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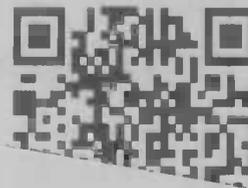
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Cover Story

Niles area congregation lights up Hanukkah

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

GLENVIEW

Local families and friends welcomed Hanukkah, the festival of light, with a special gathering on Sunday that was organized by Chabad & F.R.E.E. of Niles.

Despite the cold and rainy weather, over 100 people turned out for the event which took place at The Grove in Glenview and featured dinner, music, dancing and celebrating the meaning of Hanukkah. It also included an olive oil press workshop for children and their families where participants were able to hand-press fresh olives and make olive oil.

There was also a Menorah lighting to mark the second night of the Jewish holiday.

"It's a cool experience for the kids," said Rabbi Eliezer Hershkovich of Chabad and F.R.E.E. of Niles which serves the communities of Niles, unincorporated Maine Township, Des Plaines and Morton Grove.

Hanukkah is a significant Jewish holiday because it represents the victory of "a military weak, but spiritually strong Jewish people" who successfully fought against



Sthneur Schelman lights the Menorah using oil pressed from olives during a Dec. 9 Hanukkah event hosted by Chabad & F.R.E.E. of Niles. | JERRY DALIEGE-for Sun-Times Media

an enemy that took over ancient Israel and aimed to stop religious freedom, according Hershkovich.

Hershkovich explained that Hanukkah's roots date back to when the Jewish people took back the Temple from

the Syrian Greeks and, though there was only enough oil to provide light for one day, it miraculously lasted for eight. This is the reason why Hanukkah is celebrated across eight nights.

"It's a spiritual thing," said

Sandy Davis, a member of Chabad & F.R.E.E. "It's a very happy holiday."

For Nava Steinberg, of Des Plaines, Hanukkah represents being able to practice religious freedom without feeling oppressed. She said it is about

bringing out the light in the world with good acts.

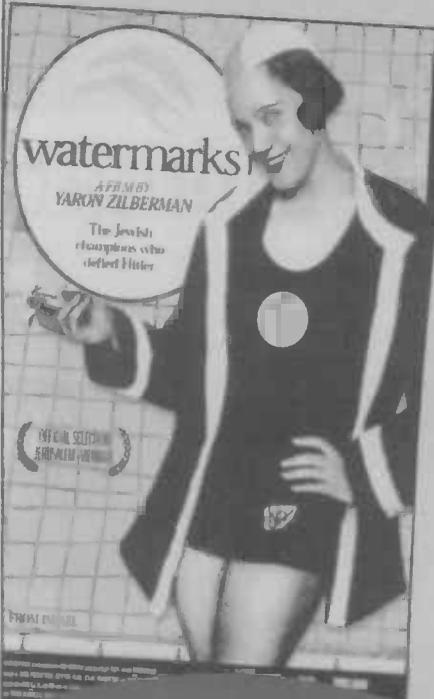
"One little good deed can really affect us more than we can imagine," said Steinberg, a member of the synagogue for

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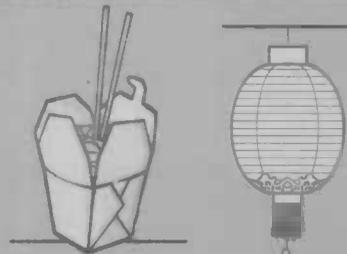


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Schneur Scheiman shows families celebrating Hanukkah how olives were traditionally pressed for oil during a Dec. 9 event at The Grove in Glenview. | **JERRY DALIEGE**-for Sun-Times Media

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seven years and a mother of two.

During Hanukkah, Steinberg and her family sit around the table, tell stories, plays dreidel and light the Menorah.

"We look forward to it every year," she said.

Steinberg believes that though certain things can be taken away in life, people always have their religion which is the foundation of who they are.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, Chabad & F.R.E.E. of Niles will also hold a Hanukkah Wonderland celebration at the One Hope United Children's Center, 9375 Church St. in unincorporated Maine Township from 4 to 6 p.m. The event will offer the opportunity to dress up like a Maccabee and also feature a Hanukkah dance zone,

dreidel crafts, snacks and much more.

From 3 to 5 p.m. that day there will also be a grand re-opening event at the Chabad & F.R.E.E. synagogue, 9401 Margail St. in Maine Township, to celebrate the completion of a renovation project. Participants will be able to take tours of the renovated synagogue.

The spirit of Hanukkah was also brought to Golf Mill Shopping Center on Niles when the Chabad & F.R.E.E. held their first Menorah lighting at the mall. Hershkovich said this year was a small event, but next year they hope to make it a bigger, community event. The synagogue also lights a Menorah outside Niles Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9777 N. Greenwood Ave. in Niles.

Golf Mill, meanwhile, is hosting a nightly Menorah lighting through Dec. 16 at 4:45 p.m. in the Sears wing of the shopping center. ■

Corrections

- The list of girls on the all-area cross country second team in Dec. 6 editions omitted one runner. Libertyville sophomore Kristi Del Prato should have been included.
- The college roundup in the Sports section of the Dec. 6 edition misspelled the name of Notre Dame women's basketball player and Niles West alumna Jewell Loyd. Pioneer Press regrets the errors.



Man charged in Niles sexual assault case

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

NILES

A convicted sex offender is accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman inside the Niles tanning salon where she worked.

Firas Ayoubi, 27, of the 5500 block of Normandy in Chicago, has been charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault, attempted aggravated robbery, kidnapping and unlawful restraint, all felonies, in connection with the alleged incident which occurred on the morning of Dec. 4 at Palm Beach



Firas Ayoubi

Tan, 5653 Touhy Ave., in the Village Crossing shopping center.

Niles Police said a man, later identified as Ayoubi, entered the tanning salon shortly after the female employee opened the business for the day.

The man, who was reportedly wearing a mask that partially covered the lower half of his face, approached the woman in the back of the business and forcibly dragged her to the rear of a storeroom where he sexually assaulted her, police said.

The man then allegedly

dragged the woman by her hair and arm toward the front of the business, demanding to know where the cash drawer was located. Police said a 60-year-old customer then entered the business and when the woman asked him for help, the customer ordered the man to let her go.

The witness, fearing the man may have had a weapon, left the store and the woman followed him while he called 911, police said.

Niles Police said the offender fled the area in a black SUV and was followed for several blocks by the witness before he lost sight of the vehicle.

Niles detectives identified Ayoubi as the suspect in the sex assault and took him into custody in Schiller Park following a surveillance operation.

"It was a combination of witness statements and some other investigative techniques that we don't want to reveal at this time," Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said of how investigators were able to identify Ayoubi as their suspect.

Police believe Ayoubi worked in the area of the tanning salon and that could be a reason why he targeted that particular business, Tornabene said.

The victim was transported to Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago where she was treated and released, Tornabene said.

Ayoubi is a registered sex offender with a conviction in Kendall County for indecent solicitation of a child, according to the Illinois Sex Offender registry. The alleged crime involved a 12-year-old girl and occurred when Ayoubi was 21 years old, the website indicates.

Ayoubi appeared in Cook County Circuit Court Dec. 7 where bond was set at \$1 million. His next court appearance is Dec. 17. ■

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IN PROFILE

Meet Carla Owen, District 207's new School Board member

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

Carla Owen, of Park Ridge, was sworn in as a new member of the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education on Dec. 3 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Joann Braam. Owen is the current president of the Park Ridge Senior Services Board and has served on that board for 12 years. An attorney, she has been actively involved on District 207 and Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 committees.

Q: What attracted you to the position as a District 207 board member?

A: I've been serving for two years on the District 207 Community Advisory Committee which is a group of around 30 people in the community. I became pretty knowledgeable about what's going on and I thought I'd like to become more involved with the school district.

Q: What are a couple of the biggest issues currently facing the district?

A: There's this issue with the hazing that the district has to address. Beyond that, there's the issue of the pension liabilities and what's going to happen if those costs are going to be shifting to the local school districts. Our schools also have some capital projects. I think the district is in good shape (financially) but it is something we're going to have to keep an eye on and balance. I would like to see all of the Maine schools continue to improve.

Q: What other committees have you served on?

A: I was on the (District 64) Kindergarten Review Committee. I also served on the Strategic Planning Committee for District 64 and I've been involved at the PTO level. I've had a lot of PTO involvement.

Q: How do you feel your experience on those boards may impact your service as



Carla Owen of Park Ridge is congratulated by Maine Township High School District 207 Board President Sean Sullivan after being sworn in as the newest member of the Board of Education on Dec. 3. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-for Sun-Times Media

a District 207 board member?

A: I think I have some experience in the community with a variety of different groups and ages. I'm pretty connected with the senior population as well. I have been following what has been happening with the district and I've really been impressed with the efforts of the administration to keep Maine in the forefront educationally.

Q: How has the experience been serving on the Park Ridge Senior Services Board of Directors?

A: Even when I was in the elementary schools we had an intergenerational committee and I was involved in that. I've always been interested in the seniors in our community. I'm interested in their well-being. I think it's good for our kids to be exposed. Some of our kids don't have grandparents.

Q: How long have you resided in Park

Ridge?

A: I first moved to Park Ridge with my parents when I was in seventh-grade. I attended the old Emerson (Middle School) and I went to Maine South. I've lived in Park Ridge with my husband since 1992.

Q: Do you plan on running in the April 2013 election to remain on the District 207 board?

A: I am thinking about that. It's likely that I will run.

Q: Do you have children in the school district?

A: My son graduated from Maine South last year and my daughter's a freshman at Maine South this year.

Q: What is your profession?

A: I am an attorney. I practiced labor and employee benefit law. Lately I've been a pro bono volunteer for Catholic charities. ■



New Niles Party hopes to sharpen government 'focus'

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

With a push for change and more accountability, members of the New Niles Party 2013 will be battling against the Responsible Leadership for Niles Party in the upcoming April 2013 election.

The New Niles Party announced its slate of candidates for mayor and trustees during a press conference Dec. 3 at the White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles.

Current village trustee Andrew Przybylo is running for mayor and his slate vying for three spots on the village board are George Alpogianis, Danette O'Donovan Matyas and John Jekot.

"I think people are misguided right now," said Alpogianis who, along with the other candidates on the slate, feels there is a great deal of negativity and arguing taking place at the Village Board level. "When our slate



Niles trustee candidates John Jekot, left, and George Alpogianis attend a Dec. 3 press conference announcing their candidacy. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-for Sun-Times Media

wins, I think it will bring focus to the board."

The Responsible Leadership for Niles Party is composed of current trustee Chris Hanusiak, who is

running for mayor; current trustees Louella Preston and Jim Hynes who are running for re-election as trustees; and Mary Marusek, a former Niles Park District commissioner, running

for trustee.

Hanusiak said his party will not be making any comments until officially kicking off a campaign in January. A brief press release issued by the slate stated, "There are no hidden agendas, only a desire to increase the participation of Niles residents in the governance of their community."

Members of the New Niles Party feel that there is too much chaos on the current Niles Village Board and believe some trustees are making decisions based on personal opinions.

Przybylo, co-owner of White Eagle Banquets and secretary of the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals, said that if he is mayor he will create a metric so that village department heads and their staff will be evaluated based on their performance.

Jekot added: "I know any decision I make will be based on facts and figures."

Other goals of the New Niles Party are to improve the mothballed animal-control service, make the Niles Free Bus more widely used, enact a new zoning ordinance and establish six standing committees for the Village Board in order to give trustees

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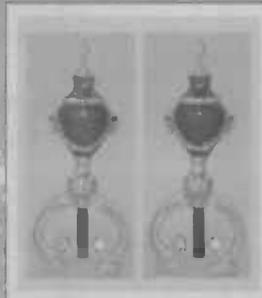
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29 teens charged in Skokie brawl

SKOKIE
Police issued disorderly conduct citations to 29 north suburban high school students involved in a park brawl in which one student was stabbed and a 17-year-old was charged with a felony.

Those cited for the brawl in Emerson Park on Nov. 9 were students at Niles North, Niles West and Mather high schools, Skokie police said in a news release.

The exception was a 17-year-old Chicago boy who was charged with felony aggravated battery.

The youths have the choice of attending a violence-prevention

seminar at the Skokie Police Department in mid-December or appearing in Cook County Court on Dec. 28. The seminar is being offered on one day so those who attend will do so as a group, police said.

"The Skokie police take incidents of this nature very seriously and believe that those involved must be held accountable for their actions," Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli said in a statement. "The violence prevention seminar is offered as a means of reducing violence in the community."

Police said the fight stemmed from an argument between a Niles North student and a Mather student. During the fight, one of the Mather students stabbed a Niles North student.

The Niles North student's injury was not life-threatening and the student was released from the hospital shortly after, police said. ■

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"true responsibilities."

Przybylo also proposed "Skype Nights" at the Niles Public Library where citizens could speak live with residents of Niles' sister cities without having to leave the village.

Przybylo also hopes to see trustees who are vested in the community. Alpogianis added that he would like to see more women serving on the Village Board and on other village committees. Both men also mentioned a desire to see governmental bodies reflect the community's ethnic diversity.

"I think everyone needs to be represented properly," said Alpogianis.

During the Dec. 3 press conference the candidates were asked if they felt it would be a challenge to manage their current busy lives and additional obligations if elected.

"I fully plan to change my lifestyle," Przybylo said. If elected he will reduce the number of hours he puts in at the White Eagle, he said, explaining that he currently works there

about 20 hours per week.

Alpogianis, owner of Kappy's Restaurant in Morton Grove, said that though he spends a lot of time at this business, he is prepared to make any necessary changes.

Two of the candidates also currently serve on other boards. Matyas is a member of the Niles Library Board of Trustees and Jekot is a member of the East Maine School District 63 Board of Education.

Neither candidate saw an issue with serving simultaneously on two boards, but legally they may not be able to do so.

According to Ken Menzel, deputy general counsel with the Illinois State Board of Elections, an Illinois Attorney General opinion states that village trustees cannot simultaneously hold an elected position to a school board.

Menzel was unable to say if the same applies for village trustees who are also members of elected library boards. A list of 10 "incompatible" office pairings established by the Attorney General's ruling does not mention library trustee. ■

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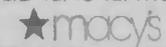
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DUI

Patricia Kelly, 59, of 6930 N. Rosemary Ln., Niles, was arrested Dec. 5 on the 7100 block of Milwaukee Ave. and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. According to police a witness reported that she saw Kelly hit an unattended parked car in the parking lot and then move her car and enter a store. Police said Kelly initially denied hitting the vehicle. She has a Jan. 2 court date.

RETAIL THEFT

Natan Koyfman, 75, of 8970 N.

Parkside Ave., unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft Dec. 6. According to police a loss prevention agent for a retail store on the 8600 block of Dempster Street reportedly saw Koyfman remove a utility knife from its packaging and leave the store without paying for the knife. Police said the knife was valued at \$9.84. He has a Jan. 14 court date.

Joe Feliciano, 23, of 10360 Michael Todd Terr., Glenview, was charged Dec. 6 with retail theft. A loss prevention agent for a retail store at the Golf Mill Shopping Center reported seeing Feliciano take a wallet from a display, put it in his jacket pocket and leave the store without paying for the wallet, police said. The item was valued at \$12.99. He has a Jan. 14 court date.

Alfonso Borja, 53, of 7524 E. Prairie

Rd., Skokie, was charged Dec. 5 with retail theft after he allegedly stole two drill bits valued at \$30.74 from a store on the 900 block of Civic Center Drive. He has a Jan. 14 court date.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

On Dec. 5 a 35-year-old man from Niles told police that his 2010 Honda was burglarized while parked on the 9200 block of Maryland Street. The victim said when he came home the night before he left his cell phone and digital camera in the vehicle and the doors were unlocked.

The following day someone forcibly entered a 2007 Ford pickup truck at the Golf Mill Shopping Center and took tools with a value of \$1,600, police said.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

A 31-year-old man from Niles told

police he received a phone call from his credit card company looking to verify a purchase from California on Dec. 5. The man called his bank and learned that his credit card was used at a store in California to make a \$151.98 purchase. Police said a \$143 charge was also made for an online purchase.

THEFT

A 25-year-old man from Des Plaines told police on Dec. 5 that a female co-worker asked him for assistance in cashing some checks at a bank on the 8400 block of Dempster Street on Nov. 12. The victim told police that he deposited the checks and then withdrew \$700 in cash and gave it to the woman. The victim was then notified that the checks were returned due to insufficient funds, police said. The investigation was pending. ■



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District 63 braces for 'fiscal cliff' impact

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

MAINE TOWNSHIP

Local educators fearing across-the-board cuts to federal programs are urging Congress and the Obama administration to act swiftly to preserve school funding.

A stalemate in Washington D.C. on how to trim the nation's debt is putting public school systems at risk of losing up to \$4.1 billion combined beginning next school year.

The looming "fiscal cliff" has prompted East Maine School District 63 and more than 300 hundred districts across the United States to adopt resolutions regarding sequestration, a fiscal policy of automatic budget cutting that may be triggered if legislators fail to pass a savings and deficit reduction plan.

The Budget Control Act of 2011 imposes spending cuts of approximately 8.2 percent to education and other domestic programs beginning Jan. 2, 2013.

Title I grants for disadvantaged students would be reduced by an estimated \$1.2 billion and Individuals With Disabilities Education Act funding would decrease by \$900 million.

The National Education Association calculates Illinois schools alone would endure a \$166 million drop in federal support.

As of Dec. 3, at least 10 other Illinois school boards had joined District 63 in passing resolutions calling for action, including Mount Prospect School District 57, Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54, and Northbrook School District 27.

The Park Ridge-Niles District 64 administration said it currently had no intention to pursue a similar resolution.

"We feel the government's lack of



East Maine School District 63 Supt. Scott Clay and School Board President Jane Wojtkiewicz attend a Dec. 5 board meeting. District 63 has taken action to institute budget cuts if Congress fails to pass a deficit reduction plan. | BUZZ ORR-Sun-Times Media

action would affect District 64 very little, if any, financially," explained Superintendent Philip Bender.

While District 63 is primarily supported by local taxpayer dollars, government grants are significant sources of revenue, said Superintendent Scott Clay.

District 63 budgeted to collect \$45.1 million in direct revenue for the 2012-13 school year. The district receives about \$2.8 million from the federal government, approximately 60 percent of which go toward staff salaries and benefits for Title I and other programs, reported Executive Director of Business Services David Bein.

District 63 would stand to lose \$230,000 if sequestration is enacted.

Clay said the school district is committed to meeting its financial obligations through the current school year. Yet staffing and program cutbacks are a real possibility in coming years if federal grants don't come through, he said.

District 63 encouraged the federal government "to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness," according to its resolution.

"It is extremely important that we do what we can," said Clay, adding that residents may also send letters to elected officials encouraging Congress to act.

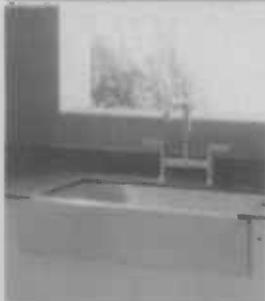
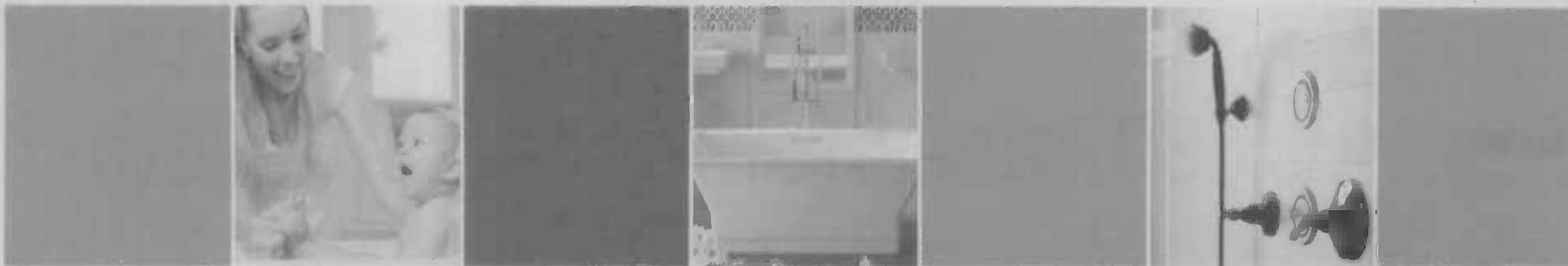
School Board Vice President John Jekot predicted an "11th hour" budget

decision by legislators. Jekot has lobbied in Washington on behalf of District 63 with the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network for the past six years.

"I have a gut feeling they're going to come up with something at deadline," he said. "I don't think they'll cut everything they're proposing."

He also hopes the seating of a new Congress will result in more positive change on the public education front, particularly in regards to the widely criticized and expired No Child Left Behind Act, which outlines standards for measuring student success.

