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Niles Library Board Trustee Dennis O'Donovan talks to Andrew Schneider before the author's talk on his biography, "Nick Blase: The Prince of Niles, Illinois," Sept. 26. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

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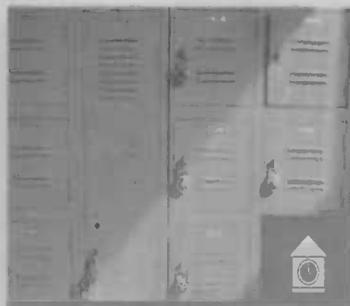
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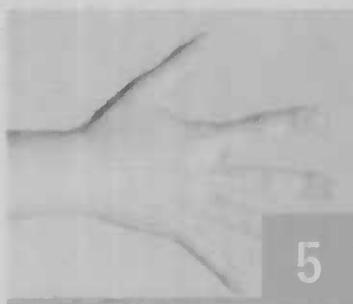
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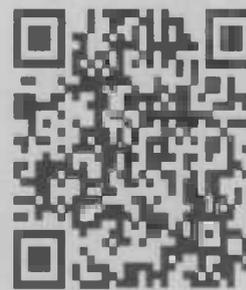
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Blase of glory: Author probes life of 'Prince of Niles'

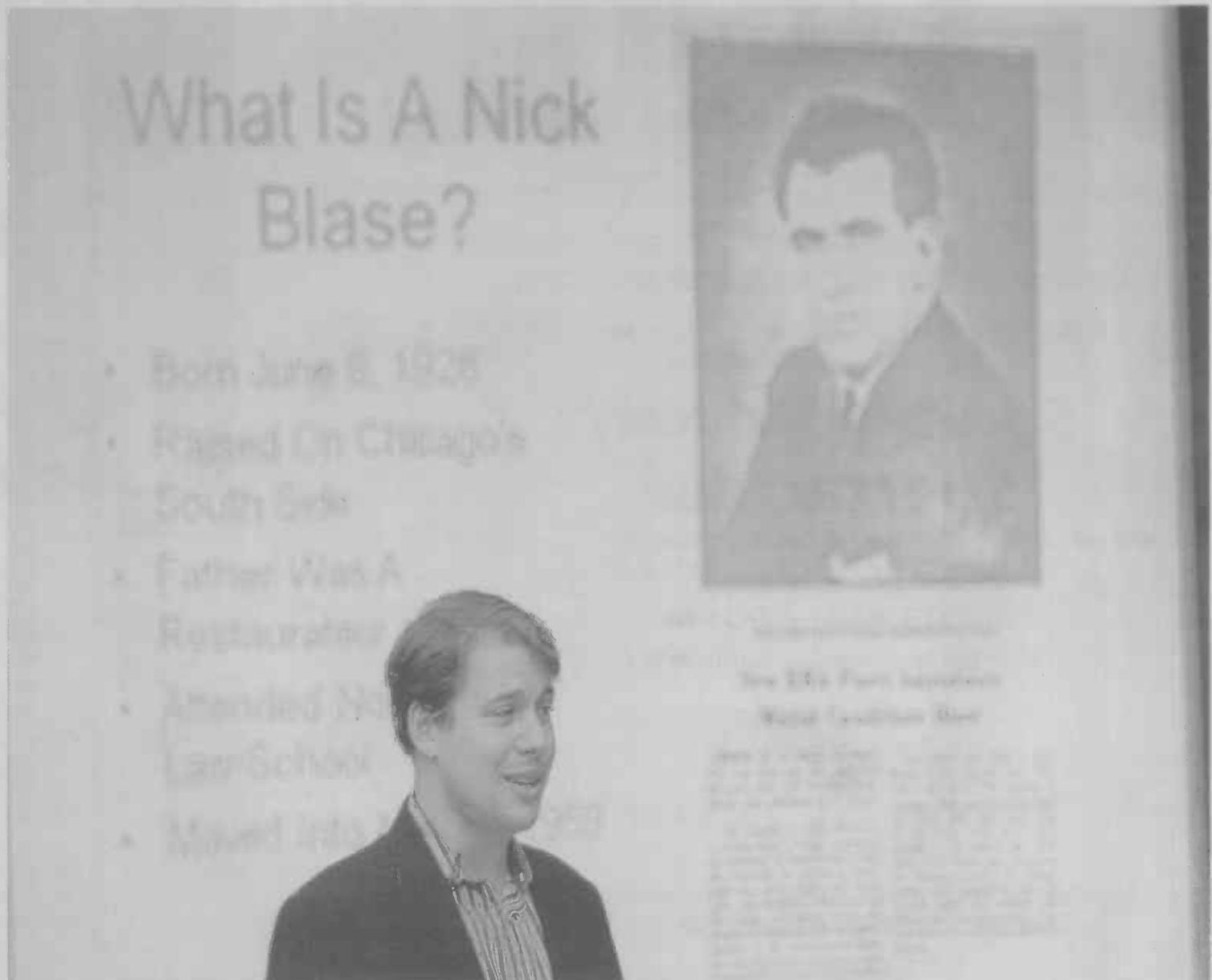
BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Will former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase be remembered most for the positive changes he made in the village of Niles during his nearly 50 years in office? Or will his 2006 arrest and later conviction on federal corruption charges be his legacy?

Only time will tell how history views Blase.

But journalist Andrew Schneider gives a comprehensive history of the former mayor's political career in *Nick Blase: The Prince of Niles, Illinois* (The History Press, 2012). The Park Ridge native discussed his book at the Niles Public Library on Sept. 26.

Schneider, who is now publisher and editor of *Screen* magazine, covered Niles for about six years for a local newspaper.



Author Andrew Schneider gives a talk to patrons at the Niles Public Library about his book detailing former Niles Mayor Nick Blase's career Sept. 26. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media



Copies of "Nick Blase: The Prince of Niles, Illinois." | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

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"When I knew him, he was still mayor and I thought he was a very interesting character," Schneider said of Blase.

Early in 2006, Schneider discussed the possibility of his writing a biography with Blase, but the mayor wasn't interested.

"He felt a biography was something that would happen when he was ready to retire," Schneider related. "He said, 'I'm not ready to retire just yet.'"

After Blase's arrest later that year — on his 78th birthday — he reconsidered and gave Schneider the go-ahead to write the biography.

"He cooperated with me extensively on the book," the author noted. "We had 23 hours of recorded interviews and he was very forthcoming with me, especially about things that happened in the past."

Schneider believes the reason Blase was so cooperative was because he had approached the mayor about a biography prior to his arrest which likely "indicated to him that I was interested in his life beyond the fact that he had been arrested."

Because Schneider was working a full-time job throughout the process, the book became a four-year project. That included about a year each on research, writing, finding a publisher and preparing the manuscript for publication.

The result is a thoroughly researched, highly readable history of not just one man but political life in a Chicago suburb. Blase dominated that suburb for 47 years.

"He was a political animal and he

was a titanic figure," Schneider said. "He was able to really hold sway over the town politically."

In the preface to the biography, the author reveals that he took his inspiration from *The Prince* by Machiavelli — even borrowing some chapter titles from the work. That was partly because Schneider saw in the history of Niles "a passing resemblance to the Renaissance Italian city-states." In addition, Blase frequently read the *The Prince*, a copy of which was prominently displayed in his office.

Schneider said that he received cooperation from everyone he approached for interviews about Blase.

"Everybody had advice," he added. "They wanted to make sure you were fair and talked about the good things he did."

Blase's biggest accomplishment, Schneider said, was "true mastery of the political environment in Niles. He essentially had a free hand all the years I covered Niles. He was able to execute a vision that he had for the town."

The mayor was sometimes criticized for his lack of attention to aesthetics, Schneider indicated, but that was a low priority for him.

When businesses tried to open in nearby suburbs, they were required to contribute by putting in new lighting or fixing a road, Schneider reported.

"Nick Blase's general attitude toward any business was, 'Welcome,'" Schneider said. "On the one hand, that's why Niles lacks a coherent effect. On the other hand, that's why Niles taxpayers pay probably the lowest tax rate for the level of services they have of any town around Chicago." ■



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Free Bus still free, but some routes' service reduced

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

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The Niles Free Bus will not need a new name — at least for now.

Niles village trustees voted last week against approving an ordinance that would allow the village to charge customers for riding the Niles Free Bus.

The proposed fees were 25 cents per one-way trip for an adult fare (age 7 and older); 10 cents per one-way trip for seniors 65 and older; children younger than 7 would ride free.

"We need to cut down the

cost of bus operations before we start charging people," Trustee Joe LoVerde said.

Chris Hanusiak was the only trustee who voted in favor of approving the ordinance to allow a fare.

Trustee Jim Hynes echoed LoVerde's sentiment. He said the cost of the bus operations should be "cut to the bone" before the village starts to charge people.

If the board had approved a fee it is estimated the village would have raised about \$65,000.

Also on Sept. 25 trustees



Passengers board the Niles Free Bus outside Golf Mill Shopping Center. | **ALYSSA SCHUENEMAN** Sun-Times Media

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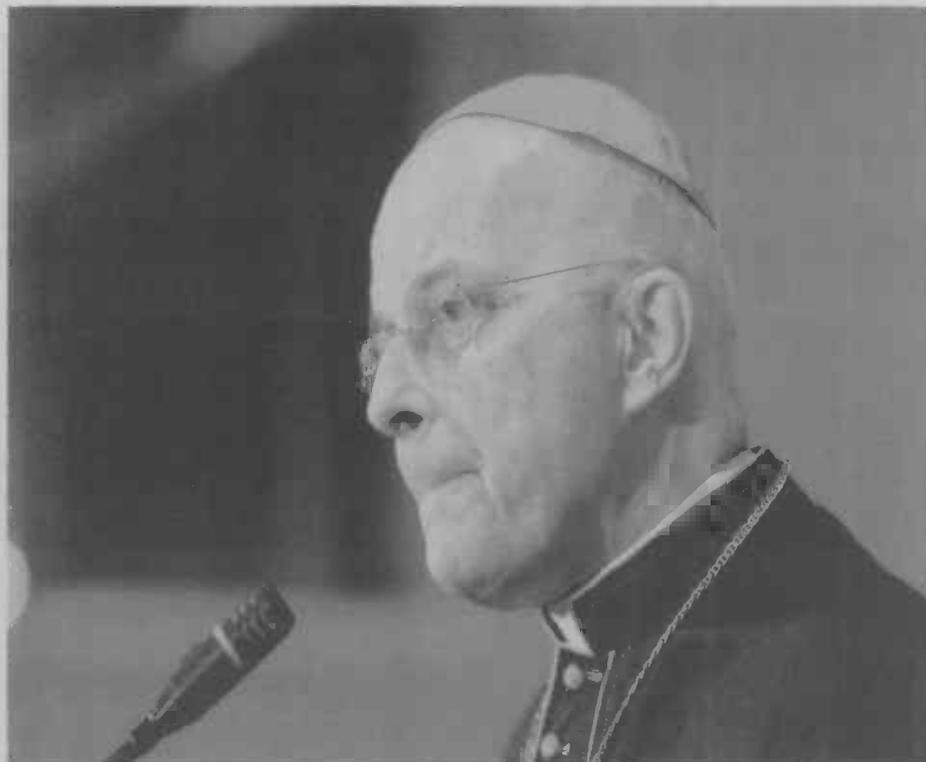
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Cardinal Francis George. | RICHARD A. CHAPMAN-Sun-Times

Cardinal George visits Niles parish

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St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles was the site of a scheduled visit from Cardinal Francis George of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago on Oct. 1.

The cardinal was expected to speak to parishioners in the church's May Ministry Center as part of a fall campaign to visit with members of area

parishes.

The cardinal was expected to speak on the topic of religious liberty.

According to the parish, George wrote a letter last spring saying he desires to "keep these issues before the public without being captured in political debate in a partisan way. These are matters of principle, not personality." ■

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voted 5-1 to approve changes such as the elimination of service on holidays, including Presidents Day, Veterans Day and the village's spring holiday on Routes 411, 412 and 413, and the temporary reduction of weekend service for the 413 route.

The approved service changes will save the village about \$35,000, said Mike Haws, fleet manager for the village's Public Works Department.

Additional savings could come from potential future route changes that would make the system more efficient. Haws said officials are

looking into the possibilities regarding route changes.

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The village held a public hearing regarding the proposed fare and service reductions Aug. 9 at which some of the speakers said they depend heavily on the Niles Free Bus and were concerned about service cuts or the implementation of a fare. ■

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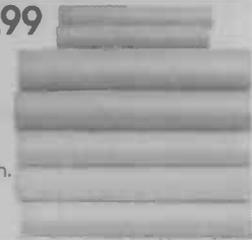
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Speed-dating event is rush to find Mr. (or Mrs.) Right

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

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It may take months or years to find your soulmate, but then again, it could take only five minutes.

Such was the goal of a recent "liberal speed-dating" event organized at Capone's Hideout in Niles on Sept. 21.

Organizers Stuart Chaseman and Ken Samson had both tried speed-dating in the past and were surprised when they found out that speed-dating specifically for liberals did not exist.

So they decided to start Date Liberal, a company providing individuals with the opportunity to go on several short dates in one night with other politically-progressive single people.

"You should start on some kind of common ground," said Chaseman. He

explained that some people may not find out the person they're dating has different political views for quite awhile. With Date Liberal, things are out in the open from the start.

Samson said there were at least five matches made at the inaugural event. But even those who didn't find "the one," still enjoyed the experience.

"It was fun," said Meiya Fitzhugh, of Schaumburg, who came to the event with some of her friends.



George Babicz and Meiya Fitzhugh chat during a liberal speed-dating event held Sept. 21 at Capone's Hideout in Niles. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-Sun-Times Media

Though she did not believe she met her soulmate, Fitzhugh said it was an enjoyable first speed-dating event for her. She added that it was a comfortable setting and she liked speaking with the men she met about a wide range of topics, from their favorite movies and hobbies to social media.

Participants were grouped

according to age and they went on a series of five-minute dates. They then marked a confidential scorecard that indicated if they were interested in a date with the person with they met.

If both people showed an interest in each other, the organizers provided each with the other's contact information.

"It was good," said Michael

Wolf, of Schaumburg, who believed he may have found a couple of women he would consider dating. "It was an eclectic group of people."

Wolf said he is not a liberal, but still enjoyed talking with all of the people he met at the event.

"I think that everyone

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really seemed nice," said Kathryn Bush, of Lake Zurich. Bush said that she has liberal views and sometimes it can be challenging to find a like-minded date.

"You have to have a sense of humor about it," said Rosemary Lapka of Chicago of the experience. "It's such an artificial scenario."

Lapka noted that a speed-dating session "is only awkward if you want it to be." And if a match isn't in the cards, it's a good way to hear about potential things to do during the upcoming weekend, she said.

For some, the



Stuart Chaseman and Ken Samson, organizers of a liberal speed-dating event, address a group of participants Sept. 21 at Capone's Hideout in Niles. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-Sun-Times Media

experience wasn't the most natural way to get to know someone.

"It was terrifying," remarked George Babicz of Skokie. "I talked

a lot. I exuded all levels of incompetence."

Babicz, who attended with some acquaintances, wasn't very optimistic about the outcome.

"I think I met zero matches," Babicz acknowledged.

Chaseman feels that couples have enough challenges maintaining a strong relationship without involving various issues that are social and political. He believes political compatibility is very important to many singles during "these politically divisive times."

Chaseman added that he would like to hold these liberal speed-dating events more often and is considering hosting an event in Chicago.

The evening in Niles also consisted of drinks, pizza and musical entertainment provided by Chaseman. ■

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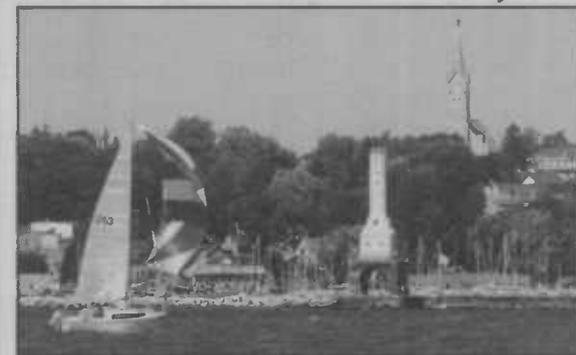
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Two doctors among nine indicted in Medicare kickback scheme

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SKOKIE

The owners of a Skokie health care agency and two doctors face federal charges for allegedly paying and receiving kickbacks in exchange for the referral of Medicare patients for home health-care services.

Ana Nerissa Tolentino, a registered nurse, and Frederick Magsino, part-owners of Rosner Home Healthcare in Skokie, and Edgardo Hernal, a former employee, conspired to pay six co-defendants to refer and retain patients, while allowing Rosner to bill Medicare, according to the

U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago. Drs. Emmanuel Nwaokocha and Masood Syed; Jenette George, who ran Ttenej Senior Referral Agency; Jennifer Holman, office manager at a doctor's office; and Titis Jackson and Carla Phillips-Williams, marketers of Rosner's services, were also named in a 27-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury last month.

Tolentino, 43, of Morton Grove; Magsino, 59, of Morton Grove; Nwaokocha, 59, of Skokie; Syed, 53, of Mount Prospect; Jackson, 36, of Chicago; George, 59, of Chicago; and Phillips-Williams,

42, of Chicago, were arrested and charged in criminal complaints in late July and released on bond.

Hernal, 55, of Westchester, and Holman, 53, of Chicago, were charged for the first time in the indictment, the release said. All will be arraigned in U.S. District Court at a later date.

Tolentino, Magsino, and Hernal were charged with one count of conspiracy to pay illegal kickbacks for Medicare patient referrals. Eight of the nine were charged with two or more counts of violating the anti-kickback statute, the release said. ■

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THREAT

A 21-year-old woman from Niles told police she was taking her children out to her car Sept. 27 when people she has had on-going problems with pulled up next to her on the 9000 block of Grace Avenue, yelled a gang slogan at her, threatened her and then fled west on Ballard Road.

BURGLARY

The manager of a business on the 8200 block of Oakton Street reported that someone entered the store between Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 and took a flat-screen television and an unknown amount of money. An investigation was pending.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

A 25-year-old man from Niles said someone removed an audio cable and a can of body spray from his 2008 Chevrolet parked on the 8800 block of Cumberland Avenue on Sept. 18. The estimated value of the items is \$30.

A 34-year-old man from Niles reported that someone entered his 2004 Dodge van on the 8400 block of Crain Street between Sept. 17 and Sept. 18 and took

multiple tools from the van. The items are valued at about \$400.

THEFT

A 31-year-old man from Chicago reported that someone made a fraudulent withdrawal of \$483 from his checking account between Sept. 18 and Sept. 24 at a bank on the 8500 block of Dempster Street. Police said two other attempts were made on his checking account, but were stopped by the bank.

A 49-year-old man from Niles reported that he received a letter at his home on the 9200 block of Callero Drive from HSBC Credit Corporation congratulating him for opening a new credit card at a retail electronics store. The victim learned that a new credit card account was opened in Indiana and purchases in the amount of \$4,900 were made between Sept. 20 and Sept. 25.

Two cell phones worth \$1,100 were taken from a cell phone retail store on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue on Sept. 26. An investigation was pending.

DUI

Darwin Ortega, 36, of 8266 N. Wisner, Niles, was arrested on Sept. 23 on the 8300 block of Milwaukee Ave. and charged with driving under the influence of drugs, police said. He has a court date of Oct. 19. ■

Request to join new 911 call center put on hold

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

An attempt by the Park Ridge Police and Fire departments to join a new suburban emergency-dispatch center has been put on hold.

The Northwest Central Dispatch Board on Sept. 20 decided not to conduct a feasibility study of providing dispatch services for both Park Ridge and Des Plaines.

"The general consensus is that Northwest Central Dispatch has a lot of items on their plate," said Ray Rummel, chairman of Northwest Central Dispatch's board and Elk Grove's village manager.

Rummel explained that upgrades to computerized-dispatching and radio systems were recently conducted. These systems "have to work perfectly in order for us to serve our public" before additional communities can be considered, he added.

Northwest Central Dispatch, located in Arlington Heights, provides dispatching services for 16 northwest suburban police and fire departments.

Park Ridge and Des Plaines police and fire are now served by the North Suburban Emergency Communication Center in Des Plaines, as are Niles and Morton Grove police. Recently attempts have been made by Morton Grove and Niles police to join the Glenview Public Safety Dispatch Center. Both communities have cited a potential cost-savings of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 annually by making the switch, which must be approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Both Rummel and Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski said a study of Park Ridge and Des Plaines joining Northwest Central Dispatch can be reconsidered in the future.

"We didn't want them to wait six months for us to get through our major computer-related items before we got an answer back to them," Rummel said of the board's decision to nix the feasibility study at this time.

In the meantime Park Ridge is looking at other options, like the Glenview Public Safety

Dispatch Center.

"We're looking at other alternatives as they continue to come up," Kaminski said.

Kaminski indicated he could not comment as to whether Park Ridge will experience cost-savings by joining another 911 dispatch center, as there are many factors to consider, like the technology used.

"There's a lot of unanswered questions that I don't have the answers to right now," he acknowledged. "The bottom line is: The current dispatch system stays in place until everybody has their issues resolved."

The past summer the Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, an intergovernmental organization representing Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Niles and Morton Grove, decided to request a feasibility study of moving dispatching services from the North Suburban Emergency Communication Center to the Northwest Central Dispatch System after members learned that the Morton Grove Police Department was pursuing dispatch services from Glenview. ■

Niles drug drop-off yields haul of medication

NILES

The Niles Police Department collected more than 100 pounds of unwanted prescription medication during a drug take-back event held Sept. 29 in cooperation

with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The department accepted 130 pounds of old, unused or expired medications during the four-hour event. During a similar initiative in April police collected 98 pounds of

prescription medication.

Niles Police said prescription and over-the-counter medications account for most of the commonly abused illicit drugs by high school seniors, according to the National Institute of Health. ■



A Closer Look

District 67 superintendent gets specific on referendum projects

BY NICK KATZ | nkatz@pioneerlocal.com

MORTON GROVE

Whenever students are gone for a few days, like during spring break, they come back to Golf Middle School to find rust in the drinking water — enough that it settles to the bottom of a glass.

And in a science lab at the school the teacher has to make a choice: Run a noisy ventilator that provides the only air circulation in the room or make sure students can hear what's going on in class.

Plumbing and ventilation are among the problems at Golf and Hynes elementary schools that will be fixed if voters approve a bond-sale referendum in November.

The district is asking voters to approve the sale of bonds totaling just less than \$8 million to finance a series of building repairs and improvements, and construction of a new gym at Hynes. The gym is needed in order for the district to meet state requirements that students have physical education every day.

Rather than asking for an increase in the maximum tax rate as the district did in March, a new proposal asks voters to allow the district to increase the levy by 16.3 percent, or 13.3 percent more than allowed by the Cook County tax cap.

The measure would increase revenue for the district by the same \$1.14 million that the tax-rate increase would have.

The votes in November follow the



Schools Superintendent Jamie Reilly stands outside Golf Middle School where tile was used on the building and will need to be replaced after it was learned that the tile does not do well in the Midwest weather. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

failure of both a tax-increase referendum and bond-sale measure in March. The district has since modified both proposals before placing them on the ballot again.

Superintendent Jamie Reilly, on a tour of Golf school last week, pointed out some of the problems that will be corrected if the bond sale is approved. They include everything from repairs to crumbling concrete in the

foundation to new boilers replacing units installed in 1961 that are well past their normal useful lifespan.

Among the most critical of the planned improvements is the installation of fire-suppression sprinkler systems at both Golf and Hynes. There have been many incidents outside District 67 in which having those has made the difference between saving a life or not, Reilly said.

Many of the improvements related to classroom problems, from leaking windows that cause water to pool and actually get under the floor in some below-ground-level classrooms to leaking windows and a loud ventilation fan in the Golf gym.

"We have had some rainstorms where water came in horizontally into

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Golf Middle School's boilers are from 1961. The district has two referendums in November, one for building improvements and one for a tax increase for the education fund. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

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the classrooms," Reilly said. The gym, Reilly noted, does not have air conditioning and the only ventilation comes from the fan. But it's too loud to use often during class. "When you run that fan it's so loud you can't instruct the kids," she said. The walls in the gym, as well in some other areas of the school, are stained from water that leaks through the windows. In the gym those will be replaced and in some other areas of the school they will be caulked to prevent the mess.

The district does not plan to spend the money to remove decorative tiles on the exterior walls at Golf, but tuck-pointing is planned to help repair leaks around them.

Paved areas, now broken and with holes and loose chunks of blacktop, will be resurfaced. Reilly said pieces of the pavement end up in the grass where students can be injured.

"It's definitely a safety issue," she said. "It definitely needs to be done."

Reilly, holding up a glass of water that has been standing for a while, noted the rust that had settled to the bottom of the glass. She said rust always

ends up in the water when school is closed for a few days and the pipes are standing.

To remedy that, the work planned includes replacing the plumbing at Golf, she said.

Some of the other improvements planned at Golf include: the installation of new lockers in the gym locker room to replace some put in when the school was built; and installation of new ventilation systems on the roof to replace ones now inside the building.

At Hynes, in addition to construction of the new gym, the work includes heating, cooling and ventilation improvements, as well as new boilers. ■

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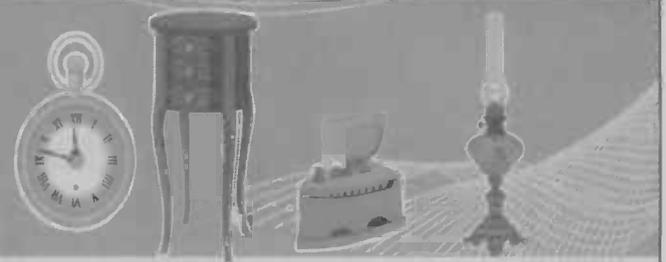
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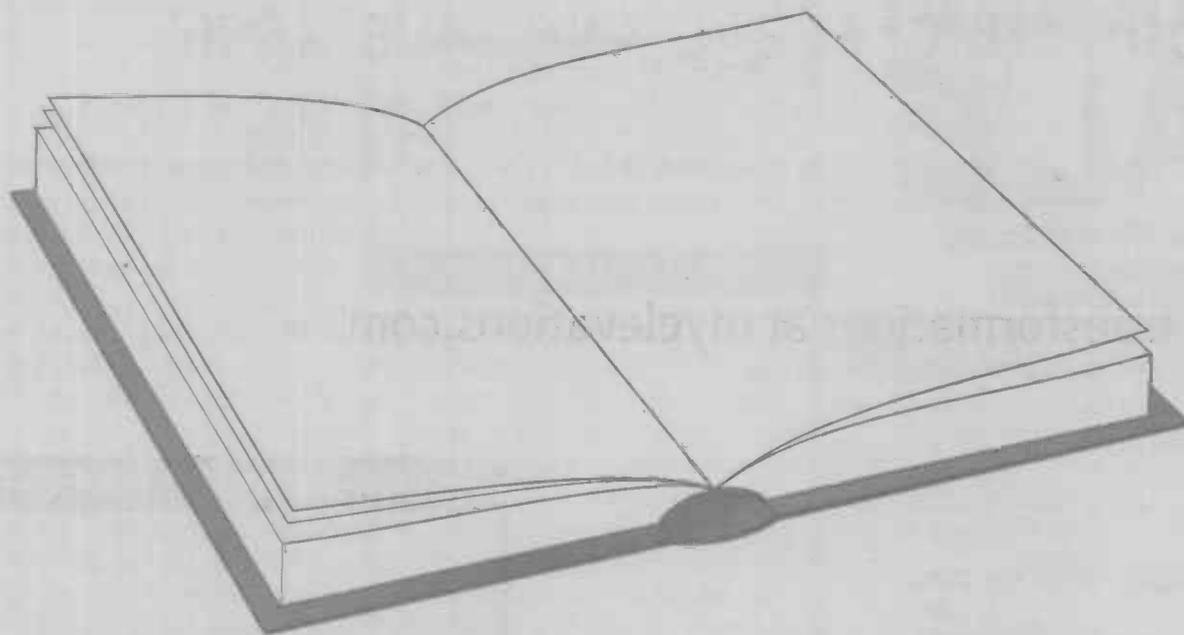


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Understanding Medicare and Medigap can be confusing no matter what age you are — but highly critical for those 65 and older to understand.

There seem to be hundreds of specific rules, changing deadlines and constant revisions that are supposed to help make the process easier, but can often leave seniors, and those helping them, even more confused. On Oct. 15, the annual open enrollment period begins.

First the basics, Medicare is a health insurance program for seniors age 65 and over, or those who are younger, disabled and meet specific qualifications.

Medicare can be confused with Medicaid — which is a health-care program that is part of the public aid program for people with low incomes and assets. Medicare is a federal program that is paid for, in part, by some of the payroll taxes a senior or their spouse paid while working.

FOUR PARTS TO MEDICARE

There are four parts to Medicare. Medicare Part A is hospital insurance. It will pay some of the costs if you are in the hospital, and if you qualify, some of the costs of a rehabilitation stay in a nursing home, certain home health services and hospice care. Medicare Part A has no premium if you are age 65 or over and are eligible for any Social Security Benefit.

Medicare Part B is primarily designed for doctors visits, outpatient hospital services and some home health services or outpatient rehabilitation services. Medicare Part B does have a premium. The premium is usually deducted directly from Social Security payments. Medicare

Part C allows individuals to select a private health insurance company to manage their Medicare services — also known as Medicare Advantage Plans. These plans receive payments from Medicare to provide you with

your services and may also include extra benefits not included in traditional plans such as prescription drug coverage.

Medicare Advantage plans may also have additional rules or prequalification requirements and may charge an additional co-payment or premium for certain services not covered by traditional

Medicare.

Medicare Part D is a voluntary program that provides coverage for outpatient prescription drugs. This is purchased from health insurance companies and other private businesses and the coverage varies depending on the plan that you select.

Medigap is the term used to describe the items that Medicare does not cover. A Medigap policy is designed to “cover the gap” in what Medicare pays and what expenses you might incur. Medigap policies also are known as supplemental insurance and they can be obtained through private insurance companies or through groups like AARP.

In future weeks we will break down the details of what each section covers, and how and when to enroll. There are many choices available to seniors, as long as they understand the risks and benefits of those choices. ■

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Mayor: Head tax to be axed 6 months earlier than expected

The employee head tax despised by business and denounced by Mayor Rahm Emanuel as a “job killer” will be completely eliminated Dec. 31, 2013, six months earlier than planned, the mayor said.

Rebounding revenues and higher than expected savings, primarily generated by participation in the city’s so-called wellness program to reduce skyrocketing health care costs are apparently paving the way for Emanuel to move up his timetable to get rid of the head tax.

Emanuel campaigned on a promise to phase out the \$4-a-month employee head tax over four years – \$1 at a time. Last year, he opted to do it twice as fast to send a strong signal about his efforts to improve the city’s business climate.

The revised plan dropped the tax July 1 to \$2 per employee and called for the other \$2 to be eliminated July 1, 2014. The \$4-a-month tax generated \$23 million in annual revenue.

Former Mayor Richard J. Daley proposed the head tax in 1974 to ward off a city income tax.

Jerry Roper, president of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, applauded Emanuel for eliminating the tax.

“He has lived up to his campaign promise,” Roper said. “This is something the chamber has been pushing for years.” ■

– Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD



AFSCME: State contract talks at standstill; ‘direct action’ possible

Contract negotiations between the state of Illinois and government employees are at a “virtual standstill” because of unfair demands by Gov. Pat Quinn, a union is telling its members.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees said in an email that the Democratic governor wants concessions so deep that they are “an insult to every state employee.” It said salary cuts and increased insurance costs could mean some workers would take a \$10,000 hit. Quinn spokesman Abdon Pallasch said the state can’t afford to keep providing salaries and benefits “at levels far exceeding the salaries and benefits of other unionized state workers across the country.”

Even after the proposed cuts, state employees would get better insurance rates and benefits than workers receive in other states or in the private sector, Pallasch told The (Springfield) State Journal-Register.

AFSCME’s contract expired June 30, but it remains in effect while negotiations continue. Part of the delay has been the resignation of a mediator and the failure of the two sides to agree on a replacement, AFSCME said. The union warns that employees may have to take “direct action” at their workplaces and communities to jumpstart the talks. ■

– The Associated Press

WASHINGTON



Health report: Premium hikes for top Medicare drug plans

Millions of seniors enrolled in some of the most popular Medicare prescription drug plans face double-digit premium hikes next year if they don’t shop for a better deal, said a private firm that analyzes the highly competitive market.

Seven of the top 10 prescription plans are raising their premiums by 11 percent to 23 percent, according to a report by Avalere Health.

It’s a reality check on a stream of upbeat Medicare announcements from the Obama administration, all against the backdrop of a hard-fought election. In August, officials had announced that the average premium for basic prescription drug coverage will stay the same in 2013, at \$30 a month.

The administration’s number is accurate as an overall indicator for the entire market, but not very helpful to consumers individually since it doesn’t reflect price swings in the real world.

Avalere crunched the numbers based on bid documents that the plans submitted to Medicare.

The report found premium increases for all top 10 prescription drug plans, known as PDPs.

However, the most popular plan – AARP MedicareRx Preferred – is only going up 57 cents per month nationally, to \$40.42 from the current \$39.85. ■

– The Associated Press

Opinion



VIEWPOINT | Pioneer Press

Register to vote; weigh in on pensions

This is the time of the year when we remind you to register to vote.

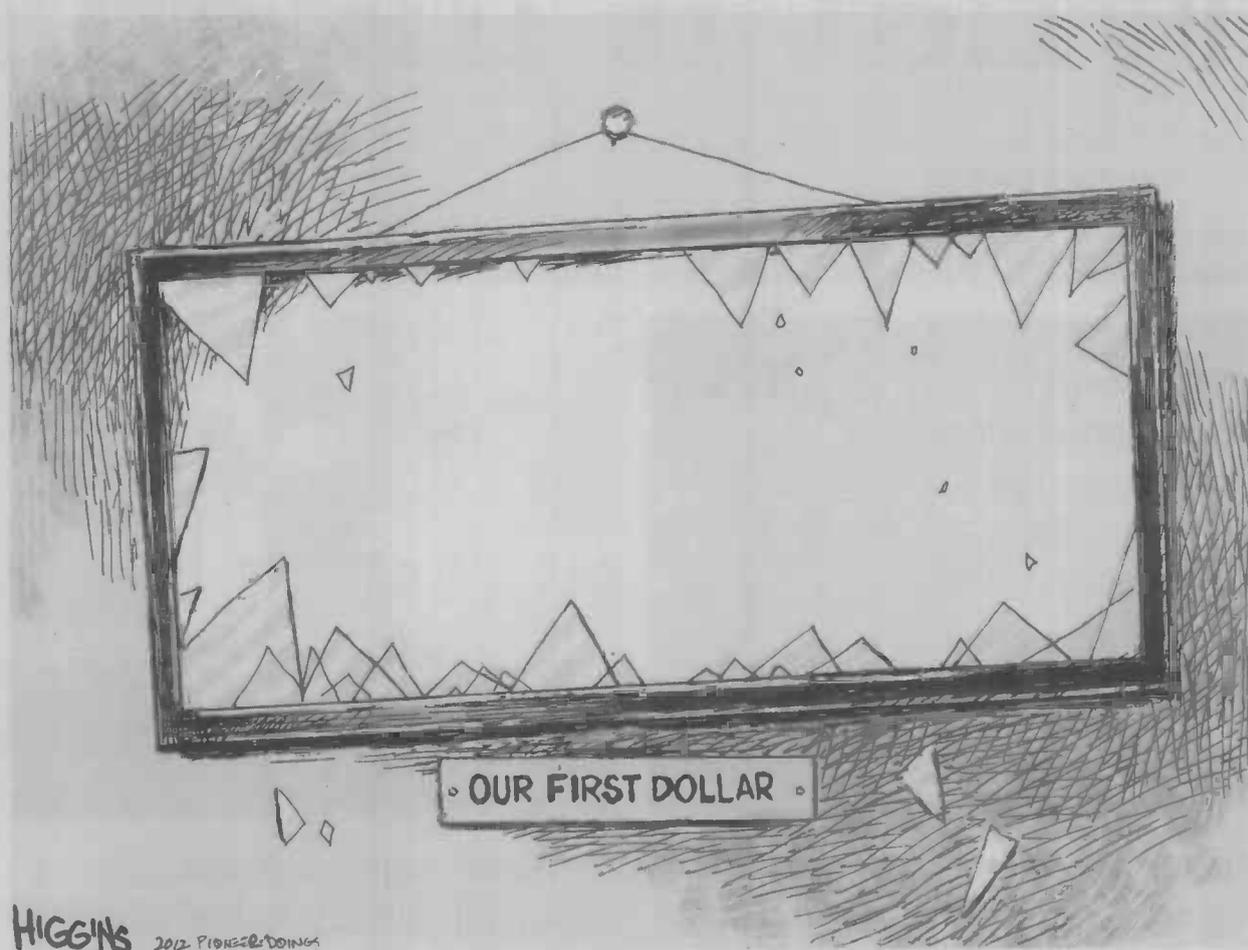
The registration deadline is Oct. 9. Election Day is Nov. 6.

It's not surprising that new numbers show voter registration is down by nearly a quarter million from four years ago — before Barack Obama was President Barack Obama. The number of registered voters has dropped 225,000 to 1.27 million.

Even if many races in your area are uncontested, there is one big reason to vote: across Illinois, voters will weigh in on a proposed constitutional amendment.

