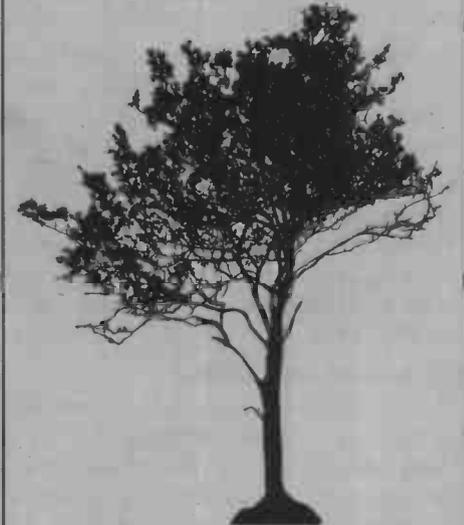
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Breaking Out of Long-Term Unemployment

Six Ways to Prevent Being Unemployed from Hurting Your Resume and Your Outlook

By Larry Buhl, Monster Contributing Writer

Long-term unemployment can wreak havoc on a person's sense of self-worth and well-being. Worse, big resume gaps or current unemployment may also mark a job seeker as "damaged goods" and make a long job search even longer.

"I wouldn't say the bias [against hiring the unemployed] is pervasive, but too many hiring managers don't realize that the world has changed," says Cheryl Ferguson, president of Recruiter's Studio and recruiter for Decislon Toolbox.

Throw in the towel? Don't even think about it, career experts say. They suggest these practical steps to help even the most discouraged unemployed job seeker get motivated and beat the odds.

Check Your Mental Attitudes

The longer you're out of work, the more anxious, insecure or depressed you may be – and this can hurt your chances of landing a job. "Attitude is a crucial part of the job search, and unfortunately it's easy to be caught up in negative mental self-talk, especially with the media telling us how terrible everything is," says Helaine Z. Harris, a Los Angeles-based psychotherapist.

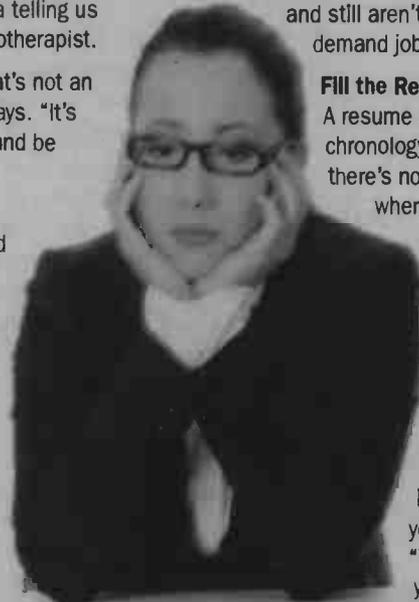
If anxiety or depression is significant, don't be afraid to seek counseling. If that's not an option, simple calming breaths and even meditation can be effective, Harris says. "It's essential to relax and clear the mind, so you'll know the right actions to take and be able to magnetize the opportunities you want."

Move Your Body

There's documented evidence that physical exercise improves mental health and reduces anxiety. "Regular exercise creates more self-discipline and shows that you can do hard things, which makes it easier to handle tasks like making difficult phone calls," says Penelope Trunk, creator of the social network site Brazen Careerist.

Step Away from the Computer

Job boards and social networking sites such as Twitter can be helpful, but they are not the only ways to connect. And relying on them can perpetuate the unemployment "hermit" trap. "If you've been out of circulation for a while, you have to remind people you're still around," Ferguson says. "You're also likely to be a little rusty in networking, so it's important to get out once or twice a week at least for a face-to-face meeting, lunch or networking event."



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Re-Examine Employment Strategies and Tactics

With a clearer mind, an energized body and a fuller social calendar, you can better gauge the effectiveness of your search. Career coach and author Dr. Marty Nemko urges unemployed job hunters not to assume they've been doing everything right.

"Are you really spending 30 hours a week job searching? Do you have a job search buddy, so you can be accountable to each other? Are you active in your professional association, in-person and online? Have you followed up relentlessly with warm leads? If you've done all of those things and still aren't getting a job, you probably need to change your job target to a more in-demand job title or a lower-level job," Nemko says.

Fill the Resume Gap

A resume should be a history of things you've accomplished, not necessarily a chronology of things you've been paid for, according to Trunk. With that philosophy, there's no reason to have a gap in your resume. "There are very few professions where you have to be on the payroll in order to do the work," Trunk says. "If you're a programmer, write a patch on your own time. If you're a shoe designer, design your own shoes."

Don't Be Defensive About Unemployment

You've been out of work for a while. So what? So have many of the other candidates. "Don't hide the fact you've been unemployed," says John M. McKee, job coach and founder of BussinessSuccessCoach.net. "People won't hire others who are prickly."

McKee adds that you might need to stop saying the word "unemployed" if the word is getting in your way. Trunk agrees. "When someone asks what you're doing now, don't say you're out of work, because you're not," she says. "You're just not getting paid. Talk about the projects you've done and what you're learning, and then mention, 'I'm looking for a paid position like this.'"

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By Peter Vogt, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

If you watch TV shows like "ER" or have friends who are training to become nurses, doctors or other clinical professionals, you might think the only healthcare careers available are those focused on meeting individual patient needs. They're the jobs that tend to get the most airplay, literally and figuratively.

But behind the scenes are healthcare professionals who make their own critical contributions in the sometimes overlooked but important world of public health.

Three Activities

Public health addresses the healthcare issues of communities, particularly populations that might be deemed "at risk" for certain diseases or conditions. Health promotion and disease prevention are at the core of public health, and professionals in the field tend to focus on one of three broad activities, according to the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH):

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11 Ways to Specialize

These three missions encompass hundreds of job titles, specialties and subspecialties. You'll

never be able to learn about all of them. But you can get a basic idea of the types of careers you can explore by looking at the 11 core areas of study in public health as defined by the ASPH:

Health Services Administration: Health services managers and administrators coordinate health services, education and/or policy in settings such as hospitals, clinics, managed-care organizations and public health agencies.

Biostatistics: Biostatisticians use statistical procedures and mathematical methods to analyze public health problems, programs and research efforts.

Epidemiology: Epidemiologists investigate the causes and patterns of disease and disability among populations.

Health Education and Behavioral Sciences: Professionals in this specialty area study how psychological, sociological, anthropological and even political concerns can affect public health.

Environmental Health Sciences: According to the ASPH, half of those who work in public health focus on this specialty. Environmental health scientists examine factors in the natural environment (air, water and land) that affect people's well-being.

International/Global Health: Specialists in this area look for ways to improve health and health standards in developing countries around the world.

Biomedical and Laboratory Practice: Bacteriologists, microbiologists, biochemists and others in this subspecialty develop laboratory techniques to help diagnose and

treat diseases and other conditions affecting people's health.

Nutrition: Nutritionists teach people how to eat well to stay healthy.

Public Health Practice: These generalists take the principles of epidemiology, biostatistics, behavioral science and environmental health right to the people -- the "public" of public health -- to teach health promotion and disease prevention.

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February 7

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February 14

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LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION

LASALLE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE
FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-
041 TRUST
Plaintiff,

-v-
DANUT BALINT, ANA BALINT
A/K/A ANNA BALINT A/K/A ANA M.
BALINT, JPMORGAN CHASE
BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS PURCHASER OF THE LOANS
AND OTHER ASSETS OF WASH-
INGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORM-
ERLY KNOWN AS WASHING-
TON MUTUAL BANK, FA FROM
THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
CORPORATION, ACTING
AS RECEIVER FOR THE SAV-
INGS BANK AND PURSUANT TO
ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
ACT.

Defendants
09 CH 000226
7320 N. KILDARE AVENUE
LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-
TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUR-
SUANT TO A Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on October 22, 2009, an
agent of The Judicial Sales Cor-
poration, will at 10:30 AM on March
12, 2012, at The Judicial Sales
Corporation, One South Wacker
Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL,
60606, sell at public auction to the
highest bidder, as set forth below,
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Commonly known as 7320 N.
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real estate is improved with a resi-
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ance, 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 with-
in twenty-four (24) hours. No fee
shall be paid by the mortgagee ac-
quiring the residential real estate
pursuant to its credit bid at the sale
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creditor, or other lienor acquiring
the residential real estate whose
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against said real estate and is offered
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tion as to quality or quantity of title
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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 attor-
ney. Upon payment in full of the
amount bid, the purchaser will re-
ceive a Certificate of Sale that will
entitle the purchaser to a deed to
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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.jscc.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 47192 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. 1406370 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/12 #234966

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC 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, 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 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 Mortgagee, 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.jscc.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. 14-10-29809 ARDC# 00468002 Case # 10 CH 04103 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. 1410372 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/12 #235837

NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- TOMASZ STOGOWSKI, MONIKA STOGOWSKA Defendants 10 CH 041013 4127 N. OKETO 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 December 14, 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 4127 N. OKETO AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-409-007. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee 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 14-10-29809. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com 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. 14-10-29809 ARDC# 00468002 Case # 10 CH 04103 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. 1410372 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/12 #235837

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR14, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AR14 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 1, 2005 Plaintiff, -v- MERIMA GVOZDEN, ENES GVOZDEN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 10 CH 021487 8946 N. LACROSSE 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 December 14, 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 8946 N. LACROSSE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-422-045. 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 assess-

ments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee 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 14-10-29809. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com 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. 14-10-29809 ARDC# 00468002 Case # 10 CH 021487 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. 1410122 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/12 #235828

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-W1, ASSIGNEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, L.L.C., Plaintiff, -v- SAHER M. ISHO, SAMER M. MANSOUR, MANSOUR E. MANSOUR, SIHAM ESHOU, WALTER BANK, N.A., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 0620506028 AND RE-RECORDED AS 0903731139 AND UNDER MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0915503111, TERRACO, INC. AS AGENT FOR S.Y. ENTERPRISES, INC., UNDER MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0906060028, SY INTERNATIONAL, INC., UNDER MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0903031070, Defendants 10 CH 19838 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 7, 2010 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 15, 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. 10-34-303-072-0000. Commonly known as 4600 West Northshore, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. 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 Sales Clerk at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1409809 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/12 #235782

LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CONSUMER SOLUTIONS 3 LLC; Plaintiff, -v- DOMINIQUE WILK; PNC BANK, N.A. S/B/M TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB; Defendants 10 CH 27964 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 7, 2011 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 13, 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. 10-34-303-072-0000. Commonly known as 4600 West Northshore, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. 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 William E. Dutton, Jr. at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUT-

TON & DUTTON, P.C., 10325 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1409726 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/12 #235755

SKOKIE
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- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PETER E. O'NEILL, USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, RUTH V. O'NEILL AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, ELIZABETH A. O'NEILL, ANDREW P. O'NEILL, TIMOTHY J. O'NEILL Defendants 10 CH 041546 8028 W. KEELER 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 13, 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 8028 W. KEELER AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-427-040. 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 14-10-32914. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com 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. 14-10-32914 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 Case # 10 CH 041546 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. 1409414 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/12 #235707

BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- VASYL YAREMA AKA V. YAREMA, OLANA POLOZHEVETS AKA O. POLOZHEVETS, BANK OF AMERICA, NA, VILLA VERDE RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 10 CH 36972 3 VILLA VERDE DRIVE UNIT 115 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 October 13, 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 3 VILLA VERDE DRIVE UNIT 115, BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089 Property Index No. 03-07-201-019-1127. The real estate is improved with a brown brick multi-unit with no 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.net between the hours of 9 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorney, MICHAEL J. GOLDSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LTD., 17 NORTH STATE STREET, SUITE 990, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 346-0945 - THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DIAMOND BANK, FSB Plaintiff, -v- JAMES JOSEPH, MARY JOSEPH, EMMANUEL JOSEPH, ANN JOSEPH, VILLAGE OF GLENVIEW, DEARBORN WHOLESALE GROCERS, LP, JOHN NERI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND OCCUPANTS Defendants 10 CH 44776 8841 PARKSIDE Morton Grove, IL 60053 NOTICE OF SALE FOR COURT I PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 13, 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 8841 PARKSIDE, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-17-431-048-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The total judgment amount was \$1,320,279.66. 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, MICHAEL J. GOLDSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LTD., 17 NORTH STATE STREET, SUITE 990, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 346-0945 - THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

Case # 11 CH 027133 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
PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
BENNY DOMINIC, JOYCE DOMINIC, ABBOTT LABORATORIES EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION
Defendants
11 CH 07409

7635 GREENWOOD 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 16, 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 7635 GREENWOOD, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-324-018-0000. The real estate is improved with a one story single family home; two car detached 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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 11-9508. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5500. 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. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1104275. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5500. 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.: PA1104275 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 11 CH 07409
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11 CH 07409
7635 GREENWOOD MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
SAMUEL STOVER, SHARON STOVER A/K/A SHARON P. STOVER A/K/A SHARON ENGRACIA STOVER Defendants
11 CH 024468

9256 N. KEATING 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 January 10, 2012, 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 9256 N. KEATING AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-123-042. 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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 11-9508. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5500. 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. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1104275. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5500. 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.: PA1104275 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 11 CH 024468 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.

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JOSE D. MILLAN, LILIANA MILLAN, BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC.; CITY OF CHICAGO OLD ORCHARD CONDOMINIUMS BUILDING 4 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
11 CH 21942

10113 OLD ORCHARD COURT, #104 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 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 10113 OLD ORCHARD COURT, #104, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-10-102-026-1004 Vol. 0110. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$229,425.91 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: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 11-9508. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5500. 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. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1104275. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5500. 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.: PA1104275 Attorney Code. 91220 Case # 11 CH 21942 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.

MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

ASHOK I. PATEL A/K/A ASHOK PATEL, RITA PATEL, STATE OF ILLINOIS

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 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:

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.

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

1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227544

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 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:

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.

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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227516

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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 CWTAL, 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.

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:

Property Index No. 10-21-107-039-0000. 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. 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 Wirbelk Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W11-1515.

1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227554

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 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:

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.

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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.

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:

Property Index No. 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: 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) 376-5500. Refer to File Number 1038460.

1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #227502

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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 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.

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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #226597

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 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:

Property Index No. 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.

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

1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #225910

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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 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.

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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #226360

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE 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 REAL ESTATE:

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1/26, 2/2, 2/9/12 #225910

LEGAL

Adoption Assumed Name Auction-Real Estate Bid Notice Divorce Foreclosures Foundation Notices Judicial Sales Mechanics Liens Name Change Probate Public Hearings Public Notices Storage - Legal Take Notices

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. D12128818 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

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. D12129004 on February 2, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of

AM Service & Install (HVAC) with the business located at 1822 E. Aztec Ln., Mount Prospect, ILL 60056. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Aweter M. Jendo, 1822 E. Aztec Ln., Mount Prospect, ILL 60056. Pub: 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 237143

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CUSTOM CREATIONS CHICAGO with the business located at 1907 N. Mendell, Chicago, IL 60642. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Maurice C. Kelly Jr., 2644 N. Burling, Chicago, IL, 60614. Pub: 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 235205

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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. D12128874 on January 20, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of

MYKHAYLO CONSTRUCTION with the business located at 8655 W. 98th St. Palos Hills, IL 60465. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Mykhaylo Katnych, 8655 W. 98th St. Palos Hills, IL 60465. Pub: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 229731

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. D12128943 on January 26, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of

TOWER BUILDERS at 308 S. Merrill St., Park Ridge, IL 60068. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Todd R. Klepitsch, 308 S. Merrill St., Park Ridge, IL 60068. Pub: 2/9, 2/16/12 #233558

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Bid Notice

Village of Skokie Notice to Bidders The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed BIDS for Village of Skokie Police Facility Landscaping & 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 a.m. local time on Thursday, March 1, 2012. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, February 22, 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. 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 contact the Purchasing Office at 847-933-8240 or TTY 673-9330

Michael Aleksic Purchasing Agent Village of Skokie 2/9/12 #238084

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS 2012-2015 FORESTRY CONTRACT FOR TREE MAINTENANCE PW-12-03

The City of Park Ridge will accept sealed bids for furnishing and delivering services as the City may require for tree trimming, bolting and cabling, emergency work, fertilization, plant health applications and emergency / storm related brush collection and disposal all in accordance with the specifications and bid documents now available:

Specification No. PW-12-03 for Forestry Contract for Tree Maintenance, for period 5/01/12 to 4/30/15. 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. All bidders must be pre-qualified and have filled out and turned in a Request for Qualifications packet no later than February 16, 2012 at 4:00 PM. Bids will be accepted at the Cashier's Desk, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068, until 10:00 AM on Monday, March 5, 2012, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. A bid deposit may be required which must be in the form of a bid bond, or certified cashier's check payable to the City of Park Ridge. The successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond(s) for the full amount of the contract and a Certificate of Insurance. The City of Park Ridge reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Tony Gliot City Forester #121252

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REACH OUT TO MORE QUALIFIED LOCAL CANDIDATES IN CHICAGOLAND WITH MONSTER, CALL 847-998-3400

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Bid Notice
Niles Township High Schools, District 219, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a Desktop Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry System up to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the Business Office of District 219, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.
Bids will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications of items to be supplied may be obtained from the Business Office at the above address.
For further information contact: Jean Hedstrom, Purchasing Agent
District 219 - Business Office
847-626-3978
Pub:2/9/12 236822

Divorce
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, IL
County Department
In Re: the Marriage of REYNALDO M. CASTILLO, Petitioner vs. CLAUDIA ELIZABETH PEREZ BURCIAGA, Respondent
Case No. 11D3 30874
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, CLAUDIA ELIZABETH PEREZ BURCIAGA, RESPONDENT, that this case has been commenced in this court against you for dissolution of marriage and other relief. Respondent cannot be found after diligent inquiry. Respondent's place of residence cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry. Her last known place of residence is: 704 Morelos, Coahuila, Mexico. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of this court, in the Third District Circuit Court of Cook County, 2121 Euclid Ave., Rolling Meadows, Illinois, on or before March 9, 2012, (30 days from date of 1st publication) A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Dated: August 18, 2011
/s/ Dorothy Brown,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Pub: 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 2276

Divorce
ORIGINAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
A. In the District Court for Polk County, Iowa IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: Christopher Spann and Patricia M. Jackson
B. UPON THE PETITION OF Christopher William Spann PETITIONER And Concerning Patricia Marie Jackson RESPONDENT
Equity case number: CD 83551
Original Notice by Publication
C. INFORMATION FOR THE RESPONDENT NAMED ABOVE
• The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit naming you as the Respondent.
• The Petitioner asks for a divorce.
• Petitioner's contact information: Christopher W. Spann, 5423 Aurora Ave. Apt#330, Des Moines, IA. 50310
D. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE RESPONDENT NAMED ABOVE
1. Deadline for filing a response: You must file an Answer or a Motion with the district court clerk in the above county within 20 days after June 24, 2011.
2. Original Notice. If you received Petition form FL-101 you may use Answer form FL-115.
3. After you file your Answer or Motion, you must serve a copy of it on the Petitioner by mail or in person.
4. If you do not file an Answer or Motion at the district court clerk's office within 20 days after receiving this Notice, the court may enter a judgment against you granting the Petitioner's requests in the Petition.
5. If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at . If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942. (Seal) District Court Clerk or Designee. Randy O'Khorn Polk County Courthouse Des Moines, Iowa 50310.
IMPORTANT: RESPONDENT: YOU SHOULD TALK TO AN ATTORNEY AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.
2/9 2/16, 2/23/12 #237950

Mechanics Liens
Mechanics Lien
On February 15 2012, at 10am at A-1 Towing Service Inc., 7789 Caldwell Ave. Niles, IL 60714
A sale shall proceed to enforce a lien under the laws of the State of Illinois labor, materials, storage, towing and other fees associated thereto. Storage charges continue to accrue. Successful bidder required to pay with certified funds. The sale may be continued from time to time without further notice except for parties attending sale or parties. Requesting said information
Owner: Sheryl Izzo, Robert Izzo
Lienholder: Harris Bank NA
Vehicle: 2001 Ford, VIN#1FMZU73E31ZA484 83
Amount owed: \$1910.00.
2/9/12 #237781

Mechanics Liens
Notice is hereby given that on 2/24/2012 at 9:00AM, a sale will be held at:
B&M Auto Collision Center
4440 W Addison Chicago, IL 60641
To sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed prior to designate sale date:
1.Vehicle: 2006 Pontiac G6 VIN: 1GZ2G558464282891
Amount of lien: \$1995.00
Owners: Trevor Giancarlo and CarMax Business Services
2.Vehicle: 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer VIN: JA3AJ86E64U028059
Amount of lien: \$1995.00
Owners: Javier Martinez
3.Vehicle: 2008 Chevrolet HHR VIN: 3GNDA23D885553337
Amount of lien: \$ 1995.00
Owners: Melvin Rodgers and Exeter Finance Corp.
4. Vehicle: 2008 Chevrolet HHR VIN: 3GNDA23D885557601
Amount of lien: \$ 1995.00
Owners: Mariana Martinez and Drive Financial Service
Pub: 2/9, 2/16 235989

NOTICE OF LIEN
Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 2012, a sale will be held at:
CHAMPION CYCLE CENTER
3625 N. WESTERN AVE.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60618
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: ALBERT BURNS
5107 S. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60644
LIEN HOLDER: NONE
Vehicles: 2002 Honda CB250 VIN # JH2MC24042K910604
Amount of Lien: \$1980
2/9/12 #238505

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

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COOK COUNTY CHANGE OF NAME FORM
State of Illinois
County of Cook
In The Circuit Court For Cook County, Illinois
In The Matter of the Petition of Judyta Hanna Stadnik For Change of Name
Case# 12 M3 0299
Notice of Publication
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 20, 2012, at 9:00 AM being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Cook, I will file my petition in said court praying for the change of my name from Judyta Hanna Stadnik to that of Elisa Stadnik, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated at Cook, Illinois, January 27, 2012
Signature of Petitioner
Judyta Stadnik
2/2 2/9, 2/16/12 #231729

Public Notices
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:2-9-12 236913

Public Notices
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GENERAL TOWN FUND, GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND, NORWOOD PARK SPECIAL POLICE DISTRICT TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the TOWN OF NORWOOD PARK, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2012, and ending March 31, 2013, will be held at the Town Hall, 7833 West Lawrence Avenue, Norridge, Illinois for the General Town Fund, the General Assistance Fund, and the Norwood Park Township Special Police District for the Unincorporated Area of Norwood Park Township.
This Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in accordance with the following:
6:40 p.m. - Public Hearing on General Town Fund
6:50 p.m. - Public Hearing on General Assistance Fund
7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing on Special Police District for Unincorporated Area
Final action will be taken on the aforementioned Budget and Appropriation Ordinances after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.
Citizens attending this hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions regarding the Tentative Budget.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN hereby that said Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 7833 W. Lawrence Avenue, Norridge, Illinois from and after 10:00 a.m. February 9, 2012.
Following is a Tentative Budget Summary of all funds for said fiscal year:
Estimated Receipts

Public Notices
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION OF A PLAN OF OPERATION FOR AN ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and on March 7, 2012 at 6:45 p.m., public hearings will be held before the City Council of the City of Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers at the Park Ridge City Hall located at 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, for the purpose of considering, pursuant to Section 1-92 of the Illinois Power Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3855/1-92 a plan of operation and governance for an electricity aggregation program through which the City may arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program. The authority to establish the electricity aggregation program will be considered by the voters of the City of Park Ridge at a referendum to be held on March 20, 2012.
All interested parties are invited to be present at the public hearings and to be heard. Respectfully submitted,
James D. Hock, City Manager
City of Park Ridge
2/9 2/23/12 #238782

Public Notices
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING ON ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the TOWN OF NORWOOD PARK, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2012, and ending March 31, 2013, will be held at the Town Hall, 7833 West Lawrence Avenue, Norridge, Illinois for the Road and Bridge Fund.
This Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in accordance with the following:
7:10 P.M. - public Hearing on Road and Bridge Fund
Final action will be taken on the aforementioned Budget and Appropriation Ordinance after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.
Citizens attending this hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions regarding the Tentative Budget.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN hereby that said Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 7833 W. Lawrence Avenue, Norridge, Illinois, from and after 10:00 o'clock A.M. Thursday, February 9, 2012.
Following is a Tentative Budget Summary of the Road and Bridge Fund for said fiscal year.
Estimated Receipts
Cash in bank beginning of Fiscal Year \$ 180,000.00
Taxes to be received during Fiscal Year \$ 95,000.00
Interest on invested funds \$ 350.00
TOTAL FUNDS \$ 275,350.00
ESTIMATED APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES \$ 170,865.00
DATED THIS February 9, 2012
THOMAS E. LUPO, SUPERVISOR
Rocco Secco, Town Clerk
229480

Public Notices
Norridge Elementary School District 80 Kindergarten Pre-Registration
Norridge School District 80 officials are requesting parents who have children who will attend kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year to pre-register their children for school. Kindergarten pre-registration will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd and Thursday, February 23rd from 10:00AM until noon and from 1:00-3:00PM at the John V. Leigh School Office - 8151 W. Lawrence Avenue and the James Giles School Office - 4251 N. Oriole Avenue. An evening pre-registration will also be held at both schools on Thursday, February 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00PM.
To be eligible for kindergarten pre-registration, children must reside in the school district and be five years old on or before September 1, 2012. An original birth certificate (not a baptismal or hospital certificate) and proof of residency within the school district will be required for pre-registration. Prior to enrollment in the fall, all students will be required to also have on file with the schools, a physical examination and evidence of current immunizations. A dental examination and vision examination are also required so parents are encouraged to plan ahead and make doctor appointments early.
Parents of children pre-registering for kindergarten must provide three methods of verifying legal residence in the school district. The following must be used to verify legal residence:
Choose one of these documents:
A real estate tax bill or mortgage statement or lease agreement.
Those who do not own a home but are living with a family within our District must not only provide the above information pertaining to residence from the homeowner, you must also submit an Attestation Form. The form can be picked up in the office.
Choose two of these documents:
Utility bill (choose one) - gas or electric or phone or water State of Illinois (choose one - IL Driver's license/IL State ID or IL Vehicle registration
If you do not provide us with three documents (with current address) verifying legal residence, along with an original birth certificate, we will be unable to complete the registration process.
Cook County birth certificates may be obtained in person or by mailing a personal check or money order payable to VITAL RECORDS - COOK COUNTY CLERK, in the amount of \$15 to:
Bureau of Vital Records
Cook County Clerk's Office
P.O. Box 641070
Chicago, Illinois 60664-1070
312-603-5656
Or call...
the Maywood Office at 708-865-6040 or
the Skokie Office at 847-933-8252
Or visit... www.cookcountyclerk.com
When requesting a birth certificate, the name of the child, date of birth, hospital, father's name, and mother's maiden name are all requested. Allow four (4) weeks for the certificate to be processed and mailed to you.
Parents with proper identification may visit one of the county offices and receive a birth certificate immediately.
Parents who pre-register their children will be invited to attend a kindergarten orientation program which will be held later in the year. The program will share information with parents about the kindergarten program and give parents an opportunity to view classroom materials and ask questions about the program. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten pre-registration please contact Leigh School at 456-8848, or Giles School at 453-4847.