"I think (2013) might be the year that something happens," Jekot said. ■



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(nee Corcoran) Longtime resident of both Northbrook and Park Ridge, Illinois, passed away Saturday, December 1st at her home. She was 101 years young. Elizabeth was born, raised and married in Buffalo, New York. She and her late husband, Milton J. Ely moved to the Chicago area with their 2 daughters in the 1950's. Elizabeth attended business college in Buffalo and was a longtime active member of a social sorority there. She worked most of her career in the brokerage business as the executive assistant to the president of Rodman Renshaw Brokerage House until her retirement at age 73. She kept active in her community either as a volunteer at organizations such as Lutheran General Hospital or joining groups like the Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club and the Park Ridge Book Review.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Sterling (Roger), Marcia Steere (Harry); her step-daughter, Jacqueline (Ely) Randazzo; her grandchildren, Erin Sterling, Elisabeth Steere, Lauri, Jodi, Randy and Joseph Randazzo; and her great-grandsons, Cole and Kellen. As well as many nieces and nephews. She will be missed forever.

Her funeral will be Tuesday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church on Northwest Highway in Park Ridge. Her entombment will be private at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois. Arrangements are made by **Cooney Funeral Home of Park Ridge** (847) 685-1002 - www.cooneyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in her honor to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Illinois Chapter or Rainbow Hospice at 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 (847) 685-9900.

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Scandora, Diane

(nee Reider) of Park Ridge, passed away December 5, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Robert M. Scandora; dearest mother of Susan Richards, Joseph Scandora and Lisa (Robert) Olmstead; beloved grandmother of Jessica and Emily Richards and Robert W. Olmstead; dear sister of Arthur and Dorothy.

Diane was an active member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Park Ridge where she taught Sunday School for over 25 years.

A visitation was held Sunday, December 9, from 3pm until time of service 4pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 North Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Interment private Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church. Funeral information 847-998-1020

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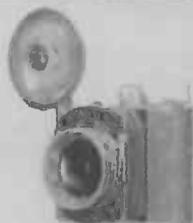
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Maine South student charged in hallway fight

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PARK RIDGE

A video of a fight involving two Maine South High School students is creating a buzz around the community after it was reportedly posted on a social networking site and then shared on the television news.

Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen said a 20- to 30-second video clip of two girls involved in a physical altercation in a hallway of the Park Ridge high school was posted on Facebook following the incident which occurred around 3:30 p.m., Dec. 5. The fight was reportedly taped by a student and one of the teens involved was identified by police as the aggressor.

Jogmen said the victim, a 14-year-old Niles girl, reported the altercation to the school dean who

contacted Maine South's school resource officer. Police later charged a 15-year-old Park Ridge girl with battery and she is awaiting a petition to juvenile court, Jogmen said.

The police report did not indicate if the victim sustained any injuries, nor did it state what triggered the altercation, he added.

In a television news interview the victim's father reported that his daughter suffered a concussion.

Though the fight has received attention from the television media, Jogmen said there is something positive to note in the video: another student stepping in to break up the fight while both girls were on the ground.

"To me, I think that is the bigger story," he said. "(The student) demonstrated gallantry and showed that there are good kids out there."

Physical altercations are not unusual events on Park Ridge's two high school campuses and several resulted in arrests this year as weekly crime incidents provided by the Police Department have shown. ■

Niles traffic campaign nets 13 arrests

NILES

Last month the Niles Police Department participated in a traffic enforcement campaign targeting impaired drivers and occupant restraint violations. Between Nov. 12 and Nov. 25 the Niles Police Department conducted saturation patrols

and roadblocks throughout the village.

The results of these enforcement operations included four arrests for license violations, nine arrests for driving under the influence, 110 tickets for speeding violation, 27 seat-belt violations and 143 other traffic violations. ■

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Emanuel close to reviving Midway privatization — with key changes

Facing a Dec. 31 federal deadline, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has all but decided to test the privatization market for Midway Airport, but do it in a way dramatically different from the 99-year, \$2.5 billion deal that collapsed for lack of financing, according to City Hall sources.

Former Mayor Richard M. Daley wanted to turn the landlocked Southwest Side airport over to a private operator for 99 years. Emanuel wants a much shorter lease, sources said.

Daley would have allowed Midway Investment and Development Co. LLC to pocket revenues from parking, concessions and passenger ticket taxes in exchange for the massive up-front fee.

Emanuel wants the city to maintain an ownership interest to protect consumers from a private operator hell-bent on squeezing more revenue out of Midway with more air traffic and concession space and by charging consumers higher prices for food, retail and parking.

Daley rushed his Midway deal through the City Council — so fast that aldermen beefed that it was “jammed down our throats.”

Emanuel has promised to make a decision on whether to revive the Midway privatization deal by Dec. 31 after asking the Federal Aviation Administration for a series of extensions. ■

— Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD



State Senate OKs drivers licenses for undocumented immigrants

As many as 250,000 undocumented immigrants could legally drive on Illinois roads under landmark legislation that passed the state Senate last week.

Under the plan, which passed 41-14, with one voting present, undocumented immigrants who have lived in Illinois for one year would be eligible to receive a temporary visitors drivers license that would last for three years.

In exchange, those motorists would have to undergo rules-of-the-road training, take a vision test and show proof of auto insurance. The licenses couldn't be used to purchase firearms, to board aircraft or register to vote.

“I don't view [this] as a reward for illegal activity. I don't think that's our jurisdiction. ... It's not our decision to decide what's going to happen to the 12 million plus undocumented folks in the U.S.,” said Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago), the bill's chief Senate sponsor.

Every Latino senator stood to speak in support of the measure, including state Sen. Martin Sandoval (D-Chicago), who used his floor speech to blast U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.) for a “lack of leadership” on immigration reform at the federal level.

During 50 minutes of floor debate on the measure, which now moves to the House, only one senator spoke in opposition. ■

— Chicago Sun-Times

WASHINGTON



GOP: ‘Clear potential’ for bailout on Federal Housing losses

Republican senators are pressing the U.S. government's housing official to take steps to shore up the federal agency that insures mortgages for millions of borrowers.

An audit shows the agency faces \$16.3 billion in losses and might require a taxpayer bailout.

Shaun Donovan, secretary of housing and urban development, said last week at a hearing of the Senate Banking Committee that the agency, the Federal Housing Administration, has already taken action to strengthen its finances.

Republican senators said more must be done, such as ending the FHA's backing of reverse mortgages. They said the FHA has sustained big losses from defaults on those loans, which allow homeowners age 62 or older to borrow against their home's equity. They also urged reducing the maximum amounts of mortgages that can be insured by the FHA.

The independent audit showed that the FHA's estimated losses were steeper than earlier projections. High numbers of mortgage defaults triggered by the housing crisis have reduced the agency's reserve funds, it showed. Mortgages insured by the FHA that were issued in 2007 and 2008 caused a major part of the losses, Donovan said.

There is “clear potential now for a taxpayer bailout,” said Sen. David Vitter, R-La. ■

— The Associated Press

VIEWPOINT | Pioneer Press

Be ready for the cold

The Chicago area is known to experience frigid winters.

Before the coldest weather and heavy snow arrives, it's time to make sure we're prepared. Some recommendations, courtesy of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications:

- Prepare emergency kits that include necessities for homes and cars.
- Know the warning signs and treatments for frostbite and hypothermia.
- Make sure pipes in your home are properly insulated. If they freeze, use a hair dryer or heating pad to thaw them, not an open flame.
- Space heaters are not recommended, but if you use one, make sure they are UL certified and remember that anything within three feet can ignite.
- Shovel around fire hydrants in case the fire department needs them in an emergency.

Peoples Gas adds these recommendations:

- Have furnaces and boilers inspected and test carbon monoxide detectors.
- Keep areas around natural gas appliances uncluttered and make sure they have correct flues and ventilation. ■

1,000 WORDS | Jack Higgins



When Christmas goes to the movies

'Tis the season for holiday movies, with the airwaves filled with movies about Christmas.

From "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" to "Christmas Vacation," everyone has their favorites they must see during the season.

Ever the contrarian, I'm a bit different. I like movies that aren't really about Christmas but include the holiday.

One wouldn't think of "The Godfather" as a holiday movie, but Tom Hagen is shopping for Christmas presents when he is picked up by Sollozzo. They take Tom to a Christmas tree lot. And lest we forget, Michael

and Kay are returning from a movie when he first learns that the Godfather has been shot.

What's the movie on the marquee? Why, "The Bells of St. Mary's," another movie that's not about Christmas but has the holiday in it! Talk about holiday genius.

Here are some of my favorite non-Christmas movies that make perfect holiday watching because Christmas makes a surprise appearance.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is a great musical with the greatest performance of a Christmas song by any artist. Try not to shed a tear when Judy Garland sings "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to little



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Margaret O'Brien.

"Little Women" opens with Christmas at the Marches' Orchard House, and the season figures prominently throughout the movie. I like the 1994 version and its score during the holidays.

In "When Harry Met Sally," the dramatic denoue-

ment occurs at the New Year's Eve Party, but Christmas has some key moments when the two friends buy a tree together and later celebrate alone.

"Catch Me If You Can" shows that Christmas can be a lonely time. Thief Frank Jr. always seems to call FBI agent Tom Hanks at Christmas, and Frank is finally apprehended just

before Christmas outside his mother's beautifully decorated home.

The Harry Potter series captures the magic of many holidays, including Christmas. But why do wizards celebrate Christmas?

Christmas is a time for company parties and the best one on film is in "The Apartment," a 1960 romantic comedy with Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine.

"It's A Wonderful Life" is considered a Christmas classic, yet Christmas only makes an appearance two hours into the film. George Bailey lives his difficult and seemingly pointless life for the entire film, only to be redeemed at the end, on Christmas.

And that's the way all our stories should end. ■

Christmases past can live only as memories

Once you've grown up, you spend some time at Christmas looking back, remembering with tender fondness what Christmas was like, how Christmas felt when you were a child.



PAUL SASSONE

Home, and all that word embraces, becomes an almost tangible presence during these mental journeys into the past. So every year about this time, I take a ride over to the neighborhood in which I grew up. I drive around, see how things have changed and eagerly look for things that haven't changed.

Nobody I know lives there any more. My buddies Eddie, Tom and Jim moved away a long time ago.

The houses look pretty much the same. Some have new siding, new paint. And the vacant lots where we used to build snow forts and play ball in the summer now have houses on them.

But it's still the old neighborhood. I recognize it even if it no longer recognizes me.

I park in front of the house I grew up in. I sit and remember Christmas at Ground Zero, as it were.

You probably couldn't tell by looking at it, but this is the house to which Santa brought some of the most

highly desired Christmas presents. Over many Christmases this house had delivered to it:

A Gilbert Chemistry set. Blue metal case. Three drawers. Dozens of glass bottles of chemicals I tried my darnedest to blow up. Never could, though I cre-

ated some nice stinks, thank you. A medieval castle defended by silver-colored knights.

A garage with an elevator that moved cars from level to level.

A chess set to replace one I had made by cutting pieces from shirt cardboard.

An electric train that puffed smoke. Tinker Toys.

Lincoln Logs.

A rifle that shot Ping-Pong balls. (I think Santa was a little sorry about this one.)

At one Christmas or another these gifts and many more were left for me and my brothers and sister under our Christmas trees — even the one Dad had to put up twice because Mike and I knocked it over; even the white and crusty tree Mom tried to flock herself.

I remember all this and more as I sit in my car.

Should I ask the owners if I can come in and look around? No, that's stupid. And, anyway, I want to see my old home the way it was, not the way it is now. That's someone else's Christmas, not mine.

So, I sit in my car a bit longer. Just a bit longer ...

Then I drive away. ■

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At St. John Brebeuf School in Niles we asked, "Given unlimited time and money, where would your dream vacation be and for how long would you go?"



A **Boniface Allocco**
Park Ridge

"I'd go to Bora Bora for a month." ■



A **Bob Gawlik**
Chicago

"I'd like to go to England because I like the monarchy and to Italy because of my ancestry, for one week each." ■



A **Carol Zalinski**
Niles

"I'd go to Ireland for two weeks to investigate my Irish roots." ■



A **Sandle Bierwaltes**
Niles

"I've always wanted to go to Australia. I love koalas and want to hold one." ■

People Poll

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

"What is your favorite holiday movie?"

RESPONSES

- 1) A Christmas Story: 7%
- 2) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation: 32%
- 3) It's a Wonderful Life: 53%
- 4) Elf: 4%

5) Other: 4%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

"Will the Bears make the NFL playoffs?"

RESPONSES

- 1) Yes.
- 2) No.
- 3) Undecided.

To respond to this week's People Poll question, visit niles.suntimes.com.

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Education in Focus

Maine South concerts share sounds of the season

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

Park Ridge is not yet a winter wonderland, but local students are singing the season's praises anyway.

The Maine South High School Fine Arts Department will present its annual holiday concert series on Sunday, Dec. 16 in the school auditorium, 1111 S. Dee Rd.

Student choral groups and instrumental ensembles will give two unique shows at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza. Classics like "Silent Night" and "Deck the Halls" will be accompanied by playful tunes like "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Non-holiday music will also be performed.

Director of Orchestras Rebecca Oppenheim said she likes to include pieces that are both interesting for the ensembles and enjoyable for listeners. For example, the chamber orchestra's rendition of "Mountain Spring" mimics the style of high-energy entertainers Barrage. Featuring alternative strings, an amplified guitar, solos, and lots of movement, the performance "is not what you typically expect of string players," Oppenheim said.

"Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis," composed by Ralph Vaughn Williams, is one of the student symphony orchestra's more complex numbers this year. The difficult, yet rich piece calls for two ensembles and a string quartet, which is not typical of orchestra literature, Oppenheim said.

"Everybody is doing different things at the same time," she said. "It pushes the kids to listen and watch."

Oppenheim said she like to challenge young musicians for future experiences through exposure to advanced literature.

"Some professional orchestras perform this," she said of "Fantasia." "This is like literature that, at sometime, some students will play again."

The students are, in fact, expected to perform again later in the week. The Vocal Jazz Ensemble is scheduled to sing holiday tunes during a morning



Sophomore Trevor Ross plays his violin during a Dec. 6 rehearsal for the Maine South Holiday Concert. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

news broadcast of a local TV network, Oppenheim said. The Midwest Clinic, the world's largest instrumental music education conference, also invited Maine South to play the Tallis "Fantasia" at McCormick Place on Dec. 20.

Oppenheim said concerts and other live performances help students develop skills that are applicable to many areas of life: speaking in public, interviewing for a job or lecturing to a group.

"These are young adults and we're supposed to give them a little toolbox for the world," Oppenheim said. "Performing in front of a live audience can be a scary thing and it may not always go as planned."

Yet mistakes are part of life. Handling oneself with composure and professionalism when things go wrong are learned skills, she said.

"I always tell them that if they make a mistake to embrace it and own it," she said.

The free concerts on Dec. 16 are open to public and donations will be accepted.

Performing at 2 p.m. are Glee, Mixed Chorus, Decibelles, FunkaFellas, Concert Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra, String Orchestra, Concert Band and Symphonic Band. Performing in the 5 p.m. show are Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. ■



District 207 approves 4.1 percent tax-levy hike

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

Some members of Maine Township High School District 207's Board of Education who voted in support of a proposed 2012 property-tax levy during a meeting on Dec. 3 said they did so with reluctance.

The School Board approved a levy totaling \$109.1 million which is an increase of 4.1 percent.

According to a report provided by the district, for an existing property that has an annual tax bill of \$8,000, taxes distributed to District 207 account for about 25 percent of total bill. The tax levy is expected to increase District 207's portion of the tax bill by 3 percent or \$60 annually. But this amount could change based on the change in assessment determined by the Cook County Assessor.

Last year the tax levy that was approved showed an increase of 3.1 percent, but the actual amount the district received was 2.1 percent. Assistant Superintendent for Business Mary Kalou said District 207 will again receive less than the amount sought.

Kalou said this year the Rivers Casino in Des Plaines is fully assessed as new property so the district levied over the 3 percent Consumer Price Index in order to capture the new growth.

"I think we should be holding the line on taxes," said Board Member Edward Mueller who cast the only dissenting vote.

"I will be reluctantly supporting it," added Board Member Eric Leys who voted in favor of the levy, but only due to the potential shift in the state's pension obligations to local school districts.

Board Members Eldon Burk and



Maine Township High School District 207 Board President Sean Sullivan addresses the board during a Dec. 3 meeting. | **BRIAN O'MAHONEY**-for Sun-Times Media

Margaret McGrath also said they were reluctantly approving the increase.

Burk said he felt that with the pension obligations possibly shifting from the state to local school districts it was not the time to avoid a tax increase. He added that he did not want to see any programs cut or students impacted negatively.

Board President Sean Sullivan, who voted in favor of the property-tax levy increase, said if Board Members did not vote for the increase they should instead try to come up with new ways

to reduce the district's budget. Sullivan said if members do not do this it is almost like "violating the oath" of being a board member.

Mueller responded that he felt it was also a violation of the oath not to protect the interest of taxpayers. He said there are different ways to reduce costs, such as reducing the district's fund balance.

Also at the School Board meeting Sullivan addressed the recent student allegations of sexual assault and "hazing" involving members of the Maine

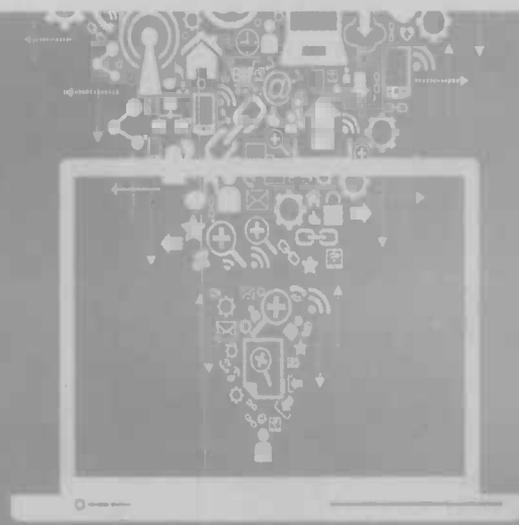
West High School soccer team.

"We are hiring a private investigator to scrutinize every aspect of the matter," Sullivan announced.

Sullivan also said the district will require all students and coaches to sign an anti-hazing pledge and focus groups with administration, staff, parents and students will be conducted. District 207 will also create a district hotline so students can report any incidents.

There was no public comment regarding the matter. ■

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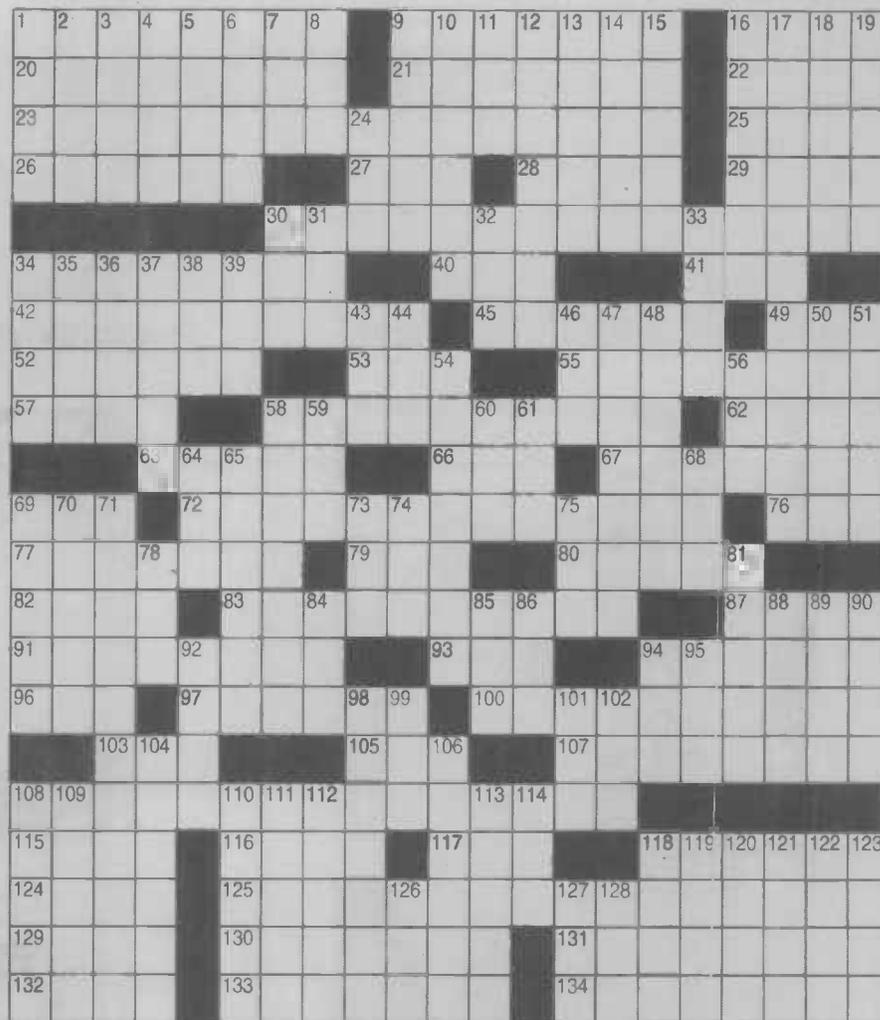
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- 10 More pale
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- 13 Singer Lewis
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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

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HOROSCOPES

For the week of Dec. 19 to Dec. 25

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Be assured that your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt those glittering galas to spend with some very special people.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

While the current round of holiday revs has your social life on the fast track,

someone special might want to keep pace with you next year, as well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to encourage people to reach their potential by setting an example with your own efforts.