It would require any increase in public pension benefits to pass by a three-fifths majority vote. Given an unfunded pension liability that is expected to reach \$93 billion next summer, squeezing out spending on education, health care and social services, this is an amendment no one should miss. ■

1,000 WORDS | Jack Higgins



Should these chickens come home to roost?

I've long felt that food has changed over the past 50 years, and that's why Americans are fatter and sicker than ever before.

My diet hasn't changed. I eat much of the same food as I did when I was thin and healthy — meat, potatoes, fruit and vegetables.

But today's food that we buy at the grocery store is mass-produced on factory farms for presentation to us at a megastore. It is convenient, efficient and cost effective.

But deep down we all know it is not good for us.

I still can recall going shopping

with my mom or grandmother when I was a boy. First to the butcher, then the fruit stand, then the produce stand, or going to the backyard in summer and plucking a real vine-ripened tomato. I still can recall walking past the back of the poultry store on my way to school and seeing the cages stacked outside and feathers flying in the breeze.

So when a fellow like Kevin Q. Harvey of Glencoe says he wants to put a few chickens in his backyard, I'm with him.

Harvey has been told by Glencoe officials to gather support for his plan to put a small chicken coop in his yard. To that end, he put up a website to inform folks about why keeping



RANDY BLASER

chickens make sense. He's got a petition posted for Glencoe residents to sign. And he's organized an informational meeting Thursday at the Glencoe Library. Jennifer Murtoff, the urban chicken consultant, will be there.

My good friend Karen Hudson, who grew up in west suburban Westchester but now lives on a family farm in central Illinois, would agree with Harvey. She ought to know because she has been speaking about the health dangers of factory farms for the past 16 years, ever since a factory dairy farm moved next door to her family farm of corn and soybeans.

Suburban officials quite naturally are concerned about allowing

a resident to raise chickens. The fears include it could smell, be noisy, attract nuisance animals and be unhealthy.

FIRST VEGETABLES, THEN CHICKENS

That's a factory farm. If officials are concerned about those things, they might want to encourage people like Harvey, who got his idea for the chicken coop after planting a vegetable garden in his yard.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying officials should give Harvey the green light and forget about it. But suburban officials can allow it and regulate it so a backyard chicken coop doesn't become a nuisance, doesn't stink up the neighborhood and stays clean and healthy. ■

Much to learn from Johnnie's Beef

When someone says to me, as they frequently have during this presidential election year, that government should be run like a business, I usually ask, "Like the business where you work?"



PAUL SASSONE

The invariable answer is, "No. My place is run by idiots," followed by a lengthy and angry dissertation on all the venal, exploitative and just plain dumb things the people do who run that company.

So, if most people aren't confident in the way the business for which they work is run, what business is it that government should be run like?

How about Johnnie's? Maybe government should be run like Johnnie's.

I'm talking about Johnnie's Beef, the Italian beef and sausage stand at 7500 W. North Ave. in Elmwood Park.

Italian beef lovers know the place I'm talking about.

Johnnie's is an amenity-less little building: no seats, except for a few picnic tables around the side; small menu of beef, sausage, hot dogs, fries, lemon ice and soft drinks; checks and credit cards not accepted.

What Johnnie's has is great Italian beef and sausage.

I don't want to get in a fight with you. You might have a place that you think makes the best Italian beef. I'm happy for you.

But I have been eating Italian beef all over Chicago and the suburbs for

decades, and Johnnie's beef is my absolute favorite.

It's the favorite of many other people, too. There always is a long line snaking out the door at Johnnie's. People are willing to stand in line outside to buy Johnnie's beef and/or sausage.

Why are people willing to do this? It's simple: Johnnie's offers an excellent product at a fair price. So, people come.

Now, I'm not suggesting that government should start selling Italian beef.

But in its focus on essentials, with its commitment to serving the public well, Johnnie's has a lot to teach government.

In fact, more than government could learn from Johnnie's.

Businesses could learn from Johnnie's. Offer consumers an excellent product at a fair price and do it simply.

Do this, and we will come.

And, honest, I have no vested interest in Johnnie's, other than as a line-waiting consumer. ■

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Question of the Week

Q At the Niles Family Fitness Center we asked, "In honor of World Teacher's Day on Oct. 5, who is your most memorable teacher?"



A **Charles Byrd**
Chicago

"Miss Dunn. If you showed up ... without (homework) she made you stand on your tiptoes, facing the wall, with your nose touching it." ■



A **Gerry Luicke**
Niles

"My seventh-grade teacher. I was going through issues and she was there for me as well as being an excellent teacher." ■



A **Anthony Ambrosio**
Lincolnwood

"Miss Lewis. She was one of the first black teachers in Chicago. She was fair, interesting and genuinely cared about the kids." ■



A **Terese Klinger**
Niles

"Agatha Cavallo, my junior college Spanish teacher. She inspired me to become a Spanish teacher like her." ■

People Poll

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION
"When do you think it is OK to text while driving?"

RESPONSES

- 1) Never. 60%
- 2) Only in an emergency. 10%
- 3) While stopped in traffic. 10%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION
"When do you plan to vote?"

RESPONSES

- 4) Anytime I want. 20%
- 1) Early voting
- 2) Election Day
- 3) I don't plan to vote

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Education in Focus

Whatever its name, benefit is music to Maine South's ears

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

It may have a different name this year, but Maine South High School's Band-O-Rama's is still moving to the same drum beat.

The annual fundraiser for the Park Ridge high school's music programs is known this year as Beatles-A-Rama, with music from the Fab Four featured during the program, which stars the Maine South Marching Band and Hawkettes dance team.

Beatles-A-Rama will take place Oct. 6 at Maine South, 1111 S. Dee Road. A dinner, catered by All on the Road Catering of Park Ridge, will take place in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. followed the main show at 7:30 p.m. in the Spectator Gym. Visitors can also view items and take part in a silent auction beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$15, while the cost of attending just the show is \$5. Tickets will be available at the door, according to Music Boosters Co-President Richard Wacker.

For many years the annual Band-O-Rama has raised money for student music scholarships, appearances by guest artists, trips and equipment repairs.

"It's a great opportunity for (the community) to support music in the school and it's an entertaining evening," said Maine South Director of Bands Joel Matter. "It's not your typical concert."

The marching band will perform several upbeat numbers and the Hawkettes will present dance routines.

"We have a mix of everything, from rock from the '60s all the way to current-day radio hits," Matter explained. "There's a multitude of things. The Beatles are just a part of it."

Auctions are always a big part of Band-O-Rama festivities and Beatles-A-Rama is expected to feature



The Maine South marching band, performing during the homecoming pep rally on Friday, will be part of the upcoming Beatles-A-Rama fundraiser. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI** for Sun Times Media

more than 80 items on which guests can bid. Winning an opportunity to conduct the marching band is probably one of the most popular auction prizes offered.

"We get anywhere from \$800 to \$1,200 each time we do that," Matter said.

The lucky winner gets to conduct the band for one music number during one of three upcoming performances. Current students, alumni and even retired band directors have taken part, Matter said.

"Last year a gentleman came with his own conducting baton and was ready to go," he remarked.

Nancy Koch, of Maine South Music Boosters, said

attendees can expect a vivacious event.

"It's a very high-energy evening," she said. "It's good food, a lot of entertainment and the band and Hawkettes are phenomenal."

Maine South Music Boosters provide financial support to the school's music programs, helping to fund music clinics and workshops, guest performers, specialized instruments, scholarships for summer music camps and college scholarships. Band-O-Rama is the group's largest fundraiser.

For tickets or more information on Beatles-A-Rama call the Maine South Music Office, (847) 692-8240. ■

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District 219 to spend \$12M more in 2013

BY NATALIE HAYES | Contributor

SKOKIE

A final 2013 budget of \$154.6 million — a \$12.3-million projected increase from 2012 spending — got the approval of the Niles Township High School District 219 Board of Education on Sept. 24.

The budget, which board President Robert Silverman said was within the district's means, includes a 4-percent increase in educational-fund spending — the part of the budget that accounts for teacher- and learning-support staff salaries, which are expected to total \$63.4 million this fiscal year, an increase of 3 percent.

District-wide salaries, including staff employed in transportation and operation-and-maintenance, total \$66 million, also representing a 3-percent increase.

Employee benefits included in the education fund are budgeted at \$26.9 million for the 2013 fiscal year, a 15-percent increase, and \$31.8 million across the board, a 14-percent increase.

District 219's educational-fund expenditures comprise 72 percent of total operating-fund expenditures and 66 percent of the district's total financial resources.

John Vranas, a Niles Township taxpayer, said he was alarmed about the increase in spending in the educational fund.

"It's not sustainable," Vranas said. "We spend a tremendous amount

of money in this district while the average income of the middle-class families who live here has declined substantially, and yet we're still looking at salary increases."

He added: "Spending and taxing should be reduced, and the focus should be on academic achievement and holding administrators and teachers to a higher expectation."

The salary increases are part of new collective-bargaining agreements approved Sept. 24 between the Board of Education and the Niles Township Federation of Teachers and Niles Township Support Staff unions.

The new contract was negotiated following the end of the previous three-year contract that expired at the end of the 2012 fiscal year.

The board and unions agreed to salary increases of 1.2 percent, plus step increases for each of the three years of the contract.

The agreement also includes provisions tying increased student learning to teacher evaluations, which will be heavily based on student performance, board president Robert Silverman said.

Under the contract, when distributing teacher assignments, priority will be given to performance rather than seniority.

Coaches of sports and extracurricular activities will also be eligible to receive merit pay under a new system the board will develop to compensate coaches for excellent performance, according to the contract.

District 219's funding is heavily based on property taxes, which account for 87 percent of total direct revenue the district receives. Property taxes are based on the consumer price index. ■

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District 219, unions come to contract agreement

SKOKIE

The Niles Township High School District 219 Board of Education approved new collective-bargaining agreements with the Niles Township Federation of Teachers and Niles Township Support Staff at its Sept. 24 meeting.

The membership of both unions voted to ratify the contract terms at special meetings on Sept. 20, a news release stated.

"These new contracts ensure that D219 will remain financially sound over the coming years, and that our

"The Board estimates that increased employee contributions for insurance benefit plans alone will result in \$1.8 million in savings over the contract period."

Bob Silverman
Board of Education President

teachers, staff and administration will continue to collaborate on our common goal of increasing the academic achievement of every student," said Board of Education President Bob Silverman, in the release. "Collective bargaining allows us to find common ground on how we work together to best meet the individual needs of our students, while at the same time respecting the interests of the taxpayers."

The board and the federation agreed to salary increases of 1.2 percent plus step for each of the three years of the contract, in addition to "significant concessions" on insurance and pensions, the release stated.

"The Board estimates that increased employee contributions for insurance benefit plans alone will result in \$1.8 million in savings over the contract period," Silverman said in the release. "We are pleased that our unions

recognized our need to be fiscally responsible."

The new agreement with the federation also includes a number of provisions tied to teaching and learning that are aimed at maximizing student performance and individual growth, according to Superintendent Nanciann Gatta. These provisions include:

- Teacher evaluations will be tied to student achievement and outcomes.
- Priority will be given to performance, rather than seniority, in determining teacher assignments.
- The district will develop a system to compensate excellent performance by coaches and activity sponsors with merit pay.
- The board negotiated the right to adopt a new school-day schedule, after consulting with students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators and community members. ■

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In Profile

New commissioner wants to share parks' perks

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Julie Genualdi has seen the positive impact the Niles Park District has had on her own family and she wants to contribute to its success.

A Niles resident since 1997, Genualdi has been appointed as a Niles Park District commissioner, replacing Chuck Barbaglia.

"I'm always looking for more ways to get involved in the community," Genualdi said of her desire to join the board.

Genualdi, a Park Ridge police officer, said all of her three children participated in a myriad of parks programs. Her daughter, who is now a junior in college, has been involved in various district activities such as T-ball, ice skating and dodgeball. Her two sons, ages 8 and 11, got their start at the Niles Park District's Bright Beginnings Preschool.

"They began their educational journey there," Genualdi said.

Her boys, who attend St. John Brebeuf School, also played T-ball, soccer, basketball and dodgeball. In addition to sports, her kids also had fun at the Park District's special events such as the Easter-egg hunts, Halloween parties, parades and writing letters to Santa.

"We take advantage of all the programs they offer," Genualdi said. "I really enjoy the Park District's programs and I feel like I can build on already successful programs."

Genualdi said an idea may be to



New Niles Park Board Commissioner Julie Genualdi stands with Dennis O'Donovan, Bill Terpinas and board President Ray Czarnik. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

UP CLOSE

NAME: Julie Genualdi
BEST KNOWN AS: New Niles Park District commissioner
HOMETOWN: Niles

look at what new programs other park districts are offering and consider bringing some of those to Niles.

At the Park Ridge Police Department, Genualdi serves as the liaison between several facets of the community, such as businesses, schools

and organizations. Her work involves marketing the Police Department and creating new programs to benefit the citizens, such as crime prevention. Genualdi has been employed with the Park Ridge Police Department for 15 years and before that was a dispatcher in Skokie for four years.

Genualdi's husband, Vince, is a patrol-division commander for the Niles Police Department.

Despite her busy life at work Genualdi finds the drive and the time to help out her community. She has been on the design committee for the St. John Brebeuf gala for the past

10 years and last year she was the decorations chairwoman and ran the auction. At St. John Brebeuf, she is also a room parent and an athletic coach.

The Sister Cities organization is another group Genualdi is passionate about. She and her husband hosted delegates from Pisa, Italy, at their home and she enjoys volunteering her time to support the Sister Cities organization.

Genualdi is also involved with the Special Olympics and serves as an executive board member for the Fraternal Order of Police in Park Ridge.



Seven good years for fine Fixer fixes

BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN | The Fixer

Dear Readers: Arlene is in her apartment, Patricia still has her house and Michael left us one year ago but frequently laughed about his brush with celebrity.

Last month, The Fixer column marked its seventh anniversary, but instead of giving ourselves wool or copper (seven is not as fancy an anniversary as gold or diamonds), we decided to check in with some folks who've been in this space before.

First, some happy news from a recent fix: Arlene Jones, whom we helped in August with an application snafu at an apartment complex in Sioux City, Iowa, is happily settled in. Arlene, who is disabled, moved from Harvey to be near one of her sons.

Her new apartment is on one level, with no stairs and a large handicap-accessible bathroom. Her kitchen has an accessible sink, so Arlene can clean up the dishes from her wheelchair. Her neighbors are nice, she says, and nearby there's a park where she reads her Bible.

"I sleep peacefully," Arlene told The Fixer last week. "It's just been a blessing to get to this point where I'm not so stressed."

We also caught up with Pat Meehan, one year after his dad, Mike Meehan of Schaumburg, died of cancer. We helped Mike in December 2005 after a problem with his ticket purchase meant he missed seeing a performance by comedic legends Tim Conway and Harvey Korman.

After that column ran — and the ticketing company did refund his money, by the way — Tim Conway's son surprised all of us by offering Mike free tickets and backstage passes for

another show. Mike took him up on his offer in April 2006 in Columbus, Ohio, and had a blast. After the show, the comedians posed for pictures and a video greeting for Mike's family. It was a memorable evening, to say the least.

Pat told us his dad loved to tell people about the time he hung out with Conway and Korman (who died in 2008). "He used to keep the [Fixer] article in his wallet," Pat said.

A week ago, about 50 of Mike's family members gathered at Wrigley Field, where Mike always swore he wanted his ashes scattered. Did that happen? Who knows? But his family sure had a good time. "You wouldn't have known the Cubs lost by sitting in our section," Pat said.

And we were happy to reconnect with Patricia Iwan of Chicago, who was on the verge of bankruptcy in 2010 when The Fixer helped clear up a paperwork error with her long-term disability insurance claim.

Patricia had already been battling the insurance company for more than a year at that point. After months of back-and-forth, we were able to help straighten it out, and the insurance company ended up sending back disability benefits totaling \$23,270, which allowed Patricia to save her home.

Our column about her ran in April 2010. Patricia got about two more years of monthly payments under her policy and was able to pay back family members who'd been keeping her afloat.

"You saved me," said Patricia, who despite a tough bout with West Nile virus this summer sounded bright when she spoke of the future. "I try and make the most of every day," she told us.

And that's good advice for everyone. ■

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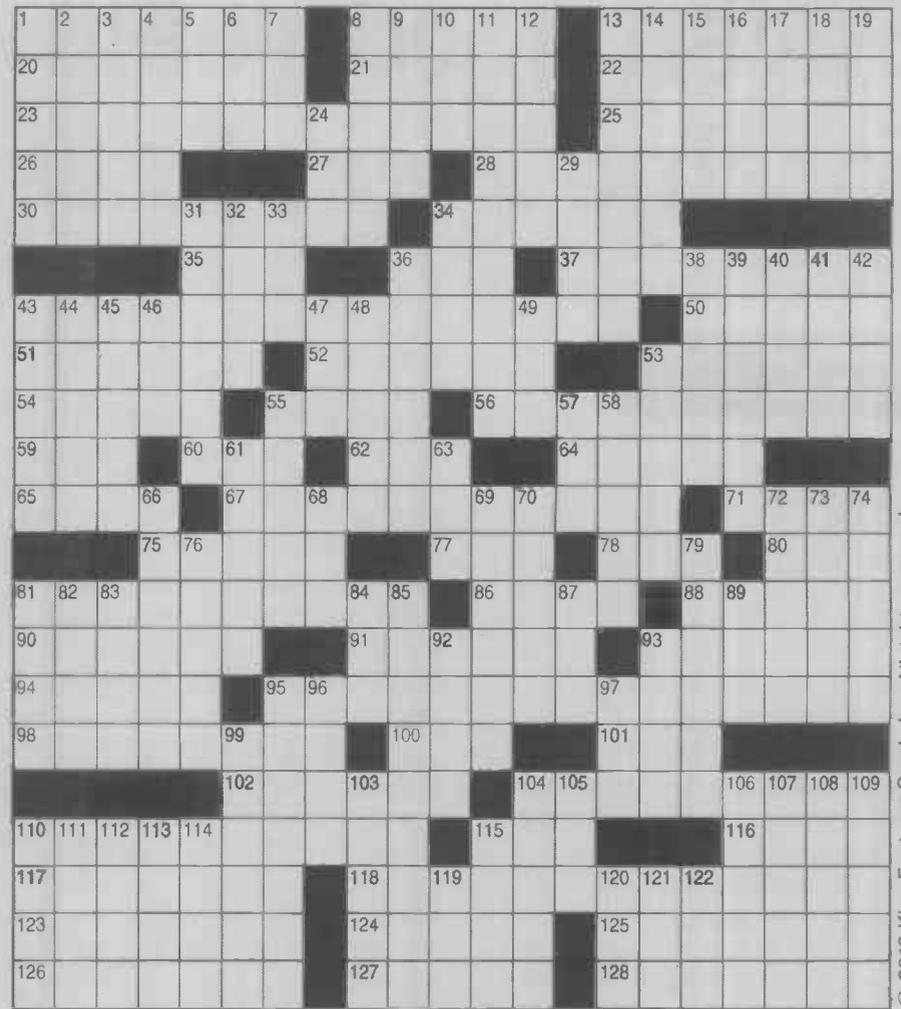
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 25 Kind of onion
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 27 Blokes
 28 Jolly Roger
 30 Bamboo-eating cutie
 34 Domination, in slang
 35 Hi—
 36 Gene-splicing need
 37 Army meal buddy
 43 Siren-sounding vehicle
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 54 Flax fabric
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 65 With 40-Down, highway snooze site
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 90 Inflammation of the ear
 91 Stella — (lager brand)
 93 Liquor lover
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 95 Cryptogram alternative
 98 Synonym, books
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 101 Charged bit
 102 Rouse
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 110 Often-twisted treat
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 116 City in Colombia
 117 Breakwater
 118 Descriptive of 10
 119 answers in this puzzle
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 124 "— you!" (cry of challenge)
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 10 Hamm with a 56-Across
 11 Suspects' humiliating escorts
 12 Include as a bonus
 13 Devastating damage doer
 14 High classes
 15 — one's time
 16 Flyboys' org.
 17 "— never fly"
 18 Twin of Luke Skywalker
 19 Lag behind
 24 Sumac from Peru
 29 "— Lama Ding Dong"
 31 Secret things
 32 They sting
 33 Psychic "gift"
 34 — about (close to)
 36 Hard laborer
 38 Kindle
 39 Person in the club
- 40 See 65-Across
 41 Parkway fee
 42 And the like: Abbr.
 43 Arctic
 44 Offer views
 45 Pre-Easter times
 46 State of rage
 47 "Right you —!"
 48 Concerning musical pitch
 49 Corp. kingpin
 53 Fly-catching bird
 55 Light boat
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 58 Flower part made up of sepals
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BY LINDA THISTLE

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(★: Moderate; ★★: Challenging; ★★★: HOO BOY!)

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HOROSCOPES

For the week of Oct. 10 to Oct. 16

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

You might feel compelled to get involved on the "right side" of a seemingly unfair fight. But appearances can be deceptive. Get the facts before going forth into the fray.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Bullying others into agreeing with your position could cause resentment. Instead, persuade them to join you by making your case on a logical point-by-point basis.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Resist pushing for a workplace decision you might feel is long overdue. Your impatience could backfire. Meanwhile, focus on that still-unsettled personal situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Your aspects favor doing something different. You might decide to redecorate your home, or take a trip somewhere you've never been, or even change your hairstyle.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

You might want to take a break from your busy schedule to restore your energy levels. Use this less- hectic time to also reassess your plans and make needed changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

What you like to think of as determination might be seen by others as nothing more than stubbornness. Try to be more flexible if you hope to get things resolved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Watch that you don't unwittingly reveal work-related information to the wrong person. Best to say nothing until you get official clearance to open up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

With things settling down at work or at home, you can now take on a new challenge without fear of distraction. Be open to helpful suggestions from colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Your creativity can help resolve an emotional situation that might otherwise get out of

hand. Continue to be your usual caring, sensitive self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

You could impress a lot of influential people with the way you untangle a few knotty problems. Meanwhile, a colleague is set to share some welcome news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Aspects favor recharging your social life and meeting new people. It's also a good time to renew friendships that might be stagnating due to neglect on both sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Congratulations. Your talent for working out a highly technical problem earns you well-deserved praise. The weekend could bring news about a friend or relative.

BORN THIS WEEK:

Your sense of justice makes you a strong advocate for the rights of people and animals alike.

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Calendar

Toddlers **0-3** Kids **4-12** Family **FAM** Teens **13+** Adults **18+** Seniors **65+**

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

Play Bunko

18+ 65+

Two Bunko parties will be held to benefit the Center of Concern on Oct. 12 at the South Park Recreation Center (Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue) in Park Ridge. The first event, "Bunko and Lunch" for men and women will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Later, "Ladies' Night" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ticket cost of \$15 includes bunko games and prizes, choice of beef sandwich or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy at (847) 318-1008 for reservations, and tickets will be held at the door; indicate whether attending the afternoon or evening session and choice of beef or pasta.

Schedule

65+

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

Mondays, through Oct. 29 — Employment counseling, by appointment.

Monday, Oct. 8 — Alzheimer's caregivers support group, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 — Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally-funded Senior Health Insurance Program).

Wednesdays, Oct. 17 and 31 — Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturdays, Oct. 6 and 20 — Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Oct. 27 — Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

CIVIC

Niles Township Clerk

18+ 65+

Niles Township Clerk's Office is open 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.

CLASSES

Animal assisted therapy

13+ 18+ 65+

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

CLUBS

Knights of Columbus

18+

North American Martyrs Council Chapter, 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.

MOMS Club

18+

Northern Chicagoland group holds weekly activities (such as play groups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momscclubofnorthernchicago> or email chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY

October Hustle

FAM

Golf Maine Park District is holding its annual Youth Mile/Senior Walk around Dee Park, corner of Dee and Emerson roads, Des Plaines, beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 13. Call (847) 297-3000, ext. 34.

Model Search and Baby Contest

0-3 4-12 13+ 18+

Golf Mill Shopping Center will host a Miss Sunburst Model Search and Baby Contest at 1 p.m. Oct. 7 in Center Court. Winners will go to the

state finals in May. Everyone will receive a crown and trophy. The baby pageant is for boys and girls, babies under 1 to age 3. A king and queen will be chosen in each age group. The Model Search is for girls, ages 4-27 years old. Entry forms are available at Customer Service located near JCPenney, and at www.pageantinfo.com.

Kids Baby Resale

18+ 65+

Twice As Nice Moms Kid's Baby Resale takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Items will include gently used baby and children's clothing, baby equipment, toys, books, coats, costumes and more. Admission is \$1; no strollers. The group also will be accepting donations for the Bear Necessities Pediatric Foundation, a national organization dedicated to eliminating pediatric cancer. Twice As Nice Moms is a nonprofit support group for families with multiple birth children. Visit twiceasnicemoms.com.

Holocaust Museum

FAM 65+

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center: 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; information: (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. To Jan. 6, 2013: Special exhibition, "Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America," a creation of the International Spy Museum, explores this vital question through video, film, interactive displays and artifacts, offering an unprecedented perspective into the stories of espionage, treason, and deception that Americans have contended with since the founding days of the republic. Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m.: "From Bat Bombs to Facebook: How 20th Century Technology Is Transforming 21st Century Spying" - Robert Wallace, former Director of CIA's Office of Technical Service, will trace the innovation and evolution of spy technology since 1945 with examples of operations, spy stories, and images. Free with Museum admission. Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m.: Pianist Jeanne Golan performs the complete sonatas of Viktor Ullmann, noted composer of the 1930s and 1940s who was persecuted, imprisoned and murdered by the Nazis. Single performance, general public, \$18; museum members, \$14, advance purchase price; a \$5 surcharge will be added to tickets purchased on the day of the performance. Oct.



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28, 1:30 p.m.: Jonna Mendez discusses "Josephine Baker: Singer, Dancer, Spy" - Talks about Baker's espionage on behalf of the French Resistance. Free with Museum admission.

FUNDRAISERS

Zumba

13+ 18+

On Oct. 6, Resurrection College Prep High School Parents Club will present a Zumba fitness class from 9-10 a.m. to support the Parents Club Tuition Assurance Program and the New Hope Food Pantry. Cost is \$5 per person plus a can of food. All are welcome and no advance registration is necessary. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago.

Fashion Show Benefit

FAM

Resurrection College Prep High School will host the Believe in Magic! Fashion Show Oct. 25 at Victoria in the Park, 1700 S. Elmhurst Road in Mount Prospect. Cocktails, raffles and games will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:15, entertainment and fashion show at 8:15 p.m. Fashions will be modeled by Resurrection students, staff, parents and alumnae. Reservations are \$50 each (or \$45 if purchased by Oct. 10) and may be made at (773) 775-6616, Ext. 112, or www.reshs.org. The community is invited.

Maine Twp. Garage Sale

FAM

The annual Maine Township Community Garage Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 6 in the parking lot of Maine

Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Donations of small working electronics, children's games, children's furniture and accessories, garden tools and small hand tools are especially needed. Donations of clothes, large and/or heavy furniture cannot be accepted. Drop-offs will be accepted from Oct. 1-4 only. Cash donations are also accepted. Call Ed Beauvais, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 270, or email him at ebeauvais@maintown.com. Information is also posted at www.maintownship.com. This event is organized by the MaineStay Department of Maine Township. Proceeds benefit the MaineStay Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry.

Streisand Ticket Raffle

8-15-

Raffle tickets are available for the Resurrection College Prep High School Barbra Streisand Premier Concert. Four tickets (\$2,000 value) are being raffled for the Oct. 26, 2012, Barbra Streisand concert at 8 p.m. at the United Center. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or three for \$50 and are available for purchase on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by calling (773) 775-6616, Ext. 112. The seats are on the main floor, Section 122, Row 13, Seats 1-4. A drawing for the concert tickets will be held Oct. 12. All proceeds benefit the students of Resurrection College Prep High School.

HEALTH

Whooping Cough Vaccine

4-12 FAM 13+ 65+ 18+

Whooping Cough Vaccine: All three of the Jewel-Osco Pharmacies in Niles are offering

the whooping cough vaccine booster in response to recent whooping cough outbreaks across the state. It is recommended that all individuals ages 11 and older receive the vaccination, called Tdap, which specially-trained and certified pharmacists are available to administer. Consumers can obtain the vaccination at Jewel-Osco Pharmacies seven days a week and no appointment is necessary.

HISTORICAL

Hours for the public

FAM 65+ 18+

Niles Historical Museum: 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open to the public 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium

easily accessible. Call (847) 390-0160.

KIDS

4-12 13+

The Twenty-First Star Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution encourages fifth-through eighth-grade students to compete in this year's annual American History Essay Contest. Topic is "Forgotten Patriots Who Supported the American Struggle for Independence" — with focus on the often unrecognized people and groups, including African-Americans, American Indians, French, Spanish, German and others who provided military, patriotic and public service in support of the American Revolution. Explain why it is especially important to honor the unsung heroes and often forgotten Patriots. One essay at each grade level is selected as the chapter

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winner and forwarded to the district American History chairman for further competition. Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. (Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics and other such additions will not be considered in judging and should not be included.) Deadline for submission is Nov. 5. Contact Twenty First Star Chapter Historian, Linda Andrews at (847) 692-6961 or lamsw06@att.net.

work with novices and experienced players alike. For kids in grades K-8.

Welcome to Ancient Egypt: The Serpent's Shadow - Oct. 8, 3 p.m.: Celebrate the end of The Kane Chronicles with quiz shows, hands-on activities, and cool prizes. Egyptologist Megaera Lorenz will bring replicas of ancient artifacts and talk about

"Egyptian Gods and Magic: How Archeology and The Kane Chronicles Intersect." Fun and informative for kids ages 9 and up, parents included.

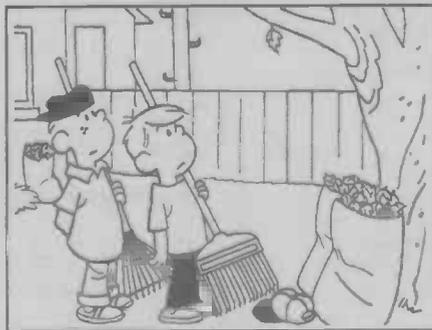
The Latest and Greatest in Children's Books - Oct. 10, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.: Teachers and other interested adults are invited to join for a look at some of the best new titles for preschoolers

to eighth-graders. A selection of tasty appetizers will be provided.

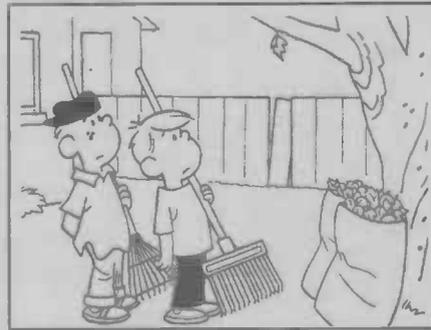
Bibliobop Dance Party - Oct. 12, 10 a.m.: Award-winning singer/songwriter Pam Donkin will join Bibliobop for a special concert. She uses guitar, colorful scarves and a fascinating collection of percussion instruments to make music.

HOCUS FOCUS

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LIBRARY

Niles Public Library:
6960 W. Oakton St.,
(847) 663-1234 or on-line at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

Programs for Kids

4-12 13+

Reading with Royer - Oct. 4 and 18 from 7-8:30 p.m.: Children can build confidence when reading out loud with friendly dogs as listeners; for kids in grades K+ (beginning to advanced readers). Call or drop by Youth Services, (847) 663-6622 to sign up for a 20-minute slot.

Knights of Niles Chess Club - Fridays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 9, 3:45 p.m.: Mr. Chris is available to

PUZZLE ANSWERS

See page 30 for this week's **Super Crossword** and **Sudoku** puzzles.

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Business \$

Business Spotlight

Bowling alley adapts to keep business rolling

BY NICK KATZ | nkatz@pioneerlocal.com

MORTON GROVE

Toward one end of the row of lanes at Classic Bowl a group of youngsters struggled to push the ball down the alley, assisted by bumpers that automatically rose when they went take their turn.

Maybe 15 lanes away a foursome of gray-haired women also enjoyed the sport, as two of them in a row rolled strikes.

Even at 10:30 on a weekday morning the Morton Grove bowling alley was busy, something co-owner Henry Barber likes to see.

He's managed to thrive while many bowling alleys have closed their lanes in the past several years.

In part, he said, it is because he has avoided the cliché of a dark, kind of seedy place where guys hang out chain-smoking and bowling.

"It starts with customer service and investing in your business and providing the best customer experience you can," Barber said.

A big part of it is the people who work there, he said, nodding toward his assistant Mitzi Kass, who has been working in bowling alleys for three decades.

"Half the people out there know Mitzi," Barber said, pointing to the row of alleys where some regulars are playing.

The atmosphere at Classic Bowl, at 8530 Waukegan Road, is also family-friendly, well-lit and bright, with



Dolores Szymaniak, of Niles, reacts to picking up a spare at Classic Bowl in Morton Grove on Sept. 26. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

current equipment, all designed to make it inviting to people of all ages and keep them coming back.

The whole place, Barber said, has been upgraded during the past three years.

"You have to make sure the place is clean, the air conditioning is working in the summer," Barber said.

Features of Classic Bowl include a new state-of-the-art scoring system with high-definition flat-screen displays on each of the 38 new Brunswick ProLane synthetic lanes.

Barber also installed new comfortable booth-style seating areas at each

lane with under-seat storage.

Kass said a key to the success of the place is the personal touch; something she said is missing from chain bowling alleys.

"To them you're just a number," she said. "Here you're a name."

"We're like Cheers," Barber added.

Much of the business comes from league bowlers, but Barber said he also has introduced many special bowling programs to entice customers to come in, particularly at slow times.

The business offers different discount programs at night, after the

UP CLOSE

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leagues are done.

Kass said people who work odd hours also like to come in late — the place is open until 2 or 3 a.m. — for some food, maybe a couple of drinks and, of course, bowling.

Classic Bowl also has camp groups from the Morton Grove Park District and hosts charity bowling events frequently.

Classic also holds Rage Bowling events on weekends that combine bowling in the dark on glowing lanes, fog machines and music videos.

"We try to keep the place as busy as we can," Barber said. "We'll try something and if it doesn't work we'll try something else."

Barber noted: "Bowling used to be the No. 1 participatory sport in the country."

That said, bowling still has a lot of fans who enjoy the combination of a social activity, sport and entertainment.

"It's still the cheapest form of entertainment," Kass said.

"There are still a lot of people who bowl regularly. It's year-around," Barber said. "We try to cater to everybody."

Classic Bowl's website with information on programs is located at: <http://classic.bowlbowl.com/index.html>. ■

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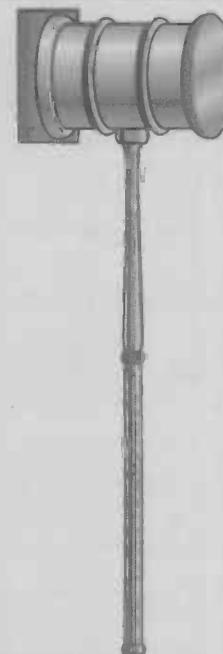
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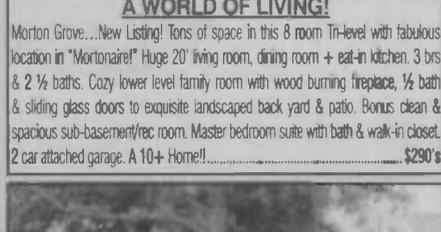

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What can you do with duct tape?

Duct tape has quickly become an icon of crafty chicness. Strong, water resistant, and versatile, duct tape is the perfect product for creating just about anything. Check out these crafty projects from some of my favorite duct tape crafters.

FLOWER TOPPED PEN

This craft comes courtesy of 11-year-old Rachel Peterman who created these pens to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

You need:

Duct tape
(green plus any other color)

Pen

Directions:

Cut six 8-inch strips of duct tape. Fold each strip lengthwise leaving about a quarter of the sticky side exposed.

Begin rolling the first strip so that it resembles the inside of a flower. Take another strip of duct tape and surround the first bundle, replicating the petals of a flower. Repeat this process with the remaining strips until flower is desired size. Attach the flower to the pen with a few pieces of duct tape.

Cover the pen with green duct tape, so it resembles the stem.



Pen floral decorations made out of duct tape. | **PHOTOS BY RYAN PAGELOW** - Sun-Times Media

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Layered rosette bracelets that Marisa Pawelko, author of *Crazy-Cool Duct Tape Projects*, created. Below, pencil pouches made out of duct tape.

INTERCHANGEABLE ROSETTE CUFF

Now you can have a statement bracelet to match your every mood with this cute cuff that comes with interchangeable rosettes.

You need:

Duct tape (any color)
Several large duct tape sheets or colored contact paper
Sequins or buttons
Nonstick scissors
Ruler

Compass or circle stencils

Velcro tape

Strong adhesive

Directions:

Trace and cut three duct tape circles that measure 3 inches, 2 inches and 1 inch respectively.

Cut three 12-inch strips of duct tape. Fold each strip lengthwise leaving about a quarter of the sticky side exposed.

Use each strip to make a row of pleats (tiny folds) around each of the circles.

Use a strong adhesive to attach the circles in order of size (largest to smallest).

Finally, add an accent piece to the middle of the rosette such as a button or sequin.

Create a wristband by placing two long strips of duct tape to each other (back to back).

Add a small piece of Velcro to the ends of the band to use as closure.

Add a small dot of Velcro to the center of the wristband, which will correspond with the various rosettes you make, ensuring you can interchange them as you please.

Thank you to Marisa Pawelko and Design Originals Publishers for sharing the pencil case and rosette cuff ideas. For more information about Marisa, visit www.modernsurrealist.com or www.d-originals.com.