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Estimated Receipts
TOWN FUND \$535,150.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND \$91,400.00
SPECIAL POLICE DISTRICT -0-
TOTAL \$1,290,500.00
Estimated Appropriations and Expenditures
TOWN FUND \$535,150.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND \$91,400.00
SPECIAL POLICE DISTRICT -0-
TOTAL \$1,290,500.00
DATED THIS February 9, 2012
THOMAS LUPO, SUPERVISOR
Rocco Secco, Town Clerk
2/9/12 229450

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 238477

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 238485

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Pub:2/9, 2/16 236127

Public Notices
20 ILCS 3855/1-92 a plan of operation and governance for an electricity aggregation program through which the Village may arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program. The authority to establish the electricity aggregation program will be considered by the voters of the Village of Skokie at a referendum to be held on March 20, 2012.
All interested parties are invited to be present at the public hearings and to be heard.
Albert J. Rigoni
Village Manager
Village of Skokie
Pub:2/2 2/9/12 231156

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- Unit - Customer
0046D - Kleinpass, Richard
0073 - Carter, Rueben
0086 - Grace, Mary
0098 - Grace, Mary
0114 - Bell, Kitzie
0532 - Zahnle, Daniel
0566 - Paul, Audrey
0569 - Perski, Michelle
0602 - Burnett, Debbie
2254 - Kogan, Susan
2259 - Hamelet, Patrick
2261 - Hamelet, Patrick
3141 - White, Terrence
3473 - Guerna, Erwin
P053 - Gonzalez, Jose
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 subject to adjournment.
Pub: 2/9, 2/16 230419

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 235876

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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: 7540 McCormick Blvd 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.
1128 Syble Paden
2203 Jmarkz Trading Inc / Oganihu Ifeanyichukwu
1126 Keenan Arnold
2127 Johnny Bulbuc
2193 Potrus Dawood
4012 Debra Bressette
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.
Pub: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 227575

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 235859

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, the undersigned, Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) by competitive sale bidding on: 2-28-12 at 11:30 am on the premise where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. property # 22338 1129 N. Wells Street, Chicago IL. 60610.312-951-8891. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below: B124 Navigant Development, LLC c/o Anthony Tomaska D402 Elizabeth Nowak D492 Anthony Richardson D527 Michelle Marie Lazowski E551 Luther Thomas E628 Wesley Lasan E676 Roy Manssall. Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.
Pub: 2/9, 2/16 235800

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) by competitive bidding on: February 24, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. on the premises where property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage, #28501, 708 W. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 847-788-0380, the personal property described below. In the matters of: Unit#309 John D. Brickman Unit#310 Laurel Hill Unit#352 Gregory Hano Unit#381 Domenica Martinez Unit#396 Weronika Kurc Public Storage/PS OrangeCo Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.
Pub: 2/9, 2/16 233707

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chases must be made with cash or credit card only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.
Pub: 2/9, 2/16 234777

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 the undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on February 24, 2012 at 12:15 p.m. on the premises where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage/PS Orange Co, Inc., #23310, 903 E. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 847-956-3752, the personal property described below in the matters of: B034 Angelica Nelson C015 Aline Mendoza C025 Roger Munoz C045 Dorothy M. Osterkom D013 Charles Martinez D065 Taurus Lindsey E051 Robert Schroy F031 Matthew Garrett G005 Ravi Kakaria G053 Shannon Yohe H015 Kenneth Davis H076 Ravi Kakaria H124 Michael Janis H125 James P. Whitney H148 Ralph Cornell H148 Helinda Castillo L057 Kevin Strohl L107 Jerzy Janiga. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.
Pub: 2/9, 2/16 234243

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 233707

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 232441

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 234234

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 233596

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 #28160/1512 W. Jarvis Ave. Chicago, IL 60626-1909 (773) 338-6828. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below.
Unit - Customer
054 - Shitta, Trillayo
093 - Adeleye, Ademol
113 - Drummond, Kimberly
205 - Payne, Brion
255 - Hood, Angela
264 - Lewis, Monique
287 - Forbes, Jacqueline
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 subject to adjournment.
Pub: 2/9, 2/16 232751

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In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below.
Unit - Customer
0089 - Perry, Tina
0141 - Harris, Vincent
0177 - Roberson, David
0183 - Maranda, Dean
1027 - Njoku, Patricia
1051 - Lising, Mariano
1083 - Lising, Mariano
2020 - Plotnick, Aaron
2079 - Goodlow, Toby
2087 - Broadwater, Eboni
2101 - Stewart, Jsuis
2171 - Gavin, Gay
2173 - Druck, Heather
2206 - Poyser, Gary
3021 - Cruz, Heather
3027 - Lawrence, Yolanda
3047 - Lising, Mariano
3053 - H I Healthcare Services
3072 - Jarvis, Erika
3180 - Davis, Gwen
3191 - Lodwick, Malcolm K

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Unit - Customer
0132 - Poole, Christina
0164 - Anderson, Robert
0165 - Brown, Rebecca
0168 - Lova, Shrita
0170 - Carter, Bryan
0205 - MagLona, David
0290 - LuLone, Greg
0295 - Trullio, Felix
0309 - Kartzmark, Barbara
0343 - Angeliz, Demetris
0347 - Lilly, Robert
0373 - Williams, Evelyn
0456 - Wright, Martin
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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 232759

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Unit - Customer
A016 - Raulston, Michael
A035 - Boras, Rose
A098 - Leak, Alexandria
A149 - Dominguez, Lillian
A160 - Nuccio, Victoria
A212 - Foster, Richard
A221 - Abbas, Naimat
A224 - Dethloff, Erich
A226 - Abbas, Naimat
A259 - Dethloff, Erich
A308 - Izquierdo, Carmen
A302 - Hawk, Gamet
B021 - Posley, Dana
B027 - Mols, Robert
B071 - King, Rhason
B074 - Comia, Luzviminda
B093 - Sinci, Luis F
B101 - Abdellah, Najoua Ben
B115 - Gerardi, Mary
B123 - Williamson, David
C019 - Aslian, Ali
D012 - Kim, myong kon
D104 - Harder, Cathleen
D108 - Kapadia, Zahir Abdullah
E006 - Agute, John
B113 - Choi, Young
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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 232724

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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 232751

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Unit - Customer
1057 - Garcia, Pedro
2006 - Hobson, Robin
2052 - Rodriguez, Carmen
3070 - Batyrov, Almazbek
3072 - Corlez, George
3082 - Dunder, Chiquita
3113 - Ederer, David
3122 - Luna, Juan
4009 - Ewell, Chandra
4179 - Morris, Calvin
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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 232715

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3192 - Cummings, Alicia
3201 - Dzikunoo, George
4004 - Rowand, Christopher
4054 - Hill, Virma
4064 - Cattouse, Nicole
4067 - Wright, Marsha Jordan
4071 - Kester, Egharevba
4109 - Washington, Deborah
5014 - Plotnick, Aaron
6013 - Gambino, Russell
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Pub: 2/9, 2/16 232746

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Unit - Customer
A030 - Robles, Marcos
A087 - Baltimore, Marcella
A111 - Nussbaum, Michael
A130 - Oultlaw, Douglas
A152 - Wengang, Chantal
A165 - Angulo, David
B021 - Archer, Dorothy
B027 - Archer, Dorothy
C033 - Brown, Roy
D028 - Francelloni, Ricardo
D108 - Pascal, Jennifer
D139 - Baker, Lynda
E015 - Archer, Dorothy
E016 - Archer, Renee
E020 - Archer, Dorothy
F023 - Letchinger, Kenneth
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Pub: 2/2, 2/9 225442

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A087 - Baltimore, Marcella
A111 - Nussbaum, Michael
A130 - Oultlaw, Douglas
A152 - Wengang, Chantal
A165 - Angulo, David
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B027 - Archer, Dorothy
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE To Be Held At: The Lock Up Self Storage Centers

3366 N Kedzie Chicago, IL 60618 773-539-3366
Date: 2/17/2012
Begins at: 11:30 am
CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by certified check, cash or money order only. 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 2348 Tenant Antonio Evans Unit 157 Tenant Matt Sarsel Unit 316 Tenant David Gardner Unit 2565 Tenant Amy Faltin Unit 428 Tenant Zaia Wissam Unit 2125 Tenant Cynthia Gonzalez
Pub: 2/2, 2/9/12 231708

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE

2525 West Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60647
DATE: Friday February 17, 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 2209 Sara Carlson
Unit 2312 Nikola Yovanovich
Unit 2317 Taeyn Booker
Unit 3336 Theresa Calderon
Unit 3508 Isabel Felix
Pub: 2/2, 2/9/12 230494

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: The Lock Up Storage Centers, 1930 N. Ciybourn Chicago, IL. 60614

773-755-1900
DATE: February 17, 2012 BEGINS AT: 12:30 PM
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117 Madeline Bury
1220 Audentes Technolofy LLC
2068 John Hoban
2074 David Kennepohl
3106 Carolyn Swain
3224 Jay Brodson
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE

3850 West Devon Ave, Lincolnwood, IL, 60712
DATE: 2/17/2012
BEGINS AT: 10:00 AM
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Unit # 3126 Deborah Mostyn
Unit# 3322 Deborah Mostyn
Unit# 4143 Ryan A. Grande
Unit# 4320 Geraldine C. Funke
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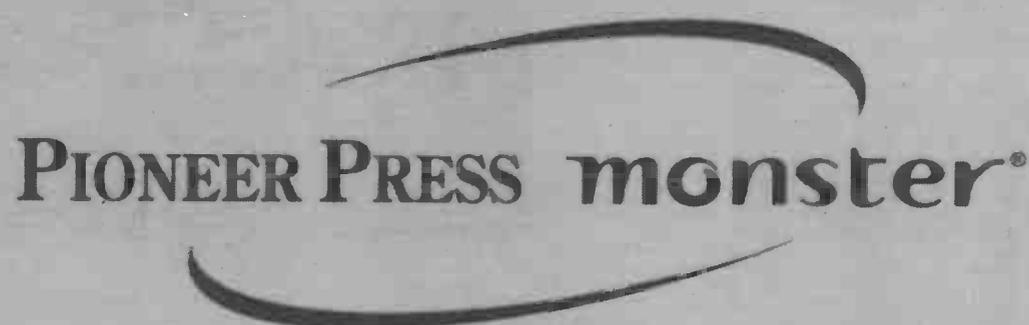
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BY BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

FROM PIZZA TO POTIONS

A Valentine's Day dinner your family will love

Treat your family to a Valentine's Day meal that's made with love (and extra cheese).

Pizza My Heart

Warm, gooey pizza is the perfect Valentine's Day treat. I like to make mine with whole wheat tortillas but pre-made pizza crust, such as those by Boboli or Rustic Crust, works equally as well.

You need:

Tortilla or pre-made pizza crust
Pizza sauce
Low-fat shredded cheese

Heart-shaped cookie cutter

Optional: additional toppings (such as assorted vegetables, turkey pepperoni and/or sausage)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Use the cookie cutter to cut your pizza crust into mini hearts.

Spread pizza sauce on top of each heart and sprinkle liberally with cheese.

Add additional toppings as desired.

Bake for about 8-10 minutes or as directed.

Fire and Ice Love Potion

According to legend, this punch is more powerful than Cupid's arrow and definitely tastier!

You need:

Cranberry juice
Sparkling water
Orange sherbet

Directions:

Combine equal parts juice and sparkling water with 1/2 scoop of sherbet.

Serve immediately.

Strawberry Sushi

Keep the good times rolling with this sweet dessert that comes courtesy of Megan at the aptly titled website, www.takeamegabite.com.

For the sushi:

You need:

Pound cake
Vanilla frosting
Strawberries (sliced)
Coconut flakes
Biscuit cutter

Directions:

Cut pound cake into sushi-size pieces with biscuit cutter.

Spread thin layer of vanilla frosting on each sushi piece.

Add coconut flakes and top with one or two strawberries.

Serve with chopsticks and a side dish of strawberry coulis for dipping.

For the strawberry coulis:

(Adapted from a recipe from www.smittenkitchen.com)

You need:

2 cups strawberries (hulled and quartered)

1/4 cup water

3 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Directions:

Combine strawberries, water, sugar and lemon juice in a blender.

Blend until very smooth.

Use strainer to remove seeds.

Cover and refrigerate until cool.



Beth Engelman uses pound cake, frosting, coconut and strawberries for this fun Valentine's Day dessert. | PHOTOS BY DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



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Let's get punny and practical

Are your kids exchanging Valentine's Day cards at school? Ditch the store-bought cards for something a little more original, useful and fun.



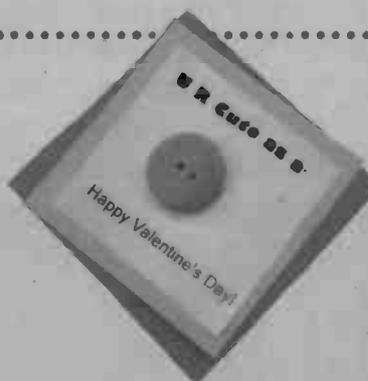
Valentine, I'm stuck on you

Who doesn't love a decorative Band-Aid? Be sure to attach the Band-Aid with removable tape and keep the backing intact to ensure the Band-Aid can be used at a later date.