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NEED A HINT? FIND THE PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 29

Give Someone a Lift for the Holidays!

Do you have a loved one having difficulty getting up and down from their favorite chair, walking up and down stairs or getting to places in general?

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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

Schedule

65+

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

Monday, Dec. 17 — Employment counseling, by appointment.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Medicare counseling, by appointment, sponsored by the federally-funded Senior Health Insurance Program.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturday, Dec. 15 — Legal counseling, by appointment.

Note: The Center of Concern is closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1; it will be open from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 31.

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/momclubofnorthernchicago> or email chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters

18+

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

DONATIONS

Holiday Drive

18+ 65+

The Village of Niles and Niles Fire Department have kicked off the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve/Toys for Tots Drive and Community Food Drive. Toys for Tots is a charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys to children in need during the holiday season. The following Niles locations are collecting non-perishable food items benefiting Niles Family Services and new toy donations during regular business hours through Dec. 16: Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fire Department, 8360 W. Dempster St. and 6611 Jarvis Ave.; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Public Works, 6849 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Teen Center, 373 Golf Mill Center; Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.; CitiBank, 8400 W. Dempster St.; and Parkway Bank, 7601 N. Milwaukee Ave. Per U.S. Marine Corps guidelines, all toys must be new and unwrapped. Used toys cannot be distributed.

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.

Gingerbread House Decorating

13+

Through Jan. 6, come to the Niles Public Library Youth Services Department and make a decoration for the giant gingerbread house.

Green Spa Gifts for Teens

13+

Make all-natural spa products from 4:30-6 p.m. Dec. 14. Recipes include oatmeal bath, mint shower gel, and fragrant stress-relief oil. For seventh- to 12th-graders.

PARKS

Niles Park District, 6676 W. Howard St., (847) 967-6633.

Holiday events

FAM

Breakfast with Santa — Join Santa for his annual breakfast Dec. 15 at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.; seatings are at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Children will enjoy eating breakfast, make a special craft, visit and

take a picture with Santa. All adults and children in attendance must register for this event. A child resident is \$8, a child non-resident is \$10 and adults are \$8.

IceLand Santa Skate — Come out to IceLand, 8435 Ballard Road, to skate with Santa and his elves to holiday music from 2:30-4 p.m., Dec. 16. Fee is \$5, and skate rental is \$3. Call (847) 297-8010.

Preschool

A positive learning environment to prepare children for kindergarten: 9-11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; 12:30-3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Must turn 4 by Sept. 1, 2012. At Dee Park

Kampus Kids/Child Care

Before and after school available for children in grades K-6 at Stevenson, Apollo and Mark Twain schools.

Zumba

18+ 65+

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Ballet & Tap

0-3 13+ 18 65+

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Center Road, Skokie, is at 5:45 p.m., Dec. 14 in the community hall. Activities will include lighting the chanukiah, singing, family games, latkes, and fun. Family Shabbat service will follow at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per adult (13 and over), \$5 per child, or \$25 per family. All welcome regardless of ability to pay. Call by Dec. 11 at (847) 676-1566 or templejm@aol.com.

RELIGION

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

See page 26 for this week's **Super Crossword** and **Sudoku** puzzles.

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676-1566 or templejm@aol.com.

"Angels in Judaism" will be addressed from 9:30-11 a.m., Dec. 16, by Rabbi Amitai Adler at Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Light breakfast will be served. Suggested donation \$5. Respond to (847) 676-1566 or tjmexec@aol.com.

chips and dessert. Leftover goods will be donated to the Niles Food Pantry. \$4, members; \$6, nonmembers.

Holiday Parties

65+

The Holiday Brunch will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 17. Maureen Christine will entertain with holiday classics. Admission is \$9 for members; \$12 for nonmembers.

NILES SENIOR CENTER

The center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older and their spouses. Drop by the **Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles**, or call (847) 588-8420 for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

Issues in the News

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Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. - This dynamic class is led by Arlene Golub and is filled with seniors from all walks of life, retired or not, who want to keep abreast of a broad spectrum of what is occurring locally and worldwide. Issues for discussion are brought up by class participants, and everyone's opinion is valued.

to Dec. 17; includes gentle stretching, mostly seated in a chair. Classes filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cost for all levels is \$10 members; \$15 nonmembers.

SENIORS

Reducing stress

65+

Attend the Timely Talk, "Imagery and Scents for Stress Reduction," at 2 p.m. Dec. 19 at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Linda Pawlisz, hypnotherapist, certified clinical aromatherapist, corporate consultant, and trainer will teach imagery exercises that are fast, fun and effective for creating changes in one's life. Refreshments follow. To reply, call (773) 577-5323 or e-mail info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Dinner and Movie

65+

"People Like Us" will be screened at 5 p.m. Dec. 18. Hot dog, chips and dessert are on tap for dinner. Cost is \$2, members; \$3, nonmembers.

Supermarket Bingo/ Lunch

65+

From noon-2 p.m. Dec. 19 - Bring a fresh, new grocery store item for bingo. Lunch includes a croissant sandwich,

Exercise classes

65+

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes: Level 2 Beginners, 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays, to Dec. 19; balance sticks, sitting, standing, and gentle dance movements are included with this class. Level 4 Advanced, 9-10 a.m. Mondays, up to Dec. 17; includes weight training with under 3-pound weights, sitting and standing exercises. Level 1 Beginners/Pain Management, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, up

Walking program

65+

Golf Mill Shopping Center: Hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. Health seminars and blood pressure screenings offered throughout the year every month from 9-10 a.m. on the second Wednesday. Call Golf Mill management office at (847) 699-1070.

Business Spotlight

They're so excited: 'Saved by the Bell' trivia is a test for fans

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com



Christine Bolin-Dascher, of Aurora, and her brother, Tony Bolin, of Elmwood Park, celebrate some correct answers during "Saved by the Bell" trivia at Playbook Sports Bar in Niles. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

NILES

When it came to studying for *this* test, no one needed coaxing from Mr. Belding (or even his super-hip brother, Rod).

They arrived prepared, memories of gigantic cell phones, caffeine pills, the Zack Attack and Bayside High School cemented in their minds thanks to years of Saturday morning and cable television re-runs.

"Tonight's going to be awesome because every single person loves 'Saved by the Bell,'" said Ryan Murphy, self-proclaimed fan of the popular early 1990s teen sitcom and moderator of the first-ever

"Saved by the Bell" Trivia Night hosted Nov. 28 at Play Book Sports Bar in Niles.

Proudly wearing his gray Bayside Tigers sweatshirt, Murphy described the adolescent antics of Zack, Slater, Screech, Kelly, Jessie and Lisa as "a huge part of (the lives) of anybody from the age of 19 all the way up to 40."

The crowd, consisting of both men and women in their 20s and 30s, reflected that sentiment as 16 teams — with names like I'm So Excited (referring to Jessie's exclamation after taking too many caffeine pills), No Hope With Dope (the slogan of a commercial filmed at Bayside High), and some that took affection for Tiffani-Amber Thiessen's character, Kelly, to a new level — packed the bar and scribbled answers during

five rounds of trivia.

Players were asked hard-hitting "Bell" questions such as "What is the name of the duck that Zack and the gang rescue from the oil spill?" "True or false: Zack has kissed Kelly, Jessie AND Lisa?" and "Who helped deliver Mrs. Belding's baby in the elevator?" (Answers: Becky, true and Tori.)

Taking first place, and a grand prize of \$300, was the four-member team of Need a Friend? How About Five? consisting of Beth and Derek Kenar of Buffalo Grove, Nick Castellano of Wilmette and Sarah Kwasigroch of Chicago.

"Sarah was the linchpin. And I did some studying of the college years, which helped a little bit," Castellano acknowledged. "She's the biggest (fan). I think she's got a Bayside T-shirt and she

was Kelly Kapowski for Halloween two years ago."

"I just figured if I'm ever going to win trivia in my life, this would be it," Kwasigroch said with a laugh.

The second-place team, I'm So Excited, consisting of Christy Rojas and Ashley Schoenecker of Chicago, Elizabeth Thorn of Lincolnshire and Kristin Hunt of Glenview, said they all grew up watching "Saved by the Bell" and it is nostalgia that keeps them fans today.

"Any time Zack and Kelly get back together, it's a good moment," Schoenecker noted.

"If it's the episode where Zack and Kelly break up, she will post (online), 'It's going to be a bad day,'" added Rojas as the others laughed.

"I wish I could time-out my life," lamented Hunt, referring to Zack's method

of briefly pausing the activity around him so he could address the camera. "But I can't. It doesn't work."

Plenty of men also got into the "Saved by the Bell" spirit.

"I watched a lot of 'Saved by the Bell' this week," said Jose Morales of his preparation routine for the trivia night. He and friends Christian Tubigar of Skokie, Kevin Blitz of Deerfield and Jerzy Mastal of Des Plaines all noted that they share a particular fondness for Kelly.

Play Book hosts pop culture trivia nights once each month, but Murphy said trivia focusing on a particular theme draws the most participation.

"We did 'Seinfeld' trivia, we did 'Family Guy' trivia. We narrowed it down to themes and it tripled the amount of people, if not more," he said. ■

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District 67 to try for tax hike again in February

BY NICK KATZ | nkatz@pioneerlocal.com

MORTON GROVE

After voters in November turned down a proposed property-tax hike in Golf Elementary District 67, School Board President Meryl Gale promised the district would be back with another request.

That will happen in February when voters will be asked again to increase the amount of property taxes the district can levy.

The School Board on Dec. 6 voted unanimously to place a levy increase on the ballot in February. If the referendum is approved, District 67, which serves portions of Morton Grove and Niles, will be able to increase the 2013 levy by 16.3 percent, a move that would generate about \$1.1 million in new property-tax revenue.

The request is the same as the one rejected by voters in November. Prior to that, the district in March sought an increase in the maximum tax rate in the education fund, a measure that also was defeated.

Though voters rejected the tax increase in March, they did narrowly approve a bond sale to finance improvements at Golf Middle School and Hynes Elementary School and construction of a new gym at Hynes.

District 67 officials have warned that without additional tax revenue they will have to make more spending cuts, including combining more than one grade level in a single classroom. Any further spending reductions will come after several years of program and staff cuts.

Gale said that without the additional money the district at some point will have to make additional cuts. She also noted that discussions in the Illinois General Assembly over pension reform include proposals to shift the cost of the teachers' pension system onto individual districts.

"I don't know that we have much of a choice," she said at the Dec. 6 meeting.

As an alternative the board had considered waiting to ask voters for a tax hike until the April 2013 general election. But Superintendent Jamie Reilly said that because of a state law, an April referendum would have had to ask for an increase in the rate, rather than the actual levy. As a result, she said, the district could end up with less money than it needs due to declines in the equalized assessed valuation of property in District 67.

If approved, the district would increase the levy by 16.3 percent, about 13.3 percent more than is permitted under the tax cap. The cap limits the levy increase without referendum approval to the Consumer Price Index or 5 percent, whichever is less. ■



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Deborah Dassow to Ronald E Galvan for \$195,000 on Oct. 23

8409 Shermer Road:

Dennis J Bock to Flesk Brown LLC for \$360,000 on Oct. 23

8034 N Ozark Ave:

Linda S Svejcar to Barry W Edwards for \$190,000 on Oct. 23

8560 W Clara Dr:

Joseph F Salerno Trust to Wilson A Jacob for \$235,000 on Oct. 26

8509 W Roseview Drive:

Pauline Brom Trust to Nawar Habib for \$216,000 on Oct. 22

8854 N Chester Ave Unit

3NW: Antonio Leone

to Horatiu Dobrescu for

\$80,000 on Oct. 23

LINCOLNWOOD

4828 W Sherwin Ave:

Primo C Joson to Taimoor Khan for \$260,000 on Oct. 23

4453 Lunt Ave:

Dejan Cvejic to Tony Nahhas for \$620,000 on Oct. 22

NORRIDGE

7704 W Strong St:

Judicial Sales Corp to CTT Land Trust 3888 for \$215,000 on Oct. 26

4655 N Cumberland Ave

Unit 215: Richard Dilallo to Donna Wegrzyn for \$135,000 on Oct. 22

DES PLAINES

8808 S Leslie Lane Unit 1H:

Judicial Sales Corp to JCA

Fund 11 LLC Series 8808 for

\$23,000 on Oct. 24

2083 Cedar St:

Henry J Hierz to Kevin E Mika for \$117,000 on Oct. 26

9810 Bianco Terrace Unit

F: Judicial Sales Corp to North Shore Holdings Ltd for \$22,000 on Oct. 26

1763 Lincoln Ave:

Christine O'Neill to Robert Hack for \$105,000 on Oct. 22

MORTON GROVE

5818 Washington St:

Dendobres LLC to Maria Protacio for \$304,000 on Oct. 26

9225 Marion Ave:

Pamela Lundin Trust to Thomas J OChonicki for \$204,500 on Oct. 24

9325 Murray Court:

Sidney Schiffman Trust to

Muhammad Yaseen for

\$265,000 on Oct. 23

9523 Oconto Ave:

Judicial Sales Corp to Residential Series Right 1 LLC for \$97,000 on Oct. 23

GLENVIEW

18 Harlem Ave:

Patricia A Burt Trust to Anna Pipilas Milovanovic for \$160,000 on Oct. 25

1761 Harrison St:

John L Schall Trust to North Shore Residential Fund I LLC for \$208,000 on Oct. 25

1780 George Court:

Bogdan Lewandowski to Miroslaw Moniuszko for \$203,000 on Oct. 25

240 Glendale Road:

Andrew S Pfister to Brian D Steinberg Trust for \$284,000 on Oct. 25

29 Hackberry Lane:

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Blecher to Chicago Title Land Trust 000000F694848 for \$418,500 on Oct. 24

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Chicago Title Land Trust 000000F694848 to Lindsey J Gerba for \$418,500 on Oct. 24

1423 Hawthorne Lane:

Donald C Sinclair Jr Trust to Venture Fred-Aron LLC for \$375,000 on Oct. 23

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449 S Northwest Highway:

Chicago Title Land Trust 0000000911855 to Philip Bender for \$377,000 on Oct. 25

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Lot size: 12,090 square feet
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Bedrooms: 5 **Baths:** 5
Garage: Two-car attached
Most recent available tax:
 \$7,724 (2011)
Agent: Pat Strong,
 Coldwell Banker 847-814-4486



NILES

8207 W. Ballard Road, \$569,500
House size: 2,727 square feet
Lot size: 6,207 square feet
Year built: 2009
Bedrooms: 4 **Baths:** 4.5
Garage: Two-car attached
Most recent available tax:
 \$11,060.49 (2011)
Agent: Sheila Doyle,
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BARRINGTON

510 Prairie Ave., \$550,000
House size: 2,002 square feet
Lot size: 7,500 square feet
Year built: 1920
Bedrooms: 4 **Baths:** 2.5
Garage: 2.5-car detached
Most recent available tax:
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Agent: Nora Brown, Keller Williams
 Success Realty, 847-710-0827



RIVER FOREST

923 Park Ave., \$589,900
House size: 2,840 square feet
Lot size: 11,040 square feet
Year built: 1967
Bedrooms: 3 **Baths:** 2.5
Garage: Two-car attached
Most recent available tax:
 \$15,822.94 (2011)
Agent: Joan Wert,
 Burlington Realty, 708-308-8971



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1307 Hackberry Road, \$569,000
House size: 2,782 square feet
Lot size: 9,868 square feet
Year built: 1959
Bedrooms: 4 **Baths:** 3.5
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Crafting for charity

Celebrate the season of giving with kid-friendly crafts and activities that put the happy in "happy holidays."

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF JARS

Help those affected by Sandy by making "Sandy Jars" that can be used to collect relief effort funds.

You need:

Recycled jars (washed with labels removed)
Double-stick tape
Colored sand

Directions:

Wrap jar from top to bottom with double-stick tape.

Slowly dip jar into a pile of colored sand. As you move up the jar you can also use a spoon to pour the sand directly onto jar. Continue until jar is completely decorated.

Bring jars to local stores, movie theaters, restaurants, etc., and ask them to display the jars near their cash registers with a note asking customers to donate change. Once jars are full you can send the funds to a number of relief organizations including The American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) and The Hurricane Sandy Relief Foundation (www.sandyrelief.org).

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT

The holidays are a magical time for most families but for



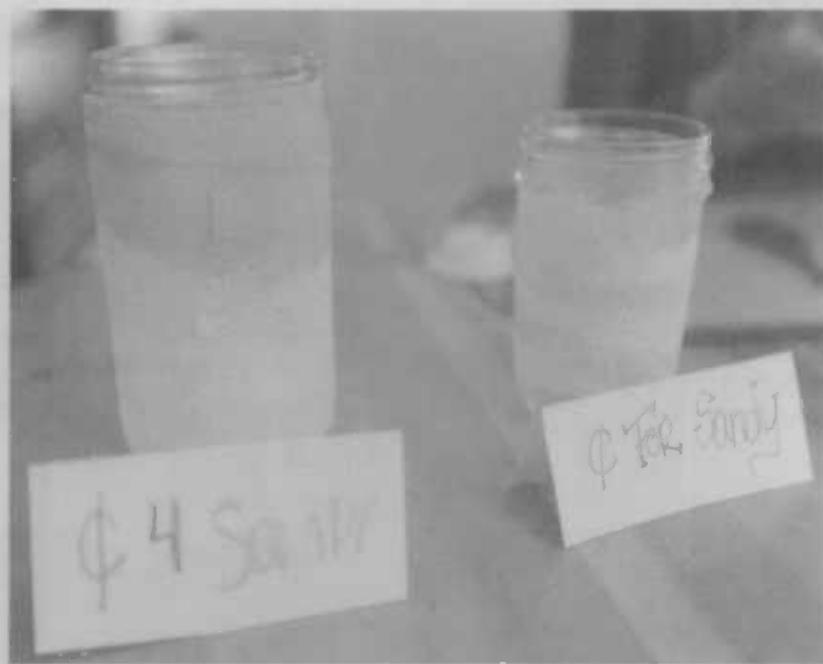
Beth Engelman holds up octopus dolls made from yarn for a retirement community. Below, she shows how to create the dolls with yarn and a book.

others, especially those in the over 65 age range, they can be quite painful. According to Geriatric Mental Health Foundation (www.gmhfonline.org), the holidays can lead to depression in older individuals as they are more acutely aware of the passing of time and the loss of loved ones. To make matters worse, traveling to see family is sometimes out of the question due to health or financial constraints. To brighten the day of these individuals, consider adopting a grandparent at a local

retirement community. Talk to your kids about decorations they can make including holiday cards and seasonal artwork. You can also make sweet octopus dolls that are sure to put a smile on anyone's face.

You need:

Yarn
Ribbon
Book (at least 10 inches tall on one side)
Buttons (for eyes)
Strong adhesive (such as tacky glue)



Collection jars for hurricane relief for the damage from Hurricane Sandy are decorated with colored sand using double-sided tape. | PHOTOS BY RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media



Cereal, flash drives and toy animals are examples of what to add to care packages for troops through Operation Gratitude.

CARE PACKAGE FOR TROOPS

What better way to thank our troops than by sending them care packages? Ask your kids to help collect items for the troops which range from computer flash drives and CDs to dry cereal, cans of tuna and even Beanie Babies. For more information, including the troops' wish list and mailing addresses, visit www.operationgratitude.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Get smart while you feed the hungry by visiting www.freerice.com. The question and answer site run by the United Nations World Food Programme and is funded by sponsors who donate 10 grains of rice for every question answered correctly. Subjects range from vocabulary building and SAT prep to geography, chemistry and famous quotes. Answering the questions is a great activity to do on your own or turn it into a game your whole family can play. ■

Directions:

Make a thick yarn loop by wrapping yarn around a book. (Aim to wrap the book about 75 to 100 times).

Slide the yarn loop off the book and tie a ribbon about 3 inches from the top (to make the octopus head).

Cut the bottom of the yarn loop and divide the strings into 8 tentacles.

Braid each tentacle and secure with a ribbon. Add eyes with buttons and strong adhesive.

Gift-giving from the kitchen

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

From cookies to candies, some of the most treasured gifts this holiday season will be wrapped up in the kitchen.