PENCIL CASE

Not only is this case perfect for adding pizzazz to any book bag, it also makes a great clutch.

You need:

Duct tape (any color)
2 large duct tape sheets or colored contact paper (available at craft stores)

Velcro tape

Embellishments (rhinestones, buttons or sequins)

Nonstick scissors

Ruler

Strong adhesive

Directions:

Place both duct tape sheets on a flat surface.

Choose one sheet to be the liner of the case and the other to be the outside cover. Trim about 1/2 inch off each side of the liner sheet.

Peel off the backing of the outside cover sheet and place it, sticky side up, on your work surface. Center the liner sheet (colored side up) on top of the cover sheet. Note: To make

this step easier, do not remove the backing of the liner sheet.

Cut square notches on all four corners of the cover sheet and fold over the edges. With the liner side of the pencil case still facing up, attach Velcro tape to the outer edges of the pencil case. Fold the pencil case in half lengthwise, and then seal it by making sure the Velcro tape matches up. Use assorted duct tape and embellishments to make a pattern on the front cover.



Thinking outside the pickle jar

Preserves star in new recipes

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

That jar of Grandma's beloved pickled beets — and many other favorite preserves — will be put to work in some of the season's trendiest recipes.

More and more chefs will not only preserve summer produce this fall, but they will use the preserved foods to enhance the flavor of some of their latest recipes. From pickling juice in salad dressings to tomato jam in an oat-crusted lipstick pepper tart, preserves are finding a new spot on the dinner table.

"Preserving food has always been a part of my life from my family, as far as I can remember," said Paul Virant, chef/owner of Vie Restaurant in Western Springs and Perennial Virant in Chicago. "Professionally, it has been taken to another level."

At Virant's Michelin-starred Vie, he and Chef de Cuisine Nathan Sears preserve tomatoes by making them into tomato jam. The jam is used in a new oat-crusted tart flowing with lipstick peppers, grilled onions, pecans and Dante sheep's milk cheese.

Tomato jam is included in Virant's cookbook, *The Preservation Kitchen: The Craft of Making and Cooking with Pickles, Preserves, and Aigre-doux* (Ten Speed Press,

2012). In the cookbook, the jam accents pan-seared chicken with celery sauce and tomato jam-roasted potatoes. The potatoes are seared in a sauté pan with grape seed oil, salt and black pepper. Then they are roasted with a sprig of rosemary for 30-40 minutes. Tomato jam and garlic are stirred into the potatoes for a few minutes at the end.

"There are ways to incorporate preserves into recipes," Sears said.

"Think of them more like an ingredient."

Rudi Schmidt and Stu Waters, co-founders of Chicago-based pickling company Stu's Sour, also think outside the pickling jar. The Chicago duo started by making jars of Stu's "This is Bloody Mary Mix." Their latest product, pickled beets, inspired a salad dressing recipe using the juice from pickled beets.

To make the dressing, mix three parts grape seed oil with one part beet juice, a finely diced shallot and one teaspoon of Dijon mustard. Then shake the ingredients in a canning jar.

"I liked to add a little vinegar to my beet salad, and then I realized that I had my own much tastier vinegar right in the beet jar," Waters said.

Schmidt appreciates how all of the elements of the pickled beets are incorporated into the recipe. "It's letting nothing go to waste," he said.

Now that's food preserving. ■



Chef Sears demonstrates how tomato jam is made. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media



Preserves like tomato jam, served at Vie Restaurant in Western Springs, can be thought of like an ingredient, said Chef de Cuisine Nathan Sears. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media

Tomato Jam

(From Paul Virant)

10 cups of tomatoes, preferably Romas or San Marzanos
 ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
 1 sweet onion, thinly sliced
 1 tablespoon kosher salt
 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 1 ¼ cups sugar
 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons white wine

Core tomatoes and score ends with an X. In large pot of boiling, salted water, blanch for 1 minute.

Using a slotted spoon, transfer tomatoes to a baking sheet. Once they are cool enough to handle, peel away and discard skins and quarter tomatoes. Remove tomato seeds over a bowl fitted with a fine-mesh strainer to reserve as much juice as possible. Discard seeds and dice the tomato flesh into small squares.

In large pot over medium heat, warm olive oil. Stir in onion, and season with salt and pepper. Cook until onions begin to brown, then stir in sugar. Once the sugar has dissolved, pour

in wine and cook over medium heat until pot is nearly dry, about 15 minutes. Pour in tomatoes and reserved juices and simmer until tomatoes have softened and juice reaches about 212 degrees or until jam is thick enough to lightly coat the back of a spoon, about 45 minutes.

Scald 3-pint jars and 2 half-pint jars in large pot of simmering water fitted with a rack — you will use this pot to process the jars. Right before filling, put the jars on the counter. Meanwhile, soak lids in pan of hot water to soften rubber seal.

Ladle jam into jars, leaving a ½-inch space from rim of jar. Wipe rims with clean towel, seal with lids, then screw on bands until snug but not tight.

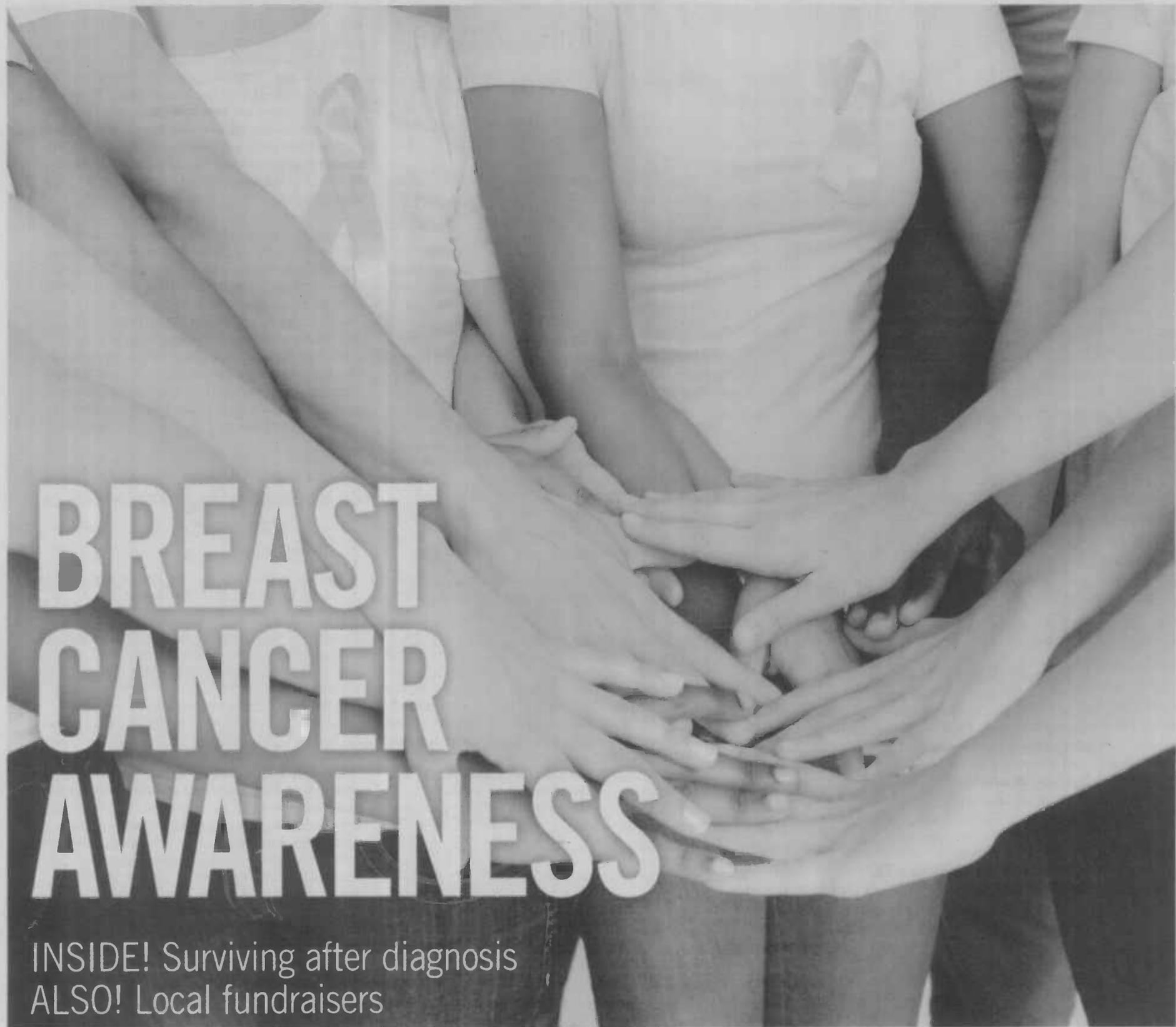
Place jars in pot with rack and add enough water to cover jars by about 1 inch. Bring water to boil and process jars for 10 minutes (start timer when water reaches a boil). Turn off heat and leave jars in water for a few minutes. Remove jars from water and let cool completely.

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Life goes on

More women survive, face lingering issues

BY MATTHEW SCHWERHA
For Sun-Times Media

When diagnosed with breast cancer, the news that a reconstructive surgery also acts as a pseudo-tummy tuck is about the best thing someone can hear.

"I had two kids, and to be honest, my stomach could go," said Jennifer McDermott, 45, of Evanston, who underwent a TRAM (transverse rectus abdominis muscle) Flap to reconstruct her breasts. "It's almost like a tummy tuck. It's a similar thing."

"A lot of women do silicon or saline breast implants. Breast implants have a shelf life and have to be replaced every 20 years. When I'm 60 and I'm 80, I don't think I want to have surgery."

Like McDermott, more and more women are surviving breast cancer and looking to live a long and happy life. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer death rates decreased 2.2 percent per year from 1990 to 2007. The decline in mortality has been attributed to improvements in treatment and detection.

Such was the case for McDermott.

"I was 42 and went and got a mammogram that revealed a lump," McDermott said. "I had cancer in three different areas of my breasts."

Upon receiving a diagnosis, breast cancer patients need to make many difficult choices regarding their treatment.

"I had a mastectomy and decided to not take my other breast off," McDermott said. "Everybody always worries it's going to go on the other side. The doctors biopsied me and said nothing was there."

Sometimes the scariest part of the process takes place after the cancerous cells have been removed.

Mary Maryland, patient nurse navigator for the American Cancer Society at Loyola University Bernardine Cancer Center, sees the trepidation.

"To some degree, after whatever intervention has happened, there is a 'now what?' feeling," Maryland said.

The journey of breast cancer carries on for years after diagnosis and treatment — taking a toll on the mind, body and wallet.

"I did chemo after my surgery and I was on that for 15 months," said 4-year breast cancer survivor Jennifer Lowlight, 38, of Mundelein. "There were three different regimens: six months of intrave-

nous chemo and nine months of a clinical trial of a pill I could take from home. I also did radiation and because of the type of cancer, I have been on tamoxifen and continue to take that every day."

But the same things that helped Lowlight overcome her cancer are now providing a roadblock to the life she had imagined, which included children.

"I was just married 6 weeks prior to my diagnosis and wanted a family someday," Lowlight said. "Because of the tamoxifen, it is really bad if I were to get pregnant. I would have to go off of it."

The stress of cancer can be elevated to whole other level if a patient does not have insurance or the best coverage. According to a 2009 synthesis of published evidence on the National Center for Biotechnology Information's website, the estimated lifetime per-patient cost of breast cancer in the United States ranges from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Continuing care accounted for the largest share of lifetime cost due to the relatively long survival of breast cancer patients. Susan G. Komen For the Cure reports in its "Facts for Life" that a generic form of tamoxifen costs about \$100 per month.

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JENNIFER LOWLIGHT, of Mundelein

my insurance situation," said McDermott, citing that she pays \$7 a month for her tamoxifen.

Lowlight points to her insurance as being a bit of a lifesaver.

"I did have insurance, which was a blessing," Lowlight said. "I had been laid off 12 weeks prior to my diagnosis. I decided to get Cobra. I don't know what I would have done had I not had insurance."

According to Dr. Patricia Robinson, assistant professor in the hematology and oncology division in the department of medicine at Loyola University, after diagnosis, treatment and recovery, the process comes full circle.

"Don't let one's diagnosis define who they are, but take it as one step in their cancer journey," Robinson said. "When you transition from treatment to cancer survivor it loops back to prevention. Employ strategies to reduce the risk of getting any type of cancer, like colonoscopies, pap smears and dermatology."



Shadows from the past: The journey through breast cancer carries on for years after diagnosis and treatment — taking a toll on the mind, body and wallet. | FILE PHOTO

AFTER TREATMENT: WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Women who have been treated for breast cancer sometimes develop the following:

1. Lymphedema.

Breast cancer survivors face the possibility of developing lymphedema, or swelling of the arm from buildup of fluid, for the rest of their lives. Any treatment that involves removing or giving radiation to the axillary lymph nodes carries the risk of lymphedema.

2. Uterine cancer.

Women who are taking tamoxifen or toremifene are at increased risk for uterine cancer and should have annual pelvic exams. This risk is highest in women who have gone through menopause.

3. Diminished bone health.

Women who are taking an aromatase inhibitor or are pre-menopausal and taking tamoxifen or toremifene, especially need to monitor their bone health. A bone density test may be in order.

4. Recurrence.

If symptoms, exams, or tests suggest a recurrence, imaging tests such as an X-ray, CT scan, PET scan, MRI scan, bone scan, and/or a biopsy may be done. Your doctor may also measure levels of blood tumor markers.

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A teacher's lessons become a survivor's strength

BY KIMBERLY ELSHAM

For Sun-Times Media

Geraldine Dirksen, 73, taught at Chicago Public Schools for 30 years. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987: the year of the last Chicago Teachers Union strike.

Dirksen, a longtime Wilmette resident, recalled her cancer survivor story from a peacock green settee in her home.

She remembered trying to return to normalcy with her class of second-grade, special-needs students that year.

"We had just gotten back to school after the strike. The kids had been out of school almost a month," she said.

Back then, she had a teaching partner to wrangle her class of 30-some students, who were challenging to control after four weeks out of the classroom.

This was early October 1987. Within a month, she would undergo a bilateral mastectomy. Nevertheless, she made it back to the classroom in six weeks.

"This monster wasn't going to beat me," Dirksen said. "I never thought I was not going

to make it."

A couple years prior, Dirksen said she started experiencing hot flashes, and she was prescribed two hormone supplements to alleviate her symptoms.

"I got the hormones; it gave me cancer instead of curing the hot flashes," she said.

On Oct. 20, 1987, she went in for a scheduled mammogram, and the doctors found a lump. On Oct. 22, she had a needle biopsy. It was cancerous.

Dirksen recalled the events surrounding the phone call from the doctor telling her she had cancer.

"The doctor called on a Monday night, which I thought was odd," she said.

The Friday before, one of Dirksen's daughters had snuck out of home to meet friends who were going to teepee someone else's house. The following Monday, the friends' parents were getting together at Dirksen's home to determine what the punishment would be for the girls. Then the phone call came.

Dirksen no longer felt like punishing her daughter.

On Nov. 3, she underwent a full mastectomy on her left breast at Evanston Hospital.

Once the doctors removed the lump, they saw it to be lobular, which meant the chances were high that a mirror image of the tumor was in the opposite breast. The doctor's suspicions were right.

She went back the next week to have her other breast removed. This was Nov. 16.

"The second time I was much more fearful. I thought maybe I have it somewhere else," she said. Luckily, a body scan showed no other cancer.

Dirksen's chemotherapy treatments started after the holiday break in 1988. She worked out an agreement with her principal to take half days every other Friday for treatments. Chemo wasn't affecting her too adversely, so she stuck it out in the classroom.

After a few months, however, it became too much. Her teaching partner had left so she was stuck with about 30 kids.

"I was totally wiped out, these kids were demanding," she said.

She completed chemo in the summer that year and underwent reconstructive surgery.

From there, her rout with cancer wasn't something that disappeared right way. Besides, she had two daughters — who were



The best support system: Geri Dirksen, 73, stands between her daughters: Cythia Dirksen, 41, and Mari Beth Dirksen-Turse, 37. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

teenagers at the time — to raise.

"It kind of just stayed with me," she said. "It wasn't until I retired in 1999, when both girls were out of college, that I got to take time and think about myself."

While she knew she couldn't control exactly what happened to her through life, "I could control how I reacted to it." She attributed her recovery to her positive outlook and to her family who supported her often.

Her sister, Elizabeth Carr, 78, a Northbrook resident, agreed, looking at her sister warmly from an adjacent loveseat in the Wilmette house.

"She's a pillar of strength," Carr said.

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Getting in step to raise money for breast cancer awareness, Obama

BY ANDY FRYE AND
MATTHEW SCHWERHA

For Sun-Times Media

Most political fundraisers are accompanied by eveningwear in a formal atmosphere. Rarely do they involve line dancing.

Let's Do it Again, a fundraiser taking place on Oct. 27 at the Ray & Joan Kroc Center, at 1250 W. 119th St. in Chicago, is a re-election fundraiser of a different sort. Although the required attire — black T-shirts with pink letters, black pants and black shoes — may be unusual, the fun event is coupled with a good cause.

Mz. Georgia's Plaze, a Chicago dance studio run by longtime Chicago resident and legendary dance instructor Georgia Griffin, will sponsor this evening of line dancing. Proceeds will be split between President Barack Obama's re-election campaign and the American Cancer Society.

The event is not only for dance enthusiasts. Let's Do It Again hopes to draw at least 1,000 people this year from Chicago and its suburbs. You don't need previous experience or dancing shoes.

"Anybody can participate," said Dian Edwards, the studio's business manager.

The event idea originated from Chicago's Yes We Can-Can



Two-step: Mz. Georgia (left) and Dawn Avery, aka Dawn the Dancin' Deeva, prepare for the Let's Do it Again fundraiser. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

fundraiser in January.

"We are trying to duplicate that and many, many more," Edwards said.

Line dancing has been a growing trend over the last five years, said Dawn Avery, an active dance instructor who participated in the January event.

"Line dancing is huge right now. It's blown up, especially over the last five years," said Avery, who is known throughout the line dance community as Dawn the Dancin' Deeva.

"There's country line dancing, square dancing and soul line dancing. Most of the moves we do are the same as country, but the music is different," Avery said. "Since a lot of African Americans like R&B music, we dance to R&B and slip in a little soul."

"It's great exercise and creates good camaraderie," Avery said. "If there's not a lot of men to dance with we can still get up and dance."

Avery also mentioned how line dancing promotes health. She said she has lost 30 lbs. in the last two years.

Edwards said Griffin specially choreographed a new line dance for the event and the groove is easy to pick up.

"You don't have to be a line dancer," Edwards said. "It's a very easy dance. It's only 32 steps."

At the fundraiser, Griffin's choreographed dance will be videotaped and made into a music video.

Those interested in being in the dance video can learn the routine by watching the clip "Let's Do It Again With Mz. Georgia" on YouTube.

"Take it from me: I love line dancing and I dance every day," said Avery, who noted that guests of the event need no prior dance lessons or fancy feet. "With line dancing, you just need yourself."

Contact Mz. Georgia's Plaze at (773) 632-6272 to order their shirt. Admission to the event is \$8 with a T-shirt, \$20 without a T-shirt.

Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Northwest Suburban fundraiser will be at 8 a.m. Oct. 14 at the AT&T Campus in Hoffman Estates. Visit www.makingstridesillinois.com.

Oct. 20

Chicago: The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Chicago fundraiser will take place at 9 a.m. Oct. 20 at Montrose Harbor. Visit www.makingstridesillinois.com.

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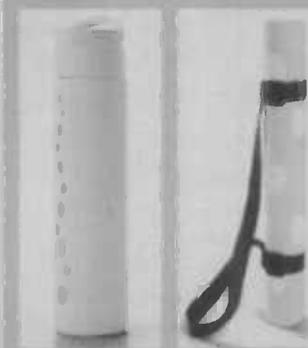
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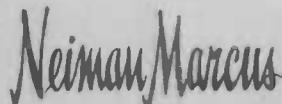
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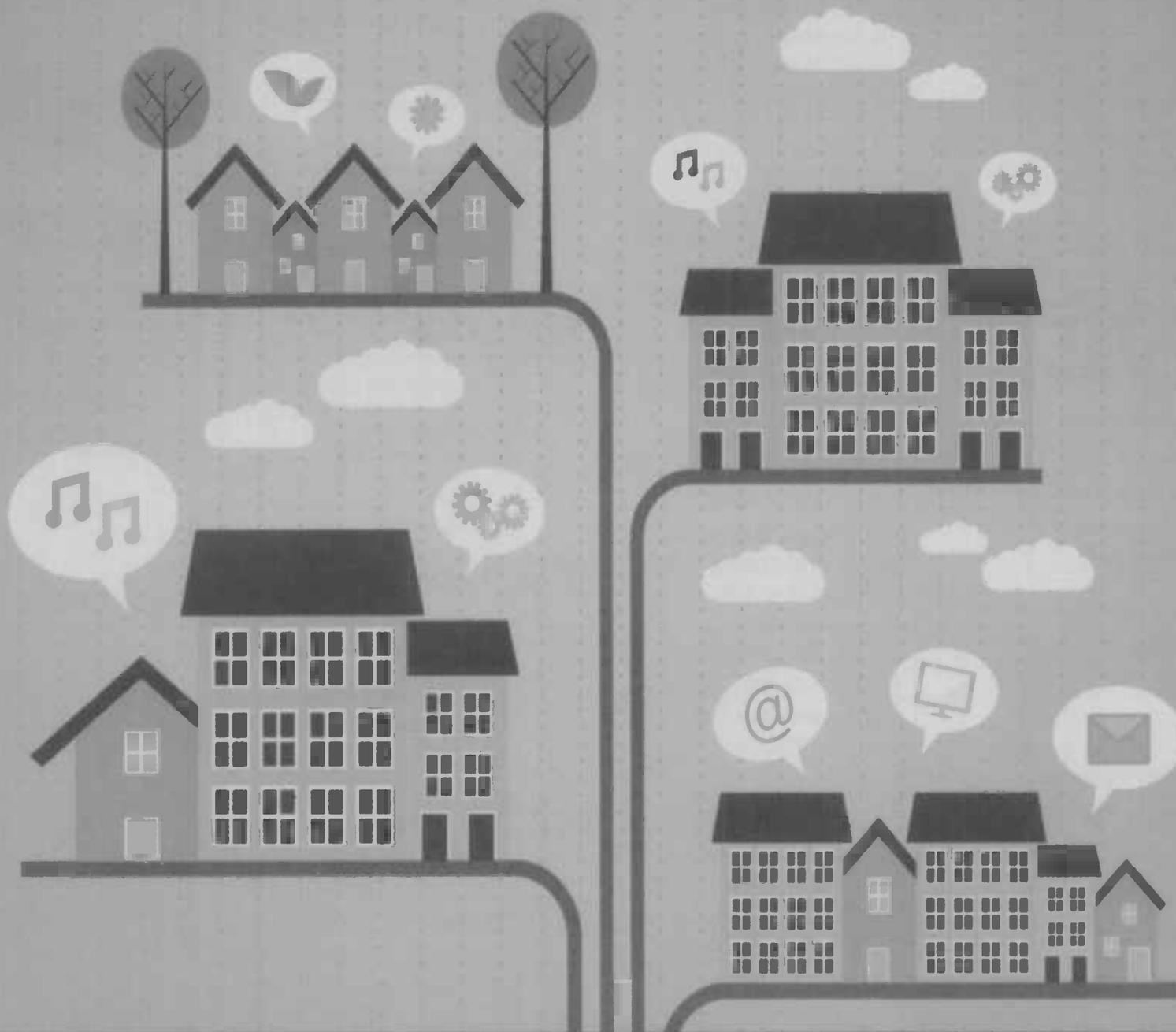
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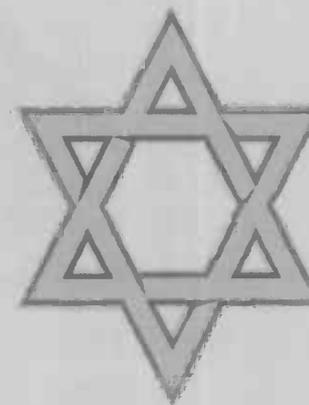
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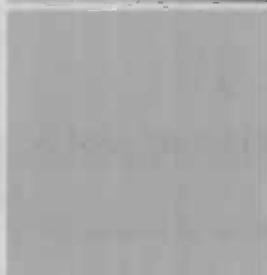
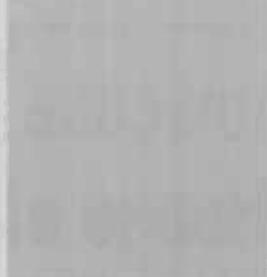
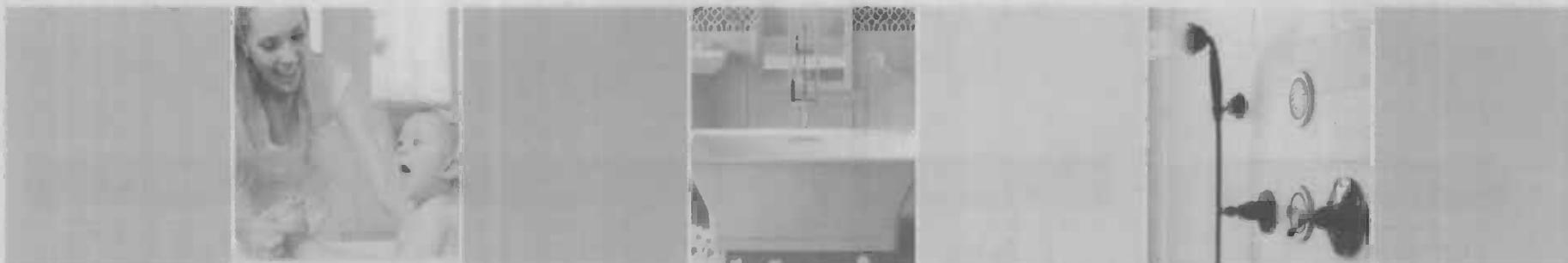
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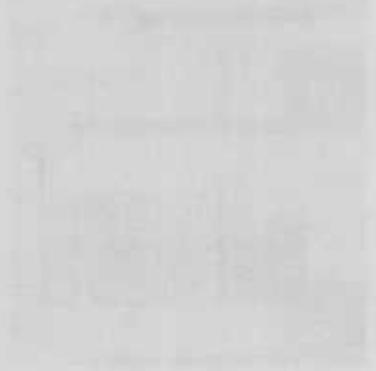
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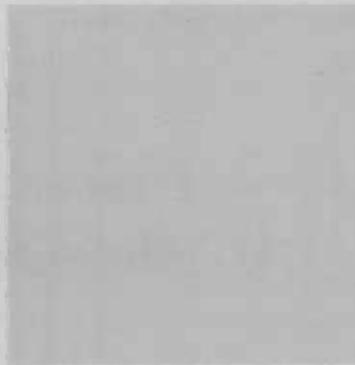
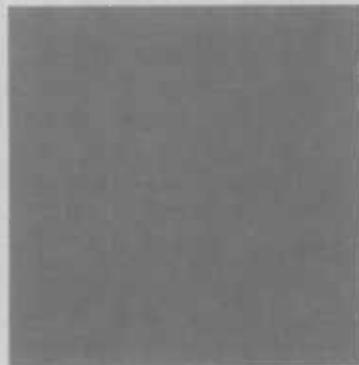
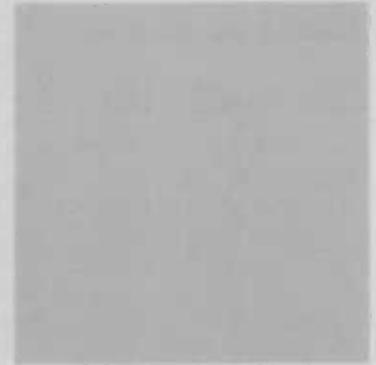
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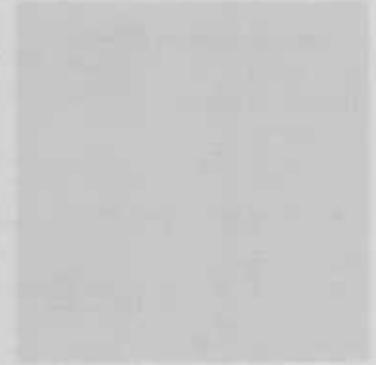
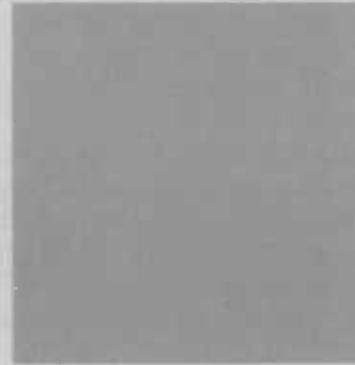
Light Opera Works presents a variety of popular songs during 'Operetta's Greatest Hits.'

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Play challenges audience on social issues

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People don't often sit down and contemplate issues of discrimination and racism, let alone talk about them.

The play "Defamation," written by Todd Logan of Evanston, is designed to remedy that.

And talk people will since the play, a courtroom drama, requires the audience to deliberate with one another and declare a winner of the trial.

"I love that the show can potentially challenge anyone's preconceptions about race, religion, class ... the constructs that are at the core of who we are and touch our lives every day," Richard Shavzin, director of "Defamation," said in an email. This year in addition to directing the show, Shavzin, of Chicago, also plays the lead male role of Arthur Golden, a wealthy businessman living in Winnetka.

"Defamation," a show about race, religion and class, is about to start its third season in productions at a variety of venues such as high schools, houses of worship, community centers, and libraries. Many of the shows are open to the public.

The premise is a trial that involves the fictional defendant Arthur Golden, a real estate developer from Winnetka, and the fictional plaintiff Regina Wade, the owner of a small design firm on Chicago's South Side. Wade files a defamation lawsuit against Golden, claiming that he tarnished her reputation after accusing her of stealing a watch during a business meeting at his home.

The show consists of 75 minutes of testimony touching on a host of issues — class, segregation, religious and racial discrimination — before in a unique twist, the actor playing the judge tells the audience he is not going to adjudicate the matter and it will be up to them to decide who wins the trial.

"What makes the play important is not so much anything in the play itself, but rather its effect on an audience," Shavzin explained. "If one audience member sees a play and opens his or her mind to a



Kimm Beavers (from left), Stacey Doublin and Brian Rooney in "Defamation." | PHOTO BY MICHAEL BROSILOW

'Defamation'

Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie

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Information at (847) 635-1699

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new idea, or rethinks an old one — that's what makes a play or any work of art important."

Logan, 58, is a humor writer and filmmaker as well as a playwright, and also lived in Winnetka for many years. He said that while writing the play he wondered how it was going to end until finally realizing, "I did not have to have that answer, that the audience could decide that."

The seed for the show was first planted seven years ago after Logan attended a

play reading with a friend and fellow playwright. After the reading, they went out for drinks with some of the cast. Three of the people joining them that night were African American. Logan noticed at the time that he could not remember the last time he had socialized with African Americans.

The experience began a process of self-examination, he said.

"When I went home that night, I started asking myself questions, 'How did it come to pass that in spite of my personal views on civil rights, civil liberties and my political views that are progressive, how did I end up back on the North Shore in a town whose racial makeup has changed very little since I left the North Shore in 1971 to go to college?'"

He said he hopes to generate conversation among audience participants, "because I believe conversation can lead to greater empathy and tolerance and understanding." ■

Information on booking the show is available at DefamationThePlay.com.

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CHRYSLER OFFERS ITS LAST TOWN & COUNTRY

BY SUE MEAD

For Sun-Times Media

We have seen many automakers let the minivan fall by the wayside in favor of the more popular crossover vehicle in recent years. Now we learn Chrysler, the inventor of the minivan, will say goodbye to the Town & Country.

Chrysler will replace the Town & Country minivan with a crossover that could resemble the Mercedes-Benz R-Class. We wonder if a reinvented Pacifica is on its way back.

Completely revised last year, Chrysler's minivan seats up to seven, sports a sleek exterior and is even more family friendly inside than the model it replaced. Even the most anti-minivan motor heads will notice Town & Country's athletic, almost stocky front end, with big trapezoidal headlamps and a wide grille. Dual-power sliding doors are standard on all versions, as are power and heated folding side mirrors.

Starting at \$30,995, the 2012 Town & Country's three trim levels are Touring, Touring-L and Limited. Under the hood of this front-wheel drive minivan is a 3.6-liter V-6 engine that makes 283 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque; it is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission.

Chrysler says this Pentastar engine gets best-in-class horsepower and fuel economy of 17 mpg in the city, 25 mpg on the highway. A new fuel economy mode allows drivers to choose between standard and fuel-saving shift calibrations.

We test drove this minivan during its introduction last year and again recently in Texas. Chrysler's engineers tuned the suspension and other drive features for responsive handling while motoring; it is quieter in a comfortable cabin with good visibility. Once at the wheel, it's easy to see why this engine was named one of Ward's 10 Best Engines as its on-tap horsepower and torque provides safety for pass-



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ing and accident-avoidance maneuvers.

Our 2012 Town & Country Limited tester came with second-row captain's seating. Notable interior features were great ergonomics, the use of updated, premium materials and the available super-center console that has clever functionality and storage for CDs, DVDs, notepad and wallet, and integrated power outlets as well as easy driver/passenger access with a pass-through storage space for larger items such as a big pocketbook.

Among the innovative design cues are trim rings in the console that glow an ambient blue-green color, allowing drivers and passengers to find the items they are looking for at night.

Inside, nifty features include front and rear overhead consoles with an observation mirror and sunglasses holder for front driver and passengers, plus storage bins in the rear. There's also a removable sliding floor storage bin with cup holders and a power outlet.

Town & Country is the only minivan with standard

DVD and leather seating, which is new for 2012, along with a leather-wrapped steering wheel with wheel-mounted audio controls; a segment-first heated steering wheel is optional as is an integrated stowage system for the minivan's roof rails. The new roof rails reduce drag and bring better fuel efficiency to the minivan when not in use.

The family hauler's rear seats are reconfigurable, foldable and also removable. There are improvements to the ground-breaking Stow 'n Go seating and storage system, which are still only offered by Chrysler Group. It has upgraded seat comfort and a one-touch fold-down feature for easier access to the third row.

Chrysler holds claim to inventing the modern minivan in 1983 with the Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager and bringing the first luxury minivan, the Town & Country, to market in 1989. Seventy-five minivan-first innovations and 13 million minivan sales later, the automaker remains master of the minivan formula.

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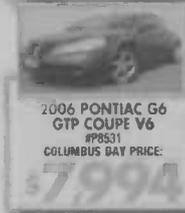
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Luxury models offered at two
Weiss condo communities

Weiss Development offers furnished and upgraded models for sale in two communities, Lincolnshire Place in Lincolnshire and River's Edge in Vernon Hills, located one mile apart on Milwaukee Avenue, where visitors can tour several decorated model homes in both communities.

Weiss Development is inviting the public to visit its furnished models to discover the latest in product design and luxury finishes.

Lincolnshire Place

At Lincolnshire Place, where condominiums are priced from the mid \$300,000s, buyers will receive all the featured upgrades and luxury finishes displayed in the models at no additional cost through October.

A few of the bonus features include diagonally-laid, distressed or hand-scraped hardwood floors, the newest Kohler Vault stainless steel kitchen sink, breakfast buffet cabinetry, glass and marble backsplash, stone and glass mosaic bathrooms tiles and more.

Lincolnshire Place is a two-building development featuring masonry facades and stone accents housing 62 condominiums along the scenic Village Green in Lincolnshire. Elegant homes have two to three bedrooms, two to 3½ baths and homes up to 3,250 square feet. Buyers can select from seven innovative designs, and homes may be custom finished, but several units are move-in ready now.

Weiss Development has incorporated a host of amenities inside the home such as a computer station adjacent to the kitchen, oversized showers, multiple



Get personal: Weiss Development offers the opportunity to personalize one of the four final two-bedroom, two-bath condos available at River's Edge in Vernon Hills. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



Moving up: Upgrades and luxury finishes displayed in two decorated models are free with purchase at Lincolnshire Place. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

balconies, private entrances, and penthouse rooftop decks.

A "walkable" community, residents can easily access nearby dining and shopping and enjoy biking and walking trails at the forest preserve. Owners utilize the lifestyle amenities which include a fitness room, resident's club, infinity pool terrace and outdoor kitchen featuring a fireplace and barbecue grill.

Lincolnshire Place is at 400 and 450 Village Green. To visit, from Milwaukee Avenue, go one block north of Route 22, then one block east of Milwaukee. Decorated models are open daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (847) 276-2670 or visit LincolnshirePlace.com.

River's Edge

Nestled against the Half Day Forest Preserve, River's

Edge has the draw of natural beauty added to its own distinguished North Woods stone and masonry architecture, and is set on a five-acre site in Vernon Hills. This condominium community boasts a one-acre nature park adjacent to the Des Plaines River bike trail, as well as a waterfall to welcome visitors.

Two models are now for sale along with two-bedroom and two-bedroom-plus-den units, and a 1,900-square-foot penthouse. Priced from \$329,900, the last four units all have sought-after wooded views and 1,660 to 2,325 square feet of space.

Luxurious Interior appointments include sunrooms or dens or formal dining rooms, home offices, large private balconies, windows with transom lights, solid-core doors, wood floors in the foyer, living and dining areas, and each unit is pre-wired for higher speed computers and telephones.

Standard kitchen features include wood flooring, granite counters, 42-inch maple cabinets, dishwasher, built-in microwave, side-by-side refrigerator with ice and water in the door, Kitchen Aid disposal and a Kohler double-bowl stainless steel sink.