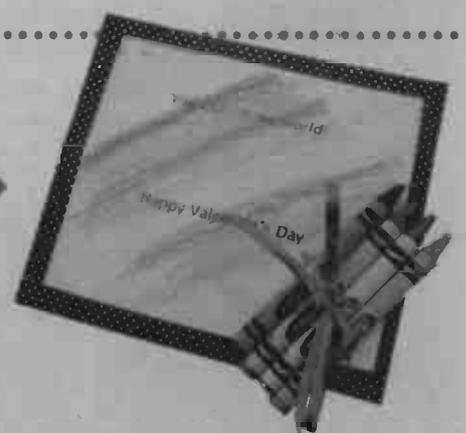
Without you, Valentine's Day has no point

The teacher in me loves this card that includes an unsharpened pencil.



U R cute as a button

Visit your local fabric or craft store to find an assortment of buttons in different shapes and styles. You can also use the extra buttons you might have lying around the house.



Valentine, you color my world

Have your kids color each card for a unique and personal touch.

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We are looking for kids who love to make leprechaun traps. E-mail Beth at Beth@mommyonashoestring.com if you're interested in having your child's project featured in an upcoming article.

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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 Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at a member's home (a week later than usual due to Valentine's Day). The program will focus on Women's Health and Workout Information. Call (847) 812-0862 for directions. All area tri-Deltas are welcome, whether a member or not.

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will meet at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 13 at the South Park Recreational Center, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. The program will be the club's annual games and card party followed by dessert and coffee. Friends are welcome.

Valentine Bingo will be run by the Holy Name Men's Club at St. John Brebeuf Ministry Center, 8305 Harlem Ave., on Feb. 12. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$2. The cost for 15 games is \$15. The last game will award a \$250 jackpot. Refreshments will be available at nominal cost. (Must be 18 years of age to play.) Call (847) 966-8145. (Bingo license No. B04157)

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

The Niles Lights on Afterschool Tile Art Project unveiling ceremony will be at noon Feb. 18 at the Golf Mill Shopping Center, Entrance 8, near JCPenney. Join with parents, kids, business and community leaders of Niles. Lights on Afterschool is a nationwide event that calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open.

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 and 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.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays, and 7 a.m.-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, (847) 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 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/bat-

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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

Avenues to Independence will sponsor an "In the Mood Love Affair 2012" fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Donald E. Stephens Ballroom, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. The event offers a nostalgic trip back to the 1940s. The evening includes a champagne welcome, a musical salute to America by Nick Pontarelli, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a four-course dinner and wine service, and dancing to the sounds of the Grand Avenue Big Band, along

with silent and live auctions and raffle. There will be an open bar offering a 40s bar, martini bar and coffee bar. Black tie is optional. Tickets are \$150. Contact Ann Marie Ehrlich, (847) 292-0870, Ext. 108, or www.avenuesto-independence.org.

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.advocatehealth.com/luth click on "I need a class or support group" and type in the class code: The following lectures in February focusing on heart related programs all have the Class Code 8G52:

Feb. 14: "You Make My Heart Beat Fast: What is Atrial Fibrillation?" presented by Dr. Scott Miller, cardiologist; Feb. 21: "I Feel It in My Veins: What Is Peripheral Vascular Disease?" present-

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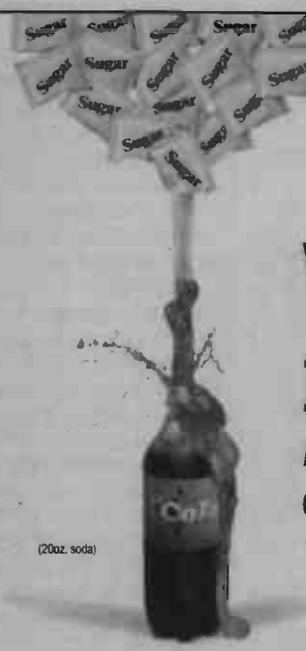


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ed by Dr. Nagui Sabri, cardiologist; Feb. 28: "My Heart is Falling for You: What is Heart Failure?" presented by Dr. Samuel Goldstein, cardiologist.

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 Hospi-

tal 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

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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, Nilas, 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

IceLand is hosting the annual Sweetheart Open ISI Competition Feb. 11 and 12. Performance is free to the public and hours will vary; call IceLand, (847) 297-8010. IceLand is located at 8435 W. Ballard Road. More than 40 IceLand skaters are also competing in solo and team events at the ISI Winter Classic event in Northbrook Feb. 17, 18 and 19.

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.

Youth Spring Soccer League — Games are played at Prairie Lakes Park in Des Plaines, March 5 to May 5; practices at Dee Park. Grades K-8.

L'il Shooters Youth Basketball — Ages 7-9 at Dee Park. Next session, Feb. 21 to March 27. Practice dribbling, shooting, footwork and basic basketball skills.

L'il Shooters Youth Soccer — Learn basic soccer skills

including footwork, dribbling and passing. Ages, 5-8. Next session Feb. 23 to March 29 at Dee Park.

The Painting Studio — The Painting Studio meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays or 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Feldman.

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.

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/.

Religion

Ezra Habonim-The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4000 W. Dempster St., Skokie, will hold the following events; call (847) 675-4141: Cantor Benjamin Warschawsky, a tenor and opera singer, will lead the Shabbat services at 8 p.m. Feb. 10 and 9:30 a.m. Feb. 11. Enjoy the voice of Cantor Warschawsky. Free.

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

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Barnes VP does Noble thing



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

The Fixer

you 10 percent on purchases. I agreed and was charged the \$25.

The problem is Barnes & Noble can find no record of the payment or membership. I can't find the original receipt, but I went back to the store and showed them the bank statement showing the payment, the credit card used for the purchase and even the unopened movie.

I guess I will file a dispute for the \$25 with my bank, but all I really wanted was the membership I paid for. I went to that store twice and also to a different Barnes & Noble store and talked to their managers. I also spoke with their customer service department on the phone for an hour but no one can find any record of the transaction, which included the Nook and movie that are in my possession.

What irritates me is not the money but their unwillingness to fix the problem. As a financial representative, I know how much customer service means and am troubled to see poor service and companies cutting off their noses to spite their faces. There are good people working for these stores that lose their jobs when companies fail due to bureaucratic incompetence.

I know mistakes happen. That is why you have managers — to fix them. If they saw how much money I spent at Half Price Books since they denied my membership, they would be rethinking this.

Thanks for letting me vent.

Bob Sitkiewicz

Dear Bob: You told The Fixer the store was super busy with holiday shoppers that day and that the clerk had placed your application on a stack. We're wondering if some grinch came by and accidentally threw it in the trash.

Though you no longer had the store receipt, you did have the bank statement showing a total charge equal to a Nook, movie and membership, plus sales tax. That was enough for Barnes & Noble's senior VP of corporate communications, Mary Ellen Keating, to take action. She has promised to send you a gift card in the amount of \$25, which you can take to the store and finally get that membership.

Dear Fixer: I was amused to find in my inbox today an email from someone I don't even know, who was supposedly mugged in Spain and needs me to wire \$1,950 to him through Western Union. I vividly recall you playing out this scam and doing an article on it, but I can't remember if you provided information on where to report this.

I'd love to help catch this scammer. One time I actually was almost conned by a very clever email scam. That time, they sent me a notice from Bank of America saying my card needed to be verified so some purchases could go through. It linked to an official enough looking website that asked for my

Dear Fixer: I purchased a Nook and a movie from the Old Orchard Barnes & Noble for my son for Christmas on Dec. 20. While I was there, they talked me into buying a membership, which costs \$25 but saves

card number and PIN. Luckily for me, I never take out cash from my credit cards, so I didn't know my PIN. When my wife contacted the bank later, they let her know it was a scam.

John Filz

Dear John: You were smart to avoid these scammers. All of those "Help, I'm stranded in (name a city or country)" emails prey upon our natural inclination to assist a friend or relative in need. You told us you strung this scammer along for a while, offering to settle the bill immediately if he'd just tell you which hotel and manager were involved. That's when the scammer claimed he was stranded at a library and needed the money sent by Western Union.

Finally, you told them you had sent it by carrier pigeon — and they finally gave up.

A good place to report such online scams is at IC3.gov, the Internet Crime Complaint Center. The center is a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center with funding from the U.S. Justice Department.

Dear Fixer: Late last year, I signed up through my employer for a Visa debit card to be used, pre-tax, for payment on my CTA Chicago Card. My monthly pre-tax transportation allowance is \$65.

Since the kiosks at the train station can only put a max of \$25 per day on the card, I have to make three transactions per month for \$25, \$25 and \$15.

The money goes on the debit card on the 21st of each month. On Dec. 22, I put \$25 on the Chicago Card. The next day, I stopped at the same kiosk at the Chicago/State stop and put on another \$25. I put the remaining \$15 on it on Dec. 27.

At that point, I realized that the transaction on Dec. 23 never went on my Chicago Card.

I called my bank, and they were able to provide to me the approval code and the transaction ID number, which proved that the money left my account.

The bank tells me to contact the CTA. I have called the CTA on numerous occasions, only to be told they have no record of the transaction and I should get in touch with my bank. This is a classic back-and-forth with my money lost in a black hole. Can you help, please?

Jack Stern

Dear Jack: If a retailer's website can lose a purchase and an ATM can "eat" a cash deposit — things that can and do happen — we figured why couldn't a CTA kiosk misplace a \$25 debit?

Turns out, it can. After we took this to Catherine Hosinski, media relations pro at the transit agency, the money people at the CTA were able to get to the bottom of this. Using the transaction information you provided, they found that your money had indeed gone to the CTA but somehow had never been applied to your Chicago Card.

They've offered their sincere apologies and will give you a \$27 fare card — which includes an extra \$2 for your trouble.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com/fixer, where you'll find a simple form to fill out.

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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 non-members 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 St. Columbkille Alumnae Association will sponsor its annual reunion luncheon March 25 at the Fountain

Blue, 2300 S. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines. Cocktail service will begin at noon and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Cost is \$35. Proceeds go toward the retirement fund of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary of the Woods, Ind. Call Charlene Swintek, president of the St. Columbkille Alumnae Board, at (847) 427-1981.

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

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.

The Niles Senior Center Caregiver Support Group

is a source of practical and emotional help for caregivers, where issues such as hiring in-home help are frequently discussed. The group is facilitated by Niles Senior Center social workers who offer coping tools, help relieve caregiver stress, and offer a safe place for caregivers to receive the support of other community members dealing with similar challenges. Contact Bev Wessels at (847) 588-8420.

Walk-in assistance in filing the Senior Freeze Application is available from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. No appointment is necessary.

Circuit Breaker appointments are now available by appointment only at the Niles Senior Center. Appointments are on Friday mornings.

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.

"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.

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.

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.

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Changing dollar will weigh us down



BY PAUL SASSONE

Columnist

I have nothing against the dollar bill.

My only complaint is that I don't have anywhere near enough of them.

But the government doesn't share my fondness. It

wants to eliminate dollar bills.

On Jan. 31, a bipartisan bill (S 2049) was introduced in the U.S. Senate to replace the dollar bill with a dollar coin. There is a complementary bill (HR 2977) in the U.S. House of Representatives. So, it could happen that the dollar bill is on the road to extinction.

Getting rid of the dollar bill is touted as a cost-saving measure. Being made of paper, dollar bills wear out a lot faster than metal coins. The General Accounting Office estimates using coins instead of dollar bills will save the government \$5.6 billion over 30 years.

The thing is, we Americans have not shown a fondness for dollar coins.

Remember the Susan B. Anthony dollar? First issued in 1979, it was issued for only four years. People didn't like it, confused it with quarters, for one thing. And nobody wanted to lug around a pocketful, or pocketbook full, of coins.

The latest such attempt — the Presidential Dollars — hasn't done so well either. The government suspended issuing

these dollars last year for lack of public interest. It has in storage \$1.4 billion Presidential Dollars and, it is estimated, would have had \$2 billion piled up by 2016, the year there were no more presidents to commemorate. From now on, Presidential Dollars will be minted only on demand for collectors. The next president to be honored will be Chester Arthur, so hurry up and get in your orders.

With bipartisan bills in both houses of Congress, dollar coins may become a reality whether we citizens like them or not.

If that happens, I bet the most noticeable result will be a big increase in the cost of everything.

The dollar will become the new quarter.

Instead of being able to park for an hour for four quarters, motorists will now be instructed to deposit four dollars for an hour.

Eight quarters for a load of wash at the laundromat? Nope. Eight dollars.

And a newspaper? Well, a newspaper is a bargain at any price.

And since no one will want to lug around a bunch of heavy dollar coins, the \$5 bill will be the basic bill of exchange. And that also will facilitate upping prices.

People will use credit cards and electronic devices to pay for things even more than they do now.

So, perhaps what we're seeing is not just the end of the dollar bill, but the beginning of the end of money in general.

Let trained professionals do their job



BY RANDY BLASER

Columnist

School officials aren't police officers or special agents of the FBI.

They are not trained to investigate criminal activity.

They are not trained to gather evidence, to handle that

evidence, or even how to evaluate evidence.

They apparently don't know or don't care that in our society, the sworn agents of the law who investigate crimes and make arrests are not the same people who prosecute individuals charged with those crimes. And the police and the prosecutors are not the same people who sit in judgment at a trial, or mete out punishment when someone is convicted.