At Hair Image, a salon in Highland Park, staffers are clamoring for a sweet, crunchy treat — homemade toffee. They've grown accustomed to receiving the sugary delight as a gift every year from clients Charlene Tatosian and Debbie Nieto. "We don't share it with anyone, because it tastes so good," says Hair Image owner Pat Mayberry.

In fact, they're not shy about speaking up for extra toffee. "They're already asking for more," Nieto says with a laugh. "They get more than anyone and it's never enough."

Nieto, owner of Nieto's and Cafe Central restaurants in Highland Park, and Tatosian, a former Wilmette resident, are long-time gal pals who have been making toffee together for 15 years. It's their tradition to spend one day in late

Toffee

(ADAPTED FROM CHARLENE TATOSIAN)

1 cup sugar
1 cup butter
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup roasted, salted, chopped almonds

Melt butter and sugar over medium heat until golden brown, stirring constantly for about 20 minutes.
Pour mixture on cookie sheet, and spread.
Sprinkle chocolate morsels on top. Melt and spread morsels.
Sprinkle nuts and pat down.
Cool to room temperature.
Refrigerate until hard.
Break into pieces.
Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

November making about nine trays of toffee in the kitchen in Tatosian's condo in Chicago. "We wear Santa hats and sip wine while we make toffee," Tatosian says.

Much of the toffee is divided into 8-ounce portions and bagged into small clear plastic bags and given away. The ladies present the bags of the toffee throughout the holidays to everyone from distant cousins to delivery workers; from their own kids to mail carriers. "Our old mailman still



calls me every year. He stops by to pick up a bag," Tatosian says.

Tatosian also keeps a stash of grab-and-give bags of toffee in her car so she can surprise people. "It makes me feel great. I love doing it," she says. Nieto agrees. "I love giving it away, because even people who don't like desserts love the toffee," she says.

Tatosian says making toffee is easier than cookie-baking. With toffee-making, the only real challenge is constantly stirring the butter and sugar on the stovetop for 20 minutes, until it achieves a golden brown color. "You have to be patient," Tatosian says. "You can't walk away from it for 20 minutes — not even to go answer the phone, or it will burn." Plenty of other toffee recipes require a thermometer



Friends Charlene Tatosian and Debbie Nieto make English toffee. The two have a tradition of baking together, and then giving the treats away as gifts. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media

to monitor when the toffee reaches approximately 300 degrees, but Tatosian's recipe is thermometer-free.

Despite the close attention required, she makes about 37 trays of toffee each season, beginning right after Thanksgiving. "So that's 20 minutes times 37," she points out.

For those not among Tatosian and Nieto's lucky toffee recipients, their toffee will be for sale during the holidays at Nieto's and Cafe Central restaurants.

Simpler, less complicated

holiday treats also are an option. Make Candy Cane Bark by slowly melting a favorite white chocolate and mixing it with crushed candy canes. Pour the mixture onto wax paper and allow it to harden before breaking the candy into pieces. Spread a favorite dark chocolate, melted and mixed with nuts or coconut, onto a sheet of wax paper. Allow the chocolate to harden, and break it up into pieces to be bagged and given away.

And don't forget to save a few pieces for yourself! ■



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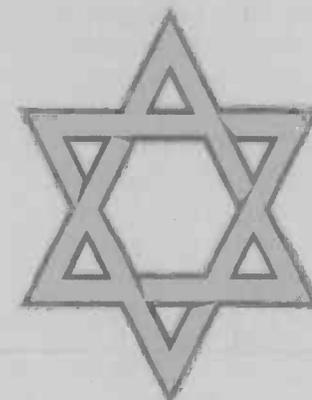
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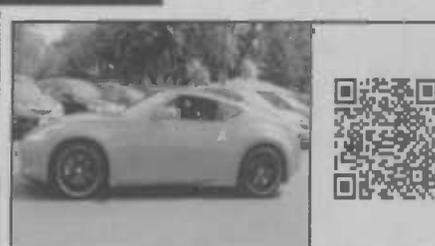
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1. Some of the smaller breeds do not have the same muscle control as larger breed dogs. As a result, the smaller dog may have to make more frequent potty outings.
2. Many people have a tendency to ignore the smaller breeds. As a result, when a small breed goes potty in the house, it can often be overlooked.
3. I have found that many owners of small breeds paper-train their dog to go potty in the house. Although this method can be very successful, you must remember that you are actually training the dog to eliminate in the house.
4. Tiny breeds are capable of urinating a very small amount. When this takes place in the house, family members can easily overlook it.
5. Some people, if crate training their dog, may be using a crate that is too large for their particular breed. This can make it easier for a small dog to eliminate in their crate.
6. Unfortunately, many of today's "designer dogs" are small in size. Some breeders will flood the pet stores with these small breeds. When this happens, frequently, these dogs will be left in their own mess for extended periods of time.

These are just some of the reasons that housebreaking the smaller breeds may present a challenge. Regardless of the size of dog you own, take your time when housebreaking your dog. Be consistent and establish a potty routine. Additionally, expect mistakes from time to time. Do not get discouraged. You will be able to find success.

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

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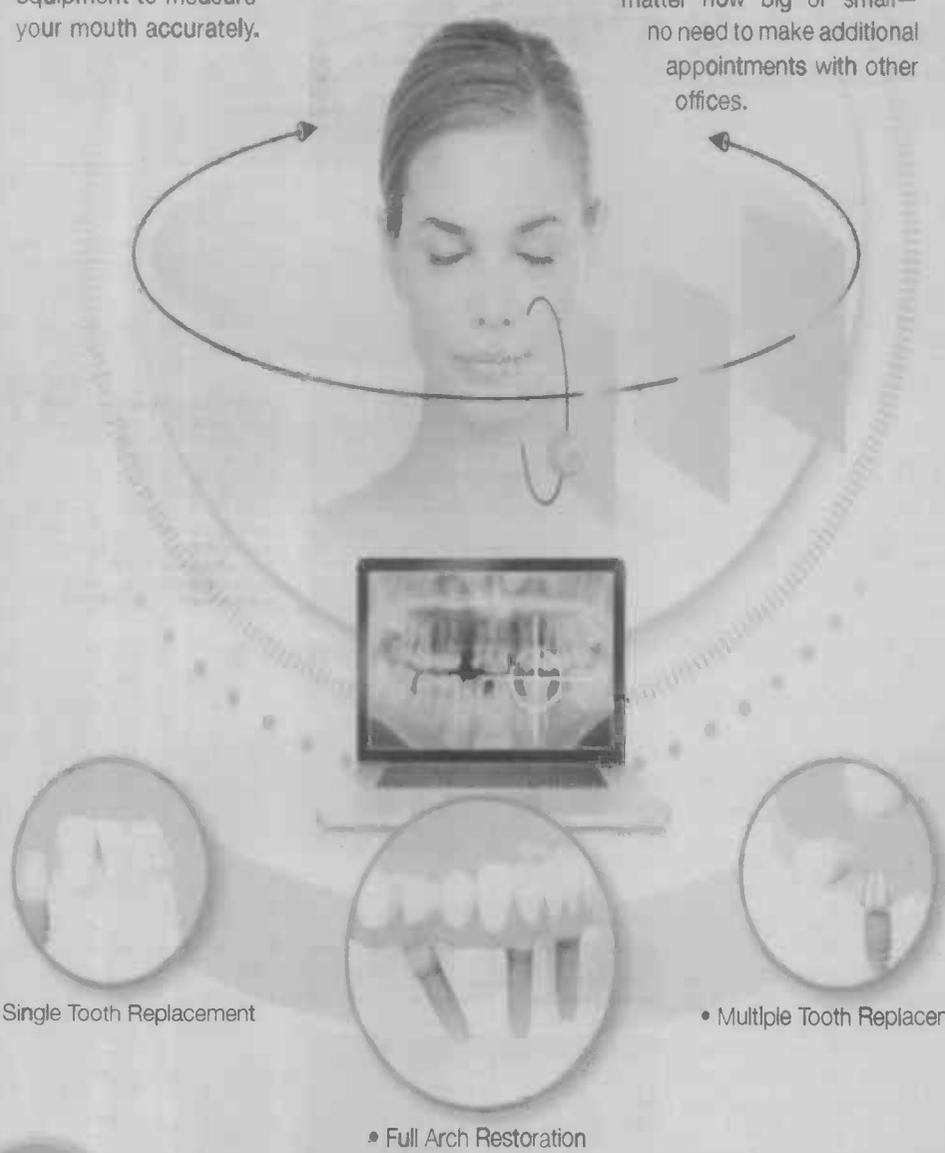
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Passion for quality shapes Salt Creek's 'Nutcracker'

BY MELISSA WASSERMAN | Contributor

As beloved a tradition as Christmas lights or Santa lists, Salt Creek Ballet's annual performance of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" returns to brighten the holidays.

"It's my favorite time of year," said Luke McCollum, a guest artist who's dancing the Nutcracker Prince. "I love the holidays and I love 'The Nutcracker' season because there's always so much energy around the rehearsals, especially I think as it gets closer to the show because there are so many kids involved. It's a really fun way to experience the holidays."

It's been one of the top area "Nutcrackers" for 27 years.

"We really pride ourselves on having a very well trained company that gives a very good performance and we supplement that with guest artists that bring another level of artistry to the production," said Christina Salerno, Salt Creek Ballet's executive director. "It's important for our dancers to see other dancers, professionals, perform, and it's important for audiences to be able to see that as well."

Salerno credits artistic director and primary choreographer Sergey Kozadayez along with his wife, artistic director Zhanna

'The Nutcracker'

Salt Creek Ballet, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
 1 and 5 p.m. Dec. 15; 2 p.m. Dec. 16
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Madeline Grimes of Western Springs will dance as one of the toy soldiers in Salt Creek Ballet's "The Nutcracker." | PHOTO BY SCOTT LEWIS

Dubrovskaya, who's also choreographing, with being a factor in keeping the production fresh every year.

"Sergey really does look at the dancers that he has any given year and changes the production ever so slightly to kind of reflect who the dancers are currently," she said. "They are really amazing coaches. To watch them work with these young people is really inspiring and really amazing."

This year's pre professional cast of 100 dancers includes



Yevgeny Anfinogenov and Olga Pavlova will perform in "The Nutcracker" with the Salt Creek Ballet. | PHOTO BY MARTY SOHL

local children and young adults ages 8-17 from the school of the Salt Creek Ballet, as well as 15 company dancers and eight apprentices.

The upcoming performance will mark Western Springs' Madeline Grimes' eighth performance of "The Nutcracker" with Salt Creek Ballet. Now a sophomore at Benet Academy, she will perform the roles of Soldier Doll, Snow Crystal, one of the Mirlitons and one of the Waltz Couple.

"Dance is really important to me and I've been dancing for so long and it's something

I really want to work hard at," said Grimes. "So 'The Nutcracker' really gives me opportunities because the performances Salt Creek puts on are really elaborate, especially compared to a lot of other area dance schools because this is pre-professional."

McCollum, who's danced on Broadway and with Cirque de Soleil, also values the quality of the Salt Creek tradition. "It's a really good atmosphere to be around," he said, "because everybody is working really hard but at the same time everyone's happy to be there." ■

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Francine Turk retrospective

Artist and native Chicagoan **Francine Turk** (below), known for her mastery of charcoal and dramatic nude sketches, celebrates 10 years of artistic accomplishments with a new exhibition, "A Decade of Evolution ... a Retrospective," held at KM Fine Arts in the John Hancock Center. On Dec. 12 get a first look at the collection — and celebrate Turk's career — at an opening night reception. The event kicks off with a VIP pre-view from 5 to 6 p.m.,



catered by West Loop restaurant Embeya, and is followed by an open-to-the-public presentation from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit runs through March 15, 2013 at 875 N. Michigan, Suite 2515. RSVP at Info@kmfinearts.com or call (312) 255-1202. — Bianca Betancourt

THINGS WE LOVE THIS WEEK



Cranberries aren't just a turkey trimming — The Spa at Equinox's new cranberry revitalizing facial (\$200) uses the berry's natural polyphenols to tighten skin and reduce fine lines. Visit Equinox.com/spa for locations and to book an appointment.



Get a "sneak" peek at the latest kicks from local line Bucketfeet while snacking on Union Sushi + Barbeque Bar nibbles at the Holiday Colors Release Party. The best part? Proceeds from each pair sold benefit a children's charity. Dec. 13, 6-10 p.m. at Lacuna Fitness, 645 S. Clark. RSVP at Facebook.com/bucketfeet/events.

We'll be stocking our spring wardrobes (and picking up a holiday ensemble) from British line Reiss, which launched at Bloomingdale's on Dec. 6. A favorite of Kate Middleton, the collection features modern, tailored dresses and separates befitting a princess — or a Chicago gal on the go. 900 N. Michigan, fifth floor, Bloomingdales.com.



Navy Pier's 12th annual Winter WonderFest, sponsored by Bank of America, is a regular kid's wonderland with a skating rink, carousel, train rides, festive entertainment and more. Entrance to the festival is free, but a wristband (\$15-\$20) is required for the rides and attractions. 600 E. Grand, Winterwonderfest.com.

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THE SPLASH SEVEN

PLAN YOUR WEEK

BY THOMAS CONNORS

1 Lincoln Park Zoolights

Through Jan. 6: During the holidays, the home of creatures great and small sparkles with 2 million lights that cast a colorful glow. And that's not all: Visitors can take photos with Santa Claus, shop a selection of holiday crafts, watch a musical light show, check out live ice-sculpting demonstrations, sip mulled wine and enjoy dinner and snacks. From 5 to 9 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 23; nightly from Dec. 26–Jan. 6. Free. Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark. For more information, call (312) 742-2000 or visit Lpzoo.org.



2 'Universal Pictures: Celebrating 100 Years'

Dec. 9–Jan 3: From black-and-white films to big-screen blockbusters, Universal has been a tenacious player in Hollywood. Once a second-tier studio whose early flicks became classics ("Frankenstein," "Dracula"), it went on to become an industry behemoth, thanks to films such as "To Kill a Mockingbird." This week kicks off a nearly monthlong celebration of its history with showings of classic movies such as Erich von Stroheim's "Blind Husbands" (1919) and the 1959 Rock Hudson/Doris Day vehicle, "Pillow Talk." Tickets: \$7 general admission, \$6 students, \$4 members. Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State. Visit Siskelfilmcenter.org/universal100-part2.

3 'The Face of the News'

Dec. 12: Photographer **Steve Starr** loved an event. And there's no doubt he was looking forward to this show, a celebration of his long career with the camera. Sadly, he passed away suddenly in November, but the exhibition is going ahead as planned, honoring a beloved man and helping to raise funds to support the preservation of his work. In addition to being a published author and an art deco expert, Steve shot photos of just about everyone in Chicago and beyond, from Beyoncé to Vince Vaughn. One can only imagine what a photo opp this night will be. Tickets: \$100–\$750. The Murphy Auditorium, 50 E. Erie Street. Please visit Stevestarr.eventbrite.com.



4 Roseland Hospital Foundation gala

Dec. 14: Roseland Community Hospital has had a big year; it was recently awarded the new Philips MicroDose Mammography system — just the sixth in the country and the only one in the Midwest. Honorary committee members **Les Coney** and Cook County Board President **Toni Preckwinkle** welcome guests to celebrate the hospital's successes and look to the future at the fourth annual Crystal Images gala. Emceed by **Dr. Sandy Goldberg**, nutrition consultant for WMAQ-Channel 5, the event will feature presentations of civic awards and scholarships, a live band, a DJ and a raffle. Funds will help the hospital provide mammograms to uninsured women. Tickets: \$250. Hyatt Regency, 151 E. Wacker. For more information, call Loretta Flanagan at (773) 995-3486.

5 'The Radio City Christmas Spectacular'

Dec. 14–30: A show-biz extravaganza like nothing else, this dance-packed show has been knocking the socks off audiences for 85 years. And this season's edition is no exception: Look for a 50-foot LED screen that transports the audience to Times Square and Santa's Workshop, a life-size double-decker bus, the classic "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," the "Living Nativity" and a finale featuring the iconic high-kicking Rockettes. Tickets start at \$30. Akoo Theatre, 5400 N. River, Rosemont. Call (800) 745-3000 or visit Ticketmaster.com.



6 'When Collecting Was New: Photographs from the Robert A. Taub Collection'

Dec. 15–May 12: In 1960 Robert Taub stopped in a bookstore and snapped up a landscape shot by celebrated 19th century photographer William Henry Jackson. Photos weren't as prized then as they are now, but even as museums (and the market), came around, he continued to collect, amassing an eclectic array of images, from Ansel Adams and Walker Evans to advertising photographs by Nickolas Muray and NASA space exploration photographs. The Art Institute's exhibit showcases his keen eye for photos and is a visual history of the 20th century. Admission: adults, \$18; children 14 and older, students and seniors, \$12; children younger than 14, free. Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan. For more information, visit Artic.edu.

7 'Hope for the Children of Greece'

Dec. 16: It's no secret Greece is dealing with hard times. And with the country's social services feeling the pinch, **Eleni Bousis** and **Eleni Tzotzolis** have stepped up to the plate to host a benefit lunch to support five organizations in Greece that assist orphans, children with cancer and abused youth. Noted "Sex and the City" stylist **Patricia Field** (who is half Greek) will address guests, along with supermodel **Vicky Kaya**, ambassador for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Greece. The luncheon is free. Donations can be made to the Soteria Foundation. Reservations required. Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee, Niles. Call (773) 415-7818 or email Gerbanas@yahoo.com.



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IN THE TRENCHES

BY ZAK STEMER

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ACES UP! POKER TOURNAMENT

MAKING THE GRADE

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Tim King, president and CEO of the non-profit Urban Prep Academies, has a lot to smile about. Since starting the country's only all-male African-American charter school in 2002, he has grown the institution to encompass three campuses and 1,500 students — many of whom come from low-income families — and a 100 percent college admission rate, the highest of any public school in Chicago. Aces UP!, his sixth annual poker tournament, raised more than \$100,000 so that the organization can continue to provide support for the schools and students. The sold-out tournament attracted more than 250 guests to City Winery (1200 W. Randolph), including co-hosts **Alexi Giannoulis**, **Chris Zorich** and the Sun-Times' own **Richard Roeper**. Other attendees included **Roe Conn**, **Ryan Chiaverini**, **Cheryl Scott**, **Susan Carlson** and Chicago Treasurer **Stephanie Neely**.



The scene at City Winery



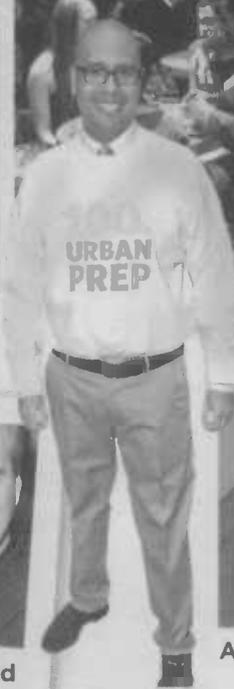
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HOPE ON THE HORIZON DINNER

DR. QUINN AND A CURE

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Actress **Jane Seymour**, known for her role as a frontier doctor, came to town to serve as the mistress of ceremonies for the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation's inaugural Hope on the Horizon dinner at the Art Institute of Chicago (111 S. Michigan). Chaired by **Nancy and Steve Crown** and **Leonard A. Lauder** — with a special performance by **Glen Campbell** who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2011 — the event brought out 200 local heavy-hitters. Partygoers made the evening a homerun smash, raising nearly \$1.5 million to help fund innovative drug research to combat the disease.

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

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KEN DOWNING VISITS NEIMAN MARCUS

FASHION FOCUS

BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

Ken Downing, the acclaimed Dallas-based fashion director of Neiman Marcus, swung by the chic retailer's Northbrook location (5000 Northbrook Court) to present his latest style report while models strutted down the runway. One of just a handful of store visits by Downing this season, more than 100 stylish Chicagoans turned out to hear his take on the hottest trends: navy as the new neutral, brooches as the way to add drama to your look and a cherry lip as the season's perfect pout.



Kirstie Lytwynec and Ken Downing



A look from the runway



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NUESTRO FUTURO

GOOD GRANTING

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

An intimate group of 70 attendees brought in big money at the Chicago Community Trust's Nuestro Futuro reception at BMO Harris Bank (115 S. LaSalle). More than \$70,000 was raised for Nuestro Futuro, a philanthropic giving circle formed by Chicago's Latino leaders, which distributes \$200,000 in grants every year to local nonprofits. The 2012 Nuestro Futuro grant recipients were recognized during a program honoring longtime supporter King W. Harris for his contributions to the organization.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match donations to Nuestro Futuro up to a total of \$25,000, now through Jan. 1, 2013. Donate now at Suntimesfoundation.org/nuestrofuturo.