Owners enjoy amenities such as a club room with a large terrace and fitness facility, while all condos have one or two indoor parking spaces with storage. For a maintenance-free lifestyle, association fees cover common ground maintenance as well as the owner's gas, heat and water.

River's Edge is on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue, 1½ blocks north of Route 22, (past Life Fitness) with its entrance on Benjamin Drive. The sales center is open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. Call (847) 821-8080 or visit RiversEdge-byWDC.com.

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Gerstad offers homes for under \$170,000 at Dawson Creek

To satisfy first-time homebuyers walking into the sales center looking for value, Gerstad Builders is offering ranch and two-story plans that offer 1,292 to 2,030 square feet of living space for prices ranging from \$139,990 to \$168,990.

These homes include amenities like furniture-quality Aristocraft cabinetry, GE appliance package (range, dishwasher and range hood) and Kohler faucets. With 30-year fixed rate mortgages near 3.55 percent, the time has never been better for families to purchase their first home. Plus, in a Gerstad community, residents are not subject to Special Service Area or homeowner association fees

"If you are a first-time homebuyer looking for an affordable home set on a spacious home site, our \$139,990 Biltmore ranch model is the perfect choice," said Roger Gerstad, president of the company. "We will help you every step of the way to get your financing, set a ground breaking date and walk you through every step of the construction process, until we hand over the keys to your new home."

For example, depending on a family's specific finances, the purchase of the 1,382 square-foot Biltmore home for \$139,990 with a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage of 3.55 percent, the monthly payment would only be approximately \$633 (does not include property taxes, private mortgage insurance or property insurance).

"At this price, you will never purchase a brand new home at a cheaper price than we are offering right now," said Gerstad. "This unbelievably low purchase price combined with interest rates at an all time low of 3.55 percent means that ownership of a single-family home hasn't been this affordable since the mid 1980's. As a result, they may pay less per month for



Good start: At Gerstad Builders' Poplar Grove community, Dawson Creek, a family can purchase the 1,382-square-foot Biltmore home for \$139,990. This three-bedroom home can be reconfigured to include a spacious den. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

one of our homes than they are currently paying for a small two-bedroom apartment."

Representing Dawson Creek's most affordable home, the Biltmore model was designed to be attractive to a wide range of homeowner lifestyles. For those with growing families, the study can be converted into a third bedroom. For empty-nesters, the floor plan eliminates the need to climb stairs.

The home features a two-car garage, steeply raked rooflines and decorative brick (per plan). Because of clever architectural details like a cathedral ceiling in the great room, 9-foot ceilings in all other rooms and the elimination of unnecessary walls between the kitchen and great room, the feeling of spaciousness is emphasized significantly.

In addition to the Biltmore model, Dawson Creek offers a variety of ranch and two-story homes that typically feature vaulted ceilings (per plan), three to five bedrooms, two to three baths, living room, formal dining room, family room, professionally designed kitchens, breakfast area, basement and an attached two-car garage. These homes provide 1,567 to 2,929 square feet of living space that are

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The homes at Dawson Creek all feature luxury amenities, such as furniture-quality cabinetry, General Electric appliance package (stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal, and range hood), Kohler bathroom fixtures and faucets, and a one-year warranty program.

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Gerstad Builders also offers a variety of optional features in all its homes, including skylights, three-car garages (per plan), wood-burning fireplace, additional volume ceilings, custom millwork, imported ceramic tile, Corian or granite countertops, hardwood flooring, and English or walkout basements.

The village of Poplar Grove is only 17 miles east of Rockford, with good schools and nearby Rockford hospitals.

The Trails of Dawson Creek is on the north side of Orth Road, approximately a half mile east of Route 76. For more information, call (815) 547-0800 or visit the Website at www.gerstadbldrs.com.

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TODAY'S HOMES

New models are on display at The Legacy At Millennium Park

Two new model residences showcase the remaining luxury condominiums in Chicago available at The Legacy at Millennium Park, a 72-story new construction high-rise in the Loop.

Located at 60 E. Monroe St., just west of Michigan Avenue, The Legacy features 356 condominiums with "forever views" overlooking Millennium Park, Lake Michigan and the city. Remaining homes range in price from \$393,000 for an 875-square-foot one-bedroom floor plan to \$6 million for a 9,301-square-foot, full-floor penthouse.

The new models highlight The Legacy's Skyline and Millennium series residences in Tiers 01 and 02, located on Floors 16 through 59. Both tiers offer panoramic east facing views, with the "01" also facing north and northwest and the "02" opening up to the south and southwest.

Unit 5201 is a three-bedroom, three-bath floor plan with 2,405 square feet, an open living area, and a large eat-in kitchen with island. Upscale finishes include Sub-Zero, Wolf and Miele appliances, dark stained Snidero cabinets with metal trim, and white carrera marble countertops. The master suite has a large sleeping area, two walk-in closets and an en-suite bath with double vanity, soaking tub and separate shower. The model, by Glen Lusby Interiors, features a contemporary décor with comfortable furnishings, designer lighting and a color scheme of cool blues and greys that echo the hues of Lake Michigan.

Across the hall, Unit 5202 also includes three bedrooms and three full baths in a 1,999-square-foot layout. The home features a large living/dining area with hardwood floors, floor-to-ceiling windows on three sides, and an adjoining private balcony with views of Millennium Park and the Lake. The master bedroom also has a large walk-in closet



See forever: Homeowners at The Legacy can almost "see forever" from their homes, with views overlooking Millennium Park, Lake Michigan and the city of Chicago. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

and bathroom with six-foot soaking tub, separate shower and double vanity. The model highlights an eclectic mix of contemporary and traditional furnishings in natural woods and earth-toned textiles.

"These three-bedroom tiers are kind of the flagship of The Legacy at Millennium Park, in that they feature the spaciousness, luxury and views that set this building apart from other new — or newer — construction in the area. The multiple view perspectives are really beyond description. You just have to come up here to really appreciate how special they are," said Richard A. Hanson, principal and founder of Mesa Development, which along with Walsh Investors, LLC, is developing the Legacy.

The Legacy also has a variety of exclusive amenities, including an indoor lap pool, whirlpool spa, two community rooms with adjoining outdoor sky-gardens, a fitness center and an on-site concierge offering valet dry cleaning and package receiving. A sky-bridge also connects The Legacy to the adjacent University Club of Chicago. Legacy residents who are not members can still enjoy certain club privileges, while members have direct access to all of the facilities, programs and services of the University Club. The University Club is

an independent private-membership club with admission governed by its own policies and bylaws.

In addition to upscale amenities, The Legacy is surrounded by world-renowned shopping, restaurants, theater and art. Residents are just steps away from Millennium Park, Grant Park, The Art Institute of Chicago, Harris Theater and more.

"Homeowners at The Legacy truly experience the ultimate luxury lifestyle. The residences are very spacious, the location and views are incomparable, and it's a great value," said George Schultz, vice president of brokerage services for @properties, and exclusive sales and marketing representative for The Legacy at Millennium Park.

Designed by Chicago based architecture firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz, The Legacy has been recognized for its contemporary architecture and urban planning. It was recently honored with a Vision Award from the Urban Land Institute, Chicago District Council (ULI Chicago), which celebrates visionary projects, programs and developers.

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Lake Park Crescent is an award-winning, lakefront enclave of finely-crafted homes located in the historic North Kenwood-Oakland district. One bedrooms have just been reduced to \$99,800 and the three bedroom duplex homes are now from \$219,800, all with luxury finishes, outdoor living spaces and garage parking.

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The Legacy at Millennium Park
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Condo
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Condo
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Richelieu Flats

318 S. Michigan Avenue
Condo
\$1.35 million to \$2.3 million
(312) 980-1517 (listing agent Millie Rosenbloom)
www.318SMichigan.com

An adaptive reuse of an eight-story building along the historic South Michigan Avenue "streetwall," Richelieu Flats includes four fully renovated 2,650-square-foot full-floor residences, and one 4,300-square-foot duplex penthouse offered as raw, customizable space. Homes feature magnificent views from oversized windows overlooking Michigan Avenue and Grant Park.

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American Invscio
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Condominiums
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200ndearborn.com

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Townhomes
Townhomes from \$159,990
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www.mihomeschicago.com

This community features a scenic pond, gazebo and courtyards with benches. Conveniently located near the corner of Barrington Rd and Lake Street, Church Street Station offers new homes near Bartlett High School. These new townhomes in Hanover Park are part of the M/I Homes Uptown Series of new townhomes in Chicago. Church Street Station offers new homes with a maintenance free lifestyle, finished lower levels and 2 car garages.

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815-385-4495
Gerstadbuilders.com

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TODAY'S HOMES

Model opens Oct. 7 at Wicker West 1555

A chic new professionally furnished and decorated contemporary-style model will grand open on Oct. 7 at Wicker West 1555, a 9-unit mixed-use condominium development at 1555 N. Talman Ave. in Chicago's West Town.

The 4-story elevator building, on the southeast corner of North Avenue and Talman Avenue, features private decks showcasing sweeping views of Chicago's Loop.

The property was recently purchased by Mosaic Development, LLC, a real estate investment firm, which is completing construction on the building and marketing the remaining units.

An invitation-only "Champagne Twilight Broker's Open-House Tour" will feature gourmet food, refreshments and live jazz-violin music by Samuel Savoirfare Williams from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

on Thursday, Oct. 4.

"With the real estate downturn ending and strong resale activity under way, new commercial and residential development is spilling over from the upscale Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods into the West Town community, just west of Western Avenue," said Realtor Sara Benson, CRB, ABR, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty, the

exclusive broker.

Benson noted, "Wicker West 1555 is strategically located between established Wicker Park and the airy, green recreational space of 219-acre Humboldt Park. We envision that a new West Wicker Park enclave surrounding the development will emerge with an upscale identity."

A prospective buyer's

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New look: Architect John Issa of Perimeter Architects, a 2012 AIA award-winning architect, has redesigned the exterior façade of the building at Wicker West, adding new contemporary zinc-tone metal panels and a refreshed paint palette. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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This community features bike paths, parks, and a scenic pond with an overlook. Nearby amenities feature the Centennial Park Aquatic center, Sportsplex, and Lake Sedgewick. Additionally, this community is within walking distance of the Metra commuter rail system. These new homes in the Orland Park area also have easy access to the Loop, O'Hare & Midway Airports. Sheffield Square offers new homes in the Orland School District 135 with students attending Carl Sandburg High School.

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Whitmore Place offers new homes in St. Charles Township. This Kane County community features a park with a gazebo, walking trails and beautiful wooded surroundings. Whitmore Place offers new homes near St. Charles School District 303. Whitmore Place is convenient to downtown St. Charles and is within 6 minutes from shopping and entertainment.

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Sutton Ridge
7 Tall Grass Court, Streamwood
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This community is surrounded by the Cook County Forest Preserve and features beautiful wooded, look-out and walk-out home sites. These new ranch style townhomes in Cook County are located near the Arboretum, 2 miles south of 90. Sutton Ridge offers spacious open floorplans and brick front homes with a 9' basement. Sutton Ridge is convenient to shopping and restaurants at Woodfield Mall and allow for easy access to 90.

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Weiss Development
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open house is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 at Wicker West 1555. Buyers who purchase during the grand opening weekend will receive a free indoor parking space valued at \$15,000, a free washer-dryer hook-up valued at \$1,000, and a free Maytag washer and dryer valued at \$1,800, Benson said.

"Every condominium residence at Wicker West 1555 is unique," Benson said. "The development showcases avant-garde architecture, innovative floor plans, upscale contemporary finishes and extremely attractive pricing."

Five two-bedroom and

three-bedroom residences with two to three baths and 1,537 to 1,875 square feet of living area are now available for immediate occupancy.

The development contains a total of eight residential units and one ground-floor commercial space.

Grand-opening prices at Wicker West 1555 begin at \$329,000 for the most affordable two-bedroom unit and range upward to \$399,000 for the largest three-bedroom layout, including deeded garage parking.

Unit 3E, the furnished and decorated model, is a two-bedroom, 2½-bath duplex penthouse condominium with 1,537 square feet of living area. It features a private rooftop deck with panoramic skyline views of Chicago's Loop.

The model includes an entry gallery that opens to a spacious living room with a gas fireplace showcasing a

granite mantle and slate-tile surround. The adjoining island kitchen is open to the living room, and features sleek custom quartz counter tops and granite backslashes. A powder room is nearby. A staircase, accented with a custom-steel handrail, leads up from the gallery to two bedrooms and two full baths. The master bedroom suite features a walk-in closet and private bath with double vanity, whirlpool tub and separate shower. The master bath is outfitted with designer Moroccan tile.

Another stairway leads to the 350-square-foot rooftop deck. The model, decorated by interior designer Toby Van Ober of Sizzle Productions, is grand-opening priced at \$329,000.

Benson Stanley Realty currently is marketing the following other immediate-occupancy residences at Wicker West 1555:

■ Unit 2B, a three-bedroom, two-bath simplex condominium with 1,675 square

feet of living area features a double-sided gas fireplace between the living room and master bedroom, and a private balcony with a northwest view. It is listed at \$345,000.

■ Unit 3F, a three-bedroom, three-bath duplex penthouse condominium with 1,621 square feet of living area and a private 350-square-foot roof-top deck with panoramic skyline views is listed at \$379,000.

■ Unit 3D, a three-bedroom, three-bath duplex penthouse condominium with 1,875 square feet of living area, two balconies and a private 350-square-foot roof-top deck with panoramic skyline views is listed at \$399,000.

■ Unit 2A, a two-bedroom, two-bath simplex condominium with 1,650 square feet of living area and a private 191-square-foot roof-top deck, is listed at \$329,000. The unit has a master-bedroom suite with private balcony, and large walk-in closet.

The Wicker West Condominiums model and sales center is at 1555 N. Talman Ave. in Chicago's West Wicker Park neighborhood. Sales center hours are from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays, and by appointment. Call Benson Stanley Realty at (312) 337-4600, or visit the development Website at www.WickerWest1555.com.

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Although getting away from the suburbs and into the city is nice, there comes a time when it is more affordable to purchase a pied-a-terre as opposed to staying in a hotel.

Bill and Susan Stevenson, who are long-time residents of St. Charles, recently purchased a condo at 474 North Lake Shore Drive. Although they considered moving downtown full time, proximity to their kids and grandkids in the suburbs kept them from selling their home.

"The sales staff were a pleasure to work with," said

Susan. "We had been thinking about buying a second home for a while but we were a little concerned with taking on another mortgage. We visited the building just about every weekend for six months until we finally put our fears aside and decided on a condominium that would suit our needs. We also realized that 474 was running out of inventory very quickly."

"When we learned there were less than twenty homes available, it became obvious that the time to act was now," she said.

An important factor in the Stevensons' decision to purchase at 474 was that buyers can still customize their homes by choosing the type of cabinets, the color of the granite countertops, hardwood flooring and the appliance package. 474 is one of the few buildings currently offering the opportunity to do

this type of customization.

"We were able to choose finishes that suited our taste and not have to live with someone else's design decisions. We gave our condo a completely different look and style than our home in Saint Charles," said Susan.

The stunning views of the city skyline and the building's amenities and location were also major selling points for Bill and Susan.

"474 has all of the amenities my wife and I were looking for," Bill said. "It is great that the door staff is there to greet guests and accept packages but I also sleep better at night knowing a staff member is watching the entrances of the building, especially when we are not there."

"The other amenity I love at 474 is the amazing fitness center. I viewed many of the fitness centers downtown and found them to be small and

not very useful. The one at 474 is like a gym in the city. There is so much equipment and the space is so large, my wife and I both did not need a gym membership, which saved us over \$300 per month."

The building also offers many other great amenities including indoor and outdoor entertaining options on the 16th floor sun deck, an indoor 1,200-square-foot party room and catering kitchen, which opens out to an impressive furnished sundeck with gas grills and awe-inspiring views.

The development is located in the heart of Streeterville. The neighborhood includes some of Chicago's best restaurants. Residents can walk from 474 to a breakfast hotspot like Yolk, lunch at RL or dinner at the new Maison overlooking Lake Shore East Park. For gourmet

groceries, Fox and Obel is located on the same block and shopping on the Magnificent Mile is minutes away. Nearby are a 21-screen AMC theater and Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier. The lakefront path, for biking or walking, is across the street, while The Art Institute and other museums are in walking distance.

Bill and Susan have enjoyed getting to know their neighborhood and taking in the culture of the city.

"We've really enjoyed being able to go to all the museums and then just walk or take a cab home to our place at 474," Susan said. "Dining out is also great since there are so many great options nearby."

474 North Lake Shore Drive has an on-site sales center, which is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon



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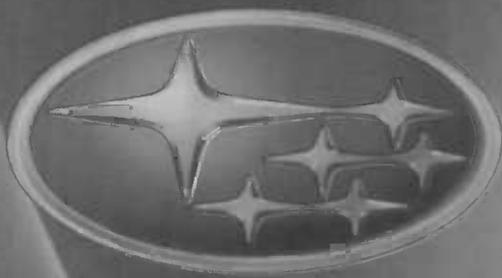
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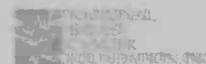
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Oct. 1

After School Matters gala

Celebrate and support Chicago's aspiring artists, singers, dancers, chefs and other talent (before they hit the big time) at the After School Matters 10th annual gala. Held in Navy Pier's Grand

Ballroom, the event will feature dinner and a reception, plus an art gallery and performance, all by After School Matters youth. The organization was created and promoted by the late **Maggie Daley**. Her husband, former mayor **Richard M. Daley**, will serve as honorary co-chair along with **Mayor Rahm Emanuel** and his wife, **Amy Rule**. Tickets start at \$1,500; 600 E. Grand. Visit Afterschoolmatters.org.

THINGS WE LOVE

THIS WEEK



Desdimi Gallery & Salon, 770 N. LaSalle, has a beautifully delicious way to multi-task with **Continental Saturdays**, offering brunch, a mimosa, a haircut and a paraffin hand treatment (\$80 for women, \$55 for men). Desdimi.com.



Lincoln Park ladies will cheer as **Flirty Girl Fitness** opens its doors at 2215 N. Halsted. Starting **Oct. 1**, get a five-class punch card for just \$50. Chicago.flirtygirlfitness.com.



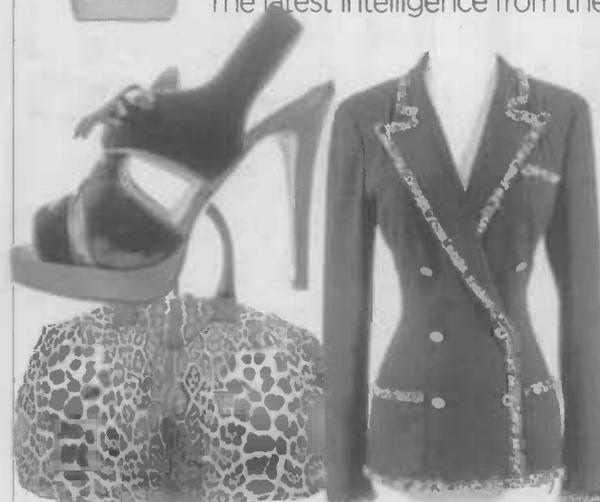
Brush up on talking points with **The Skimm**, an email newsletter launched by Chicago native **Danielle Weisberg** (left) and **Carly Zakin**, which will catch you up on the top news of the day. Sign up and stay informed at TheSkimm.com.

The fifth annual **Jayson Home fall flea market** returns Oct. 5-7, hawking deep discounts on pieces (such as the vintage armchair below) from around the globe. 1885 N. Clybourn, Jaysonhome.com.



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Vintage finds at Decades (clockwise from top left): **Christian Louboutin** heels, \$350; **Chanel** jacket, \$1,900; **Yves Saint Laurent** handbag, \$900.

Starlet style

Hollywood comes to Chicago as Decades, the L.A.-based vintage consignment store, sets up shop at Space519 in The 900 Shops (900 N. Michigan) for a trunk show. On Oct. 6 (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Oct. 7 (noon to 6 p.m.) score designer goods straight from Hollywood celebs for up to 80 percent off retail. Co-owner (and soon-to-be Bravo star) **Christos Garkinos** will help style shoppers in Chanel, Burberry, Christian Louboutin and more.

Fashionable food

Chicago culinary notables such as chefs **Art Smith** (Table 52) and **Tony Montuano** (Spiaggia, Terzo Piano) and mixologist **Benjamin Newby** (Drumbar) did their best "Blue Steel" as models in Haberdash's fall/winter 2012 lookbook.

It's the second installment of Haberdash's chef-centric "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service" campaign, which also includes a recipe from the chef/models. Celebrate the launch on Oct. 5 at the Ivy Room (12 E. Ohio) and sample their lookbook recipes. Proceeds benefit Common Threads. Tickets: \$75 at Haberdashforcommonthreads.eventbrite.com.

Ladies night out

View the Holiday 2012 collection from Stella & Dot, the social-selling jewelry and accessories brand, on Oct. 9 at Hub 51 (51 W. Hubbard). The VIP trunk show, hosted by Stella & Dot CEO and founder **Jessica Herrin**, will also have the Breast Cancer Awareness Collection on hand, and all October purchases benefit the Noreen Fraser Foundation. RSVP to Cathy@noreenfraserfoundation.org.

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the calendar

THE SPLASH SEVEN

PLAN YOUR WEEK

BY THOMAS CONNORS



An Evening with Esperanza Spalding

Oct. 1-3: The sounds of Esperanza Spalding are far from mainstream, but when she took home the Best New Artist Grammy last year, even pop-deadened ears perked up at her arrival. With every new trip to the studio and every new outing on stage, the jazz-based bassist/vocalist expands her range, incorporating soul and elements of hip-hop into a style all her own. Check out this rising star during a three-night stint at City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph. Tickets: \$55-\$100. Visit Citywinery.com/chicago.



Fran Lebowitz

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Oct. 2: She may not be as prolific as Joyce Carol Oates, but Fran Lebowitz's fame goes beyond her books. A not-so-nice girl who favored men's clothes and couldn't breathe without a cigarette, she progressed from Interview magazine columnist to Letterman fixture to the captivating star of her own story, Martin Scorsese's "Public Speaking." With the election just weeks away, she hits the Harris Theater to muse on our national madness with "A State of the Union Conversation." Tickets: \$25-\$45. Visit Harristheaterchicago.org.

3 Rush Neuro-Behavioral Awards

Oct. 2: A leading advocate, research powerhouse and treatment center for youth with brain-based impairment, Rush NeuroBehavioral Center holds its biggest fundraiser of the year at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago (last year's event brought in \$1.4 million). The 2012 honorees include Dr. Meryl Lipton, founder and executive director of the Rush Neurobehavioral Center, and Dr. Randi Hagerman, medical director of the MIND Institute. For information, contact PJH & Associates Inc., (312) 553-2000.

4 'Kinky Boots' World Premiere

Oct. 2-Nov. 4: When a drag queen saves the day in a big, Broadway-bound production, you know this isn't your average show. And it makes sense considering it's written by Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein, (whose "Torch Song Trilogy" jump-started the conversation on gay life in popular culture) and set to a score from Grammy-winner Cyndi Lauper. Inspired by a true story, the show tells the tale of a shoe manufacturer who nearly loses his business until the fabulous Lola sets him straight. Tickets start at \$33. Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe. Visit Ticketmaster.com.

5 Purple Tie Ball

Oct. 6: Benefiting WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger), an organization dedicated to assisting women and children in crisis, the evening includes an auction with top-tier items such as tickets to Barbra Streisand's concert at the United Center, a Hawaiian retreat and a guitar autographed by Eddie Van Halen, Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, Carlos Santana, Slash, BB King, Neil Young, The Edge and Pete Dinklage. Tickets start at \$250. Inverness Golf Club, 102 N. Roselle, Schaumburg. Call (847) 519-7820 or visit Wingspurpletieball.org.

6 Lyric Opera

Oct. 6: Lyric Opera always hits the high notes — and its season opener and Opera Ball are no exception. First up, cocktails in the Grand Foyer, artfully transformed for the occasion by the designers of Heffernan Morgan. Next, a performance of Richard Strauss' "Elektra" — with soprano Christine Goerke in the title role — followed by the Opera Ball, held in the Atlantic Ballroom of the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. Buy a ticket for just the show or get a package for the whole evening's experience. For reservations and more information, call (312) 827-5782 or go to Lyricopera.org



Sports Radio 25th Anniversary

Oct. 6: When it comes to rocking the airwaves, few radio personalities hold a candle to sports commentators and their fans, who'll say almost anything to score a point. Benefiting Parent Heart Watch, this bound-to-be-lively event at the Chicago Theatre celebrates the round-the-clock sports radio format launched by New York's WFAN-AM in 1987. The lineup includes Michael Wilbon of ABC Sports, 670 The Score's Dan McNeil, comedian Bobby Collins and former Chicago Bear Steve "Mongo" McMichael (pictured). Tickets: \$50-\$75. Visit the Chicago Theatre box office at 175 N. State or Ticketmaster.com.

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ON THE MARKET

BY SUSANNA NEGOVAN

Popular consultant **Sue Leonis** dug deep into her network to gather 200 VIP guests for a “Friends and Fall” party at Mariano’s Fresh Market (333 E. Benton) on Sept. 21. “There were grade school friends, political friends, business friends, my doorman... from **Mike Madigan** to **Michael [‘Mickey’] Segal**,” she says. Guests including **M.K. Pritzker** and **Desiree Rogers** went up to a roped-off area on the store’s swank second floor — designed by famed interior decorator **Paul Klug** — and sampled fare including the in-house Oki sushi brand (developed by the owners of Lincoln Square’s Tank Sushi) and shot glasses of butternut squash soup. After dinner, the Rhythm City band performed and an impromptu dance floor was packed with guests including **Pam** and **John Cullerton** and the Better Government Association’s **Andy Shaw**. For Leonis, the evening’s highlight was when a guest grabbed a grocery cart and formed a conga line followed by 20 or so partygoers. The dancing didn’t stop until nearly 1 a.m. — long after the store had closed.

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A live auction and dinner was held in a tent on the Esplanade.



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GARDEN PARTY

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Picking a venue for the Harvest Ball is a simple task when you're the Guild of the Chicago Botanic Garden — with 385 acres of woods and waterways and 25 specialty gardens at your fingertips. For the 14th annual event, held on Sept. 25, co-chairs **Caroline Masterson** and **Sally Brown Thilman** welcomed 400 guests to the Botanic Garden's gorgeous grounds. Partygoers stepped into a woodland-themed tent in the garden's Esplanade lawn area, complete with wood-framed chairs, flower topiaries and roses at each table. Guests enjoyed dinner and a live auction, which included trips to London, Paris, New York fashion week and more. The gala raised \$400,000 for the Chicago Botanic Garden's youth and teacher education programs, which work toward inspiring life-long interest in science and respect for the environment.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event.

STAR POWER

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

On Sept. 21 legendary actress **Meryl Streep** was honored by the Charlie Foundation to Help Cure Pediatric Epilepsy for her performance in the 1997 movie "...First Do No Harm." The film helped publicize the ketogenic diet (a relatively unknown pediatric epilepsy therapy at the time) as Streep's character turned to it to help her son's epilepsy when nothing else worked. "It is because of the [Charlie Foundation] that treatments like the ketogenic diet are easing the challenges of pediatric epilepsy for so many more patients and their families," said Streep. About 350 guests gathered at the Hilton Chicago Indian Lakes Resort (250 W. Schick) in Bloomingdale to honor the star, who met and posed for photos before dinner along with the "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star and emcee of the night, **Jeff Garlin**. The \$400,000 raised will be donated to Rush University Medical Center to help develop an epilepsy dietary treatment for children and adults.

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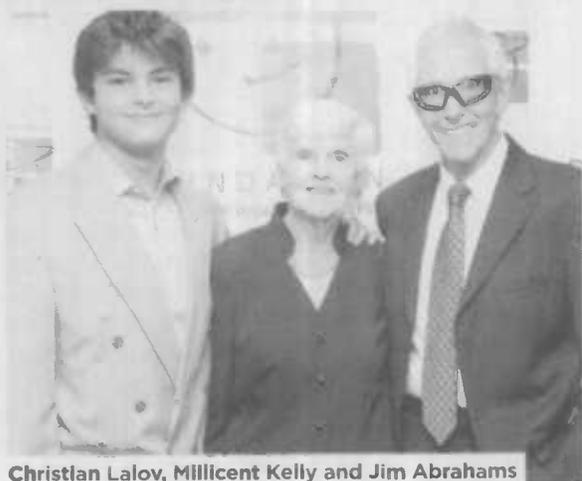
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Bill Daley and Joshua Bolten

MEMORIAL DAY

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

More than 2,000 guests — including political players **Bill Daley**, **Joshua Bolten** and **Jesse White** — attended the Risa K. Lambert Luncheon to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (located in Washington, D.C.). Guests filled the Sheraton Chicago Hotel ballroom (301 E. North Water) on Sept. 12 for the event, which began with recognition of the 100 Holocaust survivors in attendance. Taking the microphone shortly after the ovation was survivor/author **Beatrice Muchman**, who has donated artifacts to the museum to keep history alive; she told the tale of her life during and after the Holocaust. "The focus is on the next generation," said event chairman **Andrew Hochberg**. "We want to make sure people in their 20s, 30s and 40s adopt the museum as an important cause." And it seems they have: The luncheon raised \$3.75 million for the museum's education and remembrance programs.

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3. Xperia: SmartTags for Android Smartphones, \$19.99; Store.sony.com

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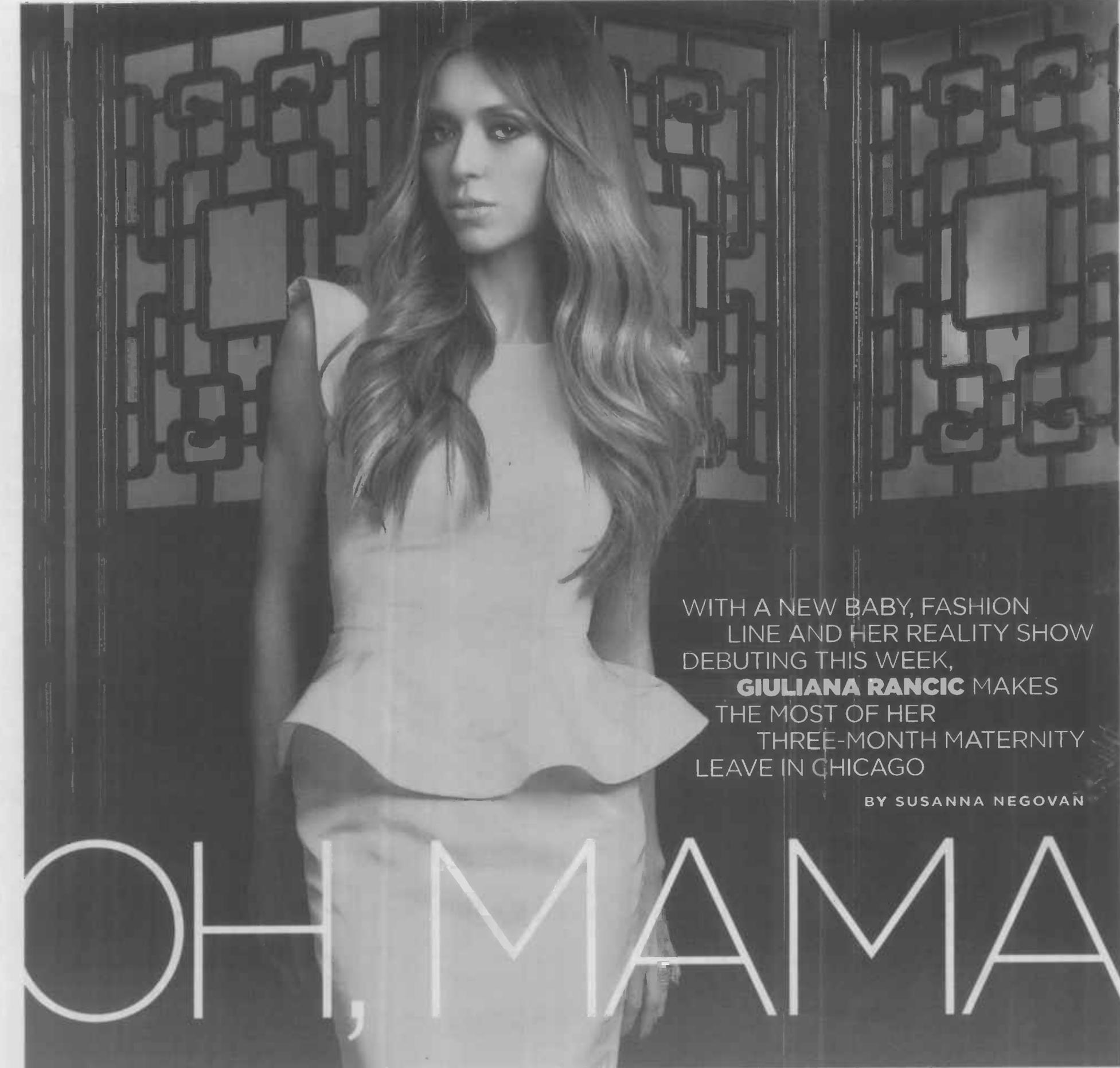
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GIULIANA RANCIC MAKES
THE MOST OF HER
THREE-MONTH MATERNITY
LEAVE IN CHICAGO

BY SUSANNA NEGOVAN

OH, MAMA

MARK SACRO PHOTOGRAPHY

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Giuliana Rancic seems to be everywhere at once: on the Emmy Awards' red carpet chatting up celebrities, in New York launching a breast cancer detection campaign for P&G, on the set of E!'s "Fashion Police" with Joan Rivers and Kelly Osbourne, at HSN debuting her brand new clothing collection. And that's just last week.

But as a brand-new mother to 1-month-old Edward Duke Rancic (whom she and her husband, Bill, call "Duke"), she says she's enjoying the leisurely pace of a three-month maternity leave in Chicago — with quick bursts of work being a rare exception to mornings spent in bed with her husband and infant son.

"I wanted to have a nice amount of time with the baby to bond and just for us to be a family," says Rancic. "We were like, 'So, we've got three months of maternity leave ... Chicago, right?'"

A big part of the draw is their wide circle of friends and family, who are thrilled to pitch in on baby duty. "Bill has three older sisters and a mom who love baby-sitting," says Rancic. So the couple has been spotted around town, making the occasional dinner outing to the restaurant they co-own in Chicago, RPM Italian at 52 W. Illinois. (On the advice of their doctor, they're waiting until Duke is two months old to take him out).

Family time happens every day after Duke's early morning feeding.

"We just love to be in bed with him," says Rancic. "We watch him breathe, we play with him ... we are enamored. And Duke loves when Bill's holding him giving him a bath. He gives him these great head rubs and Duke closes his eyes every time Bill rubs his head. He just loves him."

All of their new-parent moments — like installing car seats and figuring out sleep schedules (the Rancics alternate nighttime feedings) — have been taped for the new season of their Style Network show "Giuliana & Bill," which debuts Oct. 2. Last season, viewers watched Giuliana and Bill announce their pregnancy via gestational surrogate, whose identity was kept secret. This season, her identity is revealed as viewers watch the rest of her pregnancy, Duke's birth and the Rancics' new roles as first-time parents.

Deciding what to show wasn't easy. "About a week before the delivery we told the network, 'We don't want cameras in the delivery room,'" says Rancic. "That's our very personal footage. Instead, Bill and I decided we were going to have a home video camera."

After reviewing the footage, they decided that they should share this stage of their lives, too. "This is our sixth season and people have followed our story for years," says Rancic. "To have people praying for you and supporting you and wanting the best for you and wanting you to have



Giuliana models her Red Carpet reversible vest, \$129.90 at HSN.com, during filming for her HSN segment.

this baby so badly, and then to say, 'Thanks for all your prayers, thanks for your support, we're not showing the baby.' That's wrong."

It's a policy Rancic has stuck to over the last few years, sharing experiences both glamorous and painful with her viewers.

She's allowed the show to chronicle her struggle with infertility, and then last fall she disclosed a breast cancer diagnosis that resulted in her double mastectomy in December. Through it all, she has remained optimistic. "I'm on medicine [tamoxifen] for five years, and I have four and a half left. But I'm feeling great. No major side effects, so it's been going well."

After her diagnosis, she postponed a clothing collection she began designing for HSN two years ago. Two weeks after her surgery, she jumped back into work full speed and began designing the fall collection that debuted last week. (She'll be on the air on HSN on Nov. 9 and 10.)

"It's a lot of good modern takes on basic pieces," says Rancic. "It's all in my closet in Chicago so I wear it a lot." Her favorites: items in chartreuse and cobalt blue ("big colors for fall") and a fur-collared sweater ("I wear it with jeans; I wear it with leggings").

And while she's on leave from E! until mid-November, she gamely sent her "Fashion Police" co-host Kelly Osbourne a box of clothes from the collection. "I'm waiting to hear feedback; hopefully it's good," she jokes. "You always have to worry. No one is safe — not even the hosts."

<< G by Giuliana Rancic asymmetrical seamed dress is \$69.90 at HSN.com.



Bill and Edward Duke

DADDY AND BABY EDWARD DUKE

The baby is named after Giuliana and Bill's fathers — Giuliana's father, Eduardo DePandi, regularly appears on their show; Bill's father, Edward Rancic, died of bladder cancer in 1999. "Bill was so incredibly close to his dad, who was a school superintendent and a teacher," says Giuliana. "But at one point we talked about William being his name. I love the name William and naming him Jr., and Bill said, 'I feel like you should earn that honor.' Bill feels that his dad did, because he was a good man. He said, 'So, one day, if our son wants to name his son after me, then I've earned it.' I love that."