Yet school officials, with no special police training, continue to act as if they know what they are doing. They are police, prosecutor and judge, and trampling over the rights most Americans take for granted.

Educators at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire are the latest group of teachers pretending to be police.

You remember Stevenson, don't you?

It's where a faculty adviser of the student newspaper resigned in 2009 over the administration's efforts to censor the student newspaper. Now, officials at Stevenson have moved from censorship to investigating alleged drug use and drug dealing on campus.

Don't get me wrong. Drug use and drug dealing by teenagers is a serious matter. It's

illegal. I think it is a serious problem.

That's why I think suspected drug use and drug dealing needs to be investigated by trained police authorities, not by school administrators who use ham-handed tactics to get the information they want from kids.

School officials aren't talking about how they are conducting their investigation.

But a student has come forward, telling a reporter he was pulled out of class because an alleged campus drug dealer's cell phone contained texts from someone with his first name.

The texts, reports said, inquired about purchasing marijuana-laced cookies. The student pleaded his innocence. According to reports, administrators looked through his things, then picked up his cell phone and demanded his pass code. The student wouldn't give it. So the deans suspended him and barred him from participating in extracurricular activities.

So there you have it, charged, tried and convicted all in one neat little meeting.

I have no idea how serious the drug problem is at Stevenson. It must be pretty bad if they are hunting down all the kids with the same name as the person who wanted to buy marijuana-laced cookies.

But I do know that when crimes occur in schools, police should handle the investigation. Police know what to do. Police are trained to question, to investigate, to evaluate and handle evidence. They know how to solve crimes in a way that leads to arrests.

Besides, I have yet to see a drug case solved with the "Talk-kid-or-you're-not-going-to-prom" tactic on any police show.

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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; non-members 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.

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 the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cancer Survivor Group 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

Learn how in-home exercises can contribute to well-being during the winter months by attending the Timely Talk, "Staying Fit over the Winter," presented by Melissa Hajkaluk, fitness specialist who oversees the Norwood Crossing Senior Fitness program, and Michelle Manrique-Fleming, fitness program specialist for Norwood Park Senior Center. The event will take place at 2 p.m. Feb. 15, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Parking is available in the lot behind the building (entrance off Avondale Avenue). Hajkaluk and Manrique-Fleming will explain the components of exercise—stretching, strength, balance, and aerobics, demonstrate ways to exercise at home, and offer hands-on exercise classes. They also will explain the benefits of exercise, how to fit a program into a busy schedule, use of alternative equipment, and how to monitor progress. Refreshments will be available. To register, call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Attend a special presentation, sponsored by Norwood Life Care Foundation, on "Why Do I Need a Will?" at 8 a.m. Feb. 15 at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Making the presentation will be James A. Marino, an attorney with an office located on Chicago's Far Northwest Side. He has expertise in wills and trust-planning as well estate and asset protection in addition to a variety of other legal areas. A Q-and-A session will follow along with light refreshments. Parking is available behind the building (entrance off Avondale Avenue). Call (773) 577-5367 or email info@norwoodlifecare.org.

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 of-

fers 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, up to March 29, 6:30-8 p.m.; First Light: Spouse/Partner Loss, Wednesdays, up to March 28, 6:30-8 p.m.; Families with Children, Wednesdays, up 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.care-center.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 Flags 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 lli.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 Poterfield, (847) 723-4765.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one 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 Tues-

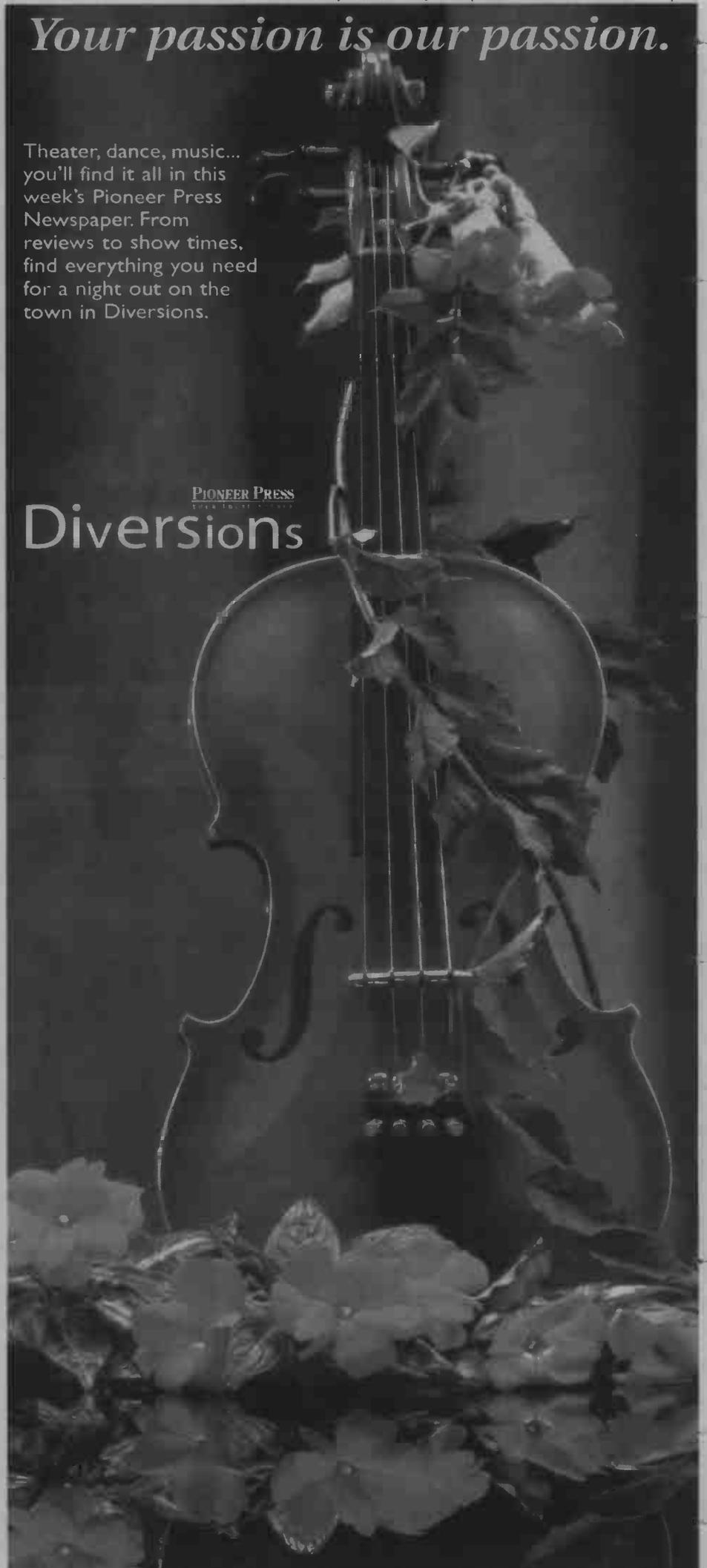
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A: Understand that if you currently have a dog, regardless of the breed or size, it will have learned that it lives in an environment with an established pack. Your dog will also be aware that this established pack will have a set of rules dictated by authority.

It would not be unusual for an additional dog to be considered competition by your current dog. If your current dog has not been spayed or neutered, consider doing this. It can help reduce hormonal issues. Try to introduce the new dog in a neutral surrounding. Outside can serve this purpose. Both dogs should be leashed. This is mandatory.

At first, introduction in the house should be through a gate, or some other see through structure. An exercise pen can serve this need. Do not try and force companionship. Family dogs are very good at sorting out pack structure.

Make every attempt to decrease circumstances that could create tension between the dogs. This could involve your children becoming too excited around the dogs. Small children have an uncanny ability to over excite dogs. Over excitement can sometimes lead to a dogfight. Make sure that all family members are on the same page. This will help increase the likelihood of success.

Find the time to obedience train your dogs. This can be one of the most important things you can do to help maintain the peace. Take your time and keep your expectations realistic. These suggestions do not cover all aspects of multi-dog households but they can help to get you started.

Jeff Green, owner of Total Recall Dog Training, has been involved in dog training and competitive obedience since 1992 and has won multiple top obedience competition awards throughout the mid-west with his Border Collies.

Our readers are encouraged to submit no more than 2 questions to info@trainmydog.com. Each month, he will answer questions that he feels present the most interesting or common issues among dog owners. If you would like to inquire about Jeff's services, he can be reached at 847-721-0234 or visit his website at www.trainmydog.com.

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day at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence or other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its Family Support Group for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Nessel Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-2252.

The local TOPS Club chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871; to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms G952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

An Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the Nessel Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each

month in the lower-level conference room of Nessel Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

The Neptune Society, the 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 Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

Northwest Suburban Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome Support Group of Illinois meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Conference Room 1064. E-mail bzarnikow@aol.com to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

An area Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's Disease meets at 10:30 a.m. every second Saturday at Central Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jessi Lenth, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509.

Queen of All Saints

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

Teen Center

The Niles 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.

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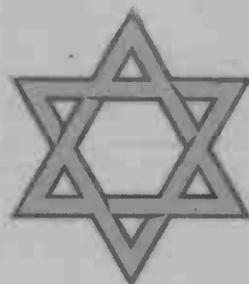
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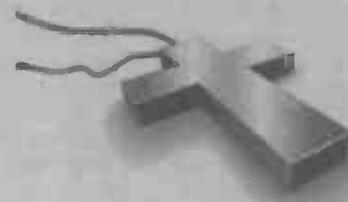
315 Waukegan Road
847-441-6599
Sunday Services: 9 & 11 am
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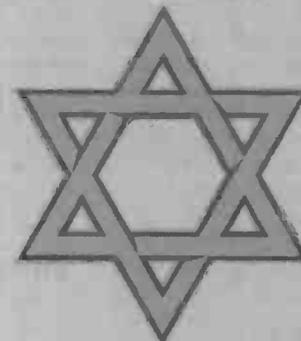
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773-631-2860
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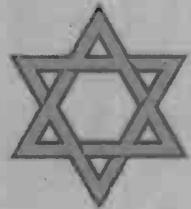
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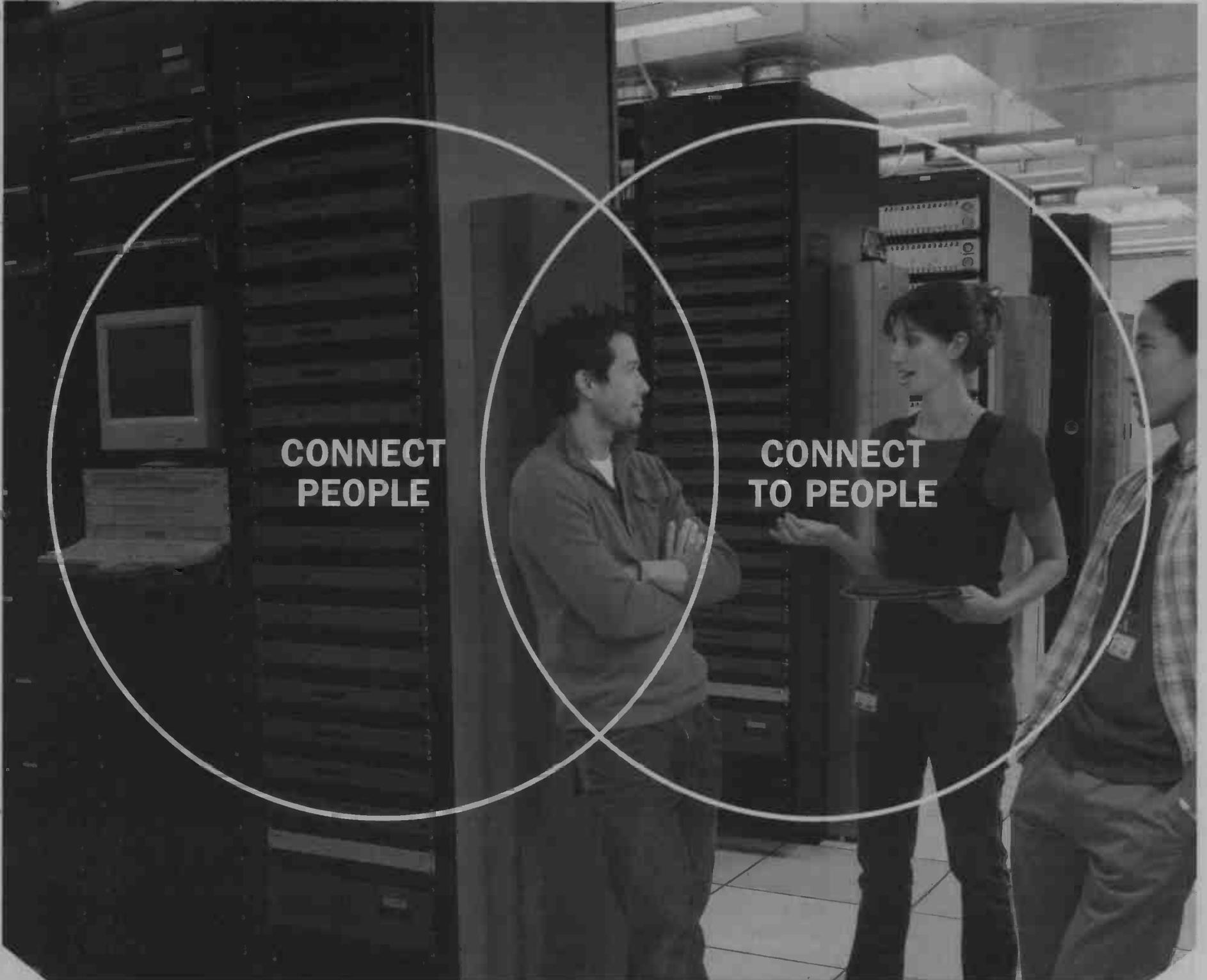
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Dons are class of own in 2A regional

BY MIKE CAMERON

Contributor

Facing a rigorous IHSA Class 3A schedule last season, Notre Dame posted a 29-2 record, won a regional title and finished with a top-10 ranking — even after a disappointing sectional showing.