Juan Salgado and Terry Mazany



Diana Palomar and Judy Rice



Maria Bechily, King Harris and Adela Cepeda

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HEALTH AND HOPE FOR AFRICA

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

The GEANCO Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving health conditions in Africa, held its second annual Health and Hope for Africa concert. Co-founder Dr. Godwin Onyema and his family, along with chairman Richard Dent, hosted more than 200 guests for dinner at the Museum of Science and Industry (5700 S. Lake Shore). Performances by female African dance group Ayodele and violinist Lee England Jr. kept guests entertained well into the evening, which raised more than \$75,000 for the development of Augustine Memorial Hospital in Nigeria to provide medical care for the poor and medical training for doctors, nurses and students.

Nche Onyema



Afam Onyema, Dr. Godwin Onyema and Gozle Onyema



Lee England Jr. performs.



Josephine Onyema and Denny Gurley

PHOTOS BY TIM HIATT

sunday in the life

Walk on the Wild side

Indie band **Wild Belle** takes a tour break with a stop in its hometown

BY MOLLY EACH

The band on every indie music fan's lips — and playlists — is Wild Belle, the brother-sister duo composed of Chicago area natives **Natalie** and **Elliot Bergman**. Since releasing their first single, "Keep You," the two have rapidly risen through the industry ranks, captivating music fans with their unique blend of jazz, folk, soul, afrobeat and trip-hop, all punctuated by Natalie's mesmerizing vocals. "It's a blend of influences and a soulful dance party," says the singer of the band's sound, which is anchored by Elliot's multi-instrumental talents. It's safe to say that 2012 was the band's year: The duo played jam-packed shows at Coachella and South by Southwest, has been written up in *Vogue* and the *New York Times*, toured the United States and Europe, and recently appeared on "Conan." And 2013 will prove just as fruitful: Wild Belle's first album, "Isles," will be released by Columbia Records in March.

If practice makes perfect, their success makes total sense: Natalie, 23, and Elliot, 31, have been making music together in some capacity since they were kids. The Bergmans come from a creative family (sister Elise is a Chicago-based fashion designer with her own line; brother Bennet, who lives in California, is a poet/writer) and family sing-alongs helped hone the siblings' skills. Today, both siblings play multiple instruments and contribute to the songwriting process. "We have a dynamic relationship," says Natalie. "We trust each other completely."

Elliot is based in Brooklyn and Natalie goes back and forth between New York and her sister's Bucktown apartment, and the band is often in Chicago to visit friends and family. On Dec. 9 Wild Belle will take the stage at the Metro — a rite of passage for hundreds of up-and-coming bands. Throughout it all, Natalie and Elliot are just enjoying the journey.

"There are so many moments every day where I think, 'we're doing what we love and we get to see the beauty of the world,'" says Natalie. "I find myself thanking God a lot."



Carol's

8 P.M.

The evening agenda includes tacos at Big Star (1531 N. Damen) and drinks with sister Elise at The Charleston (2076 N. Hoyne). If things are still rocking, Natalie and her friends head to honky-tonk joint Carol's (4659 N. Clark) to dance the night away.



7 A.M.

Natalie wakes up slowly with coffee and the *New York Times*, while Elliot rallies early to check out the eclectic goods at Wolff's flea market, located in the Allstate Arena parking lot.



9 A.M.

The siblings both try to visit Grace Church, located at Nettlehorst School (3252 N. Broadway) in Lakeview.



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Brunch at El Barco (1035 N. Ashland) in Wicker Park. "Giant margaritas and the best red snapper in Chicago make this a Bergman family favorite," says Elliot.

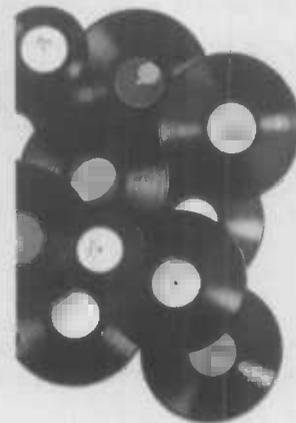
4 P.M.

The creative juices flow: Elliot practices yoga and plays his saxophone while Natalie creates something with her hands, be it a collage or playing the piano.



2 P.M.

Next up, a stop at Dusty Groove record store, then Natalie heads to vintage shop Kokorokoko (1323 N. Milwaukee), Alcalá's Western Wear (1733 W. Chicago) or Robin Richman (2108 N. Damen) to stock her stylish wardrobe.



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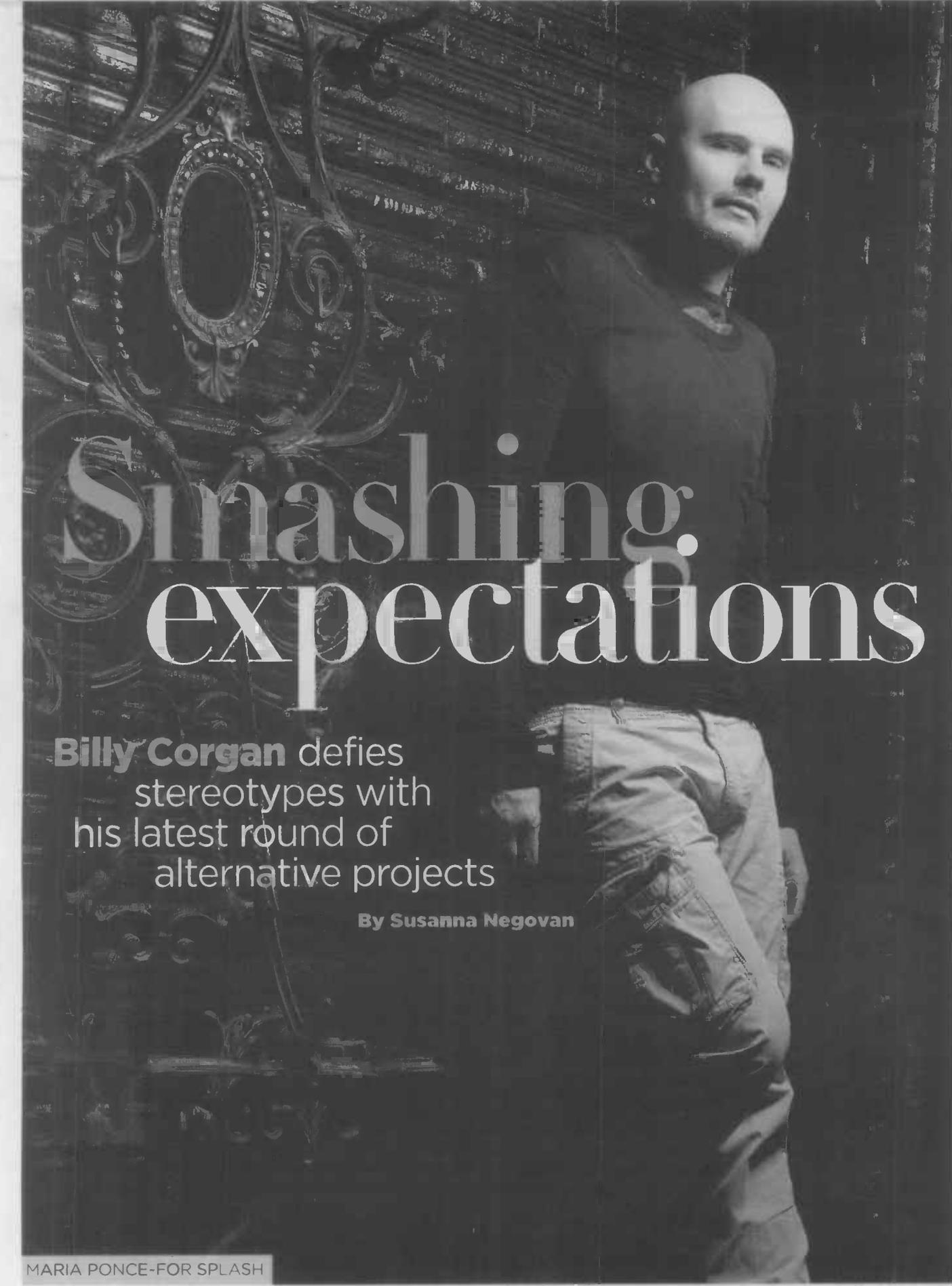


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Smashing expectations

Billy Corgan defies stereotypes with his latest round of alternative projects

By Susanna Negovan

MARIA PONCE-FOR SPLASH

He's a dark and moody rocker who looks forward to daily teatime, an award-winning lyricist and a poet who writes story lines for a professional wrestling team. If fans of Smashing Pumpkins front man Billy Corgan have any preconceived notions of how an alternative icon should behave, he's upending those stereotypes on multiple levels.

"For somebody who has been in public life for more than 20 years, I feel like the public doesn't really know me," Corgan says, sitting inside Madame ZuZu's, the 1930s-style teahouse he opened in Highland Park three months ago.

What we do know could fill volumes: His band was formed in Chicago in the late 1980s, and issued its breakthrough album, "Siamese Dream," in 1993. The even bigger "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" debuted in 1995 and spawned hits including "1979" and "Tonight, Tonight." More albums featuring a rotating cast of feuding Pumpkins — and the formation of the short-lived band Zwan in 2001 — made for dramatic headlines. Then Corgan's own love life became tabloid fodder

when his divorce was followed by a tumultuous relationship with Courtney Love, and a brief one with Jessica Simpson.



1995's "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness"

Just when it seemed possible to pigeonhole Corgan as another turbulent rocker, he entered a new era of productivity, with serious

artistic pursuits book-ending projects that are practically whimsical: In June the Smashing Pumpkins (with three new members who joined the band in 2010) released the album "Oceania" to positive reviews; in September Corgan proclaimed his devotion to tea with the opening of Madame ZuZu's; on Nov. 30 he celebrated the one-year anniversary of Resistance Pro wrestling, which he co-owns, with an appearance by Jake "the Snake" Roberts; and this week the band reissued "Mellon Collie" along with 66 previously unreleased songs recorded at that time.

"It's cool to put out the demo that nobody

ever heard, but the better part is you introduce your music to a new generation that isn't socially coded for that time," Corgan says. "A lot of the bands that I fell in love with, I found through reissues or greatest hits."

Identifying new ways to connect with his fan base — and generating new followers — is something Corgan doesn't underestimate in the Internet age. Though there are more than 2.5 million fans on the Smashing Pumpkins Facebook page, "Those numbers are really deceiving," he says. "How people interconnect is way more complicated than what social media makes it appear. I really think it's more peer to peer."

And that street-level interaction is one reason Corgan decided to open the teahouse. He's there nearly every day, DJing from his iTunes playlist and sipping his favorite loose-leaf teas. "About 10 years ago, I started thinking how it would be cool to have a performance space, meaning a multipurpose space that could be used for anything," he says. "I knew when I was a young artist it was really hard to find anywhere to be creative."

To that end, Madame ZuZu's offers weekly open mike nights to new talent, and Corgan is structuring other nightly events that align with his personal interests: a rabbi teaching kabbalah (Corgan is not a follower, but describes himself as "a mystic at heart") and appearances by scholars, historians and alternative medical experts such as Dr. Leslie Temple, director of integrative medicine at NorthShore University Health System.

"I'd like to work with somewhat extinct art forms here to try to create new things like pantomime, and we've talked about doing old radio plays," he says. "Ultimately, it's about trying to build a culture that's self-sustaining in the sense that people come because they're interested in what's going on here, and then the artists come because they know there's an audience that's interested."

Corgan, who lives in Highland Park but was raised in the western suburbs, says he's hoping Madame ZuZu's will help anchor an emerging arts district in the area surrounding Ravinia, the nearby outdoor music venue. "This is my community, so I'm taking possession of what happens here and maybe I can affect something positive," he says.

If a positive turn seems unlikely for a guy who's been called the "king of gloom," then maybe it's because he's been misunderstood all along. "[People] confuse the character I play with the person I am," says Corgan. "Just because I got onstage and played the character of an angry young man doesn't mean I was that angry young man 24 hours a day."

In fact, the soft-spoken and self-reflective rocker is an open book — literally. He's been working on a memoir that will tell the story of his rise to fame.

"I think the actual substantive journey of my life — from being abandoned by my mother and a drug-addicted father and all the headline-y stuff — the journey of that to



Corgan chats over a cup of tea at his Highland Park shop Madame ZuZu's (582 Roger Williams). One of his favorites? Chinese Rose tea. | MARIA PONCE-FOR SPLASH



Top: Corgan and new Smashing Pumpkins member Mike Byrne perform at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif. on Oct 14. | KEVIN WINTER-GETTY IMAGES

Left: The band in 1996: (from left) Jimmy Chamberlin, James Iha and D'arcy Wretzky.

somebody who becomes an artist, and what you do with that art and why you empower yourself in certain ways and the mistakes that you made, I think that journey is quite interesting," he says.

What he doesn't find worth mentioning is his romantic life. "There's stuff I could say that would be quite salacious, but I'm not

interested in writing from that perspective," he says. In reference to his relationship with Simpson, he'll only say, "I think the person that I know is far different than the way she's been portrayed in the media. She's actually quite a lovely person. I think there's a lot more depth there than people think."

The same can be said of Billy Corgan.

BILLY RIFFS ON ...

Dating: "Me and dating are a f---ing nightmare. I have nothing good to say about it, let's put it that way. What does it say on Facebook? I'm complicated. I'm 45 years old and I want to settle down, so everything I do is defined by looking for a relationship."

Coffee versus tea: "I never drank coffee in my life. I always hated the smell. I call it the three Cs: I never smoked cigarettes, I never drank coffee and I never did cocaine. [I've done] everything but the three Cs [laughs]. But I haven't done any drugs in 11 years."

His Twitter handle, @billy: "There was a guy pretending to be me, and rather than kick fake Billy Corgan off they changed him to 'Not Billy Corgan' and they gave me @billy. But they didn't want to just give me Billy Corgan; that's why there is no Billy Corgan. I get a lot of weird s--- because of it."

Life in Highland Park: "In 2003 I bought a David Adler-designed house that's just incredible; it's like living in a work of art. It's really beautiful and I live on the lake, and it's all the dreams come true."



From left: "The mood board I created to secure the project — it has been a driving force in maintaining my original vision; costume sketches; 'The Command Book' (a binder of all things 'Sita Ram'); and my marked-up script."



Photo
diary

"The costumes not only need to look good on stage but also have to be functional, which requires an average of three rounds of prototyping as well as rehearsal testing."



"Close-up of silk-embroidered Azza blouse on Sita during a fitting; I pulled this silk-embroidered Azza blouse to test it during rehearsals for functionality and stage readability."



"Snapped by my assistant Annette in the Azza 'Sita Ram' War Room."

Curtain calling

Azeeza Desai Khan scores a designer's dream: crafting costumes for the stage

At a gala six months ago, when designer Azeeza Desai Khan shared a table with Josephine Lee, president and artistic director of the Chicago Children's Choir, it was a clear-cut case of creative serendipity. "We connected instantly," says Khan. Lee was interested in a new look for the Children's Choir uniforms, and as a fan of Khan's line Azza, enlisted the designer to create gowns that reflected the choir's fashion-forward, progressive personality. But it didn't stop there: Lee helped enlist Khan to create the costumes for "Sita Ram," a musical collaboration between the Chicago Children's Choir, Lookingglass Theatre Company and Natya Dance Theater. To illustrate the tale of "Sita Ram" — which Khan describes as an Indian love story in the vein of "Romeo and Juliet," though less tragic — Khan is creating costumes for 189 performers in 16 scenes, a process that she's been working on steadily for the past three months. "It's an opportunity to have a more artistic platform. I can be more avant-garde," says Khan, who is known for her hand-embellished, Indian-inspired gowns and dresses. To wit: One costume — for a group of ghostly beings — utilizes cheesecloth and cage net to make a deconstructed tutu. "It's very bold; I could never put it in a collection." Through her own personal photos, Khan takes us on her journey of bringing the costumes to the stage. Performances Dec. 14-15 at the Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph). Tickets: \$15-\$65, available online at Harristheaterchicago.org.



"Acrobats from Inappropriate Theatre Company and Aja Goes (who plays the character Sita) in Azza during a rehearsal run-through."



"Abigail Daum and Alexa Moster depicting Indian royalty (princes and kings) for 'Sita Ram' rehearsals at the Chicago Cultural Center."



"Annette and Michael constructing costumes. Ninety percent of the 'Sita Ram' costumes and accessories were made by me and my team of six."

▼ "I had to measure the nearly 200 members of the ensemble cast myself, which was cumbersome. But it's critical for me to be accurate in this area to avoid alterations during dress-rehearsal week."



"My No. 1 objective is to creatively express the interpretive art and character development of the script. One of the first things that Lookingglass Theatre Director David Kersnar told me was that the costumes must tell the story, given that the set remains unchanged throughout. That said, David has been my go-to to share ideas and prototypes, such as these unfinished demon horns."

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As seen on TV



Guest editor and Possessionista blogger **Dana Weiss**, who chronicles the best of television and celebrity style, shares a few of her favorite things

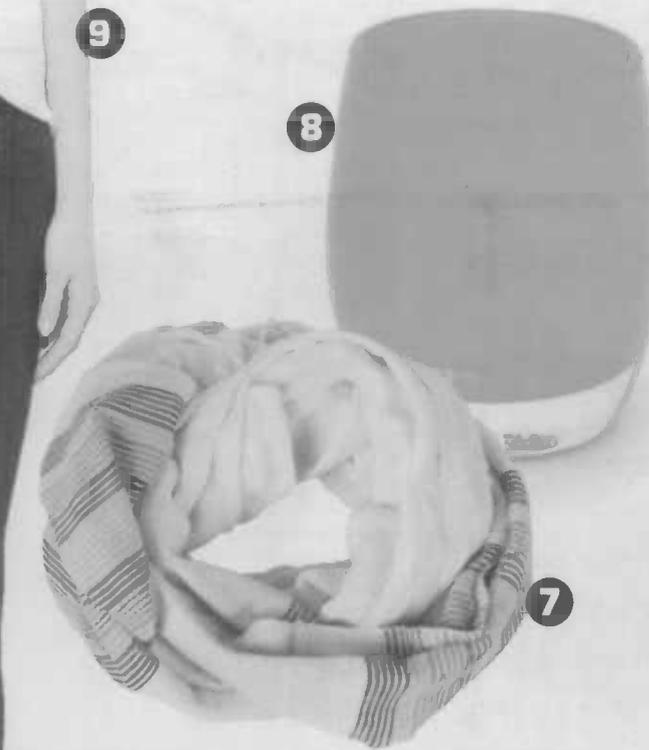


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2. Nicholas Kirkwood: glitter bow pump, \$766; Farfetch.com

"I'm attending a celebrity wedding in December and hoping to make a statement. These are like the couture take on Dorothy's ruby slippers."

3. Amazon: Kindle Fire, \$199-\$300, Best Buy, 2650 N. Clark; Bestbuy.com

"I read at least a book a week. My Kindle provides instant gratification, and I always have something to read."

4. Dalla Nonna: little letter necklace (available in silver, yellow gold and rose gold), starts at \$110; Dallanonnajewelry.com

"I first spotted this dainty darling on Lucy Hale from 'Pretty Little Liars.' It's just a great everyday piece."

5. Free People: Indian Enchantment dress, \$228, 1464 N. Milwaukee; Freepeople.com

"I went to a wedding this weekend and saw a girl wearing this dress. I stalked her all over the dance floor until she told me where she got it."

6. Deborah Lippmann: True Blood Bad Things mini nail lacquer set, \$25, Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand; Nordstrom.com

"This month marks the final installment of the 'Twilight' movies, but my favorite vampires are the ones from 'True Blood.' The three show-inspired colors are the season's hottest nail shades."

7. FashionABLE: scarf, \$28-\$48; Live-fashionable.com

"One hundred percent of the profits from FashionABLE scarves go toward creating jobs for women and rehabilitating those at risk in Ethiopia. Minka Kelly from 'Friday Night Lights' and 'Parenthood' is a big fan."

8. Glassybaby: candle in Rudolph, \$44; Glassybaby.com

"These make great hostess gifts. Each candle is dedicated to a cause or charity. The Rudolph is a perfect holiday candle and gives 10 percent to the Ben Towne foundation for pediatric cancer, in memory of my friend Ben Towne."

9. Helmut Lang: stretch leather leggings, \$920, Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com

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On Dec. 11 meet local icon **Mario Tricoci**, the man behind our city's salon empire, and help celebrate the grand reopening of the Mario Tricoci Salon & Day Spa at Westfield Old Orchard (4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie). Drop by between 10:30 a.m. and noon for complimentary mini-facials, nail polish changes, makeup applications and hair consultations, all of which will help keep you primed for holiday parties.



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Best guest

'Tis the season for hostess gifts and thankfully, luxe Parisian fragrance line **Diptyque** has opened up its first Chicago boutique — and fourth in the country — in Bucktown, bringing along an array of aromatic candles, room sprays, body care and other deliciously scented goods. Drop by the store (1645 N. Damen) on Dec. 13 and 14 from noon to 8 p.m. to celebrate the opening and scoop up gifts that will ensure a return invite.