WHEELING & DEALING

OUR **SIX PICKS**
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BY SETH PUTNAM

Whether you need to zip through town during a day of errands or bail for the weekend, we've taken out the guesswork with our favorite new cars for both spenders and savers.



Infiniti FX

THE FAMILY CAR

What you need: Room for the kids, their books and their gear, plus the impenetrability of a tank without the footprint.

Budget: Kia Sorento

City life brings with it a shortage of wide-open spaces — especially in the car, where kids tend to fight over seats like they're feudal lands. Good thing there's Kia's crossover option, the



Sorento, which provides the real estate of a passenger vehicle but the rugged performance and safety of an SUV.

"I tell families about the convenience of third-row seating," says Levern Canten, a salesman at Grossinger Kia. "If you've got a couple of teenagers and a little one, you want to separate them. This gives you plenty of space."

Plus, there's an elective premium package that includes entertainment options for the back seat and even a first aid kit to treat any bumps or scrapes the kids may pick up at football practice. Starts at \$24,640.

Dealer Info: Grossinger Kia, 6750 N. Lincolnwood, Lincolnwood, (800) 665-0798; Grossingerkia.com

<< Splurge: Infiniti FX

Between the tweens shouting out radio requests and the baby spitting up this morning's breakfast, shuttling the kids around can be, um, distracting. The Infiniti FX takes most of the guesswork out of driving with features like distance control technology, which shoots lasers out the front of the car to determine how far you are from the vehicle ahead. Get too close and the FX slows down. When the other car moves out the way, it resumes speed automatically, allowing you to worry less about sudden stops and more about keeping order among the troops.

Plus, there's the benefit of the around-view monitoring system. "It's easy to park in the city because it has cameras on all four sides," says Ronnie Caldwell, sales manager at Berman Infiniti. The future is now. Starts at \$43,700.

Dealer Info: Berman Infiniti, 640 N. LaSalle, (312) 476-8000; Infinitichicago.com

THE GET-OUTTA-TOWN CAR

What you need: To keep sanity intact by skipping town for a leisurely four-day weekend away.

Budget: Buick Regal

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"If you're headed out of town, the Regal's got a beautiful, quiet ride," says Nick Smoot, salesman at Anthony Buick. "There's a plug-in for your iPod, and heated seats come standard, which is great this time of year."

Keeping up with the tech trend, the Regal also sports a touch screen for navigation and diagnostics, and there's Bluetooth integration for hands-free communication, making it easy to catch up on phone calls while heading out of town. Starts at \$29,015.

Dealer info: Anthony Buick, 7225 Grand, Gurnee, (877) 687-3700; Anthonyautogroup.com

Splurge: Cadillac XTS

This ain't your granddad's Caddy. The XTS boasts a suite of safety features that update the once stodgy brand from "Florida retirement community" to "intrepid explorer."



Picture this: You're headed on a Michigan getaway to discover the recreational wonders of New Buffalo, and you don't see the car in your blind spot. Thanks to the radar system, the car's safety alert seat will vibrate and the mirrors will

light up.

"People react better to sensation or touch, so it sort of helps that 'spidey' sense go off," says Tegan Trejo, manager at Grossinger Cadillac. "If you're going into a lane without looking, that feature might save your life."

The car also comes with an iPad for checking out diagnostics when you're not in the driver's seat. Let's be honest: This is more like the vehicle your son or grandson will one day be driving. Starts at \$44,075.

Dealer info: Grossinger Cadillac, 6900 N. McCormick, Lincolnwood, (800) 989-6877; Grossingercaddy.com



Buick Regal

THE CITY CAR

What you need: An agile roadster that can handle tight spaces and still have room for groceries.

Budget: Fiat 500

With gas fumes licking at the \$5 mark, two important numbers come to mind: 31 and 40. That's how far, in miles, you can expect to go on a single four-and-a-half-dollar gallon in the city and on the highway in the Fiat 500.



But what's efficiency without a little *sprezzatura*? It comes in three trim styles, depending on the driver's needs: Pop (for making a colorful statement), Sport (for a little extra kick) and Lounge (for those demanding a taste of luxury).

"It's the perfect city car," says Phil DeLozano, manager at Fiat of Chicago. "It's smaller than most, but interior wise you're not giving up anything because it seats four adults comfortably and still has room for amenities."

Get in and prepare to mambo Italiano all over the streets of Chicago. Starts at \$15,500.

Dealer Info: Fiat of Chicago, 645 W. Randolph, (312) 902-3428; Fiatusaofchicago.com

Splurge: Mini John Cooper Works Coupe

There's certainly nothing wrong with a machine that gets you from A to B. But sometimes you need the touch of extra agility that a 208-horsepower turbocharged engine can provide.

"If you're tooling around the city, zipping in and out of traffic, and you need to get around someone, this car has the pep," says general manager Steve McDonald at Mini of Chicago. "Plus, it's customizable from stripes to colors to the interior. They're one of a kind."

The nimble coupe sniffs out parking spots with ease, allowing you to squeeze in where few others can. And if the stop-and-go of Lake Shore Drive becomes too much to bear, let off some steam at a local racetrack — or by driving south and cruising down the open roads of Illinois. Starts at \$32,050.

Dealer info: Mini of Chicago, 1111 W. Diversey, (773) 969-5700; Miniofchicago.com



sunday in the life

Driving Force

Chicago auto-king **MIKE MCGRATH** takes a much-needed day to refuel

BY ZAK STEMER

The McGrath name is everywhere: on billboards, television commercials and the license plates of most Lexuses and Acuras in the city. So it's not surprising that Mike McGrath, one half of the dynamite power couple behind six Chicago area car dealerships (his wife, Kristina, manages all of the company's public relations and customer service outreach), has a hectic week crammed with meetings, million-dollar deals and a slew of philanthropic galas, dinners and parties. The McGraths are behemoths in Chicago's luxury car market; they own two of the Midwest's biggest Lexus dealerships. The duo's latest auto endeavor, a 28,000-square-foot Acura dealership at 1301 N. Elston, will celebrate its grand opening in mid-October, yet the showroom and service center are already up and running for anyone who hates to wait. A self-admitted type-A personality, McGrath makes it a point to embrace the slow moments in his week. "I love Sundays," he says. "I work six days a week, so it's my one day to recharge." Here, he lays out his perfect Sunday.



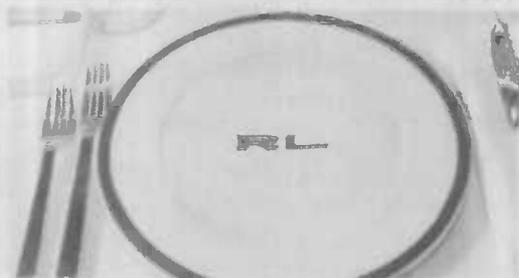
8 A.M.

It's hard for McGrath to sleep in after his busy work week, so he wakes up to take his dogs, Koko and Harley, for a walk before reading the newspaper cover to cover.



NOON

Sunday football is a must-watch, and there's only one team worth rooting for: da Bears.



2 P.M.

Lunch with Kristina is a Sunday ritual. Typically the couple heads to dog-friendly RL Restaurant (115 E. Chicago).



6 P.M.

Mike reaps the rewards of his wife's secret talent: making a killer burger.



4 P.M.

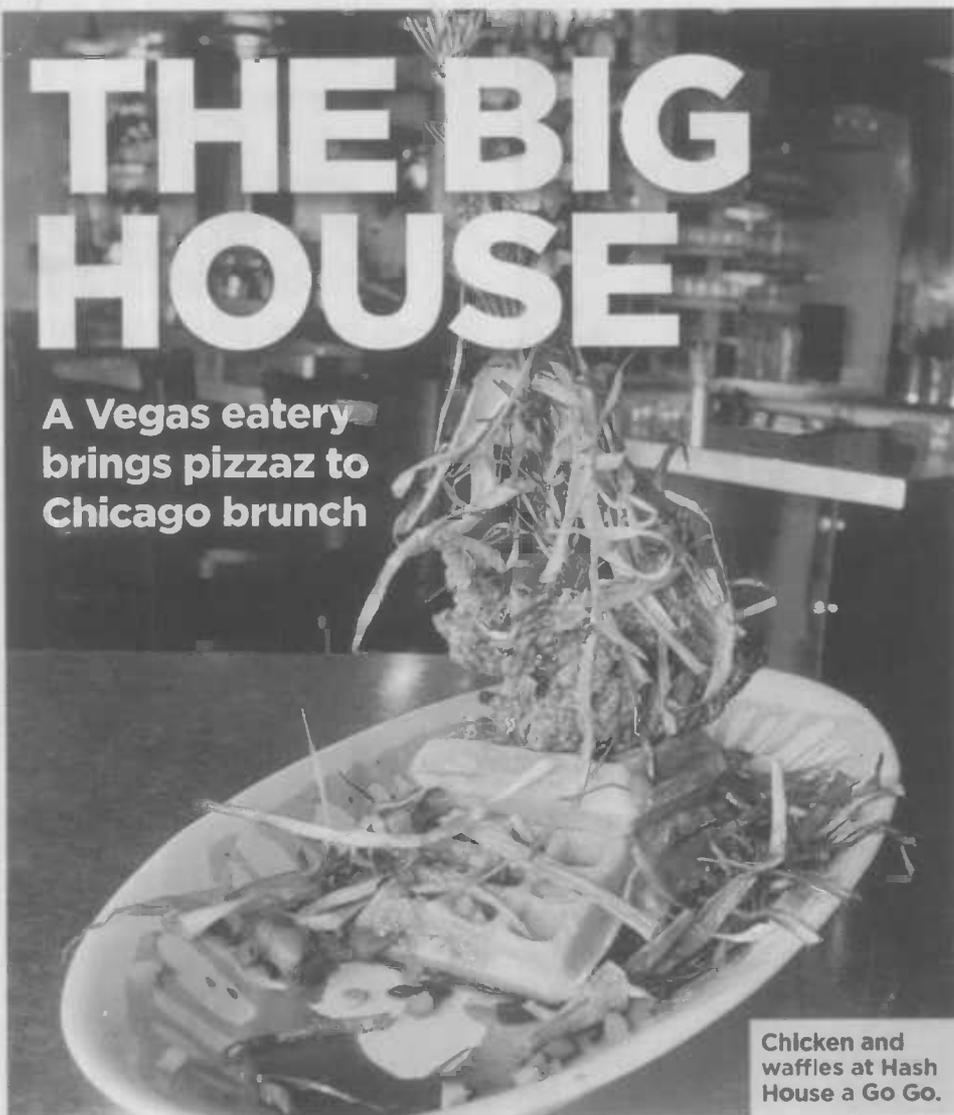
The McGraths take a bike ride along the lake. The dogs tag along as well, riding in a basket on the front of each bike.

10 P.M.

A nature nut, Mike loves reading magazines like Scientific American or National Geographic before bed.

THE BIG HOUSE

A Vegas eatery brings pizzazz to Chicago brunch



Chicken and waffles at Hash House a Go Go.

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

Hash House a Go Go (1212 N. State) may be new to town, but this award-winning restaurant has been serving its quirky concoctions to San Diego and Las Vegas diners for years. The restaurant prides itself on serving “twisted farm food,” which combines the excess and extravagance of the Vegas strip with the simplicity of farm-fresh cooking — and while it offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, it’s the brunch that really takes the (pan)cake.

To execute his vision, founder/creator and executive chef Craig “Andy” Beardslee takes brunch



favorites like buttermilk pancakes, egg scrambles and Benedicts and cranks them up a notch — or 10. Take a whiff of this twisted take on eggs Benedict: a heaping pile of crispy sage-fried chicken atop two buttery eggs, bacon mashed potatoes and a biscuit, all covered with a maple reduction (\$15.95). Or the signa-

ture griddled French toast, dipped in banana cinnamon cream and topped with a pecan maple syrup (\$12.95), which satisfies the morning sweet tooth.

For those who roll out of bed on the later side of brunch, Hash House has everything from 1-pound stuffed burgers to farm-fresh sandwiches like the crispy cornmeal salmon sandwich (\$14.95) to an assortment of salads. And because the midday meal isn’t complete without a brunchy drink, pair eggs with a fresh-squeezed orange juice mimosa or the bacon-tastic BLT Mary, both perfect for toasting to a new favorite brunch spot. *Hash-houseagogo.com*

Brunch in Bed

GrubHub Staff Favorites



Chicago is known for its incredible brunch options, but as the weather gets colder, many people will opt to stay cuddled up in their pajamas rather than bear the chill that comes with waiting in line for a table. But that doesn’t mean they won’t be able to indulge in a sumptuous brunch.

The staffers at GrubHub, the nation’s leading food-ordering service, have come up with a list of their favorite delivery-ready brunch spots. From French toast to farmhouse omelets, these restaurants will satisfy your craving without forcing you to leave your comfy confines.

Kanela Breakfast Club • 3231 N. Clark Street

You don’t have to leave your home to experience the elegant detail of a Kanela breakfast. Case-in-point? Their Red Velvet French Toast. Topped with cream cheese frosting, fresh strawberries and crème anglaise, this sophisticated twist on a classic dessert is sure to satisfy even the most discerning morning sweet tooth.

Wishbone • 3300 N. Lincoln Ave.

Looking for something savory to start your day? Try this Southern kitchen’s N.C. Pulled Pork. Trust us — you can’t go wrong with this one. It’s slathered in a smoky and tangy N.C.-style sauce, topped with coleslaw and served with a muffin plus two sides.

Feast • 1616 N. Damen

If you’re craving a breakfast burrito, Feast is the spot. Their take on the classic includes scrambled eggs, pepper jack cheese, refried beans, guacamole, sour cream and pico de gallo all wrapped up in a warm flour tortilla. Better yet, the famous Feast potatoes come as a side.

Ann Sather • 909 W. Belmont Ave.

Best known for their incredibly indulgent cinnamon rolls, this Chicago-legend has a whole host of savory dishes to counterbalance that cinnamon roll, like their always-amazing Smoked Salmon Benedict. This breakfast classic tops a toasted English muffin with a pair of poached eggs, smoked Norwegian salmon, fresh dill and homemade hollandaise sauce.

Swim Cafe • 357 W. Chicago Ave.

This new American bistro serves creatively conceived and meticulously prepared recipes throughout the day, but it’s the brunch menu — particularly the French Toast Bread Pudding — that inspires the most chatter around the GrubHub office. It’s served with seasonal fresh fruit, organic maple syrup, honey black pepper butter, plus your choice of bacon or sausage.

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The couple is serenaded by bagpipes (top); The reception decor was simple and elegant. For more photos, download the free Splash iPad app.

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Molly Lynch and Jay Leonard

Molly Lynch and Jay Leonard first met at Stanley's Kitchen and Tap on New Year's Day 2010, with the sounds of college football in the background. Two years later they returned to the scene, this time for a more intimate gathering: their rehearsal dinner. For Lynch and Leonard, both entrepreneurs (she runs a communications company and he's a derivatives trader), it was the perfect kick off to a wedding that blended tradition with playful touches.

Their midsummer nuptials took place at St. Michael's catholic church in Old Town, in a traditional ceremony officiated by Lynch's childhood priest. After, the couple exited the church to the sound of bagpipes — a gift from Lynch and a nod to Leonard's heritage — which also played as they entered the Peninsula Chicago hotel for the reception. Lynch created sporty pennants for her groom that read "Go Jay!" and "Love" for attendees to wave.

After that, it was all about fun.

"We had a formal mass, so we tried to loosen people up," says Lynch, who wore a strapless beaded gown from local bridal boutique Belle Vie. The couple opened up the dance floor by twirling and dipping to "I'm a Believer" by The Monkees. After that, guests danced into the early morning hours, snacking on late-night sliders and pizza between songs. "It was a blast," says Lynch. "My only complaint is that it went too fast." — Katerina Bizios

CHEERS!



Congratulations to **Rohini Dey**, owner of Vermilion restaurant, who recently teamed up with the James Beard Foundation to launch Chefs for Women, an initiative of the Women in Culinary Leadership Program. The kickoff event in New York City featured a five-course dinner and a discussion with industry pros like **Martha Stewart**, **Lidia Bastianich** and **Susan Ungaro**.

On Sept. 24 **Bill Terlato** (pictured with his wife Debbie) was named Businessman of the Year by the Italian-American Chamber of Commerce. The CEO of Ter-



lato Wines was honored at a 400-person event at the River East Arts Center during which guests were treated to an array of Terlato Wines. *Felicitazione!*

Chicago was sartorially represented at the Emmy awards this year as "Modern Family" star **Jesse Tyler Ferguson** donned a tie from The Tie Bar (*Thetiebar.com*), a local company created by husband-wife team **Greg** and **Gina Shugar**. The tie is one of a collection designed by Ferguson to benefit his new charity, Tie the Knot (*Tietheknot.org*), which helps promote marriage equality.

Jesse Tyler Ferguson has partnered with Naper-ville company **The Tie Bar**.



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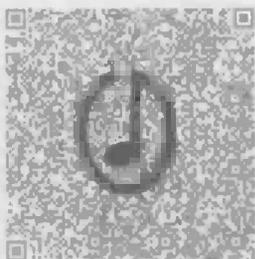
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LOFTY AMBITIONS

A high-end renovation makes a midrange loft a total deal

BY LISA SKOLNIK

Condo conversions were a dime a dozen in the 1990s, when Cadet Hosiery Co.'s 1919 factory at 3201 N. Ravenswood was transformed into a 33-unit condo building. But this one stands out among its peers: The developer used the respected architecture firm Hartshorne and Plunkard Ltd. for the design, and the couple who bought No. 402, a 1,200-square-foot, two-bedroom 1.5-bathroom unit on the building's top floor, continued the good design tradition when they hired New York architect J. Robert Kerchner of Joel Sanders Architect in New York to do a green gut rehab in 2011.

Gone are the earthy oak floors, slate-tile fireplace and rustic kitchen. They've been replaced by eco-chic paint, earthy finishes and bamboo flooring throughout the unit. There's also a Carrera marble slab hearth, a sleek white chef's kitchen with stainless-steel KitchenAid appliances and a sanctuary-style spa bathroom with a steam and rain shower. The light-flooded unit also has gritty-cool cityscape views from three exposures: a 12-foot-by-4-foot balcony, 13-foot-high ceilings and a living room that's practically alfresco thanks to a 25-foot-by-17-foot terrace. It's also a mere block from the bustling intersection of Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland and a huge host of amenities. So why would the owners leave such a gem? "Growing kids need growing space," says Prudential Rubloff broker Brad Lippitz.

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A sleek, modern and eco-friendly design scheme highlights the open space of the loft.



HIGH AND LOW

1800 W. Grace, No. 520 (pictured): Its sleek exterior is an anomaly as far as lofts go. Rather than timber and brick, it's a concrete building with huge window walls (hence the \$472,400 price tag). Besides 1,373 square feet, two bedrooms and two bathrooms, the pluses are dramatic: 15-foot ceilings, a chef's kitchen with Bosch and Miele appliances, spa bathrooms and cool common elements such as a fitness room, green roof and indoor parking. Contact James Kramer,

Koenig & Strey, (312) 475-4543, jkramer@koenigstrey.com.

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A 'Real' mess

Hollywood's biggest divorce is getting nasty!

I was scheduled to interview **Adrienne Maloof** last week for this column before her divorce from estranged husband **Paul Nassif** took an ugly turn. The "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star hosted the Softcup Beauty Retreat to kick off the Emmys at her Beverly Hills mansion. However, news broke the day before the posh event that a judge issued her temporary custody of her three kids after she alleged that Paul choked one of them. In light of the drama, Adrienne cancelled all media interviews, but an inside source says that this is just the tip of the iceberg.

"Her husband now is accusing her of being an alcoholic," the source says. "So she's refusing to take any photos by a bar or with alcohol."

The irony in the newest accusation is that Adrienne is trying to promote Zing vodka, her family's new spirit venture. To pour salt into the wound, Paul is suing Adrienne and served her papers during the Emmy event — also attended by co-stars **Kim** and **Kyle Richards** and **Camille Grammer** — at her packed home.

Despite all the mudslinging, Adrienne is keeping her cool. "The divorce is not bringing her down — she's in total control," the source says.

Adrienne has put the home she shared with Paul on the market for \$26 million, but it still holds images of their fairy-tale wedding. "There are still photos



Adrienne Maloof's estranged husband Paul Nassif (above) has accused her of being an alcoholic.

framed in the house from their wedding day," the source says. "But in some of the family photos Paul's face is cut out!"

My source assures me that the socialite has more tricks up her sleeve. "Don't be surprised if Adrienne steps out with a new, hot younger boyfriend in the next couple of weeks!"

The next big thing

Up and coming pop star and Justin Bieber look-alike **Ryan Beatty** took a break from his tour — which recently stopped in Chicago — to talk to this

column. The singer, who has become a YouTube sensation, says he's single and he has a message for all his lady fans: "I'm looking for someone who can make me laugh with a good personality." Ryan's fans aren't limited to teenyboppers, either: **Ashton Kutcher** has praised his work. "Ashton tweeted, 'Is this kid @JustinBieber 2.0?' I was shocked," Ryan said. During his time promoting his music in the Windy City, he did take a break and do some sightseeing. "I had deep-dish pizza at Giordano's and we went to the Hancock Observatory."

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'Wonderful World of Oz' at Kohl Children's Museum

BY JENNIFER BURKLOW | For Sun-Times Media

There's more to Oz than lions and tigers and bears.

And, oh my, does Kohl Children's Museum prove that with its new exhibit "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," running through Jan. 6, 2013.

Chicago may not be Kansas, but it was home to W.W. Denslow, who illustrated the L. Frank Baum classic. Developed by Great Explorations Children's Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla., "Oz" is a natural for Kohl because it showcases Denslow's illustrations.

"The folks that developed the exhibit really took the style of Denslow's distinctive shading technique," said Sheridan Turner, Kohl CEO and president.

Some of the backdrops are the actual illustrations from the book, Turner said, and others were created by Barry's Wacky World Studios.

Learning through play is paramount at Kohl, and "Oz" meets that criteria. The exhibit takes concepts from the story and connects them to real-life math and science, Turner said.

"For example, the tornado that picks up Dorothy's house and whisks her away. That can be pretty scary, and what the exhibit does is it enables children to be immersed into the story and actually participate in the story," Turner said. They explore "how a tornado actually works and some of the science and how it's created." So at the tornado station, kids can watch a video and then create their own "tornado" in water using a cylinder and a crank.

At Dorothy's House, visitors learn what life was like on a 1900s American farm. They can dress up in traditional clothes, visit the chicken coop to collect eggs or piece together an animal puzzle.

Imagination comes to fore in the Land of Munchkins where kids can dress in munchkin costumes, play in a



The illustrations of Chicagoan W.W. Denslow serve as a backdrop for "The Wonderful World of Oz" exhibit at the Kohl Children's Museum in Glenview.



Kids can create their own show with puppets in the Land of Munchkins station in the exhibit.

munchkin house and create a puppet show with characters from the book.

The heart takes center stage at the Tin Woodman station, where the basics of how the human heart works are explored.

"Through the Tin Man you can take your pulse and feel your heart beat, and you get to see a visual of how the heart pumps blood through the body," Turner explained.

At the Emerald City station, visitors can "meet" the mighty and powerful Oz and create a story using scripts, costumes, sets and special green glasses that make it all come alive. ■

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Stage



Chris Rickett (from left), Kevin Theis and Jack Hickey star in "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me." | PHOTO BY LUCY CARR

Hostage drama celebrates survival of human spirit

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

An Irishman, an Englishman and an American are being held captive in a cell in Lebanon.

Are you waiting for the punch line?

"The premise does sound like the setup to a joke," admitted Oak Park resident Belinda Bremner, who is directing Irish playwright Frank McGuinness' "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" for Oak Park Festival Theatre. But it's no joke — even though the play is packed with humor. "Break your heart but you're laughing at the same time," Bremner said.

The director declared this to be one of her favorite plays. "I love

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it not just because of what it says about the human spirit but also how it says it," she explained. "And there's something wonderful about the fact that there is a timeless

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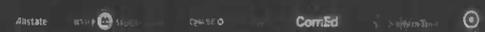
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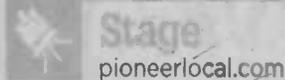
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universe in this room in which the three guys have no idea whether it's day or night, what day it is or what's going on in the outside world."

Bremner reported that the play is inspired by actual events — the years-long captivity of American Terry Anderson and Englishman Terry Waite in Leba-

Skokie) joins the pair. "We teach him the survival techniques that we've learned," Theis said.

Rickett said that the second he read the script for "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," he decided, "This is a play that I have to do," because he was astounded by how much he was affected by the dialogue between the three men.

Hickey's character, Michael, is a university

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nese prisons.

Kevin Theis of Oak Park plays Edward, an Irish journalist kidnapped while working in Lebanon, "by persons unknown and held hostage for reasons unknown," Theis said. "All he knows is he's in a room with his cellmate Adam (Chris Rickett), who's an American. The two of them are trying to fight boredom, despair, tedium and fear. They fight with each other. They play games with each other. They make up stories with each other. They try to toughen each other up. They try to survive."

Later, an Englishman named Michael (Festival Theatre Artistic Director Jack Hickey of

professor. "He teaches old and middle English," Hickey related. "He gets laid off from his job at the university in England, and the only place he can find work is in Lebanon. He comes to Beirut to teach and not long after he gets kidnapped."

His capture and confinement is a total puzzle to Michael. "He doesn't know anything about the political situation and he's completely at sea when he wakes up inside the cell with these two other guys," Hickey said.

"What's remarkable about the play," Theis concluded, "is how funny it is, how heartwarming it is, how beautiful it is." ■

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Drawing a bead on ethnicity

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Contributor

There are as many kinds of beads and beadwork, it seems, as there are people who love them, which means no shortage of inspiration for the Bead Society of Greater Chicago.

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Members of the Bead Society of Greater Chicago will gather Oct. 10 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Park Ridge Post.

"They have been around for thousands of years and you can make almost anything with them," said BSGC president Nancy Dolan. "Some of our members make jewelry, some make art objects, some use them instead of paint to create pictures. But the main thing is that they give people lots of pleasure."

The Bead Society will meet at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Park Ridge Oct. 10 for a lecture by artist Sheila Papaioannou and for the results of the group's annual Bead Challenge competition — this year devoted to Ethnic Inspirations. The group's past competitions have ranged from Black and White designs to Shades of Gray to inspirations based on an Impressionist painting.

"Each year we try to come up with something innovative, so that people don't get stuck doing only the sort of thing they typically do," Dolan said.

"We try to stimulate people and get them to come up with something a little different."

Many countries and cultures have a rich tradition in beadwork, she added, including Africa, China, Italy, the Czech Republic and Austria, famed for her personal favorite Swarovski crystal beads: "Each one is like a little piece of art."

Members of the Bead Society vote for the winners of the competition, which is also open to non-members. This year's prizes include a lamp work art-glass bead for first place and two pair of bead earrings for second and third place.

Winners of the Bead Society of Greater Chicago's Ethnic Inspirations Bead Challenge will be announced at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Park Ridge Post, 10 W. Higgins Road. For more information visit www.bsgc.org. ■

Private Schools

SURVIVING OPEN HOUSES



Use your brain, resources, gift of gab and these insider tips

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

For Sun-Times Media

You wouldn't buy a car without taking it for a test drive. In the same vein, you wouldn't want to register your child in a new private school without visiting it first — no matter how fabulous its website is.

"When you're looking for a home, you read real estate listings to get basic information — number of bedrooms and baths — but you attend an open house to inspect the closets and get a real feel for the space," said Beth Black, director of enrollment and marketing at Lake Forest Country Day School. "School is a child's second home, so it's not surprising that the process of looking for the right school for your child is somewhat parallel."

Open houses provide an accommodating and useful channel for parents to learn more about the prospective school, policies, teachers and administration. What's more, parents are encouraged and allowed to ask as many questions as they deem necessary. A school visit also affords the opportunity to meet other families enrolled in the school.

"Parents can learn a lot about a school's educational philosophy and curriculum from the school's website, but most people don't base an enrollment decision solely on data. They want a chance to check out the educational space, see school personnel in action and meet parents of current students," Black said. "An open house provides an opportunity for families to observe, interact and ask questions. Attending an open house helps people judge whether the school vibe aligns with their family's values and expectations."

Teachers work hard to foster positive parent-teacher relationships because they realize that parents are strong allies in a child's education. Keeping parents informed and involved in the education process significantly influences scholastic success for kids.

Frances Robinson, a preschool teacher at Lake Forest Country Day School, said that parents should pay attention to how adults and children interact while visiting the school.

"Are teachers acting as role models by speaking to children respectfully? Also, pay attention to how school representatives answer your questions," Robinson said. "Is it a two-way conversation about what matters to your family or is someone just delivering a pat message? Look around the classrooms and the hallways. Is the school environment peaceful and purposeful? Do students and teachers seem happy?"

Bob Bullard, who taught eighth grade his-

tory at Lake Forest Country Day School for many years and is now the interim head of upper school grades 5-8, said that hallway interactions between children and teachers are important nuances to observe when checking out a school.

"Listen for the bell to ring, then watch what happens," Bullard said. "You can tell a lot about a school by observing the way students conduct themselves in the hallway between classes — and noticing the tone teachers use to encourage good behavior if some students are too boisterous."

The next time you are looking into a potential school, visit an open house and pick the brain of all the appropriate staff; find out as much information as you can and then make an informed assessment on what school fits your child best. Be organized in your approach to alleviate feeling overwhelmed, as the details and information can be daunting. Use teachers and administration as well as word-of-mouth from other parents as resources to aid you in your decision-making. Finally, enjoy the process and maintain a constructive yet discerning attitude, as a positive open mind is your best asset when attending an open house.

A whole new world: At Lake Forest Country Day School, an upper school (grades 5-8) science teacher and second grade teacher work together on a geography lesson on a room-sized National Geographic map. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Make some noise: A preschool student at Lake Forest Country Day School takes a music lesson. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



Smarty pants

Social, emotional and cerebral education for gifted children

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

For Sun-Times Media

Schools that are designed specifically with the gifted child in mind focus on helping the complete child. Academic achievements are important; however, intellectual abilities are not the only predicting factor for life success. Social and emotional development — work behavior, imagination, personal drive, compassion and a connection with the world all around — are just as important when shaping and teaching gifted children.

"In addition to foundational topics and subject matter, an emphasis is placed on exploring non-traditional subject areas while cultivating their creativity and high-order thinking process," said Scott Etters, head of school at Da Vinci Academy, a school for the gifted in Elgin. "The pacing is faster, which

allows acceleration in various subjects while providing an opportunity to go deeper. Typically, these are children who possess a natural hunger for knowledge and the challenge that comes along with it. It truly creates a unique and exciting learning environment."

How do parents know if their child is gifted? While no hard and fast rule exists for the kaleidoscope of aptitude levels, some of the characteristics in gifted children are: being obsessed in a specific subject, quick problem solving, early reading comprehension, stellar writing abilities, advanced vocabulary, asking complex questions, strong artistic or musical abilities, intense periods of concentration and the list goes on and on.

"Many parents strive to have the label 'gifted' applied to their children, but it is a term that is largely misunderstood. Being smart and advanced is only one piece of the gifted puzzle. While these children are intellectually ahead by several years, they can be emotionally immature," said Lauren Callaway, a board member of the Chicago Gifted Community Center. "They often have sensory issues, difficulty interpreting social cues and delayed fine and gross motor skills. Parents may pick up on signs of giftedness at an early age:



Test. Retest: "Gifted students have the need to think in abstract and conceptual modes so that they can put the specific knowledge in contextual patterns," said Benjamin Hebebrand, head of school at Quest Academy. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

babies tend to be colicky, sensitive to fabrics or particularly interested in textures."

Callaway is also the owner, director and head teacher at Sprout, an after-school program that focuses on socialization for gifted children in a welcoming environment. Kids at Sprout work on a different project each week, get help with homework and then have time for individual projects and games.

"Working with gifted children is an amazing experience. Five-year-olds might want to discuss Greek mythology — and you quickly realize that they know much more about it

than you do!" said Callaway. "The best part of what I do is put these children together with peers."

"I remember one child who was an amazing artist but was crippled with perfectionism," Callaway continued. "Her friends at Sprout were so encouraging that she stopped ripping up her pictures or saying they were 'bad' and eventually she filled an entire wall with her artwork. She was proud of herself and that pride translated into other aspects

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Putting two and two together: A Da Vinci Academy fourth grade teacher, Darrell Maskell, oversees math calculations. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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of her life. She was more willing to try new things and able to complete her school work without the constant struggle for perfection."

Another after school option is The Center for Gifted, which serves children Pre-K through eighth grade. Kids are engaged with classes such as: If It Flies, We'll Build It; Computer Design and Animation; Electronics and Robotics Lab; and Filmmaking.

"All of our classes and activities reflect creativity, problem solving, inductive reasoning, critical thinking and analysis, which children respond to with immediacy," said

Joan Franklin Smutny, director of The Center for Gifted. "Over 500,000 gifted children are born every year. We touch a fraction of what we could be doing for these children, beginning in early childhood."

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"Students are encouraged to make connections within their learning, allowing them to relate their learning to conceptual and enduring understandings," said Benjamin Hebebrand, head of school at Quest Academy. "When we teach comma placement, we first allow children (by a process of student-driven inquiry) to grasp that written language is facilitated by a universally agreed-upon code of punctuation. Once they grapple with this concept, they want to learn the specific code of punctuation, including comma placement. Gifted students have the need to think in abstract and conceptual modes so that they can put the specific knowledge in contextual patterns."

As Hebebrand suggests, if you find that your child is not being challenged by current school curriculum or that your child is verbalizing boredom, you should look into alternative educational options to help your child better themselves and grow intellectually.

"Learning is always a possibility and never finished," Hebebrand said.

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Cultural center hosts a county fair

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Kids can practice circus arts, decorate pumpkins or bounce inside a large inflatable fire truck at the Devonshire County Fair.



The fair will be 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 at Devonshire Cultural Center and Park, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. There will also be pie eating contests, face painting, field games and candy apple making at this Skokie Park District event.

Children can participate in a variety of activities at the Devonshire County Fair Oct. 7.

“There’s something for everybody,” Devonshire Facility Manager Robin Horwitz said. “We’ll have entertainment in the auditorium and one of the entertainers will be our circus staff. They’ll let the kids come up and try climbing the silks and the trapeze.”

Musicians, dancers, cheerleaders and gymnasts will also perform.

“We’ve got a dress-up area where kids can have pictures taken,” Horwitz said. “And we’ve got an arts and crafts area for preschoolers.”

Participants buy books of tickets — \$10 per person for 10 tickets or \$25 per family for 25 tickets. Individual tickets are \$2. Each activity requires one ticket.

For details, call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparks.org.

EGYPTIAN ODYSSEY

Fans of Rick Riordan’s “The Kane Chronicles” can join Egyptologist Megaera Lorenz at Welcome to Ancient Egypt: The Serpent’s Shadow, 3

p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Lorenz will bring replicas of ancient artifacts for ages 9 and older and parents to see. There will also be quiz shows, hands-on activities and prizes. Registration is required.

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

LOON COMING SOON

A plate-spinning finale is only one of the great feats families will see when Truly Remarkable Loon presents his Read Books and Juggle Everything Else Show, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Pick up free tickets starting at 3:30 p.m. that day.

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

DOT’S MORE LIKE IT!

The youngest library patrons and their caregivers will be viewing episodes from “The Dot & More Stories to Make You Feel Good” during a Monday Morning Matinee, 10 a.m. Oct. 8 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Different short films for little kids are shown each week.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or visit www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

PLAY DATE

You and your toddlers and preschoolers can have 90 minutes of fun at Discovery Day, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12 at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. There will be craft projects and a variety of activities at this drop-in program.

For details, call (847) 825-3123 or visit www.parkridgelibrary.org. ■

Light Opera Works celebrates top tunes

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Six of Light Opera Works' most popular performers are preparing to treat audiences to "Operetta's Greatest Hits."

Artistic Director Rudy Hogenmiller is directing and choreographing a cornucopia of selections from operettas by Johann Strauss, Franz Lehar, Sigmund Romberg and other composers of that genre.

The concert will be divided into two acts, with the first act focusing on European composers and the second act dedicated to American composers.

The biggest challenge in selecting pieces, Hogenmiller noted, was that so many favorites were "big romantic songs. We can't do a whole evening of big, break-down-the-house romantic songs." To balance the program, they included comical songs and duets. That includes a medley of Gilbert and Sullivan's patter songs.

Natalie Ford, who was Julie in "Carousel," Eliza in "My Fair Lady," Gigi in "Gigi" and Laurey in "Oklahoma!" at Light Opera Works is one of the three women in the show.

"I haven't sung operetta in a little while," Ford admitted. "That's exciting to get to do some of the music that I was trained to sing in college and graduate school."

James Rank's Light Opera Works appearances include Voltaire/Pangloss in "Candide," File in "110 in the Shade," Kodaly in "She Loves Me" and El Gallo in "The Fantasticks."

"I first performed at Light Opera Works 20 years ago," Rank said. "I am getting to sing some of the principal music that I heard when I was in the chorus."

One of Rank's favorite selections from the show is "The Desert Song" from Sigmund Romberg's operetta of the same name. "It's a lushly romantic ballad where the hero is inviting his ladylove to spend the night with him in the sandy wastes of Arabia under

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the starlit sky," he said.

Rank will also be featured in a selection of songs from "The Merry Widow." "I was lucky enough to be part of 'The Merry Widow' at Lyric a couple of years ago," he said. "So it's nice to revisit that effervescent Franz Lehar music."