So it was no surprise that the Dons dominated their own regional Saturday, in the squad's first foray into the Class 2A ranks. Notre Dame was forced to drop down a notch after the IHSA revised its enrollment multiplier and made other modifications last June.

Notre Dame took full advantage, advancing all 14 of its wrestlers, including nine champions and five other top-three finishers. The Dons, losing only five matches the entire day, rolled up 278 points to Ridgewood's 133, Chicago Uplift's 113 and 83 or fewer for the other seven teams.

"We did what we wanted by qualifying everyone and winning as a team to get to the dual sectional," said Notre Dame head coach Augie Genovesi. "It was challenging with all the injuries we have had, but we geared everything for this stage. We are healthier and rounding



Notre Dame freshman Jimmy Gallardo (right) improved to 27-8 by winning the Class 2A Notre Dame Regional championship at 106 pounds. | VINCENT D. JOHNSON-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA.

into form at the right time."

Regardless of the class, Notre Dame's 14-for-14 feat was a noteworthy accomplishment. The heat was on the less experienced Dons to help deliver the maximum.

Talented freshman Mike

Ferri (4-1 at 120 pounds) — thrust into the pressures of one IHSA regional with only one varsity bout under his belt — won three of four matches, including a 9-4 victory in the pivotal third-place contest. Senior

Anthony McDermott (14-14, 126) also went 3-1, including a vital win in his bout for third place.

Sophomore Robert Hill (7-6, 160) didn't know he would be competing until Saturday morning, which is when senior Jack Fracek (shoulder ligament) was ruled out. Hill, who compiled a 39-3 record on the JV team, came right back from a 14-3 shellacking to win his third-place match 7-3.

Notre Dame's three returning Class 3A state-meet qualifiers barely broke a sweat. Senior Kevin Stahmer (30-6, 182) dispatched both of his opponents in the second period. Senior Scott Smith (24-11, 113) followed a quick pin with a 16-0 tech fall. Junior Joe Cortese (20-5, 152) romped twice.

Two of the three Dons who won ESCC titles the previous week finished first again. Freshman Jimmy Gallardo (27-8, 106) looks locked and loaded for a deep run after securing two fast pins. Junior Roark Whittington (31-6, 145), quietly excellent all season, notched three one-sided victories. Senior Jimmy Biancofori (23-7, 132) criticized himself for poor weight control during the week, leading to a subpar, runner-up performance.

On a mission to make state in his last chance, senior mainstay Tim Donnelly (30-8, 138) breezed with a first-period fall and a 11-3 win, and said he felt better after recent struggles with groin and shoulder injuries. Given short brackets, seniors Colton Kelly (29-6, 195) and Ryan Walsh (25-8, 220) won their only matches on early falls. Kelly is determined to stay healthy after missing the ESCC meet with tonsil problems, and last year's sectional with a torn MCL.

Senior Rocco Faggiano (4-3, 285), who keeps shedding rust after a long layoff, claimed second place with two pins. The football team's left tackle had to wait forever to recover from a severe hamstring pull and a lesser knee issue.

In the day's feel-good story, Conner Gavin (14-1, 170) earned the top spot with an exciting 6-5 victory following a first-period pin and tech fall. Racked with football injuries, Gavin wasn't even going to wrestle until his teammates coaxed him back two weeks into the season. He then had to cut considerable weight to get down to 170 while slowly healing. The senior, who recently committed to play

football for Northern Illinois, is now a serious threat.

The easy part is over for Notre Dame, which will compete in the Grayslake Central Sectional on Friday and Saturday. Six of Class 2A's No. 1-ranked wrestlers and 48 other ranked individuals — including seven Dons — headline the Grayslake field. The top four wrestlers in each class advance to the state meet, Feb. 16-18.

"For the sectional, it's one match at a time. The guys have to wrestle hard and not let anything bother them," Genovesi said. "At this time of the year, a lot of wrestlers are tight and have a problem with pulling the trigger. You've got to go hard or you're going home."

No. 3 Notre Dame will face No. 12 Crystal Lake Central in the Woodstock Dual-Team Sectional on Feb. 21. Regional champs St. Patrick and Antioch are the other pairing.

Eight teams advance to the dual-team state meet on Feb. 25. Crystal Lake Central finished 11th in the Dvorak Memorial, one spot ahead of the Dons. The Tigers, led by senior superstar Gage Harrah (34-1, 195), recently captured its fifth straight Fox Valley Conference title.

Solita, Dons hand Carmel a punishing defeat

BY GARY LARSEN

Contributor

Notre Dame senior Joey Solita's right hand was healthy on Friday and visiting Carmel suffered for it.

After missing six games with a hand injury, Solita buried two key three-pointers in the third quarter that sparked the Dons to a 71-35 win in the East Suburban Catholic contest.

Notre Dame (16-6, 3-2) only led 25-17 at halftime, but third-quarter baskets from Joe Ferrici and Eddie Serrano preceded a pair of treys from Solita to spark the Dons to an eventual 42-25 lead after three quarters.

Solita hit five treys on the night to lead all scorers with 15 points, but quickly pointed to another key that allowed the Dons to gain separation on Carmel in the second half.

"We've got 10 or 12 guys that can

put the ball in the hole, and I thought it was our defense that got us going," Solita said. "We only made six stops in the second quarter so we had to do better in the second half."

Notre Dame held Carmel to eight points in the third quarter and 12 field goals for the game.

Coach Tom Les' team has been offensive balance personified this season, with a consistent 12-man rotation that has spread the scoring around.

The Dons had four players in double digits on Friday.

In addition to Solita, Greg Leifal scored 13 on the night while Jimmy Cravens and Matt Mooney netted 10 points apiece.

"We don't have a single player averaging double figures, and seven or eight guys are all averaging between about five and nine points," Les said. "Based on how far we are into the

season, my guess is we won't have anyone average in double figures."

The win for Notre Dame came on the heels of a double-overtime, one-point loss to ESCC rival Benet and Les was happier with the energy his side brought to Friday's game.

"We played harder and were more aggressive," Les said. "Against Benet we were tentative and didn't go to the basket or create anything for our three-point shooters. Today we attacked and made the simple pass. Then we hit two or three and it gets contagious; everybody thinks they can hit them."

Of the Dons' 26 field goals made, 11 came from beyond the three-point line.

Carmel got 10 points from Joe Molloy and nine from Nickai Poyser. Joe Ferrici also scored eight for Notre Dame to go with seven rebounds on the night.



Notre Dame's Jon Johnson deflects a pass intended for Carmel's Cullen Barr during the Dons' victory in the East Suburban Catholic. | TRACY ALLEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Niles North's Kaitie Karlin competes on the parallel bars at the Stevenson Regional. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Ebeling, Marin prolong gymnastics careers

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Niles North senior gymnasts Brittany Ebeling fell off the beam Saturday — and she couldn't have been happier.

That's because Ebeling's tumble occurred during practice, and it resulted from teammate Kaitlin Karlin pulling her down during a hug that celebrated Ebeling's qualification for the Niles North Sectional.

Ebeling advanced on floor exercise, earning one of 12 at-large spots to the sectional, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in Niles North's Maine Gym. Ebeling is the only member of the home team to reach the loaded meet, which features state powerhouses Carmel and Stevenson among the six team entries.

Ebeling scored 8.725 on floor at the Feb. 1 Stevenson Regional. She had to wait until the completion of all the regionals on Friday to learn if her season, and career, would continue.

During the two-day waiting period, Niles North head coach Charlie Friedman tried to temper her gymnast's expectations.

"I actually told (Ebeling) that she probably wasn't going to make it. She was disappointed (about her regional performance) and I didn't want her to be disappointed twice," the coach said. "I said there was a possibility, but it was not likely.

"But we found out Friday and told her Saturday and she was very excited. I looked it up (online) and had Katie (Karlin) tell her. (Ebeling) was sitting on the beam and they started screaming and hugged and she got pulled off the beam in all the excitement."

Ebeling actually would have had a



Niles West's Jenny Marin approaches her mount on the vault during the New Trier Regional. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

large berths to the Niles North Sectional.

Freshman Catherine Steegmueller advanced after finishing 10th in the all-around (34.125) at Friday's New Trier Regional. Also, senior Jenny Marin prolonged her high school career on bars (8.45) and floor (8.775). At the regional, Marin was eighth in both events.

Other Wolves recorded performances that would have advanced, but the Niles North Sectional is regarded as the state's best.

"Had our regional fed into Glenbard North (Sectional), then Kelly (Sanks) and Valerie (Fung) would have made it, and Jenny (Marin) and Catherine (Steegmueller) would have made it in more events," Niles West head coach Susan Arcus said. "But our sectional is going to be phenomenal gymnastics to watch. We think it's very much a mini-state meet."

Earlier this week, Arcus said both Marin and Steegmueller were looking to work new moves into their routines for the sectional.

Arcus said the whole postseason process has been about gaining experience for the youngster Steegmueller.

"It's all new for her," the coach said. "Just having two judges is new. She asked me if it mattered which one she saluted first. It's so different going into regional, sectional and state. It will be a great experience. Not only to be a part of it, but for her to see (other girls performing) some of the tricks she'll want to focus on (learning) before next season."

Niles West (132.600) finished fourth at the five-team New Trier Regional.

Maine East

The Blue Demons (92.700) came in fifth at the five-team Stevenson Regional on Feb. 1 and were unable to qualify any gymnasts for the Niles North Sectional.

higher score but stepped out of bounds during her routine.

Earlier this week, Friedman said Ebeling was hoping to increase the degree of difficulty by switching a double-full in place of a one-and-a-half.

"(A double-full) is what we're working on and she made a few in practice on Saturday," Friedman said. "We want to add that. It would be good for her to do that in her last meet."

Niles North (122.700) ended up fourth at the five-team Stevenson Regional.

Niles West

Two Wolves gymnasts grabbed at-

Maine East gets Valentine's date with Loyola

BY BILL PEMSTEIN
Contributor

The IHSA has made its decision. Maine East, a four-game winner, will compete in the Evanston Regional against No. 4-seeded Loyola Academy on Valentine's Day.

Most observers are expecting the Ramblers to roll the Blue Demons, a No. 13 seed.

And maybe that will happen. Or maybe Maine East senior Monay Crawford will take over the action and score a ton of points to help produce a major upset. Or Shaylee Sloan will grab every rebound and feed Crawford for easy layups.

The record may not show it, but this has been a season of progress for Maine East.

"We have a very talented team," said Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak. "The wins don't quite equate, but we've had our closest games in the conference. I hope to think that we are no longer a sure win for other teams."

As Crawford goes, so goes Maine East. She joined the varsity as a junior but didn't really make an impression.

"We've had a lot of conversations with her," Hanusiak said. "She loves basketball. She's been working hard all year. She pushes other kids in practice."

The 5-foot-5 guard has turned into a scorer during her final season. She poured in 21 points against Glenbrook



Maine East senior Monay Crawford, leading the fast-break against Leyden, has developed into a steady scorer during her final season. | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

North and 18 against Highland Park this season.

And she likely could score even more points if she wanted.

"She's so unselfish," Hanusiak said. "Sometimes, I have to kick her in the pants to score. She has that ability to score but she's worried about being a ball hog."

It seems the senior can score from most everywhere on the court. She can certainly

get to the hoop following fast breaks.

"She has a really nice outside shot," she said. "And she can take it to the basket."

Hanusiak noted that Crawford also plays solid D.

"She leads our team in steals," she said. "She's a good on-the-ball defender. She could play in college. I know I'm going to miss her so much."

Elmwood Park, a club that

had beaten the Blue Demons earlier in the campaign, did not have the same result on Jan. 30. Crawford scored 18 points and Sloan added 16 in a 50-40 win.

"We still need to change the reputation of our program," Hanusiak said.

The Blue Demons were to host Resurrection on Tuesday. The final regular-season game is at Niles North on Friday.

Shannon shows teammates how to compete

BY DANNY MEHIGAN
Contributor

It's been a season to forget for most players in the Maine East program.

Aaron Shannon is one of the four seniors who doesn't have next year, so he and his classmates have to put all they have into this one. At 4-15 overall, and winless in the Central Suburban, it hasn't been easy for the Demons or their star guard.

"It's pretty tough," Shannon said. "We don't execute as good as we want to on the defensive side. We try to play as hard as we can, as much as we can, but we have lapses here and there. We just have to continue on, focus harder, and maybe it will pay off in the end."

Shannon has been wearing

just about every hat imaginable for East this season. He is easily the team's leading scorer, the primary ball handler, one of its best rebounders, and oftentimes, he also guards the opponent's most athletic offensive weapon.

"It's a lot of pressure," he said of his duties. "We have good young guards, but they aren't good enough yet to handle all the pressure teams throw at us. Being the primary ballhandler is tough on me because usually I'm not strong enough as a ballhandler. I feel more comfortable on the wing, so it's a tough position for me. I just try to do the best I can and do as much as I can to get us the win."