Regal HIM

Visit Nordstrom at Oakbrook Center (100 Oakbrook Center, Oakbrook) on Dec. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. for the launch of Hanae Mori's first men's fragrance in more than 15 years, **HIM. Emmanuel Saujet**, co-founder and CEO of International Cosmetics and Perfumes, which

owns Paris-based Hanae Mori Parfums, will drop by to share the cologne's regal history: Short for "his imperial majesty," the new cologne boasts woody tones of bergamot and teak wood, and the first bottle was gifted to the prime minister of Japan.

Body conscious

Forget constricting changing rooms and unflattering lights. The new Me-Ality digital size matching service makes finding the perfect jeans, tailored blouse or LBD a cinch by detecting not just your proper clothing size, but your correct fit for specific brands and stores. The info is sent to your email, providing a cheat sheet for speedier and more accurate shopping. Located in more than 70 malls nationwide, the Me-Ality machine is now available at Water Tower Place (835 N. Michigan).

Eli's for sale

Make your holiday season even sweeter with a stop at **Eli's Cheesecake World** (6701 W. Forest Preserve) on Dec. 15 for their dock sale, where you'll get up to 50 percent off cheesecake and dessert purchases from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Or scoop



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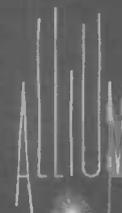
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Raise a glass to **Brandon Marshall, Jeff Garlin, Jerrod Melman**, the Sun-Times' own **Bill Zwecker** and all of the gents who were named Chicago Men of the Year by Men's Journal magazine.



Guests partied late into the night.



The couple takes to the dance floor



Kudos to **Tammy Kohl** and Chicago-based jewelry line Taköhl Designs, which celebrated its 25th anniversary (appropriately the silver anniversary) last week with a sparkling soiree.

A big (and widely publicized) congratulations to **Jon Harris** of Hillshire Brands, who was just named PR Professional of the Year by PR News magazine.



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JESSICA SCHWARTZ & ANDREW MORRIS

Jessica Schwartz and Andrew Morris are an example of a blind date gone right. Set up by a mutual friend, the Chicago-raised Schwartz had lived in Los Angeles for a year before meeting Morris, an L.A. resident for seven years. After a successful first date, the two met again at a Super Bowl party and followed up with a Valentine's Day date. Three years later they returned to Schwartz's hometown to tie the knot on Oct. 20 at the Standard Club, where she always knew she wanted to get married. "I grew up going to dinners there, and it fit my old-world Shakespearean theme. It was perfect," says Schwartz. With neutral tones and an abundance of candles lighting the ceremony and reception, Schwartz chose variations of garden roses, hydrangeas and ivy, using the green and white tones to set a romantic garden theme. Matching the softness of the décor was Schwartz's fairy-tale Kenneth Pool gown with a cathedral-length veil, which she found with the help of her mom (a personal shopper at Saks Fifth Avenue). After a traditional Jewish ceremony, the 200 guests enjoyed an array of comfort food, including stations with grilled cheese, tomato soup, sliders and mini milkshakes and a dessert bar with cheesecake lollipops and a cupcake tower. Dancing the night away, the band played an extra half-hour because the crowd just wouldn't wind down. "Andrew is so conservative, so I never thought he was a partier. But by the end of the night he was on the dance floor with his shirt off," laughs Schwartz. The couple recently moved to New York, where Morris is pursuing a law degree and Schwartz is working at American Express Publishing. "We're so grateful because we had so many people fly in and be there for us that day," says Schwartz. "It was so special." — *Katerina Bizios*

sunday dinner

Saved by the Bel

New River North restaurant **Bel 50** combines two classics.

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

Ditch the sandwiches, wraps and subs — portable eats have gotten a European makeover as new River North spot Bel 50 has re-imagined handheld dining.

Rather than putting delicious sandwich fixings between the oh-so-predictable slices of bread, Bel 50 owner **Tim Jandovitz** and chef **Joey Altman** stuffed them into a light, fluffy Belgian waffle. The menu of sweet and savory options fills you up without weighing you down, registering at a mere 220 calories per waffle — and that's not including the low-fat and gluten-free options available.

Step up to the counter and choose from savory flavors like the slow-braised short rib with horseradish crème fraîche (\$8.95) or the crunchy buttermilk fried chicken with honey-mustard glaze and slaw (\$7.95). Or drop by for breakfast options — served all day — like



S'mores get a new look and flavor with waffles.

fresh scrambled eggs topped with Cheddar cheese (\$4.50). From breakfast to dessert, each concoction is served up on a light, crispy waffle designed to be a less sweet, more healthful version of the Belgian variety.

If you can't let go of the fork and knife, dig into dishes such as the chopped veggie salad with corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, toasted almonds,

goat cheese and avocado (\$8.95).

Don't leave without trying one of the sweet options such as the s'mores (\$6.95), which stacks the chocolate, marshmallow and chunks of graham crackers between three layers of waffles.

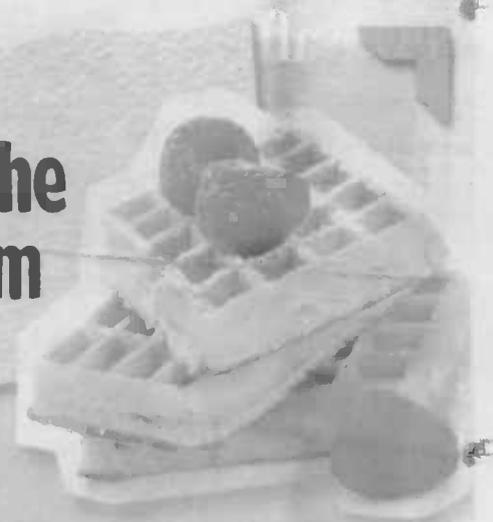
Not every Sunday can be a day of rest, but that doesn't mean your stomach has to suffer. So take a break during the busy holiday season and order up a meal that's a little more memorable.

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Barbecued pulled pork with avocado salsa

Bring Home the Bacon Belgium



With restaurants in Chicago like Bel 50, there's no need to make your way over to Brussels to get a taste of scrumptious Belgian fare. But if you can't make it downtown, you can always have a taste of Belgium delivered from any one of these restaurants through GrubHub.

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You won't think of Belgian waffles the same once you've tried Kanela Breakfast Club's Bacon Waffles, served with chocolate bacon, bourbon caramel and bacon powder.

BeeZzee Fresh Food

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BeeZzee Fresh Food offers a plethora of sweet and savory Belgian crepes, but GrubHub's favorite is the BeeZzee Original Crepe with strawberries and Nutella.

Bistro Margot

1437 N. Wells St.

Bistrot Margot's extensive menu boasts authentic French and Belgian-inspired dishes like the Moules Marnieres (Mariner's Mussels) and the Sandwich de Poule Grille.

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Heavenly homes

'Tis the season to consider the divine chance to live in an ecclesiastical abode

BY LISA SKOLNIK

Talk about potential: If you're after epic architecture with loads of curb appeal, astounding square footage, high ceilings and lots of light, think about a house of worship you can convert into a home. There's a healthy supply of options on the market right now, both already renovated or ready to redo as you see fit. And if you decide to tackle such a project, the possibilities are endless. For inspiration, check out some of the stellar conversions featured on *Homedit.com* and *Apartmenttherapy.com*.

For the imaginative, this Humboldt Park church and rectory at 1300 W. Artesian is a steal at \$900,000 given its prime location in this quickly gentrifying neighborhood, proximity to the area's activity-rich namesake park (a mere three blocks away) and assets — plus gorgeous woodwork and a grand corner lot that's a tad shy of 50 feet by 125 feet. "It's an impressive structure in a great location, so it has a variety of uses. It just needs a little vim, vigor and vision," says Conlon Real Estate broker **Jean Metzler** (773-860-4114; jmetzler@conlonrealestate.com). It's also zoned RF3, she notes, so it can be converted into either a single-family home or apartments.



The light and modern living room at 2411 W. Walton, Unit 3C.

Other leaps of faith

If you're up for a conversion, here are two other well-priced options, both positioned on Logan Square corner lots and marketed by **Daniel Ehrman** of Church Building Realty (630-337-0009; Dan@churchbuildingreality.com):

- 2906 W. Shakespeare, a 1913 brick-and-limestone church with charming architectural details intact for \$875,000.

- 2501 N. Maplewood, a brick church with an airy wood-truss sanctuary and sweet garden surrounded by a handsome ornamental iron gate for \$760,000.

If you want a heavenly home that's ready for occupants, the two-bedroom, two-bath 1,400-square-foot unit in the Ukrainian Village loft development Sanctuary at 2411 W. Walton, No. 3C (above), for \$389,000 is an exceptional value. "The owner bought it in 2008 for \$500,000. It has Sub-Zero and Viking appliances, luxury finishes, a private 350-square-foot rooftop deck and the owner enclosed the loft-style bedrooms with frosted Plexiglas for privacy," says @properties broker **Steve McEwen** (312-307-9470, SteveMcEwen@atproperties.com).



A Humboldt Park church and rectory ready for a creative renovation.

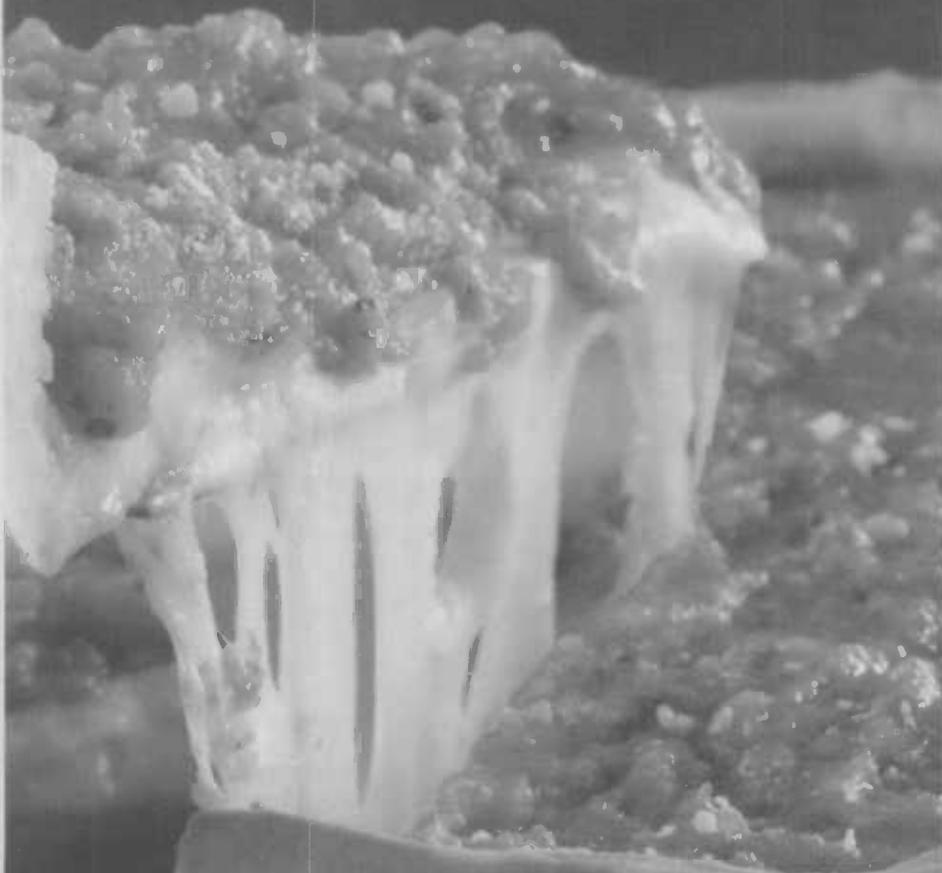


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Jenny shares why Mr. Right isn't always Mr. Right Now

Dear Jenny:

I'm 28, female and live in Chicago. I just split with my boyfriend of more than three years. I'm embarrassed about failing in the relationship, and I get shy around people as a result. I want to meet Mr. Right and have kids, but I don't feel ready. I feel rushed. Most of my friends are married, but I don't want to take the wrong path.

— Anonymous from Chicago

Jenny says: Aw, girl. I feel for you. It sounds like you are allowing your friends to influence your thinking when your instincts are spot on. You don't want to take the wrong path right now. Let me tell you why you are right.

First, let's clear up the fact that you are embarrassed for "failing" in the relationship. That is just crazy talk. I'm the poster child for "failed relationships," and I don't give a crap what people think. If you think staying in a dysfunctional relationship forever gives you extra credit in the school of life, I would not want to go to your school. I give you an A+ for moving on!

Some people just need more teachers than others, and if you can accept that timing is a universal law, then you will never again worry about when Mr. Right will show up. Let me expand on that.

There are a couple of laws of the universe that I live by, and they have changed my way of

thinking. The first one is, "Everything happens for the best reason possible," and there's also, "There are no accidents." Some people may beg to differ, but I bet they're the ones who are mentally suffering with some of their life experiences. I'm not Yoda, so I, too, fall into the "woe-is-me" mindset, but I quickly remind myself that if the universe is friendly and everything happens for the best reason possible, how can I complain about the timing of when Mr. Right comes?

Things come to you when they are meant to come to you. Not before; not after. It sucks most of the time, but there is no way around it, so it's best to join Team Acceptance because Team Denial is just plain painful.

If you are ever confused about whether or not you should or should not be in a current relationship, ask yourself this: "How do I know if I'm supposed to be in a relationship right now?" The answer is that you're not. Plain and simple. The universe knows when you are ready and you are not, simply because you are still single! The same holds true for me. I'm single. How do I know I'm supposed to be single right now? Because I am. Arguing with reality is like arguing with God. I would suggest trusting that!

Well, unless you're an atheist. Then, I would just tell me to shut up.

Send questions
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Kate's miracle

The Duchess of Cambridge is finally expecting her first child. Even though the royal family is delighted, it might be a rocky road ahead for **Kate Middleton**. Before **Kate and Prince William** got married, according to a source, the royal family was well aware that Kate had fertility issues. They were even informed that she may not be able to conceive at all.

"She's gotten hormone treatments and blessings from clergy," a source said. "There are whispers she got in vitro, too."

Kate was admitted to the hospital for hyperemesis gravidarum and the palace said in a statement that her morning sickness is "acute." The family is doing its best to stay optimistic.

"Everyone is overjoyed," my source said. "They weren't certain that she could conceive so it's a miracle. They are praying and hoping for the best!"

Gwen and Gavin on the rocks

There's been speculation that **Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale's** marriage is on the rocks after a photo surfaced of Gavin affectionately touching the "nanny" on the behind. Other reports stated that the blonde in the photo was actually the rock star's sister. My source says

that **Gwen and Gavin's** issues began long before the photo surfaced.

"They've been having marital problems since the summer," the source said.

But it's not just Gavin. This summer, Gwen was spotted cozying up with ex-boyfriend and band mate **Tony Kanal** at the iHeartRadio music festival in Las Vegas.

"They were very affectionate with each other," said a source, who saw them backstage. "They were whispering in each other's ears and sitting close."

Both Gwen and Gavin have a reputation for being sexually adventurous, so perhaps they have an understanding. Let's not forget, Gavin did admit to once having a relationship with a transgender male.



Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale



Kristin Chenoweth

Beware Kristin

Kristin Chenoweth and Jake Pavelka are dating, but Kristin may want to think twice about a relationship with the former "Bachelor." "Jake is a tough guy to date," a source said. "He is emotionally not available. When he was dating **Vienna [Girardi]** he stopped sleeping with her and shut down emotionally." But the source noted he is definitely interested in staying in the spotlight.



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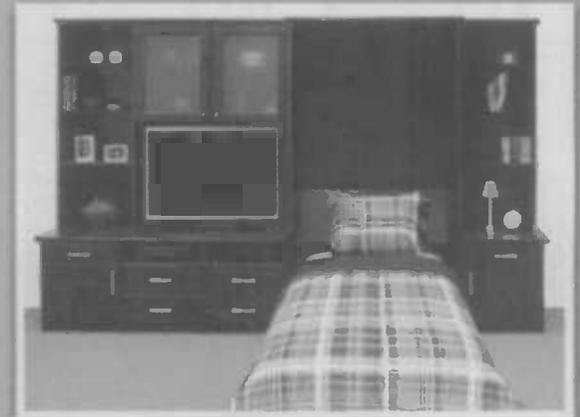


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ECOBOOST TECHNOLOGY IMPACTS FORD LINEUP

BY AL VINIKOUR
For Sun-Times Media

Whenever there's a spike in already-high fuel prices, the general question from the populace seems to be: When is the government going to do something?

The government may not have done anything, but Ford Motor Co. has with the development of its family of EcoBoost engines. The new gas-turbocharged direct-injection engine technology can help provide up to 20 percent better fuel economy without sacrificing power — and it's proving to be popular with consumers.

It's basically a step-down process: The 3.5-liter V-6 with EcoBoost provides the performance of a V-8 with the fuel economy of a V-6; the 1.6-liter and 2.0-liter inline four-cylinders provide the power of a V-6 with the fuel economy of a four-cylinder. A 1.0-liter three-cylinder is coming next year for use in the new Ford Fiesta.

When Ford introduced the 3.5-liter V-6 EcoBoost in the 2010 Taurus SHO, 9,946 units were sold that year. The following year EcoBoost sales increased to 15,117. This past year Ford sold 127,683 EcoBoost-equipped vehicles in the United States. By 2013 more than 90 percent of the company's North

American lineup will be available with an EcoBoost engine. Currently Ford offers 11 North American nameplates with EcoBoost with four more coming in the 2013 model year.

The engines use hundreds of thousands of lines of computer code and related parameters that are adjusted to optimize engine and transmission operation. The company holds more than 128 patents on EcoBoost engine technology. As if those numbers aren't enough to make one sit up and take notice, there's this startling statistic: The turbocharger atop the 1.0-liter churns at 248,000 rpm. Needless to say, its internal cooling system does yeoman's duty.

There is no segment that can't take advantage of an EcoBoost engine. The 3.5-liter V-6s find work in larger vehicles like the Taurus, Lincoln and even Ford F-Series trucks. Ford says 42 percent of F-150 sales are equipped

with the 3.5-liter EcoBoost. The four-cylinders are used for midsize and compact vehicles and the three-cylinder is slated for the Fiesta.

The 1.0-liter EcoBoost engines offer the best fuel economy of any non-hybrid vehicle. Fiestas equipped with EcoBoost will achieve more than 40 mpg on the highway as opposed to 47 mpg for the hybrid C-MAX and Fusion. Ford estimates that by the year 2013, it will have sold 1.5 million EcoBoost-equipped vehicles.

The "Tiny Tim" of EcoBoost engines, the new 1.0-liter three-cylinder, develops 123 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque. Generally an odd number of cylinders can cause balance problems but Ford

engineers have designed the new engine to the point where it's almost silent at idle. Furthermore, the engine is so compact that the engine block can fit inside a travel roller bag. (Getting it past airport security could be a problem.) The entire engine weighs 212 pounds.

Horsepower for the 3.5-liter V-6 hovers around the 300 mark; the 2.0-liter develops 240 horsepower; and the 1.6-liter pumps out 178 horsepower. All the engines are mated to six-speed transmissions.

It long has been rumored that the vaunted V-8 will eventually become a museum piece. While it will no doubt sadden longtime auto aficionados, it's unfortunately time to grow up and face reality. There actually may be a lot of oil reserves throughout the world but getting to it and producing the end products will not be a cheap process. High gas prices will probably be here to stay forever. With the development of its EcoBoost engines, Ford has provided this dollar-stretcher to amortize increased fuel costs while sacrificing none of the driving enthusiasm.



Ford's fuel-efficient 1.0-liter three-cylinder EcoBoost engine can fit inside a travel roller bag. It will debut in 2013 Ford Fiestas and get more than 40 mpg on the highway.

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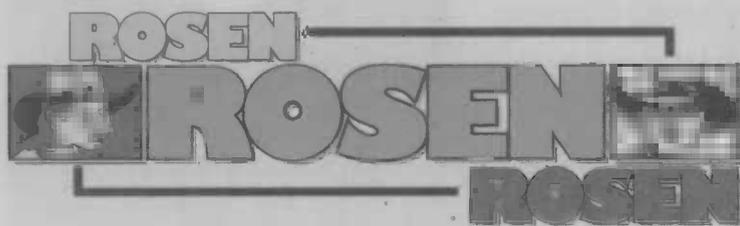
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No room for GRINCHES

Dr. Suess and family celebrate holidays at new Loop condo

The "Grinch" didn't steal Christmas from Dr. Christine Suess and her family for the holiday season. Dr. Suess and husband Denis Dubuc recently purchased a condominium at 200 North Dearborn as a second home and plan to celebrate Christmas in Chicago.