The cast also includes Alicia Berneche, Matthew Geibel, Colette Todd and George Andrew Wolff, and accompaniment by four musicians.

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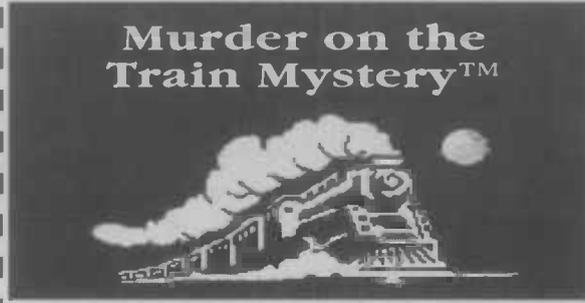


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Stars

Charlie Tahan, Martin Short, Martin Landau, Catherine O'Hara, Winona Ryder

When a scientifically inclined boy named Victor Frankenstein (Tahan) loses his beloved dog Sparky in a traffic accident, he decides to bring him back to life monster-movie style. Tim Burton directed this 3D stop-motion animation version of his 1984 short film.

THE PAPERBOY

★★

Rated

R for strong sexual content, violence and language

Stars

Matthew McConaughey, Zac Efron, Nicole Kidman, John Cusack
In a small 1960s Florida town, a college dropout (Efron) becomes involved in an investigation by his older brother (McConaughey) into an unjust murder conviction. Lee Daniels ("Precious") wrote and directed the drama.

TAKEN 2

Rated

PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and some sensuality

Stars

Liam Neeson, Famke Janssen, Maggie Grace

A retired CIA agent (Neeson) is captured and held hostage by the father of a kidnapper killed while the agent was rescuing his daughter. Olivier Megaton ("Transporter 3") directed the sequel to the 2008 hit "Taken."

STILL PLAYING

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

Rated

PG for some rude humor, action and scary images

Stars

Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg

Dracula runs a luxury resort for all sorts of monsters and their families and no humans are allowed. Just as Dracula is throwing a big bash for his daughter Mavis's birthday, a human boy discovers the hotel and becomes smitten with Mavis.

LOOPER

Rated

R for strong violence, language, some sexuality/nudity and drug content

Stars

Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Emily Blunt

A hit man (Gordon-Levitt) winds up fighting a future version of himself (Willis) sent back by time-twisting gangsters. Rian Johnson ("Brick") wrote and directed the sci-fi thriller.

PITCH PERFECT

★★

Rated

PG-13 for sexual material, language and drug references

Stars

Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Rebel Wilson, Anna Camp

Fans of aggressively flashy a cappella song-and-dance numbers and/or world-class projectile vomiting might find something to enjoy in this labored attempt to cross the peppy vocal stylings of "Glee" with the ruder, cruder comic aspects of "Bridesmaids." All others: stay far away. Kendrick plays rich-girl college freshman Beca, who dreams of a career as an indie music producer, but reluctantly signs on with an all-girl vocal group with designs on the national championship. She's got the fresh new sounds that the group



Liam Neeson returns to the role of an ex-CIA operative with "a set of very special skills" in "Taken 2."

needs to win, but their mean-girl leader Aubrey (Camp), whose repressed rage makes her subject to epic up-chucks, hates Beca's indie-girl attitude. Can they resolve their differences before the big night at nationals? Can you imagine any way they won't?

WON'T BACK DOWN

★★½

Rated

PG for thematic elements and language

Stars

Maggie Gyllenhaal, Viola Davis

This earnest, well-intended but only modestly engaging film earns extra credit for addressing a crucially important issue, but below-average marks as a drama. Gyllenhaal and Davis team up as a desperate single mom trying to find her young dyslexic daughter a decent school and a formerly idealistic teacher (with special-needs-child problems of her own) frustrated by the system, who attempt, against overwhelming odds, to turn a failing public school into a haven for dedicated (here meaning non-union) teachers. Unfortunately, the standard-issue David vs. Goliath plot never really gains emotional momentum because writer/director Daniel Barnz ("Beastly") interrupts periodically for didactic explorations of all aspects of the public-school crisis and controversial "parent trigger" laws.

DREDD 3D

★½

Rated

R for strong bloody violence, language, drug use and some sexual content

Stars

Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey

"Dredd 3D" reduces the action genre to little more than an orgy of over-the-top violence — a description that might give it too much credit for entertainment value. Urban replaces Sylvester Stallone as the post-apocalyptic law-enforcement officer Judge Dredd (judge, jury and executioner all in one), based on the long-running UK comic strip. There's little dialogue and less characterization as Dredd (and rookie Thirlby) fight their way up a 200-story vertical slum to take out a sadistic female drug lord (Headey). Lots and lots of exploding heads, skinned bodies and ultra-slo-mo bullet damage, though, as Dredd dispenses splattery justice.

TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE

★★½

Rated

PG-13 for language, sexual references, some thematic material and smoking

Stars

Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams, Justin Timberlake

Straight down the middle with nothing especially tricky on the ball, "Trouble with the Curve" gets the job done as both a feel-good, baseball-themed romantic family drama and a late-innings vehicle for Eastwood, as an aging scout for the Braves. After decades in the game, old Gus's (Eastwood) eyesight is failing him, so his estranged (yet baseball savvy) daughter (Adams) winds up joining him on his last road trip, just in time to jeopardize her chances at a law partnership and strike up a romance with young scout Timberlake. Long-time Eastwood producer and Park Ridge/Norridge native Rob Lorenz makes his directorial debut. ■

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Animated reanimation in ‘Frankenweenie’

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

“Frankenweenie”

★★★

The heartwarming story of a boy and his reanimated dog.

Though Tim Burton has one bona fide animated masterpiece to his credit (“The Nightmare Before Christmas”) and another that’s none too shabby (“Corpse Bride”), it’s sometimes easy to forget that the director of “Batman,” “Beetlejuice” and “Alice in Wonderland” began his career with the desire to become an animator and that he worked for a short time for Disney before striking out on his own.

The live-action “Frankenweenie,” which Burton made in 1984, was in fact originally conceived as a feature-length, stop-motion animated film — though he didn’t have the resources at the time to make that happen. Now he does, of course, and one thing his new “Frankenweenie” has in abundance is the sense that Burton revels in being able to bring his vision to life in a visually splendid manner.

The fact that beyond the basic premise there’s little that’s unexpected or particularly amusing about the way the story unfolds is a bit of a disappointment, but one that’s easily forgiven. “Frankenweenie” is, above all, a mood piece, blending nostalgia for childhood with affection for golden-age monster movies to tell a tale of a scientifically minded boy who loves his pet dog so much that he brings him back from the dead.

Young Victor Frankenstein (Charlie Tahan) is pretty much a normal kid who loves science (his Vincent Price-channeling mad science teacher is voiced by Martin Landau), tolerates his parents (Martin Short and Catherine O’Hara), and is beginning to take



Fetches from the dead: “Frankenweenie.”

an interest in the girl next door (Winnona Ryder). Most of all, though, he is devoted to his dog Sparky, whose sudden death is a devastating blow.

As a result, inspired by his science teacher’s classroom demonstration of how electricity can seemingly bring a dead frog back to life, Victor heads for his parents’ attic to do the Frankenstein thing. And one dark and stormy night, he raises Sparky’s body up to the heavens for a lightning-assisted jump-start — though the real catalyst is the tears Victor sheds when he believes he has failed.

Victor’s science classmates then try to outdo him for a science-fair trophy by reanimating their own dead pets. But where Sparky was brought back to life by love, theirs are products of mere amplified electricity, which turn them into monsters who terrorize the town.

That’s enough to keep things hopping for 87 minutes, but a colossal turtle, impish Sea Monkeys and some sort of half-bat/half-cat monstrosity offer little more than mild diversion. The heart of the story is the unbreakable bond between a boy and his dog. ■

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A list of regional events for you to go out and enjoy

HALLOWEEN

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13+ 1+

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"Roseannekenstein"

18+

"The Ballad of Roseanne, as told by Frankenstein's Monster," 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, **Oct. 19-27** at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. \$15. Visit www.gorillatango.com.

STAGE

"Jesus Christ Superstar"

13+ 18+

Through **Oct. 21** at Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E.



Trumpeter Orbert Davis and his Chicago Jazz Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble present Strings & Things That Swing! at 8 p.m. **Oct. 20** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. In the tradition of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and W.A. Mozart, Davis and his ensemble fuse classical music and jazz while creating a new aesthetic — The Third Stream. Tickets are \$35 and \$55. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.

Thacker St., Des Plaines. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. \$25; \$23 for students and seniors. Visit www.bignoise.org.

"Lysistrata"

18+

Presented **Oct. 11-21** at

Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets: \$12; \$10 for students and seniors; \$5 for the preview performance at 8 p.m. **Oct. 11**; \$20 for a benefit performance at 8 p.m. **Oct. 13**. Call (847) 635-1900.

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago

18+

Presenting a theatrical reading of "Othello, The Moor of Venice" at 7 p.m. **Oct. 26** at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Register by calling (847) 663-1234 or at www.nileslibrary.org/calendar.

"Squabbles"

13+ 8+

James Downing Theatre opens its season with "Squabbles," running **Oct. 13-28** at the Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors and students. Call (224) 725-3696 or visit www.jamesdowningtheatre.touchpad.com.

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18+

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"Woody Sez — The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie"

13+ 18+ 65+

Through **Oct. 21** at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie.

\$25-\$72; \$15 students. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org. Hootenannies, informal post-show "jam sessions" with the artists from the production, will be held following the performances **Oct. 7** (after 2:30 p.m.) and **Oct. 14** (after 7 p.m.).

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The period-instrument orchestra presents works by Handel and Purcell, 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 19** at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$15-\$35. Visit www.baroqueband.org.

Bella Voce

18+

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Chicago a cappella

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18+

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18+ 65+

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The Orion Ensemble

18+

"Orion Beginnings," 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 21** at

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Park Ridge Civic Orchestra

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Presents "From the Heroic to the Introspective" at 7:30 p.m. **Oct. 24** at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. The program includes Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F Major.

\$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall

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At Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. **Oct. 12**, 7:30 p.m.: Keyboard Conversations, "Spellbinding Bach," with pianist Jeffrey Siegel. \$22; \$16 for students. **Oct. 13**, 3 p.m.: Murray Perahia piano master class. Free. **Oct. 14**, 3 p.m.: Cello Fest. \$6; \$4 for students. **Oct. 18**, 7:30 p.m.: Pianist Gabriela Montero plays works by Chopin and Liszt as well as improvisations on themes suggested by the audience. \$18; \$10.

Renovo String Orchestra

13+ 18+

Chamber Series concert, "The Experimenters," explores works by modern African-American composers at 8 p.m. **Oct. 12** at the Musical Offering, 743 Custer Ave., Evanston. \$15; \$10 students. Visit www.renovostrings.org.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra

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Opens its 51st season with "The Russian Symphonists" at 3 p.m. **Oct.**

28 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The program includes Brahms' Violin Concerto with soloist Gallia Kastner, Young Artist Competition winner; and Taneyev's Symphony #4. \$30-\$41; \$27-\$32 seniors; \$14 students. Visit www.svso.org.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Akoo Theatre at Rosemont

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5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. **Oct. 20**, 7:30 p.m.: 1964 The Tribute (Beatles tribute band). \$38.50-\$67.75. **Oct. 21**, 7 p.m.: Celtic Thunder. \$32.50, \$49.50, \$65, \$75. **Nov. 17**, 8 p.m.: Australian Pink Floyd.

Allstate Arena

18+

6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. Parking is \$20, cash only. **Oct. 11**, 7 p.m.: "Twins Of Evil Tour," featuring Rob Zombie and Marilyn Manson. \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50, \$69.50. **Oct. 19**, 7:30 p.m.: The Smashing Pumpkins. \$50. **Oct. 23-24**, 7 p.m.: Justin Bieber. \$39.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$89.50. **Nov. 29-30**, 7:30 p.m.: The Who: Quadrophenia and More.

\$39.50, \$59.50, \$80.50, \$129.50. **Dec. 8**, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Trans-Siberian Orchestra presents "The Lost Christmas Eve." \$30, \$39, \$49, \$59, \$69.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse

18+

7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse. **Oct. 13**: Bluegrass musician Spencer Savoie performs following 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up, any genre all acoustic). \$8.

North Shore Harmonizers

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Present "CELEBRATE! 60 Years of Harmony" at 3 p.m. **Oct. 21** at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. The women's a cappella chorus in the barbershop tradition performs songs from Broadway and pop favorites, with guest artists John Blegen and His Rhythm Kings. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door; free for children age 12 and under. Visit www.northshoreharmonizers.org.

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The fall fundraiser for the Chicago area's Bach Week Festival will be held at 5:30 p.m. **Oct. 7** at Nichols Concert Hall of the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$50-\$150. Visit www.bach-week.org or call (847) 293-6686.

BOOKS & POETRY

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55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. www.bn.com. **Oct. 18**, 4 p.m.: Carrie Goldman

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55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. www.bn.com. **Oct. 20**, 1 p.m.: Children's author/illustrator Jon Klassen discuss and signs *This Is Not My Hat*. **Oct. 25**, 7 p.m.: Kevin Henkes reads and signs *Penny and Her Doll*.

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

4-12

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. (773) 598-4549. www.gorillatango.com. **Oct. 21**, 10 a.m.: RBJ Kids Variety Show, an interactive production geared toward ages 3 years and up. \$10.

COMEDY

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

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7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. (773) 598-4549. **Through Oct. 27**, at 9 p.m. Saturdays, with a

special 11 p.m. performance on **Oct. 13**: "Holy Bouncing Boobies! A Batman Burlesque." 18 and over. \$20. **Oct. 5-26**, 9 p.m. Fridays: "Tri-State County Fair," a musical sketch revue inspired by the trashy experiences of the southern gals of Hey Ladies. \$10. **Oct. 13**, 9 p.m.: "The Meshuganas," a stand-up comedy revue featuring Hollie and Steve Himmelman. \$20.

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5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Showtimes at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and

Thursdays; 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Two-item food/beverage minimum. **Oct. 4-6**: Jimmy Shubert. **Oct. 7**: Bobby Collins. **Oct. 10-13**: Carl LeBove. **Oct. 17-18**: Larry Reeb. **Oct. 19-20**: John Caparulo. **Oct. 21**: Doug Benson. **Oct. 24-25**: Vince Maranto. **Oct. 26**: Tommy Johnagin. **Oct. 27**: Jake Johannsen. **Oct. 31**: Michael Palascak.

FILM

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(847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Oct. 6**, 1 p.m.: "A Separation" (in Persian with English subtitles). **Oct. 11**, 10:30 a.m.: "Chimpanzee." **Oct. 11**, 1 p.m.: "Devil at 4 O'Clock." **Oct. 12**, 1 p.m.: "The Avengers."

Northwest Chicago Film Society

18+

Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$5. Visit www.northwest-chicagofilmssociety.org. **Oct. 10**: "El" (1953), in

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Located along the east side of McCormick Boulevard, between Dempster on the north to Touhy on the south. Free, docent-led tours featuring a different section of the two-mile long park are offered each month. Tours last approximately one hour and feature discussions of the sculptures, their creating artists, types of materials used and techniques employed as well as the artists' concepts for the various pieces. All tours begin promptly at 1 p.m. Visit www.sculpturepark.org or call (847) 679-4265. **Oct. 28**: Section IV, park in the lot in the park, between Howard and Touhy.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

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

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MUSEUMS

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9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with

museum admission.

Through Jan. 6, 2013:

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America," a creation of the International Spy Museum. The exhibit explores how the United States should balance civil liberties and individual rights during times of conflict, crisis and fear. **Oct. 14**, 1:30 p.m.:

"From Bat Bombs to Facebook: How 20th Century Technology is Transforming 21st Century Spying." Robert Wallace, former director of the Office of Technical Service at the CIA, will trace the evolution of spy technology since 1945 with examples of operations, spy stories, and images. Real spy gadgets will be displayed and demonstrated. Wallace is the author of multiple books on spycraft and spy technology; a book signing will follow. Free with museum admission; reservations required. **Oct. 18**, 7 p.m., and **Oct. 21**, 1:30 p.m.: Pianist Jeanne Golan performs the complete sonatas of Viktor Ullmann, a noted composer of the 1930s and 1940s who was persecuted, imprisoned and murdered by the Nazis. \$18 per performance, \$14 for museum members, in advance; \$23/\$19 at the door. **Oct. 28**, 1:30 p.m.: "Josephine Baker: Singer, Dancer, Spy," presented by Jonna Mendez, former CIA Chief of Disguise. Free with museum admission.

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Seasonal Hiring Trends for Growing Businesses

By: John Rosshem, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

For organizations with 50 or a few hundred employees, seasonal hiring for peak season is a perennial challenge. In 2011 the challenge is only getting steeper, as labor costs come under greater scrutiny in the post-recession retrenchment.

"This economic shift has forced businesses and schools into a new model and made them see the value proposition of seasonal labor," says Brian Keenan, president of the consulting and staffing division of Core Education and Consulting Solutions of Atlanta.

Seasonal Hiring Is Redefined

Indeed, temporary staffing is expanding into new sectors like education, as companies look to squeeze every drop out of work schedules. "Our clients are experiencing a confluence of two realities: budgetary constraints and seasonal patterns," says Keenan. For example, to live within shrinking budgets, many schools are bringing in non-executive secretaries for the 9-month school year, to serve both parents and faculty, he says.

In the hospitality industry, long accustomed to leveraging seasonal labor, the slack in the US labor market is providing a rare opportunity to upgrade the quality of this specialized workforce. "When I was working in the hospitality industry, we would just grab seasonal people - if you had a pulse, you'd be hired," says Jeff Lolli, an instructor at Widener University's School of Hospitality Management in Chester, Pa. "Today there's a much greater pool of people, and employers are being extremely selective."

Students Are a Better Value than Ever

Students with a healthy work ethic have always been a strategic component of the seasonal workforce, even if they have little or no industry-specific background.

But now, with jobs scarce, students in a given industry provide even greater value as seasonal employees - and more are available for work. "It's become very difficult for our hospitality students to get seasonal positions," says Lolli. "Some have even worked for free."

Students and college recruits can provide seasonal help while simultaneously bonding with the employer, cultivating a professional relationship that could feed the recruitment pipeline.

"Some of our seasonal workers are accounting students in the junior or senior years," says Karla Dennis, CEO of Cohesive Tax, an accounting firm in Cypress, Calif. "They have a very good fundamental background, so they're doing reconciliation, payroll tax returns, W-2s, and so on."

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Seasoned Workers for Seasonal Work

Many employers, finding more of last year's seasonal workers still available, are bolstering their contingent workforces with returnees who provide year-over-year continuity and season-specific experience.

"Some of our seasonal people have been with us for a number of years," says Alan Fiske, managing director of Fiske & Co., a Plantation, Fla., consulting and accounting firm. These professionals are accustomed to the part-time income that comes with the job, according to Fiske.

While many seasonal workers would jump at any offer of permanent employment; others are content with a job that comes with a periodic schedule.

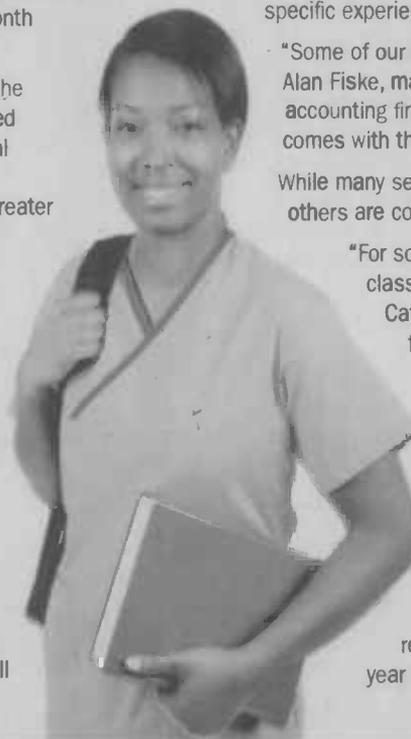
"For some of our seasonal staff, this is their second job, or they're taking classes," says Jessica Barrera, human resources manager for Blue Plate Catering in Chicago. Blue Plate's seasonal workers appreciate workplace flexibility; "our staff books their own schedules," Barrera says.

Signs Point to Slight Tightening in Labor

Although the US unemployment rate is still very high, the seasonal employment market may be starting to shift some power back to workers.

"Our fill times for school districts are getting a little longer now," says Keenan.

In the hospitality industry, hotels and resorts are reinvesting in recruitment, anticipating an accelerating recovery. "We'll have 50 recruiters at our career fair in 2011, up from 32 last year and 25 the year before," says Lolli.



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Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE

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LAKE FOREST 1192 West Fork Dr. Oct 5th and 6th, 9am-4pm. Designer furniture and accessories, Baker Down Filled Sofa, Crate and Barrel Harvest Table w/8 chairs, Henderon server, IKEA king bed, sterling and costume jewelry, beautiful clothing, botanical prints, china, crystal, electronics, exercise equip, bikes & holiday decor.

LIBERTYVILLE Estate Sale in Garage, Oct 4-6, 9am-4pm, 1213 St. William Dr., Libertyville. Contents of a 10x30 storage unit emptied to my garage and rented tent. Everything from A-Z. All Priced to Sell. All Must go Saturday Reduced Prices!

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SAT, OCT 6, 9:00-3:30
SUN, OCT 7, 10:00-3:30

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 Call 847-251-8283 for location & time

ESTATE SALE

Mundelein - 26207 N. Maple Ave. Sat and Sun, Oct 6th and 7th 10am-6pm. 2 formal small white couches. 2 casual blue couches, new sun porch furn, oak tables, lamps, paintings, mens and womens clothing, mattresses, bedding and much more!

Estate Sales

NEW TRIER SALES
 820 Ridge, Highland Park
Sat 10/6 10-3, #'s 9:30 Sun 10/7 10-2

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* Watch for Oct 13 & 14 Sale *
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Nyce Things Estate Sales (Serving the North Shore)
 Carol 847-431-5464

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Dogs

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Vacation, Resort Rentals
Out-of-State Rentals
Garages
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Commercial, Industrial
Storage, Warehouses
Desk Space
Offices
Stores
Rental Services
Rental Misc
Wanted to Rent

Apartment, Unfurn'd.
Cook County - Chgo. N

Chicago, Narragansett & Irving Park, 2nd flr, large beautiful 2BR, laundry, \$1000/mo + sec dep. Heat incl. No pets. Credit check. 773-777-9325

Chicago, Palmer & Lockwood, Beaut, new decor, master br, din rm, kitch, ba, + enclosed back porch. \$775 + utilis. No pets. Dee 773-733-4535

DES PLAINES - 1 Bdrm \$750; 2 Bdrm \$900, inclds heat, laundry & parking. Immediate Occp. GRE Prop 847-297-1500

Cook County - Chgo. S

CHATHAM - 8th & Dearbin Large 1 bedroom, laundry facility, good transportation, \$600/month. 312-341-1950

Apartment, Unfurn'd.
Cook County - Chgo. S

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Chicago, South Shore area, newly decor 1 bdrm, blinds, hwdw floors, heat included, \$625, 1 month's rent + 1 month security. 773-909-1950

Cook County - Chgo. W

Chicago, 4831 W West End, 3rd floor 3 bedroom apt. 1100sqft newly renovated, \$850, tenant pays own gas. 773-640-9717

Cook County - Suburban

Apts For Rent

CHICAGO 1BR, 1BA, kitchen dinette, W/D, no pets, \$800/mo heat incl + 1 mo sec dep. Call 312-518-3535 or 773-594-1217

SKOKIE: 4937 CHURCH Large 1 Bdrm. Heat Included, parking, avail., next to park, close to Old Orchard. Call Barbara 847-673-1317 or Hallmark & Johnson 773-545-6160

Apartment, Unfurn'd.
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Cook County - Suburban

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Homes
Cook County - Chgo. S

South West 6 bd, 1.5 ba. Renov kit, hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt, deck/attached gazebo, pool. \$1800/mo. Sect 8 ok 773-732-4400

Cook County - Suburban

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Will County

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Cook County - Suburban

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Offices
Cook County - Chgo. N

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Cook County - Suburban

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Community or Neighborhood

	Rental Price Range	Bedrooms	Baths	Washer/Dryer in unit?	Smoking	Pets	Pool	Garage or Carport	Central Air	Fitness Center	Community Room	Elevator Building
Gurnee	847-767-2044	\$1,200.00	3	1	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Northbrook	847-489-1930	N/A	1	1	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Oak Park	773-760-6870	\$1,550.00	2	1	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Oak Park	815-791-1375	\$1,125.00	2	1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Waukegan	847-840-6498	\$575.00	1	1	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Waukegan	847-951-9167	\$825.00	3	1	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Winthrop Harbor	847-623-9919	\$1,125.00	3	1	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N

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GARAGE SALES

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

Don't Miss This Sale

BARRINGTON - 25633 W. Drake, (2 bks S. of 59 & 22). Thurs, Fri. Sat 9am-5pm. HUGE! 1000+ items! Antiques, bohemianwear, art, steryl shir, ivory, crystal, Lenox, Lladro, Murano, Pickard, Waterford, new items/gifts, home decor, etc, elec, w/rt iron, hshld, pet items, more!

BARRINGTON Rummage Sale, Barrington United Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Rd (corner Rte 59 & 62) Fri 10/5 9a-7p, Sat 10/6 9a-12p, Bag Sale.

BEACH PARK - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 5th, 6th and 7th, 9am-5pm, 37702 Garnett Avenue, Dining Room set, treadmill, stereo, speakers, antiques, and TONS more!

BERKELEY - Best Garage Sale. 5908 Burr Oak, Oct 5th & 6th, 9-3pm. Retro vintage furn & tools, collectibles, linens & so much more. Come and see for yourself.

CHICAGO: 7739 W Catalpa Oct 5th, 10-6. Oct 6th, 9-3. 3 Families. Garage Packed. Decor, vintage, Halloween/Christmas incl. huge Santa collection. Winter clothes, jewelry, kitchen appliances, more.

MOVINGSALE
Chicago, (Foster/Cumberland) 8537 West Carmen Ave. **ONE DAY ONLY!** Sat Oct 6th, 9am-4pm. Chairs BR set, DR set w/ 6 chairs, queen & tables, lamps, couches, & loveseats, patio set.

CHICAGO YARD SALE! Many items, furniture, clothing, and more! Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th, 8am-4pm. 5527 North Nordica.

Rummage SALE
100 FAMILY SALE. Deerfield High School Cafeteria, 1959 N. Waukegan Rd, Deerfield IL 60015. Columbus Day Weekend, Sat, Sun, & Mon, Oct 6th, 7th, & 8th. Restocked every day. Clothes, Videos & Games, Books, Appliances, TV, DVD, players, Computers, Toys, Sports & Exercise equipment, Furniture, Holiday decorations, Jewelry, Linens, Art, House wares, bikes & MUCH MORE. Donated items may be dropped off on Fri, Oct 5 from 4-8 PM behind school at the Cafeteria entrance. Sale is 8 AM-5 PM each day. \$5 bag sale on remaining items 3-5 Monday!!

Deerfield **DON'T MISS THIS SALE!** 243 Gladys Court, Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm. Household items, small furniture, clothing, childrens items, and TONS more!

MOVINGSALE
DEERFIELD Moving sale everything goes. Includes tools, furniture, crystal, china, books and toys. 833 Woodward Ave. Fri 10/5 and Sat 10/6 9am-3pm.

Deerfield- MULTI FAMILY! 234 Burr Oak Ave, Fri & Sat. Oct. 5th & 6th, 9am-3pm, hshld, vintage items, furn, artwork, appliances, tools, designer clothing!

Glenview, 225 Lincoln Street, Friday 10/5 & Saturday 10/6, 8-5pm. Yard, Xmas, blow up nut cracker, Campbell ornament coll., hshld, clothes, misc., Xmas, cabinet, etc.

Glenview Huge Multi-Family Sale, 2755 Charlie Ct (off Willow Rd, between Plingsen and Landwehr). Sat 10/6 and Sun 10/7, 11am-4pm. Something for Everyone!

Glenview Multi-Family Sale 1212 Heather Lane Furniture, Toys, Household, Decorations, Jacuzzi Tub, much more Oct 5th-6th Fri. 9-5 Sat. 10-3

KENILWORTH Sat. 9AM-3PM, 631 Brier St. Beautiful new and mildly used furn., designer clothing, lovely home decor and household items. Not to be missed!!!!

Kenosha. HUGE YARD SALE - Clothing, kids toys, books, electronics, small appliances, training & medical equip and More! Fri 9/28 thru Sun 9/30 9am-3pm. 9105 39th Ave, Kenosha, WI

LaGrange, La Grange, 104 8th Ave. OCT 5, 6, 9 - 3 Computer desk/chair, Bath Cabinets, Books, ShopSmith, Rad. Arm Saw, Sbnblwr more.

LAKE BLUFF/KNOLLWOOD "MULTI-FAMILY SALE" *Oct 5, (9-5pm)**Oct 6, (9-3pm)* Follow Signs on Waukegan Rd. (Rte. 43, North of Rt 176) Find a list of other sales at each address

Libertyville, Fall Rummage Sale United Methodist Church of Libertyville, 429 Brainerd Ave. Friday Oct 5th, 9am-7pm & Saturday Oct 6th, 9am-12pm. 847-362-2112

Libertyville Moving Sale Oct 6 7 (9am-4pm) 236 Carnegie Hill Circle Lots of Furniture! Three couches, end tables, coffee table, Pottery Barn dining set, chairs, big screen TV, trundle bed and more!

LINCOLNWOOD. 6914 N. Keating Ave. Sat. 9:00am-3:00pm Sport items, children's books, household items. Come at 9am for best selection! Cash only!

LONG GROVE 5556 Oak Grove Dr. nr 83 & 22. Weds, Thurs, Fri, 8a-6p. Tons of brand new, used and very very old stuff! Also dresses and misc. furn.

MORTON GROVE 8925 Oleander. Thursday 10/04-Saturday 10/06, 9am-5pm. Huge multi family sale! Furniture, lamps, kids clothes, misc items!

Morton Grove, 9113 N. Oriole. Fri 10/5 & Sat 10/6, 9am-4pm. Treadmill, dresser, desk, washer & dryer, American Girl Dolls, etc. **DON'T MISS THIS SALE!!!**

Morton Grove -9317 Oleander, Fri. 9/28 Sat. 9/29 9AM-4PM Final Fall Garage Sale! Multi-Fam.-35 yrs. accum.Welder, Saws, Fishing, Tools, Household, Clothes, Decor! Ralndates 10/5&6

MUNDELEIN. Huge Yard Sale! Furniture, antiques, collectibles, household. Old radios and tubes. Pottery, glass, metalware, guy stuff. Comics, art, magazines, ephemera. Lots and lots of costume jewelry and books. All priced to sell! Fri 9/28 and Sat 9/29 9am to 5pm. 244 N Shadde! Mundelein. Half-price sale Saturday afternoon!

Northbrook 1435 Daniel Ct Thursday-Saturday October 4th-6th, 8am-3pm. Slightly used name brand clothing, sample items, jewelry, scarves, TVs, misc.

Norridge- Huge Collectors Garage Sale! 35 yrs accumulation. 4545 N. Orange Ave. Thurs and Friday only! Oct 4th and 5th. 10am-7pm Open late! Antiques and collectibles etc!

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SKOKIE 9535 Terminal. Sat and Sun, Oct 6th and 7th, 10am-4pm. South off Golf Rd by DUKES. Sports mem. and goods, tools etc. Reasonable Offers on All!

VERNON HILLS- 1108 REVERSE PLACE (Between Greenleaf and Indianwood) Oct. 7th 10am-4pm Cherrywood wall unit, 2 patio sets, lamps, mens and womens clothing, shoes and coats, jewelry, household items. Come early for best deals!

Wadsworth Huge Sale 40428 Belle Foret, take Kazmer off Kilbourne, between 173rd and Wadsworth, Thursday-Saturday October 4th-6th, 9am-6pm. Furniture, clothing, misc.

Waukegan, 1105 N. Butrick, Sat/Sun 9-4, come all men! houseplants, complete computer, lots of tools & misc. items, 3-wheel bicycle, 24-speed bike, window A/C.

WAUKEGAN NW side. Toys, games, and clothes. Fri. & Sat from 9am-5pm. 4833 Crest Court, near Yorkhouse & Burr Oak.

WESTERN SPRINGS- 4110 LAWN AVE Sat 9am-1pm Message table-perfect, Miyata full size bike, Kitchen Aid dishwasher, 1991 John Lennon collectible figurine, angle collectibles, baby items, gift items, sofa tables and side tables, books, music albums, art work, stereo speakers and adult clothing and more! No early birds please!

WILMETTE 2615 Greenleaf Ave., Saturday October 6th, 9am-3pm. Toys, household items, crystal, china, sports equipment, TV, bike & much more!!!

Wilmette Vintage Rummage Sale, 1148 Sheridan Rd. Sat Oct 6th, 8am-3pm. Jewelry, elegant clothing, art, linens, purses, furniture, instruments, and tableware from North Shore homes. Proceeds benefit Campaign for Cottey College. No early birds. Cash only.

WINNETKA 288 Fairview Ave. CD's, DVD's, books, household kitchen items and much more! Great prices!

WINNETKA, 596 Cedar Street, Thursday October 4th, 8am-2pm. Collectibles, antiques, patio set, storage shelves, & wicker.

Rummage SALE
Winnetka- 88th Annual Fall Rummage Sale! 470 Maple Street, 41 Departments!! Thursday, October 4th, 7am-3pm. Furniture, clothing, electronics, etc.

Winnetka- MULTI FAMILY! 247 Chestnut St. 10/6, 9am-1pm. HUGE SALE! Everything A-Z. 10 cents-\$1,000 Toys, clothes, furn, sporting goods, etc rain or shine!

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7115 N Ozark Ave		8:30am-5pm	8:30am-4pm
7739 W Catalpa		10am-6pm	9am-3pm
8537 West Carmen Avenue			9am-4pm
Deerfield			
1959 N Waukegan Rd			8am-5pm
234 Burr Oak Avenue		9am-3pm	9am-3pm
243 Gladys Court		8am-4pm	8am-4pm
833 Woodward Ave		9am - 3pm	9am - 3pm
LaGrange			
104 8th Avenue		9am - 3pm	9am - 3pm
Lake Bluff			
807 Safford		9am-5pm	9am-3pm
Libertyville			
429 Brainerd Ave		9am-7pm	9am-12pm
Oak Forest			
6006 Victoria Drive		9am-4pm	9am-4pm
Park Ridge			
1300 W. Crescent Avenue	9am-6pm		
1312 Lois Ave		9am-2pm	
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1708 S Cortland Ave		9am-1pm	
511 N Prospect		9am - 3pm	10am-4pm
826 S Fairview		9am-4pm	9am-4pm
Vernon Hills			
1108 Revere Place			10am-4pm
Waukegan			
1105 N. Butrick		9am-4pm	9am-4pm
Wilmette			
1148 Sheridan Rd			8am-3pm
2615 Greenleaf Avenue			9am-3pm
Winnetka			
247 Chestnut Street			9am-1pm
288 Fairview Ave			9am - 3pm
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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #08-003821 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 10, 2009, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on November 9, 2012, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 9024 Marmora Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Permanent Index No.: 10-17-409-058 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$218,976.51. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, IL 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 9/27, 10/4, 10/11/12 #405243

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWTAL, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-45T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-45T1, Plaintiff KHADJIA AHMED; MOHAMMED A. AHMED A/K/A MOHAMMED AHMED; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants 08 CH 35219 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8137 LARAMIE AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60077 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 08-010691 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 26, 2012, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on October 29, 2012, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 8137 Laramie Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077 Permanent Index No.: 10-21-408-041 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$ 958,097.17. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 9/20, 9/27, 10/4/12 #400849

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SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ASSETS TRUST 2007-5 MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff, -v- THELMA MCMULLEN AND NELSON CORPUZ Defendants 08 CH 52581 4519 MAIN ST 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 July 18, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 2, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4519 MAIN ST, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-303-055. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$499,688.22. 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 for wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jfsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 357-1125 Attorney Code: 18857 Case # 08 CH 52581 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. 9/27, 10/4, 10/11/12 #405587

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SALE Fisher and Shapiro file #08-003821 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 10, 2009, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on November 9, 2012, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 9024 Marmora Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Permanent Index No.: 10-17-409-058 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$218,976.51. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, IL 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 9/27, 10/4, 10/11/12 #405243

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWTAL, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-45T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-45T1, Plaintiff KHADJIA AHMED; MOHAMMED A. AHMED A/K/A MOHAMMED AHMED; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants 08 CH 35219 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8137 LARAMIE AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60077 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 08-010691 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 26, 2012, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on October 29, 2012, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 8137 Laramie Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077 Permanent Index No.: 10-21-408-041 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$ 958,097.17. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 9/20, 9/27, 10/4/12 #400849

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ASSETS TRUST 2007-5 MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff, -v- THELMA MCMULLEN AND NELSON CORPUZ Defendants 08 CH 52581 4519 MAIN ST 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 July 18, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 2, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4519 MAIN ST, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-303-055. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$499,688.22. 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 for wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jfsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 357-1125 Attorney Code: 18857 Case # 08 CH 52581 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. 9/27, 10/4, 10/11/12 #405587

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ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-12-12956 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 12 CH 017931 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. 1471888 10/4, 10/11, 10/18/12 #410746

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- MARK M. KIM, SUNG OK KIM, RES CITIZENS, N.A., BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., BROWN BARK II, L.P., STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants
12 CH 014626
4923 JEROME 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 September 13, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 13, 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: Commonly known as 9519 N. GROSS ROAD UNIT D, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-110-029. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, 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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-12-14079.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

14-12-14079 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 12 CH 017931 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. 1471888 10/4, 10/11, 10/18/12 #410746

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- MARK M. KIM, SUNG OK KIM, RES CITIZENS, N.A., BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., BROWN BARK II, L.P., STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants
12 CH 014626
4923 JEROME AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60077

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14-12-14079 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 12 CH 017931 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. 1471888 10/4, 10/11, 10/18/12 #410746

SKOKIE
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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

(312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jisc.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.: PA1024004 Attorney Code: 91220 Case # 10 10/4, 10/11, 10/18/12 #410753

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff, -v- DEMETRIOS SKOMBIS, NICOLE KALLAO, LABE BANK Defendants
10 CH 43241
7034 BECKWITH ROAD 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 August 13, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 13, 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: Commonly known as 7034 BECKWITH ROAD, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-18-118-021-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family brick home; 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/wire transfer, 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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-09-15211.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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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. D12131672 on the 6th day of September, 2012 under the Assumed Name of Creative Weaves with the business located at 4845 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60644.