With that said, as Shannon goes, so do the Demons. And on Friday night, Shannon couldn't get on track against

Deerfield. He finished with just six points on only one basket and 4-of-6 at the free-throw line. He did grab eight rebounds, but it wasn't nearly enough as Deerfield ran away from East 57-33.

"I really empathize with him," East coach Dave Genis said. "I know it's has to be frustrating for him. He really wants to do well, and I think he really had high expectations for this group, like we all did. He has to take a lot on his shoulders and it's frustrating for him."

"We'll hit stretches where we just can't put the ball in the basket. We got shots in spots where we want to get spots but the ball just doesn't go in. They're doing things we're asking them to do. We talk about post moves and scoring in the lane."

Freshman Ezeke Omeke led the Demons with eight points and nine rebounds against Deerfield. Junior Adrian Skorka chipped in six points and seven boards to complement Shannon and Omeke.

"We have young guys, we start just one senior," Genis said. "What I told our guys was that we don't have five guys that play hard through an entire possession offensively or defensively. And eventually good teams that move the ball and are well coached, they are going to find the guy not playing hard and something bad for us is going to happen."

East was set to play a similarly struggling Wheeling squad on Tuesday in nonconference play before hosting Niles North on Friday night.

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The San Diego Chargers made it to the Super Bowl just once, in 1994, falling 49-26 to San Francisco. But the team has suffered more than just that loss. Strangely, by the end of 2011, seven members of that squad had died before the age of 45: linebacker David Griggs in a 1995 car accident, running back Rodney Culver in a plane crash in '96, linebacker Doug Miller in '98 after being struck by lightning, center Curtis Whitley of a drug overdose in '08, and the last three from heart disease - defensive linemen Chris Sims in '08 and Shawn Lee in '11, and linebacker Lew Bush, also in 2011.

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The opening round of the 2011 NFL playoffs saw Cincinnati's Andy Dalton and Houston's T. J. Yates become the first rookie quarterbacks in the modern era to start against each other in the post-season. But measured by games started, they weren't the least experienced. That distinction belongs to Pittsburgh's Tommy Maddox and Cleveland's Kelly Holcomb in 2002. They had combined for a mere 18 starts before facing each other in a first-round playoff game, won by the Steelers in Pittsburgh.

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Wolves plan celebration for 50 years of hoops

BY DAN SHALIN

Contributor

Groundhog Day may have been last week, but like the movie of the same name, Niles West boys basketball head coach Bob Williams said he feels he's been repeating the same day all winter.

The Wolves dropped two more games last weekend, to Evanston and Rolling Meadows, falling to 3-17, 1-7 in the process. Williams said his team regularly has short stretches where it plays well and executes properly. But those are usually followed by longer stints of struggles.

"We have a certain streak (of success) and then all of a sudden, things don't go well. I feel like it's Groundhog Day," said the coach after Saturday's 59-45 loss at Rolling Meadows.

"We were up with a couple minutes to go in the first half, and then they went on a run. (Rolling Meadows) started the second half with a bit of a run and then we were chasing the game. We were kind of in it after that, but not really. I feel like I'm waking up every day and looking for Punxsutawney Phil."

In fact, the Wolves led 23-22 in the second quarter. But after a few Niles West turnovers led to Mustangs' hoops, the visitors went into the locker room at halftime trailing 30-23. Rolling Meadows added to its

advantage after the break.

Senior guard Cory Dolins hit three from behind the arc and scored a team-high 13 points for the Wolves. Junior forward David McCoy added 12.

Williams is quick to point out that his players are great kids, and his team does have youth on its side. But all season, the coach has been pushing for more vocal leadership and better execution on offense.

"Their answer now (when things are not going well) is to throw up a shot, and that doesn't work," he said. "What we need is to execute the game plan, and we get away from that way too easily. But we're going to continue to work on it."

Williams said the disappointment in the locker room after games shows him the players still care about turning things around.

"The kids continue to compete," he said. "A couple kids were angry after the game because we're not getting over that hump. I don't like seeing kids unhappy. But the fact is, they still care. This is not a team giving up or going through the motions. We are trying to get these things done and they continue to try to do that."

On Friday, the Wolves started and finished strong, but had little answer for Evanston the rest of the game in a 51-39 defeat in Evanston.

Niles West led 5-2, but then al-

lowed the Wildkits to go on a 15-2 run. Evanston held advantages of 23-14 at halftime and 41-21 after three quarters.

Wolves' junior guard Joe Younan (team-high 17 points) hit three from behind the arc in the fourth quarter, as NW outscored Evanston 18-10 in the frame. But it was too little, too late.

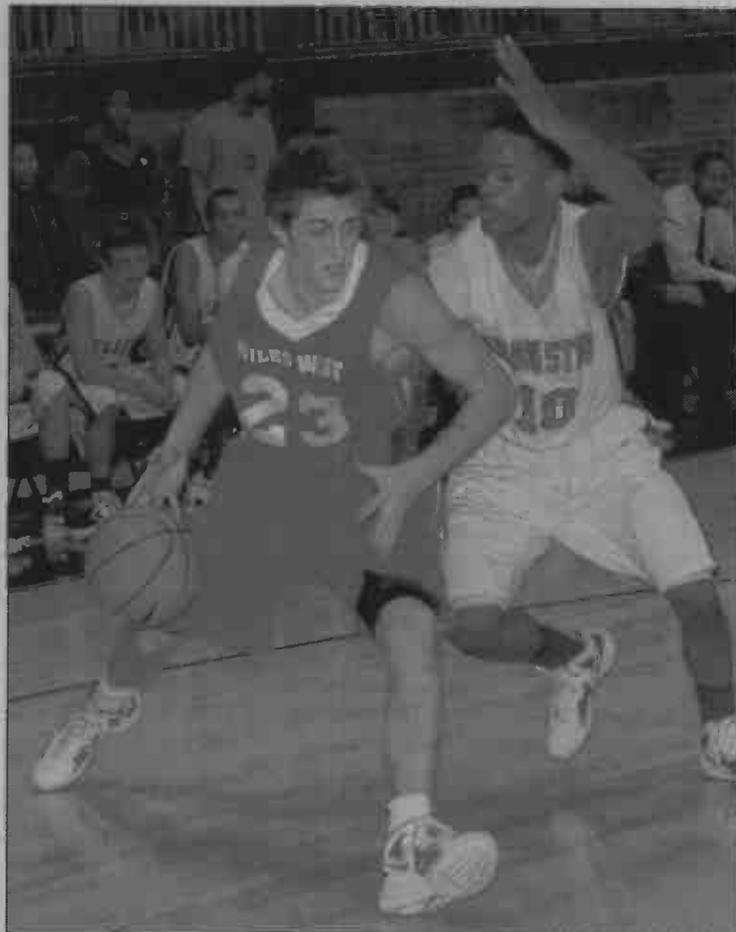
"Early, we played, but we gave up that run and we just continue to do that. Same thing in the second half, we gave up a run. Very frustrating," Williams said. "We have great kids and they are working hard, but we're not disciplined enough to (run the offense) that we are good at (running)."

The Wolves were to travel to Loyola on Tuesday and to Glenbrook South on Friday before returning home Saturday for a 6 p.m. tipoff with Highland Park.

The school will commemorate 50 years of Niles West boys basketball, introducing former coaches and players at 5:30 p.m. The all-time Niles West all-star team will be announced at halftime.

Program founder Billy Schnurr is scheduled to attend and after the game a reception will be held in the Student Commons.

Former players planning to attend should contact Therese Murphy, (847) 626-2803, or themur@d219.org.



Niles West's Alex Darville drives against Evanston's Josh Irving during the Wolves' loss in the CSL South. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Niles West clinches share of CSL South crown

BY MIKE CAMERON

Contributor

If Niles West had handed out game balls to every key contributor from Friday's gritty, 41-35 victory over visiting Evanston that clinched at least a share of the CSL South championship, it would have emptied the rack.

Head coach Tony Konsewicz and assistant Mike Parker won their 100th game in their fifth seasons. Parker designed the inbound plays that sprung loose Jackie Cardenas and Dashae Shumate for two crucial fourth-quarter layups.

Jewel Loyd delivered a game-high 17 points, 16 rebounds, five assists, three steals and two blocks to celebrate Senior Night. Her four points and three assists countered rallies by Evanston to pull within a point with 6:50 to go and again with 2:40 remaining. The Wolves megastar has been scoring less to make her teammates produce more.

"We are a better team now because everyone is involved and contributing," said Loyd. "A lot of

STANDINGS

CSL South		
Niles West	7-2	19-8
Maine South	6-3	22-6
Glenbrook S.	5-4	20-6
Evanston	4-5	14-11
New Trier	4-4	17-9
Waukegan	0-8	2-20
CSL North		
Maine West	8-1	12-15
Niles North	7-2	15-11
Glenbrook N.	5-4	17-7
Highland Park	4-5	12-11
Deerfield	2-6	5-20
Maine East	0-8	4-17

(Records through Sunday)

girls worked hard in the offseason, and it's starting to pay off. People are stepping up in big games and big moments and playing tough."

Shumate (13 points, 6 rebounds) continued to thrive at crunch

time. The sophomore scored 10 big points in the last 12 minutes, a week after hitting the game-winner against Maine South with one second on the clock.

Cardenas (5 points, 5 rebounds) neutralized 6-foot-2 Alecia Cooley on the inside. The Wolves' indispensable 5-10 post also picked up 6-1 Sinclair Cunningham on drives after Loyd blanketed her on the outside. Cunningham and Cooley each settled for nine points and 10 rebounds.

Molly Kleppin came up with a huge backcourt steal with 1:14 remaining and her team up by only three. The junior co-captain also shut down Wildkits guard Sierra Clayborn (6 points), especially taking away the southpaw's strong-side drives. Kleppin was sidelined with an injury when Clayborn penetrated at will for a career-high 23 points in the Wolves' 61-60 win at Evanston on Dec. 16.

It was Alex Galanopoulos who set the back screens on the two big inbound plays. The sophomore guard's 15-foot baseline swisher fueled the Wolves' 10-0 run to open

the third quarter. After trailing 17-14 at halftime, Niles West led 28-22 after three periods.

Evanston (14-11, 4-5) shot an atrocious 12-of-56 (21.4 percent) to Niles West's 14-of-49 (28.6 percent), including Loyd's 4-of-15. Two quick, hustling defenses caused misfires and mistakes, turning the game into an up-and-down track meet and tests of stamina and willpower. Cardenas showed the same tireless endurance she does on the soccer field.

It also got physical. Loyd strongly objected to Cunningham's forearm wallop to the chin in the first quarter, which ended with Erin Boothe's banker for three points and a 10-8 Wildkit lead. Loyd had the last laugh. Niles West is 3-0 against Evanston this season and 10-0 in her four years.

"We knew they would come out with a lot of fire after that last game," said Konsewicz. "We had the good run in the third quarter and a lot of girls coming through in the fourth to hold off a very good team. The girls feel good about this one and they should be-

cause they earned it."

But Konsewicz immediately gave his team the battle cry for this week: No sharing.

Niles West (19-8, 7-2) can claim the outright conference crown with a road victory to complete the season sweep of Glenbrook South (20-6, 5-4) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Loyd will be focused on winning and not the 30 points she needs to reach 3,000 for her career.

GBS's Titan Dome is a challenge for visiting teams with its distant walls and lighting. The Wolves won there last year but fell behind 22-2 and 20-0 at the outset of losses the previous two seasons. Defending champion Maine South (22-6, 6-3) will share the title with a home win over Waukegan (2-21, 0-9) and a Wolves defeat.

Maine South is the top seed and Niles West is No. 2 in the Class 4A New Trier Sectional. Hosting a regional, Niles West will play the Taft-Foreman winner at 6 p.m. on Feb. 14. No. 8 Glenbrook North faces Lincoln Park in the nightcap. The regional title game is Feb. 17.

Heated fourth boils over for Vikings

BY MARTY FARMER
Contributor

Fourth-quarter frustration boiled over for host Niles North in the closing seconds of Friday's 61-49 loss to Maine West, as Vikings head coach Glenn Olson was ejected and Jaylen White was called for a flagrant foul.

While the ramifications of Olson's early departure are a one-game suspension (to be served against Maine East), the loss most notably dropped Niles North into a second-place tie with Maine West. Both teams sport 5-3 conference records, trailing Glenbrook North (15-5, 6-2) in the Central Suburban North.

Niles North (15-7, 5-3) led 42-34 entering the fourth quarter, but the resilient Warriors outscored the Vikings 27-7 the rest of the way. Olson sensed a momentum change even prior to the wild fourth, which included Olson's ejection, a double-technical foul, and four Vikings fouling out of the game.

"We did a good job for about 2 1/2 quarters, but we didn't attack the way we wanted to down the stretch," Olson said. "It was very tough for us because we were in dire foul trouble with our starters. We couldn't establish any continuity with those guys playing limited minutes."

Amid a frantic Maine West rally, the Vikings' last lead came at 46-45 on a Billy Voitik basket midway through the period.

With Maine West (13-8, 5-3) clinging to a 52-49 advantage in the final minute, the Vikings' B.J. Beckford missed a game-tying trey attempt, and Niles North's top scorer, Malachi Nix, soon fouled out. Awarded a double-technical foul after Olson's ensuing ejection, the Warriors scored nine unanswered points via a parade to the charity stripe over the last 30 seconds.

Although he struggled from the field, Nix led Niles North with 21 points. Beckford scored 11 points and Voitik added nine.