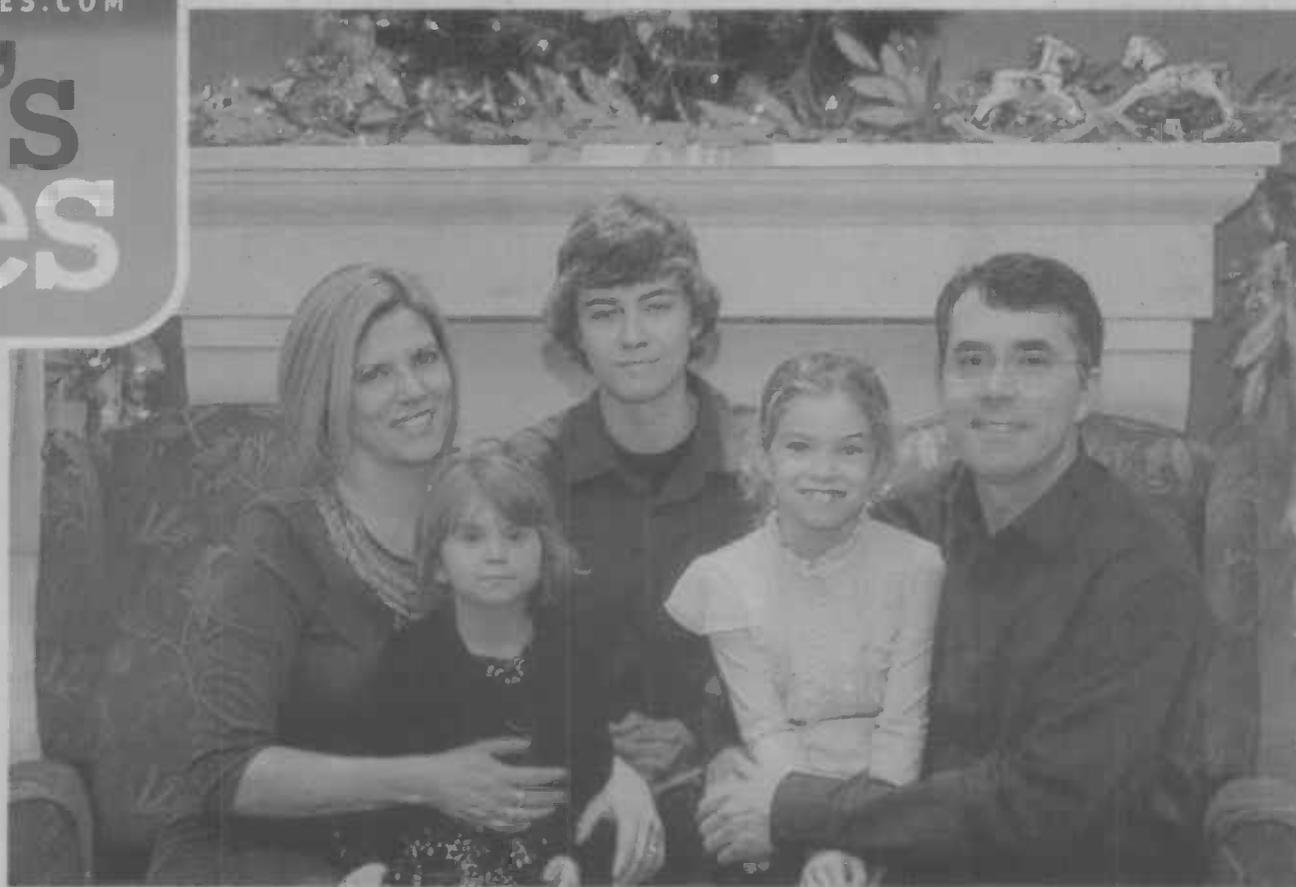
The couple lives with their three children in Cornwall, Ontario, but with family in Chicago they decided to buy a second home at 200 North Dearborn, a 47-story luxury residential building in the heart of Chicago's Loop.

"We visit Chicago at least four or five times a year and with the purchase of our second home, we plan to take full advantage of being at 200 North Dearborn for the holidays," said Dr. Suess.

"The kids love to go to Millennium Park because there is always something going on there. It's a joy to listen to music or just walk around the park. We are members of the Art Institute, a favorite destination for the entire family."

Dr. Suess said the family also enjoys shopping on Michigan Avenue as well as Water Tower Place and State Street, too.

"I was recently in town for a work conference with a friend, and we just had to walk down State Street to see the



Holiday Loop: Christine Suess, left, children Isabelle, Eric and Chloe and husband Denis Dubuc plan to mark the holidays downtown in the condo at 200 North Dearborn they recently purchased. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Christmas decorations and the windows at Macy's," said Dr. Suess. "Walking down the street and seeing all the holiday decorations is really a family tradition for me. It reminds me of when I was little."

"In October, we were in Chicago and celebrated Canadian Thanksgiving in the party room at 200 North Dearborn," said Suess. "It's such a nice space, and it was wonderful to have all of our family over for the celebration."

With 200 North Dearborn so very close to the Theatre District, Dr. Suess and her family are looking forward to catching several of the shows and concerts.

"200 North Dearborn offers an incredible location in the exciting Loop Theatre District," said veteran condominium developer, Nicholas S. Gouletas. "The building amenities, fabulous finishes, and savings have attracted buyers from throughout Chicagoland as well as countries around the globe who

are seeking an in-town residence in a world-class city where cultural attractions abound."

"During the holiday season especially, there are so many sights and activities just steps away from 200 North Dearborn," he said. "You can visit the Christkindlmarket in Daley Plaza, ice skate at Millennium Park, listen to the Friday night caroling at Cloud Gate, and simply enjoy the festive lights and decorations along State Street and Michigan Avenue."

However, 200 North Dearborn enters into its final closeout phase with savings up to \$212,848 off the original pricing for cash purchases.

"Even though there are only eight remaining residences available, we still have a good selection of one-bedroom and two-bedroom units on both high and low floors as well as the penthouse home," said Karen Howard,



Downtown delights: 200 North Dearborn in the Loop offers easy access to such landmark Chicago destinations as Michigan Avenue, Water Tower Place, State Street and Millennium Park. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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'Limited-edition' homes debut at Lake Vista

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The newly opened Lake Villa community will include just 29 distinctive homes with a collection of 11 floor plan choices, including two one-level ranch designs. Prices start at \$260,900 for homes ranging from 1,941 to 3,192 square feet with three to five bedrooms, two to 3½ baths, two- to three-car garages and full basements, including optional look-out and walk-out varieties. Large homesites of more than one-third acre add to the possibilities for family fun.

"If your family enjoys water sports, fishing and outdoor recreation, Lake Vista offers a great location across the road from Deep Lake and the Sun Prairie Forest Preserve," said



Just for you: The Savannah is one of 11 floor plans being offered by William Ryan Homes at Lake Vista in Lake Villa, where a preview of limited-edition, single-family homes is under way. 1. SUPPLIED PHOTO

Debbie Beaver, vice president of operations for William Ryan Homes. "In addition, our homes offer architecturally exciting yet practical floor plans, complete with the state-of-the-art features that are important to home buyers today."

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Among the floor plans offered at Lake Vista is one of two hard-to-find ranch plans, the Cayenne. With three bedrooms and a study, two full baths, full basement and two-car attached garage, the Cayenne features approximately 1,941 square feet of convenient one-level living, priced from \$266,990.

Highlights of the Cayenne are a great room large enough both for dining and gathering in the living room, kitchen with

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island, pantry and breakfast area, master suite with large walk-in closet, compartmented bath and available tray ceiling, two other bedrooms located down a private hall and served by a bath, plus study off the main living area.

For those who prefer a spacious two-story plan, the Jovan II, Lake Vista's furnished model, provides an exciting example. The Jovan II is an expansive 2,867-square-foot home with four or five bedrooms, first-floor study, 2½ baths, second-floor laundry and main-floor mud room, full basement and two-car or optional three-car garage, base-priced from \$282,990.

Highlights of the Jovan II include a formal living room and dining room flanking the two-story foyer, a family-sized informal living area with kitchen with walk-in pantry, breakfast area and family room, secluded study, powder room plus mud room and garage access.

Upstairs, the master bedroom includes a room-sized closet and deluxe master bath plus tray ceiling. Also featured are three other bedrooms served by a hall bath and the

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Those who enjoy outdoor activities will delight in the location of Lake Vista.

Deep Lake, a 200-acre glacial lake with depths of 52 feet, is bordered by the Sun Prairie forest preserve on the north and west. Deep Lake is an all-sports lake, with boating, pontooning, jet skiing, sailing, canoeing, fishing and kayaking. It has a swimming beach and boat ramp. The preserve also offers bicycling, jogging and hiking.

Lake Vista is served by Lake Villa schools and other services, and its location along Route 132 (Grand Avenue) insures convenience to shopping, restaurants and other attractions.

To visit, take Interstate 94 to Route 132, and go west to the sales center, located two blocks east of Route 83. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays are open by appointment.

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Gouletas noted that cash buyers can save as much as \$212,848 off the original pricing.

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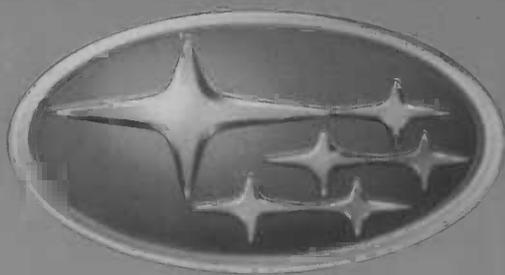


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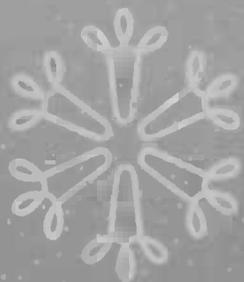
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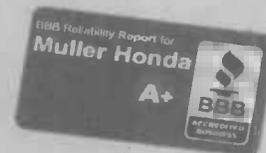


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Make sure those credits transfer to your next school

BY JEAN GUARINO

For Sun-Times Media

Today's students are on the move — segueing from a community college to earn a bachelor's degree in a four-year institution, moving from one school to another that's a better fit or going back to school to complete a degree or learn new skills. And wherever they go, they want to make sure their college credits will make the trip with them.

"If you're planning to transfer to another college you want to make sure all the credits you've already earned will transfer with you," said Anthony Todd, a transfer counselor at South Suburban Community College in South Holland. "It's very disheartening to find you've wasted both time and money on a course that another school won't accept."

To avoid this pitfall and help keep students on track with their goal of successfully transferring to a four-year school Todd has a number of tools at his disposal. Students who plan to transfer to a school in Illinois can check with the Illinois Articulation Initiative to ensure their courses will be accepted at another Illinois school. The IAI is a statewide transfer agreement between more than 100 participating colleges and universities. All participants agree to accept a "package" of IAI general education courses in lieu of their own comparable general education requirements.

Detailed information can be found at itransfer.org, an Internet tool created as a portal of transfer assistance for students seeking to transfer between schools of higher education in Illinois.

You can browse the site to learn the basics of transferring, different types of transfer credits and what you can do to ensure a

smooth transition. And for answers to specific questions, you can also email counselors at itransfer@itransfer.org or call (309) 438-8640.

However, use caution when relying on this Internet tool.

"The IAI agreement doesn't include upper-level courses, only general education requirements," said Robert Berki, undergraduate counselor at North Park University in Chicago. "So if you plan to major in communications at a four-year school, don't assume a lower-level communications course you took at a community college will count toward your major."

Students who plan to transfer to a school out of state can consult collegesource.org, another online database containing 67,254 digital catalogs from colleges and universities around the country, institution profiles, transcript keys and other critical resources.

One CollegeSource tool that students can use is u.select. Students can create a free u.select account at collegesource.com/solutions/u-select where they can view course equivalency information and request an evaluation of their transfer work against a program in a particular school.

In recent years a growing number of community colleges and colleges and universities have formed partnerships that seamlessly combine the credits earned at both institutions and eliminates the possibility that earned credits will be disallowed by the receiving school.

The College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn currently offers 10 innovative 3 + 1 bachelor's degrees with partner universities that provide the opportunity for students to train for careers in high-demand fields. Three of these degrees — computer science, criminal and social justice, and fire service administra-

tion — are offered in partnership with Lewis University in Romeoville.

"We were the first university to offer a 3 + 1 bachelor's degree program with the COD. Now this model has become increasingly popular, and we've been joined by several other local universities because the plan is very affordable and can be flexible for working students," said Ashley Skidmore, director of transfer admissions at Lewis University.

Here's how the 3 + 1 plan works. According to Skidmore, students attend classes all four years at COD. The first two years they pay the community college's tuition rate while earning their associate degree. The third year they take upper-level classes that will transfer to Lewis, but the tuition rate remains the same. It is not until the final year that students pay the full tuition for upper-level classes that are taught on the COD campus by Lewis University faculty.

Concordia University Chicago also has

partnered with COD and offers three new 3 + 1 bachelor's degree programs in health care management, sports and recreation management, and visual arts administration.

"We recognize the need to provide educational options for today's students," said Marilyn Reineck, senior vice president of academic affairs at Concordia. "And we're proud to partner with the College of DuPage to offer an option that is flexible and affordable while maintaining high academic quality."

Students who want to avoid the burden of crushing student debt should consider Governor State University's affordable 2 + 2 dual degree program that locks in the tuition rate for the entire four years from the date the student enrolls, usually in his or her second semester.

"Once students are accepted into the program, usually at the end of their freshman year, they receive all the help and encouragement they need to help keep them on track to graduation," said Anthony Todd. In addition to locked tuition they can apply for a GSU Promise Scholarship (if eligible), receive ongoing counseling and have access to both the GSU library and social activities.

Finally, students who move from one school to another should do so with a definite goal in mind. "If you're not focused on a single major when you transfer it may take longer than you thought because you didn't take the right courses," Berki said. "Transfer students have less time than students who enroll as freshman to sample different majors before settling on one. So it's important that they figure out sooner, rather than later, what they want to major in."



South Suburban College in Homewood works to ensure that students' credits transfer.

Jean Guarino is a local freelance writer.

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Campus tours give students a chance to check things out

Local universities and colleges offer a variety of open house and/or campus visit events throughout the year. If you're unable to visit during a scheduled event, arrange a personal visit through the admissions office. Below are upcoming events at schools found in this education guide.

Chicago State University: Prospective students can take a virtual tour of the campus at csu.edu or call (773) 995-2000 to arrange a visit. CSU is at 9501 S. King Drive.

DeVry University: With 10 campuses in the Chicago area, DeVry offers students plenty of choices. Call the campus that meets your needs to arrange a tour. Call (866) 338-7941 or visit devry.edu for more information.

Elmhurst College: Group information sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 15, 12 and 26 and Feb. 2 at 190 Prospect Ave. in Elmhurst. Transfer students can attend Transfer Walk & Talk Tour week Jan. 7-11. Call (630) 617-3400 or visit elmhurst.edu.

Rosalind Franklin University: The next open houses are at 2 p.m. Dec. 28 and Jan. 4. For more information about the open houses or to arrange a campus visit at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, contact (847) 578-3000 or visit rosalindfranklin.edu.

Indiana University Northwest: Regularly scheduled walking tours take place at 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. Fridays. IUN is at 3400 Broadway in Gary, Ind. Call (888) 968-



Campus tours give prospective students an up-close and personal view of schools they're considering attending.

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Lewis University: Individual tours are offered at 9 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays. Schedule a tour by calling (815) 836-5250. Lewis is at 1 University Parkway in Romeoville; visit lewis.edu for more information.

National Louis University: NLU has several campuses in the Chicago area. Open houses and information sessions are offered, so check <http://nlui.edu/info> for upcoming events or call (855) 658-4636 for more information.

Northwestern College: NC offers campus visits at all three local locations (7725 S. Harlem, Bridgeview; 4811 N. Milwaukee, Chicago; 1809 N. Mill St., Naperville). Call (888) 205-2283 or visit northwesterncollege.edu.

Purdue University Calumet: Tours are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays or prospective students can arrange a personal visit

through admissions. PUC is at 2200 169th St., Hammond, Ind. Call (219) 989-2213 or visit purduecal.edu.

South Suburban College: Call admissions to arrange a campus visit at 15800 S. State St., South Holland, (708) 210-5718, or visit ssc.edu.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale: Open houses, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., are scheduled for Feb. 18 and March 29; April 12 is a transfer day open house. Call (618) 453-2988 or visit siu.edu.

Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy: The next group campus tour is scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 15 at 28 N. Clark St. One-on-one visits are available also; register for either at tours@tfa.edu or call (312) 332-0707.

Triton College: Schedule a personalized tour with admissions staff by calling (708) 456-0300, ext. 3130. Triton is at 200 Fifth Ave. in River Grove; www.triton.edu.

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News students can use from local campuses

The following are news items from schools participating in this education guide.

DeVry University: Good is just not good enough for many employers today. J.T. O'Donnell, career strategist and author of *CAREERREALISM: The Smart Approach to a Satisfying Career*, suggests that job candidates need to learn how to GLOW in order to close the employer-candidate disconnect and shine brightly in a competitive job market. Here's how to GLOW:

G - Gain perspective:

Take a step back and assess your situation. "No two people are alike," O'Donnell says. "You have to figure out what's important to you in your life and career. So, evaluating your values, preferences and interests will provide you with a customized plan and increase your ability to achieve success."

L - Llluminate your goal:

To "light up" your career goal, break down your preferred position into a list of "must haves," "nice to haves" and "don't wants." Let these criteria act as a compass to guide you toward your career destination. A vivid mental image of yourself as a success will keep you motivated and moving forward when things get tough.

O - Own your actions:

Be ready and willing to put forth the effort required to make change happen. "Some requirements will seem more daunting than others, like having to go back to school for the right education and career-oriented skills set," O'Donnell says. "However, there are excellent options like DeVry University, which provides flexible on-site and online scheduling so you can maintain current responsibilities while pursuing your dream career."

W - Work it daily: Keep your goals in the forefront of your mind so that you'll take steps every day, no matter how small, to get closer to them. Display your goal where you can view it through-

out the day. You should also ask yourself at least five or six times a day, "Is what I'm doing right now helping me achieve my goals?" A truthful answer to this question can be enlightening.

Whether you are just starting your career or are a midcareer professional seeking change, applying the GLOW method can brighten your future.

For more information about flexible education options, visit DeVry.edu; to learn more about GLOW, visit Careerealism.com.

Elmhurst College: Elmhurst has led the way in higher education for working adults since we offered our first evening classes back in 1949. Today more than one-fourth of our students are 24 and older. We know what experienced adults want and need in a college education — and we deliver it.

Whether you're pursuing an undergraduate degree or certificate, Elmhurst will open the door to a wealth of opportunities and advance your career. Our School for Professional Studies offers a wide array of certificate and undergraduate programs for busy people. Fast-track majors and generous credit-transfer policies help you earn your degree efficiently, and our convenient scheduling makes it easy to get the job done. And the Elmhurst College Online Center offers some programs entirely online, giving you maximum convenience and flexibility.

Founded in 1871, Elmhurst is a private four-year college affiliated with the United Church of Christ. The curriculum combines liberal learning and professional preparation to equip students for lifelong learning, service and achievement. The college is conveniently located in Elmhurst, a short drive west of downtown Chicago.

Learn more about Elmhurst College's programs for adults at elmhurst.edu/adult.

Rosalind Franklin University: Assistant

professor Beth Stutzmann, Ph.D., has spent the last 10 years investigating neuronal signaling in aging and Alzheimer's disease. At the root of her many questions is the desire to understand the early disease processes that cause brain cells to malfunction in Alzheimer's. In other words, what pathological events are occurring before the tragic physical and behavioral changes develop. Uncovering these events may offer more effective strategies to prevent disease progression. Stutzmann's research suggests that alterations in critical neuronal signaling factors, such as calcium, are an early component in the disease cycle that contributes to the memory loss in Alzheimer's disease.

Stutzmann came to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS) from the University of California, Irvine, in 2005 to explore this area of interest, intentionally seeking RFUMS for its commitment to research paired with its strong basic science program, an environment where she knew her research would thrive.

"I love the process of investigation. There are things that, as researchers, we believe are important and we get to explore them. Not only is this satisfying on a personal level, you feel you're contributing to a greater good. It's enormously satisfying when you add even a little piece to the puzzle," Stutzmann said.

Her desire to help students is clear. She speaks passionately about teaching and mentoring, saying her own mentors had the biggest impact on her career.

"I really believe in paying it forward and encouraging all young scientists," she said.

RFU is at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago; call (847) 578-3000 or visit rosalindfranklin.edu.

Indiana University Northwest: Danielle Jones, 37, of Gary, Ind., spent 13 years as a casino dealer before becoming a certified nursing assistant. Now she is taking steps to further her career with an associate's degree in health information management.

"When I finish, I want to work at a hospital," Jones said, "and then probably go back and get my bachelor's degree in health information administration."

Asked why she chose Indiana University Northwest, Jones cited the campus' proximity to her home and the value and worldwide reputation of an IU degree.

Danielle Dotson, 38, of Calumet City, had five children and plenty of responsibility in her life when she decided to continue her business degree at IU Northwest.