The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Samantha Paris, 4845 W. Washington Blvd #2, Chicago, IL 60644.
401559 Pub: 9/20, 27, 10/4/12

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. D12131896 on September 24, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of AJ Flooring at 8620 Waukegan Rd., Apt 309, Morton Grove, IL 60053. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Andrzej Kandula, 8620 Waukegan Rd., Apt 309, Morton Grove, IL 60053.
Pub: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18 411650

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. D12131933 on September 27, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of SensationStations with the business located at 6208 N. Hoyne Ave., Unit DB, Chicago, IL 60659. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Josh Mallan, 6208 N. Hoyne Ave., Unit DB, Chicago, IL 60659.
Pub: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18 412969

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. D12131865 on the 20th day of September, 2012 under the Assumed Name of Pet Portraiture with the business located at 5711 N Glenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Nadine Williams, 5711 N Glenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660.
Pub: 9/27, 10/4, 11/12 406268

Bid Notice

PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District, 2701 West Sibley Street, Park Ridge, Illinois, telephone 847.692.3482 for a 14-Passenger Turtle Top VANERRA-XL Bus, until Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., at which time such bids will be publicly opened and announced in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices of the building located at 2701 West Sibley Street, Park Ridge, Illinois.
Dealer, Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay the applicable prevailing wages for all classes of laborers, mechanics and workmen used on the project. Bidding Documents are available at no charge by contacting Maryanne Lucarz of the Park Ridge Park District, by phone at 847.692.3482 or by e-mail at mlucarz@prparks.org. E-mail requests for Bidding Documents shall include name of bidding firm, contact person, mailing address (no PO Boxes), telephone number, and e-mail address. Board of Park Commissioners Rick Biagi, President
Pub: 10-4-12 413880

Bid Notice

PARK RIDGE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District, 2701 West Sibley Street, Park Ridge, Illinois, telephone (847) 692-5127 for the Oakton Driving Range Pole and Netting Replacement project (located at 2800 W. Oakton Avenue in Park Ridge, Illinois), which includes the removal and replacement of portions of the existing driving range pole and netting system, until Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., at which time such bids will be publicly opened and announced in the Board Room at the Administrative Offices of the building located at 2701 West Sibley Street, Park Ridge, Illinois.
Contractor and Subcontractors shall pay the applicable prevailing wages for all classes of laborers, mechanics and workmen used on the project. Bidding Documents are available for no charge by contacting Cathy White of Stantec by e-mail at cathy.white@stantec.com. Phone requests will not be accepted. E-mail requests for Bidding Documents shall include name of bidding firm, contact person, mailing address (no PO Boxes), telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address. Board of Park Commissioners Rick Biagi, President
Pub: 10-4-12 413871

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Phase I Police Renovation
The City of Park Ridge Police Department will accept sealed proposals for a design/build contract for Phase I of the police renovation project in accordance with the specifications outlined in the Request for Proposal. (RFP # 12-2 - Police). Specifications and proposal documents may be obtained at the Park Ridge Police Department, 200 South Vine, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Chief's office. A deposit for the documents is not required. Proposals will be accepted at the Park Ridge Police Department, 200 South Vine, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068, on or about October 17, 2012, by 4:00 p.m., attention Chief Frank Kaminski. The public opening of the proposals will occur on October 17, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. at the Park Ridge Police Department. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
Frank Kaminski
Chief of Police
Pub: 10-4-12 413740

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Pub: 10-4-12 413880

Probate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
THE ESTATE OF Dolores G. Koss, Deceased.
NO: 12 P 4747
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Dolores G. Koss, of 2824 S. 50th Place, Cicero, Cook County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 18, 2012, to Gregory Inciardi, whose mailing address is 855 Pine Hill Drive, Antioch, Illinois 60002, as Independent Administrator with the Will annexed and whose attorney is Michael J. Moran, 121 S. Wilke Road, Suite 201, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, 847-577-8556. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Claims against the estate must be filed on or before April 4, 2013, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice to creditors, whichever is later, and any claim not filed before that date is barred. Claims must be filed with the representative of the Estate or in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. If filed with the Court, the claimant, within ten (10) days after filing his claim with the Court: (1) shall cause a copy of the claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his Attorney of record, unless the representative or his Attorney has in writing, either consented to the allowance of the claim or waived mailing or delivery of copies, and (2) shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.
Dated: September 28, 2012
/s/ Michael J. Moran
Attorney for The Estate of Dolores G. Koss
Pub: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18 413604

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE OF Jeremiah F. Loman, Deceased.
12 P 771
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Jeremiah F. Loman, of Chicago, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on September 27, 2012 to Raymond C. Loman, 300 Chiltern, Lake Forest, IL 60045, whose attorney is Bridget W. Hutchen, 971 Coventry Dr., Lake Forest, IL 60045. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 18 N. County St., Waukegan, Illinois, 60085 or with the representative, or both on or before April 4, 2013, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.
Raymond C. Loman
(Representative)
Bridget W. Hutchen
(Attorney)
Pub: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18 411795

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
In the matter of the estate of Mark Wesley Baker, Deceased
Case No. 2012 P 5018
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of Mark Wesley Baker of Mt. Prospect, IL. Letters of office were issued on September 18, 2012 to Sheila Baker, 935 Quince Ct., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, whose attorney is Edmund J. Wohlmuth, 115 S. Emerson Street, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, 847-255-5400. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602 or with the representative, or both, on or before April 4, 2013 which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of this claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
/s/ Edmund J. Wohlmuth
Attorney
Pub: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18 410236

INSECT INFESTATION AT LEANING TOWER YMCA, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION
Miles Masek, individually, and on behalf of a class of similarly situated and aggrieved persons, Plaintiffs, vs. YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, Defendants.
No. 12 CH 01550
This case alleges that rental apartments and common elements of Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 West Touhy Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714, were infested with bed bugs during some/all of the period of 2008 to the present, that defendant took inadequate measures to prevent, control and/or eradicate the infestation and that tenants were injured and their property damaged as a result of the infestation. Defendant has denied these allegations.
We represent the plaintiff in this case and it is important that we identify any persons who resided at Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 West Touhy Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714 who may have observed evidence of

Public Notices

ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-12-12956 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 12 CH 017931 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. 1471888 10/4, 10/11, 10/18/12 #410746

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
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MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff, -v- DEMETRIOS SKOMBIS, NICOLE KALLAO, LABE BANK Defendants
10 CH 43241
7034 BECKWITH ROAD MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

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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. D12131672 on the 6th day of September, 2012 under the Assumed Name of Creative Weaves with the business located at 4845 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60644.
The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Samantha Paris, 4845 W. Washington Blvd #2, Chicago, IL 60644.
401559 Pub: 9/20, 27, 10/4/12

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Martel, Secretary</p>				<p>F- <u>Community Information and Relations</u></p> <p>Advertising & Legal Notices 2,000 Gateway Newsletter 12,750 Printing Costs [excluding Gateway] 8,750 Special Events and Ceremonial Occasions 7,500 Community Partnership-Membership Expenses 2,500 Development and Fundraising 1,250</p> <p>G- <u>Salaries and Benefits</u></p> <p>Staff Salaries [Excluding Maint-Custodial Staff] 1,349,250 Retirement Plan Contributions 83,750 Group Insurance Expenses 146,875 Employee Benefits - Other Compensation 5,000</p> <p>H- <u>Capital Equipment Lease & Purchase</u></p> <p>Copier Equipment Lease Expenses 17,500 Equipment Lease - Other 125 Office-AV Equipment & Shelving Purchases 10,000 Computer Equipment & Technology Project Purchases 33,750</p> <p>I- <u>Other Expenses</u></p> <p>Miscellaneous Fees & Expenses 2,000 Contingencies 117,650</p> <p>TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION \$ 2,470,650</p> <p><i>The foregoing expenses are appropriated from the general property tax for corporate purposes</i></p> <p align="center">PART III BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION</p> <p align="right"><u>Appropriation</u></p> <p>Wages -Maintenance & Custodial Staff \$ 25,000 Contractual [Day] Labor \$ 500 Contractual Services-Custodial \$ 33,250 Maintenance-Custodial Supplies \$ 11,250 Building & Building Equipment Maintenance \$ 16,250 Grounds Maintenance \$ 28,125 Maintenance-Custodial Equipment Leases-Purchase \$ 750 Major Repairs & Improvements \$ 30,000 Space Rental-Lease \$ 6,125 Contingencies \$ 7,563</p> <p>TOTAL BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION \$ 158,813</p> <p><i>The foregoing expenses for Building and Maintenance are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.</i></p> <p align="center">PART IV SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION</p> <p align="right"><u>Appropriation</u></p> <p>FICA Expense \$ 109,250 Contingency 5,463</p> <p>TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION \$ 114,713</p> <p><i>The foregoing expenses for Federal Insurance Contributions are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.</i></p> <p align="center">PART V LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION</p> <p align="right"><u>Appropriation</u></p> <p>Insurance \$ 22,500 Contingency 1,125</p> <p>TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION \$ 23,625</p> <p><i>The foregoing expenses for Liability Insurance are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.</i></p> <p align="center">PART VI AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION</p> <p align="right"><u>Appropriation</u></p> <p>Audit Fee \$ 12,000 Contingency 600</p> <p>TOTAL AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION \$ 12,600</p> <p><i>The foregoing expenses for the Annual Audit are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.</i></p> <p align="center">PART VII SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION</p> <p align="right"><u>Appropriation</u></p> <p>Special Reserve Fund-Facility Projects \$ 312,500 Contingency —</p> <p>TOTAL SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION \$ 312,500</p> <p><i>Expense appropriated from sources other than a current tax levy. Said amount to be used in accordance with applicable law</i></p> <p align="center">PART VIII APPROPRIATION SUMMARY</p> <p align="right"><u>Appropriation</u></p> <p>TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION \$ 2,470,650 TOTAL BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION 158,813 TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION 114,713 TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION 23,625 TOTAL AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION 12,600 TOTAL SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION 312,500 GRAND TOTAL \$ 3,092,900</p> <p align="center">ESTIMATED CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR</p> <p>Estimated Cash Expected to Be on Hand at End of FY2012-2013 \$ 2,492,733</p> <p>STATE OF ILLINOIS))SS COUNTY OF COOK)</p> <p align="center">CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I, CHRISTOPHER M. MARTEL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 19, 2012, being titled "ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF THE LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013" [Ordinance No. 2012-13/2], the original Ordinance being a part of the official record of said Lincolnwood Public Library District.</p> <p>DATED: September 20, 2012 /S/ Christopher M. Martel, Secretary Board of Library Trustees Lincolnwood Public Library District</p>			
<p align="center">Schedule of Estimated Revenue Available and Appropriations</p> <p align="center">PART I ESTIMATED REVENUE AVAILABLE</p> <p>1- Corporate Fund Balance on hand July 1, 2012 \$ 1,812,733 2- Anticipated Receipts from sources other than property tax collections, such as fines, gifts, fees, grants, interest income, and rentals. 55,600 3- Anticipated Property Tax Collections 2,300,900 4- Special Reserve Fund Balance on hand July 1, 2012 1,019,500 5- Total of Special Tax Fund Balances on hand July 1, 2012 396,900</p> <p>TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE \$ 5,585,633</p> <p align="center">PART II CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION</p> <p align="right"><u>Appropriation</u></p> <p>A- <u>Library Materials, Resources, Services & Programs</u></p> <p>Books - Adult Circulating \$ 56,750 Books - Adult Reference 6,500 Books - Youth & Young Adult 33,750 Audio Visual Materials - Adult 33,375 Audio Visual Materials - Youth & Young Adult 17,875 Computerized Information Resources 94,125 Shared Database Resources [CCS] 88,875 Periodicals 10,625 Library Programs - Adult 11,375 Library Programs - Youth & Young Adult 8,500 Youth Summer Reading Program 4,750 Miscellaneous Services & Resources 2,500</p> <p>B- <u>Supplies</u></p> <p>Supplies - Office 4,375 Supplies - Library Operations 8,750 Supplies - Printers & Copiers 7,500 Supplies - Library Programs 2,500 Supplies - Miscellaneous 1,250</p> <p>C- <u>Contractual & Other Outside Services</u></p> <p>Accounting Services 11,750 Legal Services 10,000 Pension Consultants 7,375 Payroll Services 5,375 Graphic Design & Public Information Services 9,000 Cataloging Services [OCLC] 3,500 Book Processing 4,875 Miscellaneous Consultant Services 53,625</p> <p>D- <u>Miscellaneous Operating Expenses</u></p> <p>Insurance - Building Contents \$ 7,875 Telephone Expenses 5,375 Postage & Delivery Expenses 9,125 Utilities 71,875 Computer Support & Maintenance 51,750 Office-Copier-AV Equipment Maintenance & Repair 1,125</p> <p>E- <u>Training, Development, and Recruitment</u></p> <p>Staff Development 18,750 Personnel Recruitment 2,500 Trustee Development 2,750</p>				<p align="right">AD#411006, Pub:10-4-12</p>			

Celebrations

Kiefer & Miller Engagement



Michael and Christine Kiefer, of Norridge, IL are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Michelle, to Steve Miller, son of William and Elaine Miller of Schuylkill Haven, PA.

Courtney attended Maine South High School and graduated Lake Forest College in 2004. She is currently a flight attendant for United Airlines. Steve attended Schuylkill Haven Area High School and graduated Lafayette College in 2000. He is Director of New Business at SEI Investments in Chicago.

The couple will exchange vows May 2013 in Lake Forest, IL.

LOOBY – WEBER Wedding



Brian and Eileen (Looby) Weber were married September 15, 2012, at the Church of St. Mary, Lake Forest with reception at Conway Farm's Golf Club. Eileen's parents, John Looby III and Janice Krakora-Looby reside in Lake Forest. Brian's parents, Michael and Rosemarie Weber reside in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Eileen's matron of honor was her friend Jessica Brosche. Her bridesmaids were sister-in-law Megan Looby and friends Sally O'Brien, Christina Sappington, Amy Hoopis, Ryan Francis, and Morgan Ott. Annette Weber, Brian's niece, was a junior bridesmaid. Brian's brother Scott Weber was his best man. Groomsmen were his brother Alan Weber and friends Scott Lamerand, Stephen Janke, Warren Heydorn, Timothy Roach, and Andrew Soderna. Robert Weber, Brian's nephew, was ring bearer. Ushers were Eileen's brothers John Looby IV and James Looby, friend of the bride Richard Hoopis and friend of the groom Ted Crouch. Celebrants of the nuptial Mass were Bishop George Rassas and Father Michael McGovern. Eileen is a graduate of Purdue University and the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. She is vice-president of Lake Forest Flowers. She currently is a member of the Lake Forest Caucus, Carmel Catholic High School's Board of Directors, Purdue University Agricultural Alumni Board, and the Guild of St. Mary. Brian is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh where he played football. He is a financial trader for Consolidated Trading in Chicago.

The couple honeymooned in Europe for two weeks before returning to Lake Forest, where they reside.

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To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The purpose of a state constitution is to establish a structure for government and laws. The Illinois Constitution provides citizens with rights and protections; creates the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government; clarifies the powers given to local governments; limits the taxing power of the State; and imposes certain restrictions on the use of taxpayer dollars. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) the people of the State by referendum may propose changes to the Legislative Article. Regardless of the method of initiating change, the people of Illinois must approve any changes of the Constitution before they become effective.

The proposed amendment adds Section 5.1 to the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section would require a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials. At the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION**Section 5.1 — Pension and Retirement Benefit Increases**

- (a) No bill, except a bill for appropriations, that provides a benefit increase under any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall become law without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. If the Governor vetoes such a bill by returning it with objections to the house in which it originated, the provisions of Article IV, Section 9 shall govern the passage of that bill except that such bill shall not become law unless, upon its return, it is passed by a record vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. If the Governor returns such a bill with specific recommendations for change to the house in which it originated, the provisions of Article IV, Section 9 shall govern the acceptance of those specific recommendations except that such recommendations may be accepted only by a record vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, regardless of the bill's date of passage or effective date.

For purposes of this subsection, the term "benefit increase" means a change to any pension or other law that results in a member of a pension or retirement system receiving a new benefit or an enhancement to a benefit, including, but not limited to, any changes that (i) increase the amount of the pension or annuity that a member could receive upon retirement, or (ii) reduce or eliminate the eligibility requirements or other terms or conditions a member must meet to receive a pension or annuity upon retirement. The term "benefit increase" also means a change to any pension or other law that expands the class of persons who may become a member of any pension or retirement system or who may receive a pension or annuity from a pension or retirement system. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, shall not constitute a "benefit increase" unless that increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

- (b) No ordinance, resolution, rule, or other action of the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, of any unit of local government or school district that provides an emolument increase to an official or employee that has the effect of increasing the amount of the pension or annuity that an official or employee could receive as a member of a pension or retirement system shall be valid without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members of that governing body. For purposes of this subsection, the term "emolument increase" means the creation of a new or enhancement of an existing advantage, profit or gain that an official or employee receives by virtue of holding office or employment, including, but not limited to, compensated time off, bonuses, incentives, or other forms of compensation. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, shall not constitute an "emolument increase" unless that increase exceeds limitations provided by law.
- (c) No action of the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, of any pension or retirement system created or maintained for the benefit of officers or employees of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof that results in a beneficial determination shall be valid without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members of that governing body. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "beneficial determination" means an interpretation or application of pension or other law by the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, that reverses or supersedes a previous interpretation or application and either (i) results in an increase in the amount of the pension or annuity received by a member of the pension or retirement system or (ii) results in a person becoming eligible to receive a pension or annuity from the pension or retirement system. The term "beneficial determination" shall not include a beneficial determination mandated by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (d) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the passage or adoption of any law, ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, or practice that further restricts the ability to provide a "benefit increase", "emolument increase", or "beneficial determination" as those terms are used under this Section.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment adds a section to the Illinois Constitution requiring a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials.

The proposed amendment requires a three-fifths vote of each chamber of the General Assembly (the Senate and the House of Representatives) for a bill that provides a pension benefit increase, except for appropriation bills. "Benefit increase" means a change to any pension or other law that results in a member of a pension or retirement system receiving a new benefit or an enhancement, including any changes that (i) increase the amount of a member's pension, or (ii) reduce or eliminate the eligibility requirements or other terms or conditions a member must meet to receive a pension. It also means a change to any pension or other law that expands the class of persons who may become members of any pension or retirement system. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, does not constitute a "benefit increase," unless the increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

The proposed amendment would also require a two-thirds vote for lawmakers to override a governor's veto or accept a governor's proposed changes in a rewrite of pension increase legislation. Currently, it takes a three-fifths vote to override a veto and only a simple majority to accept a governor's changes.

The proposed amendment requires approval of three-fifths of the members of the governing body of a unit of local government or school district for any ordinance, resolution, rule, or other action that provides an enhancement or emolument increase to an employee or officer that has the effect of increasing the pension of that employee or officer. "Emolument increase" means the creation of a new, or enhancement of an existing, advantage, profit, or gain that an official or employee receives by virtue of holding office or employment, which includes compensated time off, bonuses, incentives, or other forms of compensation. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, does not constitute an "emolument increase," unless the increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

The proposed amendment requires approval of three-fifths of the members of the governing body of a pension or retirement system for any action that results in a "beneficial determination." A "beneficial determination" is an interpretation or application of law that reverses or supersedes a previous decision if that interpretation or application (i) results in an increase in the overall amount of pension benefits received by a member or (ii) results in a person becoming eligible to receive a pension. "Beneficial determination" does not include a final decision mandated by the courts.

Voters that believe the Illinois Constitution should be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials should vote "YES" on the question. Three-fifths of those voting on the question, or a majority of those voting in the election, must vote "YES" in order for the amendment to become effective. Voters that believe the Illinois Constitution should not be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials should vote "NO" on the question.

FORM OF BALLOT**Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution****Explanation of Amendment**

Upon approval by the voters, the proposed amendment, which takes effect on January 9, 2013, adds a new section to the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section would require a three-fifths majority vote of each chamber of the General Assembly, or the governing body of a unit of local government, school district, or pension or retirement system, in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system. At the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

If you believe the Illinois Constitution should be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system, you should vote "YES" on the question. If you believe the Illinois Constitution should not be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system, you should vote "NO" on the question. Three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election must vote "YES" in order for the amendment to become effective on January 9, 2013.

YES**NO**

For the proposed addition of Section 5.1 to Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution.

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call at the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, as set forth in House Joint Resolution 93 of the 97th General Assembly in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois. Done in the City of Springfield, this 18th day of June 2012.

Jesse White
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Secretary of State

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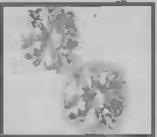
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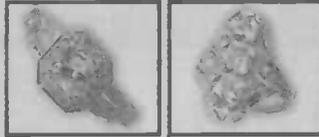
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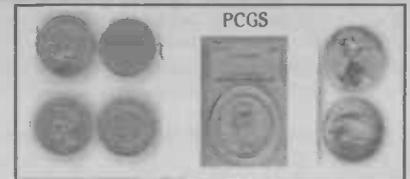
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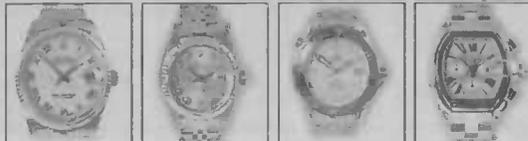
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Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander won the 2011 AL Cy Young Award in part because of his incredible consistency. He posted an astonishing streak of 63 straight starts in which he pitched at least six innings, but it ended in bizarre fashion. The Tigers were down 4-1 in Boston with the bases loaded in the top of the sixth, but it was raining so hard the game was halted. It was eventually called, so Verlander never got a chance to pitch in the bottom of the sixth – yet he still was credited with a complete game.

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If you're playing fantasy football this season, you'd better hope Paul Hanzlik isn't in your league. Is Pat an NFL insider, a veteran columnist, maybe a professional handicapper? No, no and no. She's an 87-year-old grandmother, who at the end of the 2011 season became the oldest woman on record to win a fantasy football league championship. But don't think of it as luck – Pat has been playing for 25 years. Needless to say, her victory and the trophy that came with it surprised her fellow residents at the Northfield Retirement Community home.

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Can you guess which college football game drew the highest television rating of all time, as of the start of the 2012 season? It was a bowl game, which is probably no surprise, but here's another hint – it was played more than 25 years ago. The answer is the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, in which the late Joe Paterno's Penn State Nittany Lions upset the seven-point favorite Miami Hurricanes to claim the national title.

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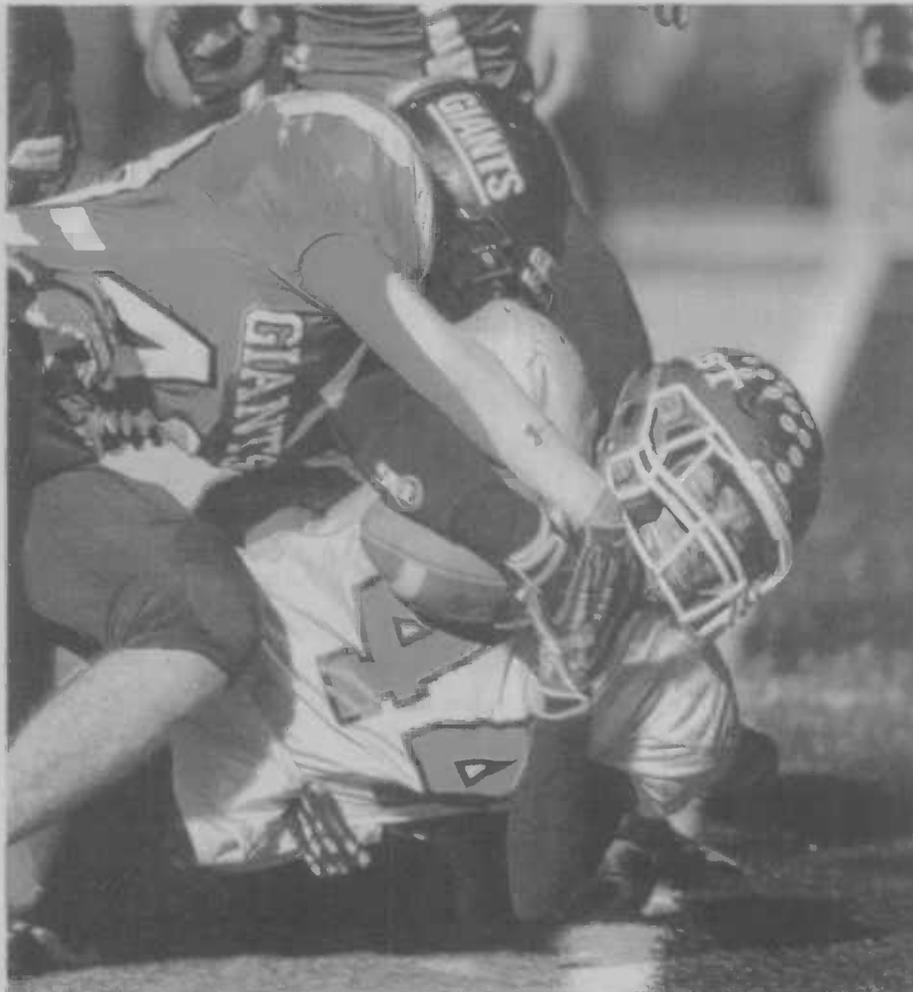
Maine East

Names in the Game



KATHY KOLODZIEJSKI
 Noteworthy efforts: Kolodziejcki was the top diver at Maine East's Sept. 27 meet against Maine West. The junior totaled 175.45 points to give the team a full six points for winning the event.

MATT CORONADO
 Noteworthy efforts: Blue Demons freshman Matt Coronado scored against Gordon Tech on Friday. It was his 10th goal of the season. Coronado is second on Maine East in goals scored as of Monday.



Maine East's Mike Kuzebksi (right) scores a touchdown during Friday's game at Highland Park. He was tackled by Highland Park's Brian Cherny. | MICHAEL SCHMIDT-Sun-Times Media

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

467 | The Maine East boys golf team shot a 467 at Sept. 24's CSL North meet, which was held at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook. Matthew Doetsch (97) recorded the team's low score, and David Schnobrich (120), Alex Kniazuk (124) and Tommy Dosek (126) also had their scores count toward the team total. The tournament was won by Glenbrook North, which shot a 306.

Sound Bites

"It was a rollercoaster match, kind of typical of our season — moments of brilliance and some breakdowns. We talked about maintaining the momentum, but we struggled in Game 3."

— girls volleyball coach Anne Bezek after the Sept. 27 match at Deerfield, which the Blue Demons lost 25-17, 23-25, 25-10.

Don't Miss

Saturday
Boys cross country: Maine East at Wheeling Invite, 9 a.m. Maine East will continue its run of Saturday morning races when it runs at the Wheeling-Invite. The Blue Demons finished 29th out of 52 teams at Saturday's Peoria Invitational at Detweiller Park. The team's top finisher was Anthony Misiak (16 minutes, 15 seconds), who finished 105th. Aayush Shah (16:28) was 132nd and Shwetang Patel (16:34) was 148th. 365 runners competed in the boys race.

This Week Maine East

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday
 At Wheeling Invite, 9 a.m.

FOOTBALL

Friday
 Hosts Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Monday
 At New Trier (Class 3A) Sectional at Winn. G.C.

BOYS SOCCER

Today
 Hosts Chicago Schurz, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Hosts Chicago Bulls Prep, 7 p.m.
 Thursday (10/11)
 Hosts Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SWIM/DIVE

Friday
 Hosts Glenbrook North, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Friday
 At CSL Conf. Meet at Deerfield, 4 p.m.
 Saturday
 At CSL Conf. Meet at Deerfield, 9 a.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Today
 Hosts Highland Park, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Hosts Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.

Coming up short

HIGHLAND PARK

Quarterback Tommy Sutker threw three touchdown passes, and halfback Andrew Sledd scored two rushing touchdowns, as the host Giants defeated Maine East 35-15.

Maine East (2-4, 0-2) used a 14-play, 80-yard drive to tie the score at 7-7 in the first quarter Friday, with Mike Kuzebksi scoring on an 8-yard run. Kuzebksi netted 85 yards on the ground with 12 carries, also adding a 15-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Alex Corey. Maine East fullback Javed Lukovic ran 20 times for 96 yards.



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SOCCER PAIRINGS

NEW TRIER SECTIONAL

Seedings

1. Maine West
2. Maine South
3. Leyden
4. Lane
5. Glenbrook North
6. New Trier
7. Glenbrook South
8. Evanston
9. Loyola
10. Maine East
11. Niles North
12. Mather
13. Niles West
14. Foreman
15. St. Patrick
16. Steinmetz
17. Taft
18. Schurz

LEYDEN REGIONAL

Oct. 16

No. 3 Leyden vs. No. 14 Foreman, 5 p.m.

No. 5 Glenbrook North vs. No. 10. Maine East, 7 p.m.

Oct. 19

Regional final, 5 p.m.

MAINE SOUTH REGIONAL

Oct. 12

No. 18 Schurz at No. 15 St. Patrick, TBA

Oct. 16

No. 2 Maine South vs. Schurz/St. Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

No. 7 Glenbrook South vs. No. 9 Loyola, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 19

Regional final, 11 a.m.

NILES NORTH REGIONAL

Oct. 12

No. 17 Taft at No. 16 Steinmetz, TBA

Oct. 16

No. 1 Maine West vs. Taft/Steinmetz, 4:30 p.m.

No. 8 Evanston vs. No. 11 Niles North, 7 p.m.

Oct. 20

Regional final, 11 a.m.

NEW TRIER REGIONAL

Oct. 16

No. 4 Lane vs. No. 13 Niles West, 5 p.m.

No. 6 New Trier vs. No. 12 Mather, 7 p.m.

Oct. 19

Regional final, 7 p.m.

NEW TRIER SECTIONAL

Oct. 23

Niles North Regional winner vs. New Trier Regional winner, 9 p.m.

Maine South Regional winner vs. Leyden Regional winner, 7 p.m.

Oct. 27

Sectional final, 3 p.m.

Glenbrook South Supersectional

Oct. 30

Conant Sectional winner vs. New Trier Sectional winner, 6 p.m.

Fleps' makes Evanston dangerous

BY MATT HARNESS | mharness@pioneerlocal.com

EVANSTON

On the day the IHSA released the postseason seedings, Gus Fleps had played just five varsity games.

In his first match with significant playing time, the sophomore forward was on the field Sept. 20 for Evanston's 2-0 win over longtime rival New Trier.

One week later the IHSA revealed the seedings and Fleps earned his first start. Fleps responded by scoring a goal off a header to help the Wildkits earn a 2-2 tie with Maine South, one of the best teams in the area.

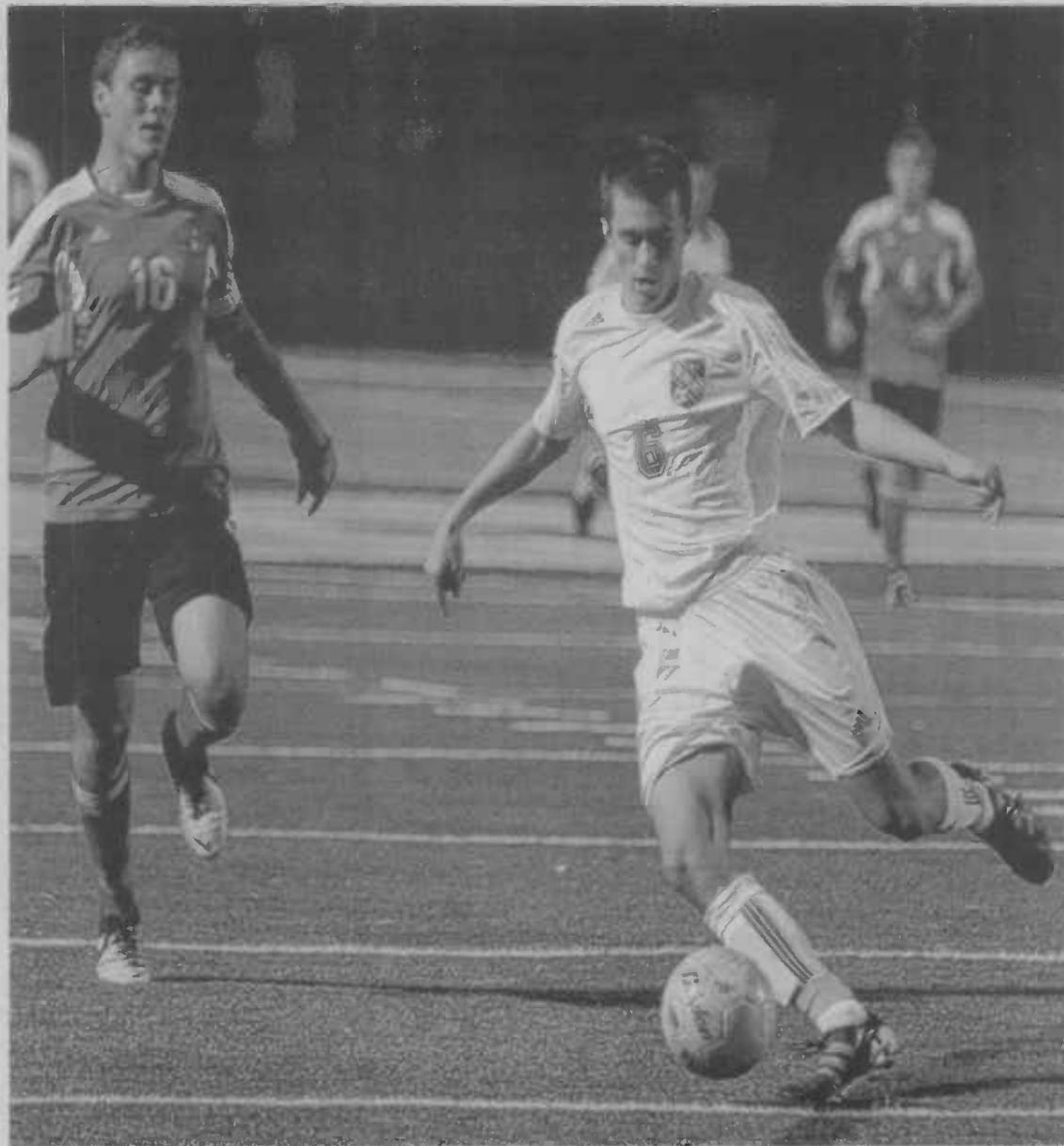
Fleps is one reason why Evanston coach Franz Calixte likes his club's chances going into the state playoffs.

"That New Trier game was a big breakout for me," Fleps said. "I think I did well and what the coaches asked of me. That's what got me the start against Maine South. I knew I was capable of playing at that level."

While Maine South earned the No. 2 seed at the New Trier Sectional, Evanston was awarded the No. 8 seed. Each team is after its first regional title since 2009.

"I wouldn't want to play this eight seed," Calixte said. "This is the fittest and hardest working team I've coached. These guys absorb everything."

In his short time up on varsity, Fleps already can tell the Wildkits are a dangerous



Evanston's Timothy Kenney clears the ball away from Maine South's Ryan Pattullo during their match at Evanston on Sept. 27. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

team. Evanston opens the postseason at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 against Niles North.

"We really do feel like if we play our game and win personal battles, we can take on anyone," Fleps said.

Meanwhile, Maine South coach Dan States and the Hawks were denied a share of the CSL South title with last

week's tie. What's worse, the Hawks may have lost Calvin Miller for the rest of the season. The senior defender was helped off the field in the first half with a knee injury.

"He's a terrific player," States said. "He bottles it up in the back, and he generates the attack in the middle. Losing him presented some

different challenges for us."

Maine South gets either Schurz or St. Patrick in the regional semifinals at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 16.

"We are where we feel like we should be," States said. "Should be interesting."

Maine West, which tied Maine South 1-1 on Sept. 8, earned the top seed. ■

Mom raises money in teen's memory

BY PAT KROCHMAL | pkrochmal@pioneerlocal.com

NORTHBROOK

Northbrook teenager Jennifer Lynn Snyder died in 2008, but her memory lives on through two organizations trying to protect youngsters from the sudden cardiac arrest that took her life.

The Jennifer Lynn Snyder Teen Heart Foundation, which is active on the North Shore, and Parent Heart Watch, which operates across the country, are fighting sudden cardiac arrest in several ways.

They are holding a benefit at 8 p.m. Saturday through Sports Radio's 25th Anniversary Celebration, "An Uncensored Evening of Celebrity Entertainment" at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago.