"We started the game well by attacking offensively and we also played pretty good defense," Nix said. "I think we just got complacent and played too laid-back in the second half."

Conor Hart and Kevin Garcia tallied 26 points apiece for Maine West. The senior tandem accounted for 36 of the Warriors' 38 points in the second half. Maine West, which avenged a 51-43 loss earlier this season to the Vikings, made 30-of-42 free throws during Friday's rematch.

The Vikings' setback to Maine West, coupled with a 55-53 loss at Maine South on Jan. 31, suddenly has Niles North mired in a mini-slump after reeling off 10 wins in row. But the defending CSL North co-champs are far from worried.

"I feel great about our chances," Olson said. "We still have a good record and are in the thick of the conference race."

STANDINGS

CSL South		
New Trier	7-1	18-4
Waukegan	7-1	13-8
Evanston	4-4	14-9
Maine South	4-4	16-10
Glenbrook S.	1-7	5-16
Niles West	1-7	3-15

CSL North		
Glenbrook N.	6-2	15-5
Niles North	5-3	15-7
Maine West	5-3	12-9
Highland Park	4-4	12-9
Deerfield	4-4	9-10
Maine East	0-8	4-15

(Records through Sunday)

Further cause for optimism is the much-anticipated debut of Lorenzo Dillard, who's set to play against Maine East after sitting out 22 games after transferring from Evanston.

"We're excited to see Lorenzo on the court," Olson said. "He has a great skill level, and he's an outstanding passer and tremendous defender."

The Vikings visit Maine East at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and welcome Hersey at 3 p.m. Saturday.

"Our focus is on taking one game at a time," Nix said. "We just have to keep working hard in practice and try to pick up some wins over our last four (regular season) games."



Niles North's Eron Washington (21) and Jaylen White (4) battle Maine West's Matt Finnander for the ball during the CSL North showdown in Skokie. | DAVID BANKS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Vikings still hold out hopes for CSL North

BY BILL PEMSTEIN
Contributor

Maybe there is some good news for Niles North girls basketball fans, despite the tough overtime loss to Maine West on Friday night.

The Vikings do have to send some good wishes to Glenbrook North. If the Spartans knock off Maine West on Friday night, Niles North can still claim a share of the CSL North crown.

There is more good news. The Vikings (15-11) get a chance to avenge that overtime loss because the regional will be on Niles North's home floor on Valentine's Night. And the foe will be that same team from Maine West.

Niles North had handled the Warriors back in December, 63-49. This time, however, the score was 42-37 in favor of Maine West in Des Plaines.

"Maine West played better," said Niles North coach Dan Paxson. "It was a heartbreaking loss. The kids took it pretty hard. But we still have some team goals. And we had an upbeat practice on Saturday."

When this contest began, it looked as though the Vikings would make it 2-for-2 over the Warriors. Niles North star Mariyah Henley buried three three-pointers and the Vikings seemed on their way.

"She was off to a great start," Paxson said. "She really asserted herself, but she got in foul trouble."

The Warriors defense also shut down high-scoring Alissa Hirsh.

"She got a lot of looks," Paxson said. "But Maine West played great defense on her."

When the Niles North Regional opens Feb. 13, two high seeds will ride the bus rides that night. Either Leyden or Schurz will have the unenviable task of taking on the top seed in the New Trier Sectional, Maine South, the following night. Niles North has the late game at 8:10 p.m.

"We are really excited for the regional," Paxson said. "We really play well at home. We'll have the fan support. We'll have a chip on our shoulder for the Maine West game."

Of course the Warriors will have to worry about more than Henley and Hirsh when the regional comes to Niles next week. Both Sorriyah Ranger and Taylor Louis have stepped up their game. Shelley-Rae Moody has expanded her repertoire this year.

"Shelley-Rae has become our third offensive threat," he said. "Last year, she drove to the hoop 100 percent of the time. Now she's added a jump shot to her game."

Should the Vikings topple Maine West, the regional title game against Maine South would be a tough task.

"They are very good," Paxson said. "All their shooters can handle the ball."



Niles North's Shelley-Rae Moody, looking for a passing lane against Highland Park, has developed into the Vikings' No. 3 offensive threat. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

NOTRE DAME

Friday
Boys basketball at Joliet Cath., 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Class 2A Ind. Grayslake Central Sectional, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys basketball hosts St. Joseph, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Class 2A Ind. Grayslake Central Sectional, 10 a.m.

MAINE EAST

Today
Girls gymnastics at Niles North Sectional, 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Girls basketball at Niles North, 7:30 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Niles North, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Class 3A Ind. Glenbard North Sectional, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys diving/swimming at CSL North Meet at Deerfield, 7/9 a.m.
Wrestling at Class 3A Ind. Glenbard North Sectional, 10 a.m.

NILES NORTH

Today
Girls gymnastics hosts IHSA sectional, 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Boys basketball at Maine East, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Maine East, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Class 3A Ind. Glenbard North Sectional, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys diving/swimming at CSL North Meet at Deerfield, 7/9 a.m.
Wrestling at Class 3A Ind. Glenbard N. Sectional, 10 a.m.
Boys basketball hosts Hersey, 3 p.m.

NILES WEST

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Girls gymnastics at Niles North Sectional, 6:30 p.m.
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Boys basketball at Glenbrook South, 6 p.m.
Girls basketball at Glenbrook South, 7:30 p.m.
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Saturday
Boys diving/swimming at CSL South Meet at Evanston 9 a.m./1 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Highland Park, 6 p.m.
Wrestling at Class 3A Ind. Glenbard N. Sectional, 10 a.m.

Monreal-Berner climbs regional title step

BY DAN SHALIN

Contributor

A year after he finished runner-up at regionals, Niles West junior wrestler Vaughn Monreal-Berner took another step forward Saturday, earning his first regional title.

The 182-pounder has some more unfinished business to attend to this week: placing in the top four at the sectional and earning his first trip to the Class 3A IHSA state tournament.

Monreal-Berner was a match away last year from a trip to Champaign, site of the state tournament. He doesn't expect to be on the outside looking in this time around.

"I'm feeling really good right now. I have the momentum going and hopefully I'll take it into the state tournament," said Monreal-Berner, who upped his season record to 29-7. "Of course, it's sectionals (this week) and everyone is going to be tough. But nothing short of state (will do). No way."

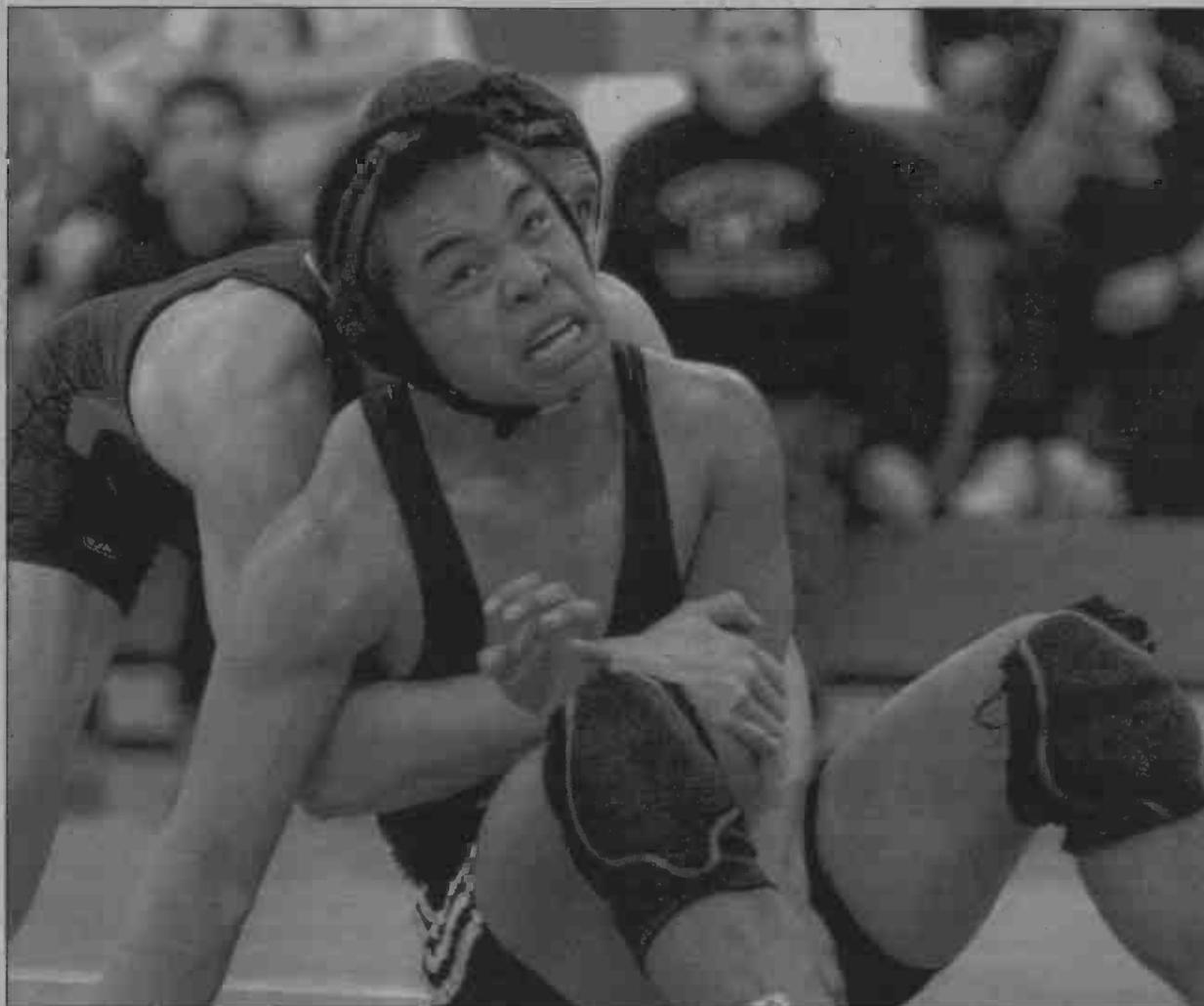
Monreal-Berner certainly looked like a state-meet caliber wrestler at Saturday's Niles West Regional. The junior earned an early pin in his opening match and then stuck Maine West's Max Hanak (28-10) midway through the championship match.

"Vaughn dominated and he expects a lot out of himself," Niles West head coach Anthony Genovesi said. "He wants to dominate and he did that today. Hopefully, he brings the same attitude (at sectional). There will be tougher competition. I know he wants to get down (state) and he wants to go dominate (at sectional)."

Three other Wolves qualified for the Glenbard North Sectional, which will be held Friday and Saturday. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance.

Niles West junior Tommy Williams (24-12) won at 126, posting a 16-1 technical-fall win over Maine South's Tony Mastrolonardo (28-11) for the championship.

"Tommy wrestled lights-out in the finals, he really did," Genovesi said. "It was a one-point match the last time they wrestled. If Tommy wrestles



Niles West's Andrew Matias attempts to spin away from Maine South's Zach Thallman during their 160-pound match at the Niles West Regional. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

(at sectional) the way he did in finals, he'll put himself in good position next week."

Wolves junior Anthony Underwood (21-10) finished second at 170. He fell 7-3 to Joe Caprio (37-1) of Rolling Meadows in the title match.

Improving sophomore Nick Vickers (18-21) also qualified for Glenbard North, coming in third at 106 pounds.

Wolves sophomore Isaac Reinemann (132) and senior Andrew Matias (160) finished fourth and will be alternates for the sectional.

The Wolves scored 103.00 points and came in fifth at the eight-team regional.

Niles North

The Vikings, who also competed at Niles West, had two sectional qualifiers.

Vikings junior Camerin Pascoe (24-12) won the title at 220 pounds, recording a 7-0

victory over Maine West's Rogelio Rodriguez (21-11) in the championship match.

"(Pascoe) has been having a strong year," Niles North head coach Chris Albandia said. "At times he's had some mental lapses, where he would be in the driver's seat and then do something that would put him in trouble. Hopefully, he's past that. This is the best he's looked all year. Hopefully, he's putting it together at the right time. This is the time of year to be doing it."

Albandia said Pascoe has a chance to earn a spot at the state tournament.

"From what I've seen and recall of our sectional, it seems to be wide open at 220," the coach said. "There are some weight classes where you have guys who are pretty much locks, like they're returning champions. But 220 in our sectional is a guessing



Niles North junior Eric Berkovich works to shed Evanston's Ki Drozd at 182 pounds. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

game. I think that puts (Pascoe) in good position."

Niles North sophomore Shawn Lavi (20-10) advanced after taking third at 113 pounds.

Three other Vikings fin-

ished fourth: freshman Hermez Abraham (106), junior Eric Berkovich (182) and sophomore James Edmond (285).

Niles North (60.00) came in seventh at regional.

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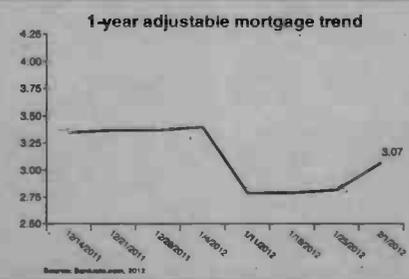
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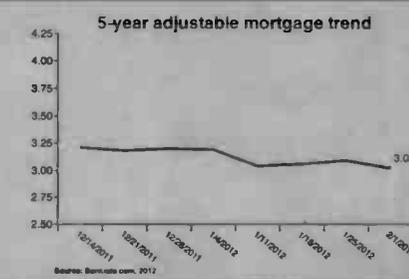
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