Jenny loved sports, so an event like this is fitting, said her mother, Michele Snyder, who is the founder of the Jennifer Lynn Snyder Teen Heart Foundation, and executive director of Parent Heart Watch.

Jenny was only 17 years old and about to begin her senior year at Glenbrook North High School when she was struck by sudden cardiac arrest.

"She went to soccer practice in Glenview, and collapsed. Like so many other kids who



Michele Snyder lost her 17 year old daughter Jenny to sudden cardiac arrest four years ago and now is on a mission to see that AEDs are available wherever sports and vigorous activity take place. | **JON LANGHAM**-for Sun-Times Media

die of sudden cardiac arrest, death was her first symptom," Michele said. "It doesn't have to be that way - sudden cardiac arrest is often preventable. There are things parents and communities should be doing to protect youth from this tragedy."

Michele noted that besides fundraising to support the fight against sudden cardiac arrest, the organizations she represents support early detection and making automated external defibrillators accessible where youngsters gather.

They also support training people in CPR and AEDs, as well as having an emergency action plan, she added.

"We want to place AEDs outdoors throughout the North Shore community, so if kids are playing baseball or soccer, and there is a need, the machines are available," Michele said. "Even if a perfectly healthy kid gets hit in the chest with a baseball, and that split second it interrupts the rhythm of the heart, an AED could save

him."

Both Mandi Carozza, 22, who was Jenny's best friend since sixth grade, and Jenna Schloss, who became a friend of Jenny's in fourth grade, are actively working against sudden cardiac arrest.

"I know how to operate an AED, which is probably the most substantial way to save someone's life. It's pretty straight forward, and most of them even tell you what to do," said Carozza, now a senior at the University of Iowa.

"Someone as young as a middle schooler would be able to operate one."

Schloss, now a senior at Tulane University in New Orleans, La., said she and her friends made certain they had EKGs after Jenny's death.

"We should all learn how to do CPR and operate AEDs," she added. "I couldn't imagine how I'd feel if I was there when something happened and didn't know how to use the machine." ■



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Notre Dame

Names in the Game

**MIKE GIBSON**

Noteworthy efforts: The senior finished fifth in the Red Division (Class 1A and 2A schools) at Niles West's Pat Savage Invitational cross country meet Saturday with a time of 16 minutes, 30.70 seconds.

**DAN NAGODE**

Noteworthy efforts: The quarterback scored the Dons' only touchdown in Friday's 21-6 loss to Nazareth, running the ball in from 36 yards out. "Nagode had a great run on the touchdown run, but unfortunately he was running all night," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said. "We had a breakdown in protection."

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

7 | Goalkeeper Robert Hill had seven saves and earned his seventh shutout of the season as Notre Dame came out on top against St. Patrick 2-0 Saturday to win the Irish Cup. The Dons' two goals were scored by Dion Ursino (who was assisted by Brett Bartes) and Steven Nowotarski (who was assisted by Ken Szyszka).

Sound Bites

"I was very proud of our boys and they definitely celebrated as a team after by strategically pouring the water jug on Coach (Stewart) Turner-Jackson, who wasn't able to outrun them like me." — Coach Reggie Lara on Notre Dame's 2-0 win over St. Patrick on Saturday to capture the Irish Cup

Don't Miss

Friday

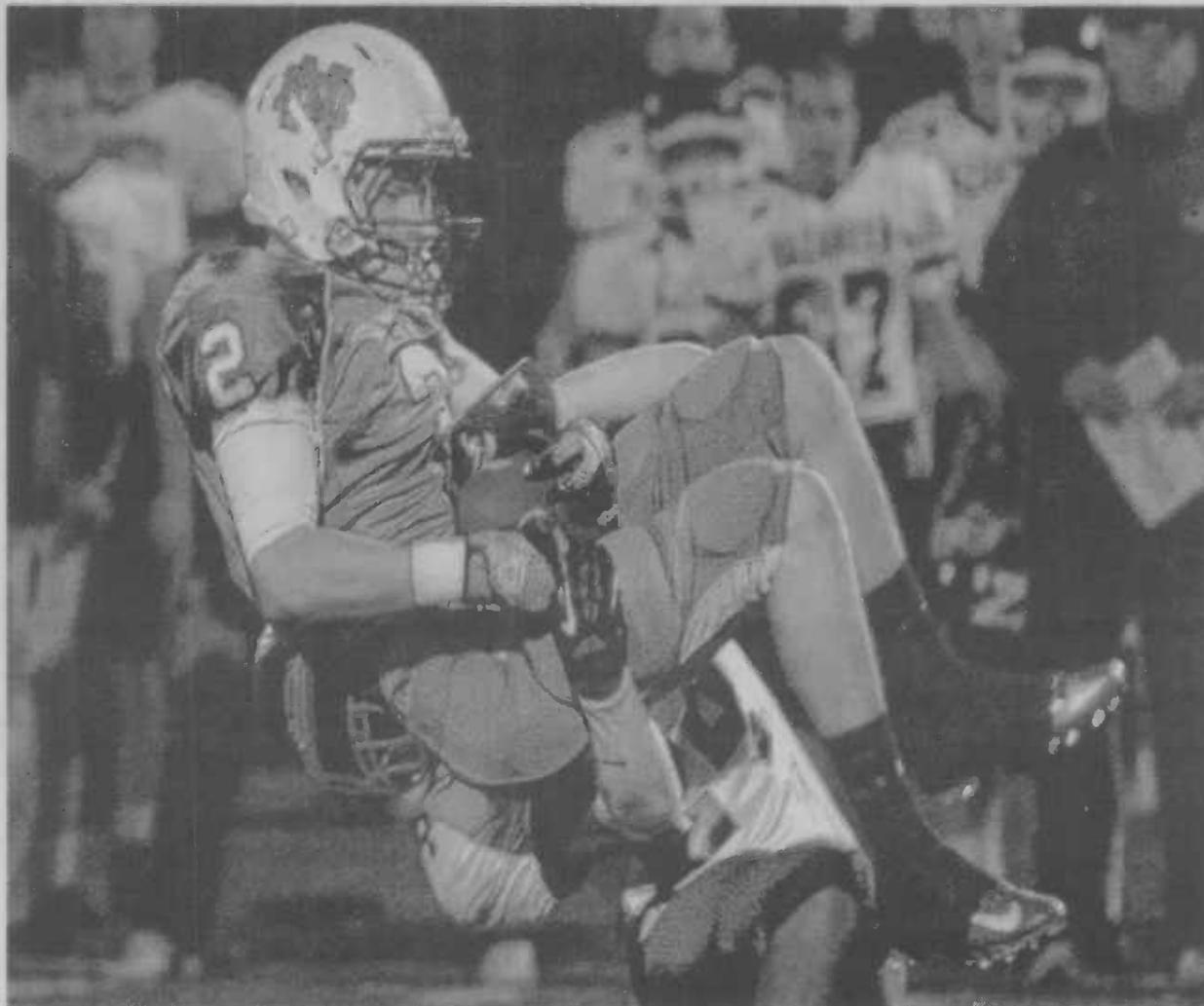
Football: Notre Dame at Marist, 7:30 p.m.

After their 21-6 loss to Nazareth, the Dons hope to come back out on top against Marist on Friday. Marist won its last game against Carmel 28-7 Friday.

Saturday

Cross Country: Notre Dame at West Aurora, 8:30 a.m.

This is the team's last scheduled meet of the regular season.



Notre Dame's Matt Nunez is taken down by Nazareth's Kevin Jackson after catching a pass during Friday's game in Niles. | STACIA TIMONERE-for Sun Times Media

Gonzales proves a fast learner

BY BRENDAN BOND | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

NILES

It's not common for a first-year varsity player to play almost every snap of the game. But that's what junior Tom Gonzales does for the Notre Dame every week.

Gonzales plays safety on defense, returns punts

on special teams and lines up in the slot on offense while taking the occasional handoff.

"Tommy's one of those guys who really doesn't come off the field," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said. "He's adjusted to the varsity level right away and we have a lot of confidence in him."

Gonzales said that he enjoys playing almost every down, but admitted that it is hard at times. He enjoys playing defense the most.

"There is more of a team feel on defense because you're working together to stop the ball," Gonzales



Culture Grid: John Draths

Draths, a Glenview resident, is a junior on the golf team:

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUPERSTITIONS OR RITUALS BEFORE PLAYING A MATCH OR A ROUND? "I try to keep as many as five tees in my pocket, if possible."

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE COURSE TO PLAY? "Yeah. I caddy at North Shore Country Club and that's probably my favorite course right now ... My low round (there) is a 78."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT? "There's this really good place out in The Glen that's called Ted's Montana Grill. It's got bison burgers and they're really good."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY? "It would probably be the Fourth of July. That's just a really fun day. ... Normally I try to play golf in the morning and then we have a family barbecue with all of the cousins and stuff in the afternoon."

This Week Notre Dame

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At West Aurora, 8:30 a.m.

FOOTBALL
Friday
At Marist, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Monday
At New Trier (Class 3A) Sectional at Winn. G.C.

BOYS SOCCER
Wednesday
Hosts Jones Coll. Prep., 6:30 p.m.



said.

Stopping the ball is something Gonzales is called upon often to do.

"My job on 'D' is to stop the run," Gonzales said. "I also play man on the number-two receiver."

Notre Dame defensive coordinator Dan DeFranza raved about the improvements Gonzales has made so far in his first season on varsity.

"He's been our most improved defender from week one to week six," DeFranza said. "He's excelled recently at (bringing) a physical presence to the field. He plays man without help over the top, plays underneath coverage in the zone, seals the edge on runs and plays on the wide side of the field because of his speed."

Gonzales does a lot on game day for the Dons, but it's his work in practice that makes all of that possible. DeFranza calls him one of their

Nazareth's Dimitri Joe forces Notre Dame's Chris James to fumble in the first quarter of Friday's game in Niles. | STACIA TIMONERE for Sun Times Media

hardest workers both in and out of season, noting that Gonzales still lifts hard during the season.

"He brings a lot of energy to practice and the workouts," DeFranza said. "He also is the first one there, catching punts before practice."

In the game Friday against Nazareth, which the Dons lost 21-6, Gonzales muffed a punt that led to a turnover. Following that, he had the opportunity to field three more punts and he did so cleanly each time.

Gonzales talked about having a

short memory to get over that play, but DeFranza took it a step further.

"He has the makeup mentally to get over any hurdle," DeFranza said. "He also is a really good athlete and trusts his athletic skill. We expect big things from him." ■



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Niles North

Names in the Game

**AZRA AVDIC**

Noteworthy efforts: Niles North swimmer Azra Avdic continued her outstanding freshman season, winning the 200-yard freestyle (1:57.89), 500-yard freestyle (5:15.79) and swimming the lead leg on the Vikings' 400-yard freestyle relay at Sept. 29's Maine West Invitational.

**ANDREA LOPEZ**

Noteworthy efforts: Lopez was named tournament MVP at the Sept. 29 Northside Prep Invite, which Niles North won for the first time in school history this year. Lopez had 22 kills and 18 digs and helped the Vikings improve their record to 16-3 this season.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

0.20 | Niles North's Micah Beller continued a strong senior season at the Sept. 29 St. Charles North Invitational. Beller edged Jones College Prep's Jamison Dale by 0.20 seconds to win the three-mile race at LeRoy-Oakeş Forest Preserve in St. Charles.

Sound Bites

"I have six new freshmen on varsity, and five of them are the fastest ones on the team already. It took a while for some of the girls to get used to that, but I feel like it's elevated everybody in practice because it makes it much more tense and much more competitive. People are really pushing themselves a lot more, which is really nice to see." — Niles North girls swimming coach Paul Torres on the effect Niles North's standout freshman class has had on the rest of the team.

Don't Miss

Friday and Saturday

Girls tennis: Niles North at CSL North Meet, Deerfield
The Niles North girls tennis team will go against several strong teams within its conference, including Deerfield, Glenbrook North, Highland Park and Maine East.

Tuesday**Boys soccer: Niles North at Niles West, 6:30 p.m.**

Niles West has had a down season this year, making the Vikings the favorites in the Oct. 9 rivalry match. Niles North has played well lately, tying Maine East 2-2 on Sept. 25 and then tying Waukegan, 0-0. The Bulldogs recently won the CSL South.



Niles North's Alex Tatar (left) and teammate Nick Lakhani tackle Glenbrook North's Grant Rushing Friday in Northbrook. Rushing ran for 411 yards in the win. Visit seasonpass.suntimes.com/pioneer to view a photo gallery from the game. | **JON LANGHAM**-for Sun-Times media

Tatar steps in for North

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

NORTHBROOK

Immediately after Niles North's football program cut ties with outside linebacker Juvane Spence days before the Vikings' Week 3 game against Waukegan, junior Alex Tatar's role on the team was altered to fill the void left by the all-conference player.

Tatar was primarily used as a receiver to start the

season, but he played very well in his first start at linebacker.

"Alex played great. He stepped up majorly," Niles North defensive end Dan Fricano said after the Vikings overcame six turnovers to beat Waukegan 17-14 on Sept. 8. "I didn't expect that. He had an awesome game."

Niles North has played in three blowouts since beating the Bulldogs. The Vikings crushed Maine East, but lost to Maine South and Glenbrook North by 45 and 39 points, respectively. Despite the lopsided losses, Tatar now feels comfortable in his new role and the Niles North coaching staff hopes he develops by correcting the errors made in the team's recent losses.



Culture Grid: Grace Haggerty

Haggerty is a junior on the girls cross country team:

WHAT'S THE LAST GOOD BOOK THAT YOU READ? "Probably my summer read book, 'The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.' It was kind of the combination of a sciency book and non-fiction, so that was kind of cool."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY? "Christmas. I like having the family all together; I like winter and getting gifts."

IF YOU COULD LIVE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD FOR A YEAR AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY, WHERE WOULD YOU CHOOSE? "Ireland. I'm Irish and it's a really beautiful place, and I love the people there."

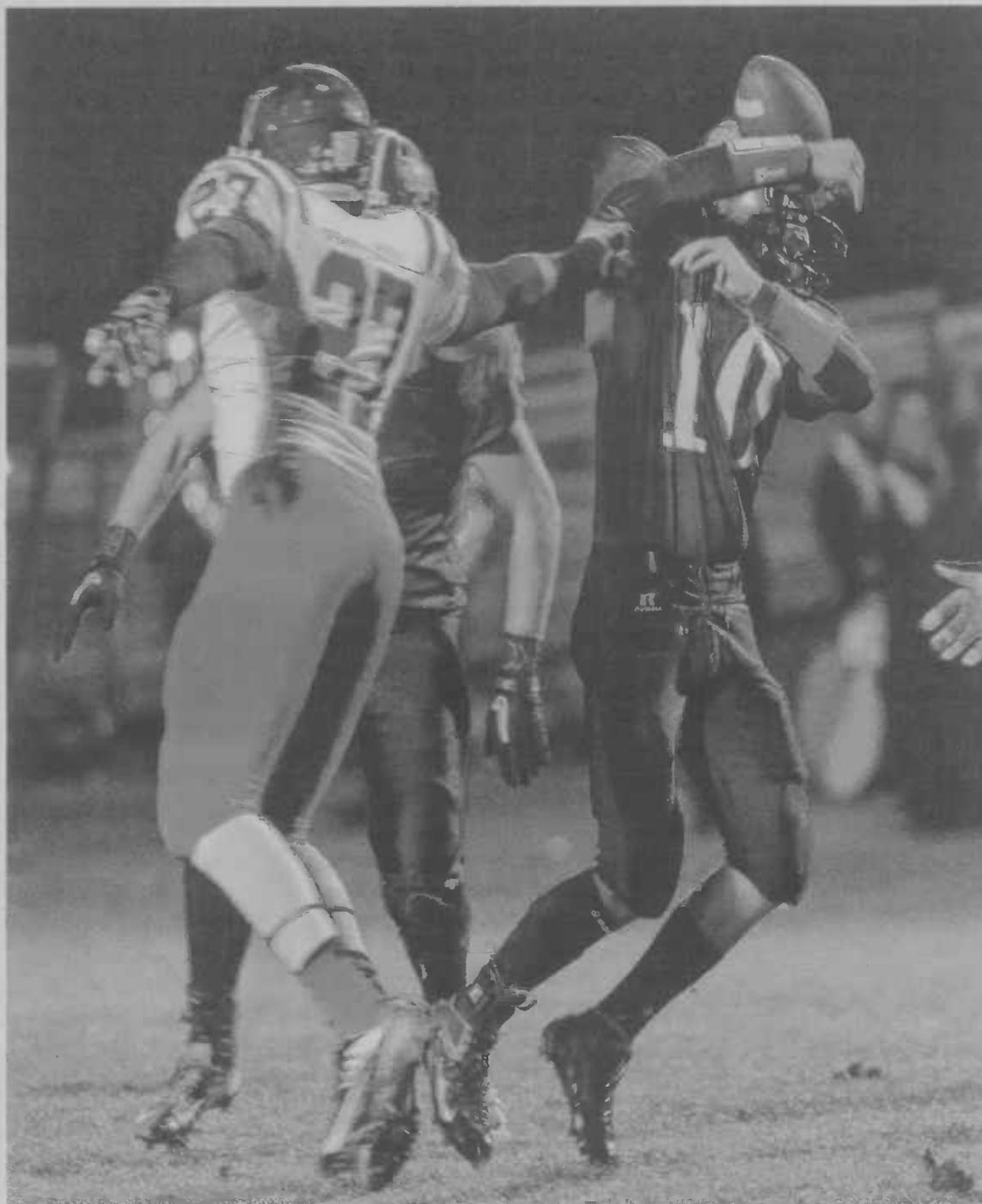
"In the Waukegan game, I had a good game because I had to prove that I can earn the position," Tatar said. "I'm pretty comfortable now. (I've) been learning the defense and getting ready for next year as well."

Since taking over as Niles North's coach earlier this year, Mark Egofske has worked on fixing the team's lingering mistakes. Against Glenbrook North, the Vikings' most glaring mistake was an abundance of arm tackling. Glenbrook North's Grant Rushing broke many tackles en route to a school-record 411 yards rushing.

As the Vikings move into the final third of the regular season, their opponents become easier — Niles North's opponents currently have five wins between them — and their preseason goal of reaching six wins remains a possibility.

But Egofske knows that it is vital to correct the mistakes made against Glenbrook North, both for Niles North's defense to consistently play like it did against Waukegan and for Tatar to continue developing.

Tatar "is one of those guys that's a work in progress," Egofske said. "As well as he has been playing, he was one of our guys that can't arm tackle these (Glenbrook North) guys. It's been a big bugaboo at Niles North teaching these kids how to use shoulder pads. We don't do a great job at that. It's something we're getting better at, but we still have a long way to go."



Niles North's Malik Robinson knocks the ball loose from Glenbrook North's A.J. Spitz during Friday night's game. | **JON LANGHAM**-for Sun-Times Media

This Week Niles North

FOOTBALL

Friday

At Highland Park, 7 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Monday

At New Trier (Class 3A)
Sectional at Winn. G.C.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday

At Carmel (Class AA)
Sectional at Bonnie
Brook, Waukegan

BOYS SOCCER

Today

At Carmel, 7 p.m.

Saturday

At Leyden, 10 a.m.

Tuesday

At Niles West, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS SWIM/DIVE

Friday

At New Trier, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Friday

At Deerfield Conf., 8 a.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Today

At Maine West, 6 p.m.

Friday

At GBN Invite, 9 a.m.

Wednesday

At Highland Park, 6 p.m.

Thursday (10/11)

At Resurrection, 6 p.m.



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Beller, Vikings have sights set on state

BY CHRIS PELLIZZARI | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

Niles North may have one of the top long-distance runners in the state in Micah Beller. The senior's first-place finish at the St. Charles North invite on Saturday showed everyone why the Vikings cross country team should be serious contenders at the state finals in November.

"He's running with a lot of confidence right now. He knows how to be a front runner," Vikings coach Dan Horyn said.

Beller's confidence has led to results all season. He finished first at the Hornet Red Devil invite, third at the First to the Finish invite in Peoria and fourth at the Palatine invite. At St. Charles North, Beller beat out 139 other runners.

"Things are going really well right now," Beller said. "There is a consistency in practice. I'm putting forward a good effort in workouts."

But despite the early success, Beller says there's a lot more work to do, especially since the Vikings did not qualify for state last year.

"I need to focus more on the little things, like better nutrition," Beller said. "We had a disappointing end to last year. It's a huge motivation tool for us right now. It's keeping us focused moving forward."

Beller also sees a lot of improvement in his teammates, who got off to a somewhat slow start earlier in the season.

"The team has really picked it up. I like where we're going," Beller said.

The Vikings finished first out of 18 teams at the St. Charles North invite, edging out Wheat Warren South, who finished second, and third place Batavia.

Horyn likes where Beller's going and sees big things on the horizon.

"He's able to adjust to different kinds of races. This is something really important going into the state finals," Horyn said. "We feel great right now because we have solidified a lot of things."

"We are definitely heading in the right direction and Micah is a big part of that. He has not had one let-down race this season. He has run well at big and small invites and can meet any kind of pressure situation."



Niles North's Micah Beller leads Highland Park's Jonah Hanig to the finish of the CSL Quad Cross Country Meet on Sept. 13, 2011. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

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Friday's games
New Trier at Niles West, 7 p.m.
Carmel at Joliet Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Nazareth at Benet Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame at Marist, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin at Aurora Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

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Lyons at OPRF
Evanston at Waukegan

Power Rankings

Pioneer Press/ Doings Football Power Rankings

As voted on by the Pioneer Press/Doings sports staff.

First place votes are worth 15 points, second place 14, etc.

1. Maine South 60 (6-0) (4)
2. Loyola 56 (5-1)
3. Hinsdale Central 51 (5-1)
4. Stevenson 49 (5-1)
5. Lake Zurich 40 (5-1)
6. Fenwick 39 (5-1)
7. Leyden 28 (5-1)
8. Lake Forest 25 (5-1)
- 9t. Hinsdale South 20 (4-2)
- 9t. Glenbrook North 20 (5-1)
11. OPRF 19 (4-2)
12. Libertyville 18 (5-1)
13. Nazareth 12 (3-3)
14. Niles West 9 (5-1)
15. Notre Dame 8 (4-2)

Others receiving votes: Carmel 7; Lyons 5; Evanston 5; Elmwood Park 4; Glenbrook South 1.

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Summer of hard work paying off

BY KEN RYAN | Contributor | @KenRyan15

SKOKIE

Niles West senior George Webb is the first to admit he probably could have prepared for cross country last season a bit better.

He vowed to change that, which bodes well for him and the team.

"Over the past summer, I trained harder and put in more miles," Webb said. "It's something I didn't do last year. I was kind of lazy, but this summer I worked hard. I have a stronger (running) base now."

While he always will consider himself a track athlete first, cross country is a sport that has grown on him.

"When I first came into cross country, I had no idea what to expect," Webb said. "I just wanted to get in shape for track, but now I like cross country. It's a fun sport."

Webb, and fellow senior Yandiel Cardenas, ran at state last season when the Wolves placed 19th in Class 3A meet.

That team was senior dominated, leaving a void at the top of the lineup, which Webb gladly has filled.

"I think it was a large

step for those now seniors to replace the really talented senior class we had from last year's state-qualifying team," Niles West coach Michael Grossman said. "They have done an exceptional job of taking over that role and being good role models and leaders for the team."

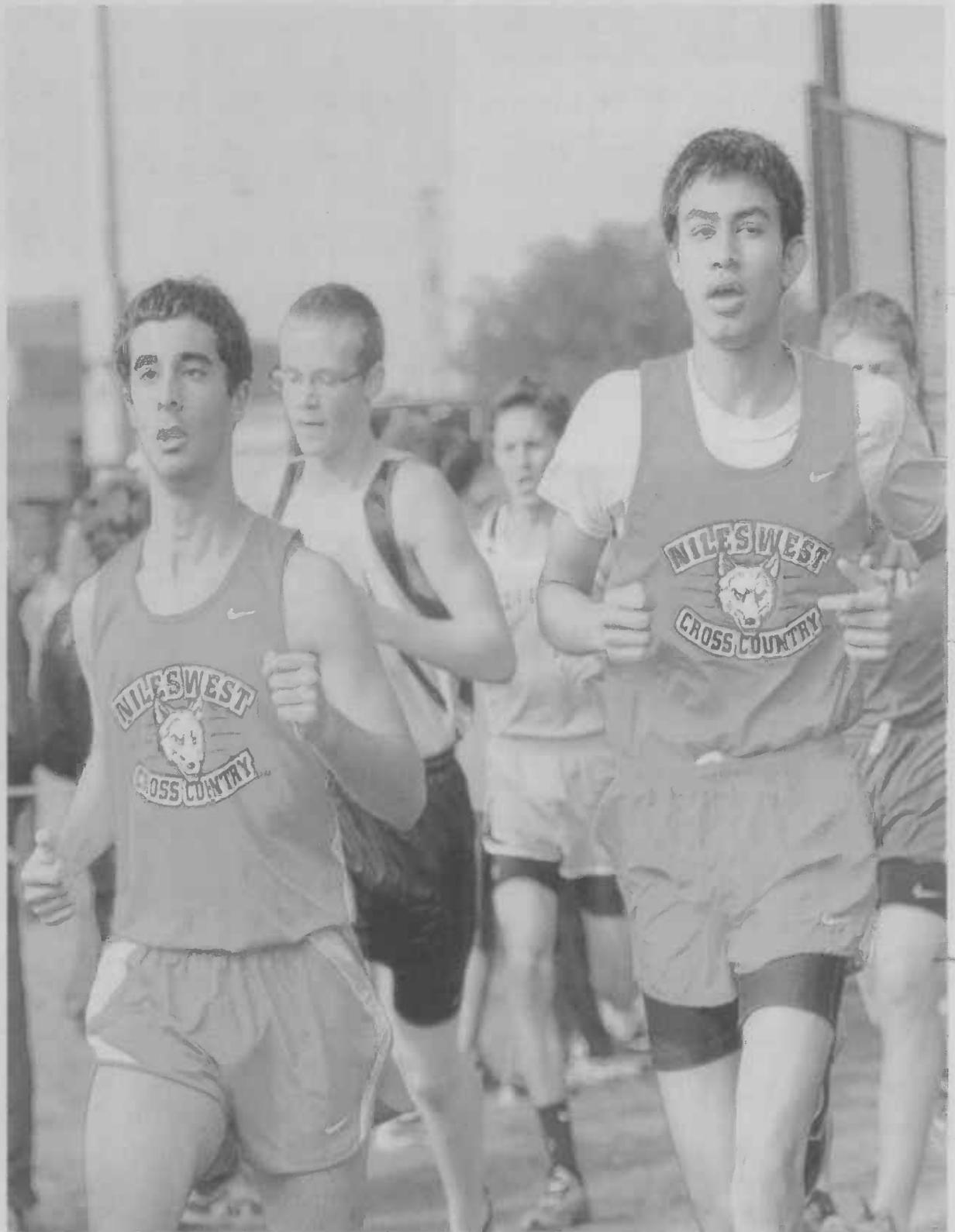
Grossman has one of the largest teams this season the program has ever had, so having a good leader is important.

"I see a lot in George (Webb) that I've seen in former athletes," Grossman said. "He's a natural leader. He's a good, strong voice for the group. He has been a good role model. He leads verbally and by the way he performs at practices and meets."

Webb finished 12th with a time of 16:12.32 on Saturday to help the Wolves place sixth in the Class 3A White Division of their own Pat Savage Invitational in Skokie.

Cardenas knows that Webb is the leader of the pack and believes if he can run a sub-16:30, that will help the team reach its goals.

"If I can do that, I can stick with George and make us a better Wolf pack," Cardenas said. "We want to get to state again just like last year and being able to run with George is (important) for the team." ■



Niles West seniors John Maku (left) and Shahbaz Syed compete in the 42nd annual Pat Savage Invitational boys cross country meet at Niles West in Skokie on Saturday. | MICHAEL JARECKI - for Sun-Times Media



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Niles West

Names in the Game

ANNIE HESTER

Noteworthy efforts: The freshman swimmer finished sixth in the 100-yard backstroke at the Maine West Swim For A Cure meet Saturday in a personal-record time of 1 minute, 9.68 seconds. She also took sixth in the 100 freestyle (1:01.50). Junior Estee Cramer (100 butterfly, 1:08.63) and junior Madeline Wozny (100 free, 1:02.41) also posted career-best times as the Wolves finished fourth out of eight teams.

OLIVIA RUSEK

Noteworthy efforts: The junior tallied 48 kills in five matches at the Northside Tournament and was named to the all-tournament team Saturday along with senior teammate Krista Grunst. Niles West went 4-1 at the tournament and placed third. Rusek had 16 kills and 12 digs in the 19-25, 25-23, 25-23 loss to Young in the semifinals.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

317 | The season-low team score posted by the boys golf team at the CSL South Conference Meet at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook on Sept. 25. Junior Nate Lee paced the Wolves with a 74, which was good for sixth place. Senior Brandon Moy, freshman Skylar LeVine and junior Andy Garcia all carded 81.

Sound Bites

"The second round (of conference), everything is going to be a big game." — Girls volleyball coach Stacy Metoyer, whose team was 4-0 in conference play and tied for first with New Trier going into Monday's showdown with the Trevians

Don't Miss**Friday, Saturday**

Girls tennis: Niles West at CSL South Conference Tournament, New Trier, 3 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday
Of the tournament's seven flights, the Wolves' best chance to make a run probably comes at No. 1 doubles. Junior Kristine Park and senior Alexa Bits were 18-4 through Sunday playing at the top spot.

Friday

Girls swimming: Niles West at New Trier, 5:30 p.m.
The Wolves hit the road to face the defending state champions. "We're not looking up at the scoreboard, we're looking up at our times to see how they compare to other races we've had throughout the season," Wolves coach Jason Macejak said when asked how his team will approach the meet.



Niles West junior running back Nick Johnson makes his way to the outside during Friday's game in Park Ridge. | VINCENT D. JOHNSON-for Sun Times Media

West boasts talented underclassmen

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PARK RIDGE

Tommy Galanopoulos was one of Niles West's best players in the team's 51-14 loss to No. 1-ranked Maine South on Friday.

According to Wolves coach Scott Baum, Galanopoulos also was one of seven sophomores who

saw significant action. That's good news for a 5-1 team that is close to playing in the postseason for the first time since 2004.

"Unbelievable future," Baum said following the team's first loss of the season. "It's something that we have talked about because we've had some success on the lower levels. It's something we are pushing for."

Galanopoulos did the work of two players Friday. The 6-foot-1, 180-pounder split time with senior



SEASON PASS



Culture Grid: Felicia Phan

Phan is a senior setter on the girls volleyball team:

WHAT MUSICAL GROUP OR MUSICAL ARTIST IS CURRENTLY YOUR FAVORITE AND WHY? "Hillsong United. (I) grew up listening to it so (I've) always liked it."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OF ALL TIME? "'Love that Dog' by Sharon Creech. It was the first book of poems that (I) really enjoyed."

WHAT'S BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR VOLLEYBALL CAREER? "Winning the (Niles) North game this year."

Mike McGivern at quarterback and also lined up at receiver.

Galanopoulos was in on both of Niles West's touchdowns. He caught a 2-yard scoring pass from McGivern right before halftime and threw an 11-yard TD pass to Jeremiah Jordan late in the fourth quarter.

"We learned a lot from that game," Galanopoulos said. "We want to play against the best, and I believe we showed we can compete. We just made some mistakes, and you can't do that against great teams."

Galanopoulos is part of a small crew who grew up playing together in the high school's feeder program, which Baum said he knows will make the Wolves a consistently competitive club down the road.

Sophomore linebacker/offensive lineman Adam Pignato, sophomore running back/defensive back Jeremy Pignato and sophomore running back/defensive back Chris Cervantes all came rose through the same ranks and now are on varsity as underclassmen.

"We've been around it for a while," Galanopoulos said. "It's good to get that kind of chemistry, so you're rolling by the time you're in high school."

Last season, Galanopoulos was the freshman A team's starting quarterback. After he worked out with the varsity all summer, Baum promoted him to varsity, where he rotates

him with McGivern.

"The competition started early on, and it brings us a couple of different looks," Baum said. "It's one of those feel-type things."

Even if he's sharing snaps with McGivern, Galanopoulos is happy to be playing at all this season.

"It's really exciting," he said. "It's a good experience for me, and it's going to make me a better player."

Galanopoulos came into last week's game with one rushing touchdown. He added his first receiving and first passing scores against one of the state's best teams.

Niles West, which needs one win to guarantee a spot in the playoffs, looks to get back on track at home Friday against New Trier (3-3, 1-1).

Galanopoulos admitted he didn't see the Wolves turning things around so quickly with such a young team, especially after winning only two games a year ago.

"You know, at the beginning, I thought we were a little shaky," he said. "We knew we had a bunch of good athletes and good coaches. It was about putting all the pieces together."

"Then, after those first two games, it was like, 'Wow, we can do this.' We have carried that confidence over every game now, knowing we can compete with any team out there." ■



Niles West's Vaughn Moreal-Berner (left) attempts to fight off a block during Friday's game at Maine South. | VINCENT D. JOHNSON-for Sun Times Media

This Week Niles West

FOOTBALL

Friday
Hosts New Trier, 7 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Monday
At New Trier (Class 3A)
Sectional at Winn. G.C.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday
At Carmel (Class AA)
Sectional at Bonnie
Brook, Waukegan

BOYS SOCCER

Today
At Niles North, TBD
Saturday
At Glenbrook N, noon
Tuesday
Hosts Niles North, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SWIM/DIVE

Friday
At New Trier, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Friday
At New Trier (North-
field), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
At New Trier, 9 a.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Today
At Regina, 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Maine South, 5
p.m.
Thursday (10/11)
At Evanston, 5 p.m.

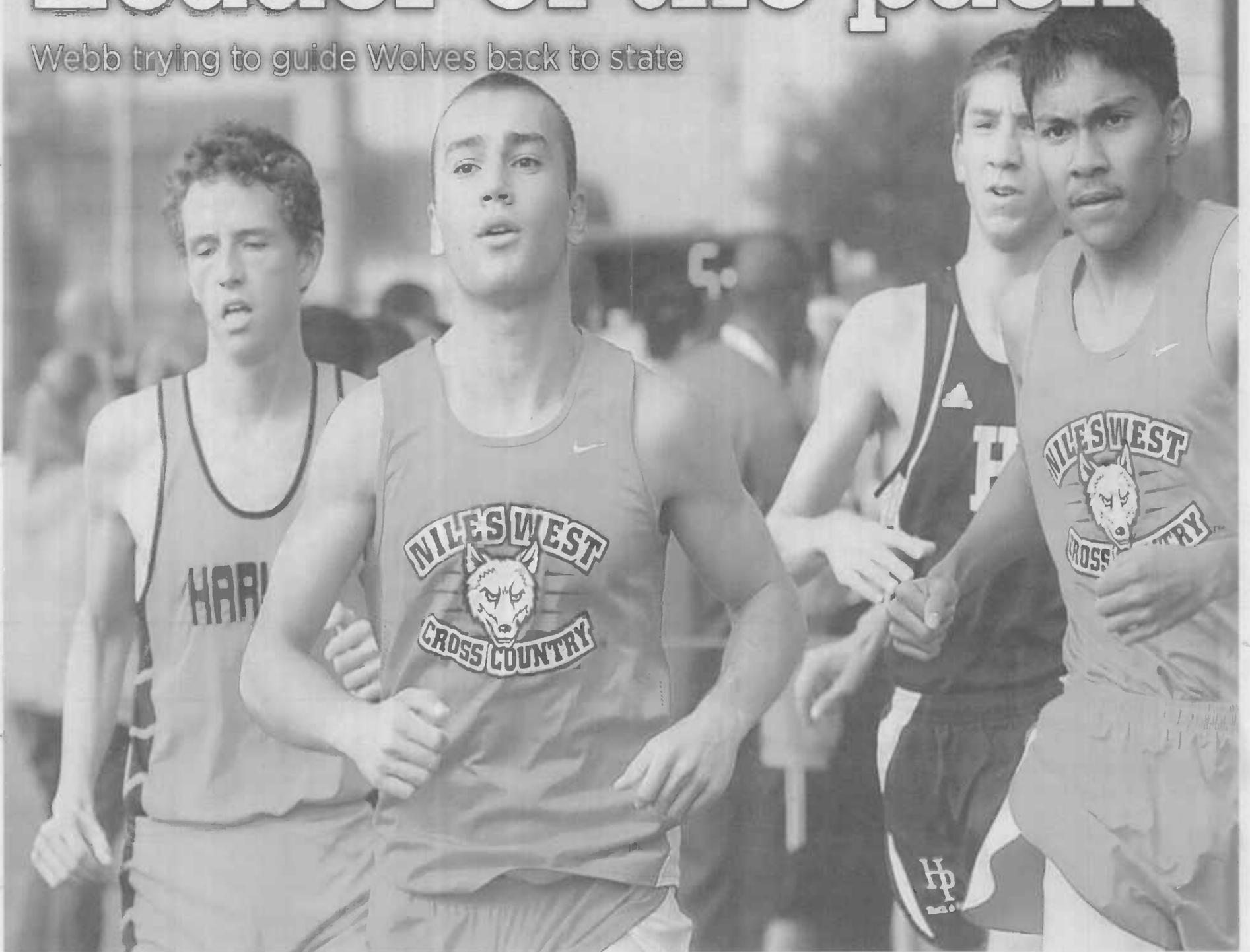
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Leader of the pack

Webb trying to guide Wolves back to state



Niles West senior George Webb (center) competes in the 42nd annual Pat Savage Invitational boys cross country meet at Niles West on Saturday. | MICHAEL JARECKI-For Sun-Times Media

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