Dotson was determined to prove to her 16-year-old son that "no matter what — through adversity, through having a family, through whatever — I can still get my degree and that will hopefully motivate him and his siblings behind him."

Dotson received an Illiana merit scholarship from IU Northwest worth up to \$10,000 per year. The Illiana scholarship is just one way in which IU Northwest is making an IU education accessible for adult students across northwest Indiana and Chicago's south suburbs.

IU Northwest also offers transfer student scholarships to full-time and part-time students. Scholarship totals range between \$2,000 and \$6,000 for two years. IU Northwest also will discount undergraduate tuition by 25 percent for summer courses again in 2013.

For more information on completing your degree at IU Northwest, go to iun.edu or call (888) 968-7486.

Lewis University: Did you know almost half of Lewis University's incoming freshman students in fall 2012

were transfers? Lewis University accepts coursework from all regionally accredited colleges and universities, including community colleges and most four-year institutions. Many students begin their transfer plans before they apply for admission by looking at the online college transfer guides, which list specific courses at institutions that are eligible for

transfer to Lewis University. Providing personal attention, Lewis University counselors evaluate transcripts on a class-by-class basis and transfer credits into general education, elective credit and major coursework requirements based on their academic equivalency. Lewis University follows the guidelines of the Illinois Articulation Initiative by accepting up to 72 semester hours of credit from community colleges and up to 96 hours of credit from four-year universities.

Lewis University is a Catholic university offering distinctive undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 6,800 traditional and adult students. Lewis offers multiple campus locations, online degree programs and a variety of formats that provide accessibility and convenience to a growing student population. Sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, Lewis prepares intellectually engaged, ethically grounded, globally connected and socially responsible graduates. The ninth largest private not-for-profit university in Illinois, Lewis has been nationally recognized by the Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report.

Contact the Lewis University office of transfer admissions at (815) 836-5250 or admissions@lewisu.edu for more information.

National Louis University: NLU offers undergraduate programs designed for busy adults who want to complete

their bachelor's degrees while managing life's other responsibilities. More than 70 percent of NLU students bring credits with them from a community college or other institution. With a generous transfer credit policy, and credit awarded for work and life experience, earning that degree may be closer than you thought possible.

NLU partners with Chicago's top community colleges to help make the transfer process seamless. Plus, take advantage of multiple scholarships available to transfer students, as well as discounted tuition rates for active-duty service members, veterans and their dependents.

Many students juggle personal and professional commitments while pursuing their education, and they appreciate the quality of education and convenience at NLU:

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Northwestern College: Now is a great time for individuals to pursue a career in health information technology, also known as health information management. Two major pieces of federal legislation, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and the migration to ICD-10, are fueling an unprecedented opportunity to get into the field. The HITECH Act provides financial incentives for all healthcare providers to switch from traditional paper records to electronic health records, and the ICD-10 legislation requires all medical claims to be filed using a coding classification system known as ICD-10-CM/PCS (the country currently uses the ICD-9-CM).

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects 12,000 to 50,000 new jobs in the health information management field or about 20 to 30 percent in new job growth over the currently employed and credentialed health information management workforce. This growth, predicted through 2018, is anticipated to represent the acute care practice (hospital and ambulatory surgery clinics). Additional growth in the field also is expected in non-acute health care such as physician practices, nursing homes and home health care. Where physician practices have traditionally used a paper charting process, the move to electronic health records will generate new career opportunities that did not exist previously.

If you are interested in a health information technology career, call Northwestern College at (888) 205-2281 or visit nc.edu/HIT and take the

next step. The health information technology program at Northwestern College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

South Suburban College: More than 100 years ago, community colleges were created as publicly funded institutions of higher education at community-based facilities. They began a policy of welcoming all who wished to learn, regardless of wealth or previous academic experience.

Today there are more than 1,100 community colleges in the United States, most of which share common goals of quality, convenience and affordability with a commitment to lifelong learning. Community colleges allow students to positively impact their lives. They offer nearby locations, flexible class schedules and affordable tuition.

Students who attend com-

munity colleges also benefit from the smaller class sizes and increased personal attention from professors. The counseling, academic assistance, job placement and other student services offer the quality and accessibility that they need.

Established in 1927, South Suburban College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college with a diverse annual student population of more than 16,000. Located in suburban South Holland, SSC offers more than 50 career education and transfer programs awarding associate degrees, professional certifications and transferable credits. The college's counselors work with students to develop an academic plan that will best help them to achieve all of their educational and career goals.

SSC also has numerous community outreach programs, including adult basic education, general education devel-

opment, English as a second language, continuing education and much more. In addition, SSC's Business & Career Institute provides training, testing, consulting and economic and business development resources for the region.

SSC's tuition rate is considerably lower than most public or private universities. The college also offers special rates for residents of Lake County, Ind. Full-time students can attend for just more than \$3,000 a year within a short distance from home, saving thousands of dollars in additional room and board expenses. SSC's financial aid office will work to maximize student aid and tuition waivers, and the SSC Foundation offers a wide range of scholarship opportunities for all students. Additionally, the REBOUND Program (tuition-free waiver for unemployed residents) courses are offered in 19 academic areas ranging from health care to

technology within class sections that have the capacity for growth. Seats in these classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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So no matter where your student is in his or her college journey, SIU invites your family to visit campus and consider an education where big things are always within reach. Our transfer student open house is April 12. Learn more at siu.edu/transfer.

Tribeca Flashpoint Academy: A venture with Robert De Niro's Tribeca Enterprises, Tribeca Flashpoint Academy is one of the industry's most well-known and respected media arts schools. It provides intensive direct-to-industry associate degree programs in filmmaking, game design, music recording, animation and graphic design.

New enrollment terms and credit transfer policies at Tribeca Flashpoint Academy help ease the transition of experienced students into TFA's

digital media art programs.

"Although students always pick their first college with care, it's not uncommon to realize your real passion after a semester or two in the wrong program," says TFA Academic Dean Paula Froehle. "At Tribeca Flashpoint Academy, we do everything we can to keep incoming transfer students on track with their initial degree timeline, helping them graduate with a degree they love in as many or fewer years as they had originally intended."

With terms starting in January, June and September, students have several enrollment options to transfer without losing time.

"Our January enrollment term is especially suited for transfer students," Froehle says. "January students continue classes throughout the summer, catching up with the September enrollees by fall. January students will graduate along

with the fall class, just 16 months after beginning their program."

In addition to time-saving enrollment terms, Tribeca Flashpoint Academy also accepts transfer credits for core courses such as English, humanities and mathematics. Transfer credits help lighten the course load for new students, giving them more time to immerse themselves in their discipline-specific classes.

Visit TFA at tfa.edu/admissions to schedule an admissions consultation or call (312) 332-0707.

Triton College: Discover your personal success at Triton College. Triton is one of the nation's premier two-year institutions of higher education dedicated to student success. Located 14 miles from downtown Chicago in River Grove, the school offers nearly 100 degree and certificate programs at its 100-acre campus that features state-of-

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Spring 2013 registration is now under way, classes start Jan. 23.

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Today's high school students face mounting pressure with respect to their futures. Even high school graduates who do not immediately go to college after graduating face difficult decisions about their futures.

For many facing such a decision, the process often involves finding the right college. However, options don't have to be limited to colleges and universities. Trade schools can prepare young people, or even professionals looking to make a change, for lucrative and fulfilling careers. When deciding between a trade school and traditional college, there are a few things to consider to ensure whatever decision is made is the right one.

Goals: Career goals differ for everyone. While some pursue a career simply because it can pay well, others seek careers that may reward them in other ways. When deciding between a trade school and a traditional university, consider any career goals. If certain goals bear significant importance, determine the best route by which to achieve them, be it through a trade school or college or university.

Individual skills: Individual skills also can play a significant role when determin-

ing if a trade school or traditional university is the best choice. Prospective students who are mechanically inclined and love working on automobiles might be better suited to an automotive trade school, while those who excel in cooking arts might be more suited for a culinary school. Individuals who honestly assess their strengths and weaknesses will have an easier time making a decision.

Educational interests: Those who would love to learn about a variety of subjects are probably better suited for a traditional college or university. Others with a more specific interest in a given field of study might find it hard to get motivated or stay interested when studying at a four-year college or university.

Requirements: Not all careers require a degree from a four-year college or university. Individuals should research what level of education is necessary to be successful in any fields that may interest them. If a given career does not require a four-year degree, there's no sense spending such a substantial amount of money on a degree that won't land a job.



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Plan ahead for taking ACT or SAT

College admissions tests — the ACT and SAT — are a huge part of the college application process. High school counselors typically provide students with the lowdown on when to take these all-important tests. The following is a brief guide to how to register for the tests and the test dates for the 2012-2013 school year.

ACT

Sign up online (actstudent.org/register/index.html) or use the packet provided by your high school counselor or found in your school's college guidance office. The cost is \$35 for the test without a writing portion and \$50.50 for the exam with the writing test. Fees

include the option of sending scores to four colleges of your choice for free; the fee for additional schools is \$11 per school.

Test dates for the 2012-2013 school year are Feb. 9 (Jan. 11 registration deadline), April 13 (March 8) and June 8 (May 3). For more information about ACT registration, call (319) 337-1270.

SAT

Students can register online (collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees/fees.html) or through packets provided by high schools. The cost is \$50 for the basic SAT. Additional optional fees include a \$23 registration fee for basic subject tests, \$23 for language with listening tests and \$12 for all other subject tests. Registering by phone costs another \$15. Fees include sending scores to four colleges of your choice for free; the fee for additional schools is \$10.50 per school.

Test dates for the 2012-2013 school year are Jan. 26 (Dec. 28 deadline), March 9 (Feb. 8), May 4 (April 5) and June 1 (May 2). For more information about SAT registration, call (866) 630-9305.

Each testing service does provide late and standby registration for a fee; visit their websites for more information.



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How to switch your major successfully

Choosing a major is often met with trepidation. College students may feel pressured to choose a major when they are less than certain about what they want to study. Majors aren't set in stone, and students have the opportunity to switch concentrations if their original choice isn't the right fit.

Perhaps now more than ever, there is pressure on students to pick the right college major. In this weak economy, experts are touting advice on choosing a major that gives students the best chance of finding a job after graduation. The National Center for Education Statistics says that in 2007-2008, the most popular majors were business, social sciences, history and education. According to Capital University, students usually have so many interests that

they have difficulty narrowing their choices. Their first inclination is not to declare a major and wait to see if they find their niche.

In general, two out of every three university students change majors at least once. Here are some tips that should help with choosing a major:

Wait to declare. Many educators advise waiting a semester or two before declaring a major. Take a variety of elective courses and general education classes that will fit degree requirements regardless of major. A guidance counselor or adviser can help undecided students choose courses that might help them find an area of interest.

Take an assessment test. The career or guidance office may offer some of the standardized tools

to help students find an area of concentration. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Campbell Interest and Skill Survey are two resources students can use to identify strengths and potential paths of study.

Do your research. If you're considering a new major, talk to your advisor about what will be required in that new major, including classes and other coursework. You can also talk to students currently studying in that major. Knowing what to expect beforehand can make the decision-making process a little easier.

Consider finances. Taking different classes or stretching out your college career an additional semester might cost more money. Be sure that the finances are there.



Choosing a major is a tough decision; take your time, research your options and don't be afraid to switch if your first choice doesn't suit you.

Assess whether your major truly matters. Many liberal arts or general studies majors are applicable in many fields. Therefore, switching majors may not even be necessary. Think about continuing with a current major and then get a certificate or minor in something more specific.

Consider a double major. Students who ultimately cannot decide can choose to study for a double major. This may look good on a resume and show potential employ-

ers that you are not afraid of work. It also enables you to study two different subjects in detail. Keep in mind that double majors will mean a lot of extra work and may delay graduation so that you can get all the credits needed.

Choosing a major is seldom an easy decision. Rest assured that if the first choice isn't ideal, students can switch majors successfully with few obstacles.

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The 529 college savings plan: a holiday gift that keeps giving



College savings add up over time in a 529 plan.

The holiday season is here, and with it comes the quest for the perfect gift.

While a trendy toy or must-have gadget might prove popular today, perhaps no gift is more universal and enduring than the gift of education. Shoppers can give that gift by setting up or making contributions to a 529 plan, an education savings plan that has special tax benefits designed to help people save for college.

Now more than ever, contributions to a college savings fund make for an ideal holiday gift. The Project on Student Loan Debt reports that the average student-loan debt increased 24 percent to \$23,200 in 2008, up from \$18,650 in 2004. Those figures paint a bleak picture for the college students of

tomorrow, many of whom likely won't be able to afford a college education by the time they turn 18.

Experts say that even relatively small, regularly-scheduled contributions to a 529 plan, which is run by a state or educational institution, can add up, especially if such contributions become a monthly or annual tradition.

FinAid.org notes that families who put aside just \$50 per month from the time a child is born can grow a nest egg of more than \$20,000 by the time that child turns 18, assuming a 7 percent return on investment. Those who increase their contributions to \$100 per month can yield more than \$43,000 by the time their youngster is ready to enter college.

"Saving with a 529 plan offers a direct-deposit option that is an affordable and attainable way to save for a loved one's future college expenses," said Richard Norman, interim executive director of Ohio Tuition Trust Authority. "Many times, just beginning the process can help families feel like college is a realistic and achievable goal."

One 529 plan that offers a diverse choice of investment options from leading fund managers is CollegeAdvantage, a plan established by the state of Ohio. A CollegeAdvantage 529 plan account is tax free when used for college expenses and specially designed to make it easy for families to save for the escalating costs of a college education. In addition, any-

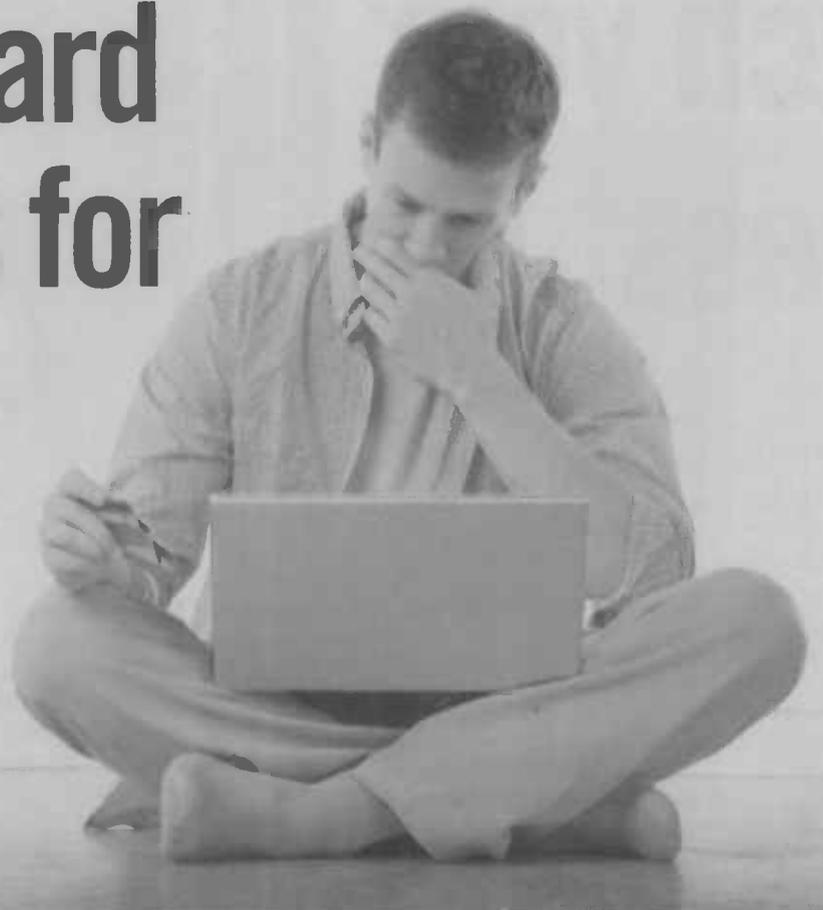
one can contribute, making it ideal for relatives who aren't sure what to get for their school-aged special someone this holiday season.

Funds invested in a CollegeAdvantage 529 plan can be used at any college in the country to pay tuition, fees, books and even room and board. For more information about CollegeAdvantage or to start saving with Ohio's 529 plan today, visit colletheadvantage.com.

The state of Illinois' 529 plan is Bright Start College Savings. Again, money saved through Bright Start can be used at any college in the country for any college-related expenses. Find more information at brightstartsavings.com.

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Credit card pointers for college kids



While it's important for college students to establish a credit history, they need to be careful about how they do so.

College is a period of firsts. It's the first time many students are away from home for an extended period of time. It's the first time students get to choose their own coursework. And it's the first time many are left to their own devices with respect to taking care of themselves.

College is also the first time many apply for a credit card. Although it's important for people to begin building their credit histories, it's just as important for them to carefully consider the variety of credit card options before committing to a card. All cards are definitely not equal, and college students should look for cards that will help them start building a solid credit foundation.

So how can college kids find a card that's fit for them? Consider the following tips.

Steer clear of cards with annual fees. Some credit cards charge annual fees, regardless of whether or not a consumer ever makes a single purchase. Since many cards' interest rates are similar, try to find one that doesn't charge annual fees.

Find the best annual percentage rate. While interest rates are often similar, some cards have a better annual percentage rate, or APR. As attractive as

low interest rates can be, be especially cautious with cards that promise zero percent interest for the first six or 12 months after signing. That's because such cards typically have high APRs. This isn't a monthly fee, but rather a finance charge referred to as an annual rate. For college kids, whom history suggests struggle to pay their balances in full each month, a high APR could add considerably to the cost of having a credit card.

Don't overdo it with credit cards. A 2009 report from Sallie Mae titled "How Undergraduate Students Use Credit Cards" found that half of college undergraduates had four or more credit cards in 2008. No college student needs that many credit cards. If at all possible, college kids should stick to one card and one card only. The card should only be used to help build a credit history and in the case of an emergency. Students who need four cards are either finding themselves in far too many emergency situations or harming themselves by charging too many purchases to plastic.

Be skeptical of reward cards. In theory, reward cards are excellent. The more a consumer purchases, the more rewards points they accrue. Those

reward points can then be used toward a host of things, including airline miles. However, college kids typically do not make much money, and reward cards are really only beneficial to people who charge a lot of their purchases. Such people can typically afford to do so, whereas the average college kid cannot.

Don't be late. If payments are not made online, they should be mailed at least a week in advance of the due date. A history of late payments can quickly mar a credit report. Even if only the minimum payment is possible, make sure that payment is made on time.

Borrow from mom and dad. Credit card companies will lend cash to their customers. These loans are called cash advances. But unlike borrowing from parents, accepting a cash advance from a credit card company typically comes with a heavy interest rate, making it much more worthwhile to call home instead of taking a cash advance.

Getting a credit card is an important step for young people. Students should just be careful the credit card ends up building a solid credit foundation instead of digging a significant financial hole.

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How to handle student loan debt after college

Today's college graduates face numerous challenges. With the global economy still struggling, the job market for recent graduates is less than ideal. Competition for jobs is also heated, as high rates of unemployment have created a job market in which out-of-work yet experienced professionals are routinely competing for entry-level jobs with recent graduates, many of whom have little or no experience in their chosen fields.

But the difficult job market is only part of the troubles recent graduates must face. Mounting debt is a major issue for many college grads. In Canada, for example, the average debt for a university graduate more than doubled between 1990 and 2000. By the 2009, Canadian students' collective debt from the Canada Student Loan Program exceeded \$13 billion for the first time in history. In the United States, the class of 2011 earned the distinction of being the most indebted graduating class in the country's history. According to estimates from student-aid websites Fastweb.com and FinAid.org, the average 2011 graduate was \$22,900 in debt upon graduation.

In addition to finding work in a job market that's overcrowded with applicants, recent graduates must also find a way to handle their now historic amount of debt. Those facing loan repayment while struggling to find a job should consider the following tips.

Don't delay requests for help. Procrastination isn't

a good approach to dealing with debt, whether that debt is from student loans, credit cards or personal loans. Recent graduates who cannot find work or who were laid off should contact their lenders right away and inquire about lowering or postponing monthly payments. It's never good to miss a payment, which will negatively impact an individual's credit rating and is almost certain to draw a financial penalty. If trouble is on the horizon, consult the lender as early as possible. The lender will likely grant a deferment or forbearance, neither of which will tarnish an individual's credit.

Don't ignore it. Simply ignoring a student loan and not repaying it is not a good approach. The loan will still be there, and even bankruptcy court is not likely to discharge a student loan. If an individual stops repaying his or her loan without being granted a deferment or forbearance, eventually wages might be garnished and private lenders might even sue their borrowers.

Don't panic. The current economy could seem daunting to recent graduates. Some may wonder if they will ever find work in their fields or if they will ever be able to repay their loans. But panicking won't help. Lenders will be willing to work with borrowers who are honest and straightforward. Avoiding lenders and missing payments will only make the situation worse.

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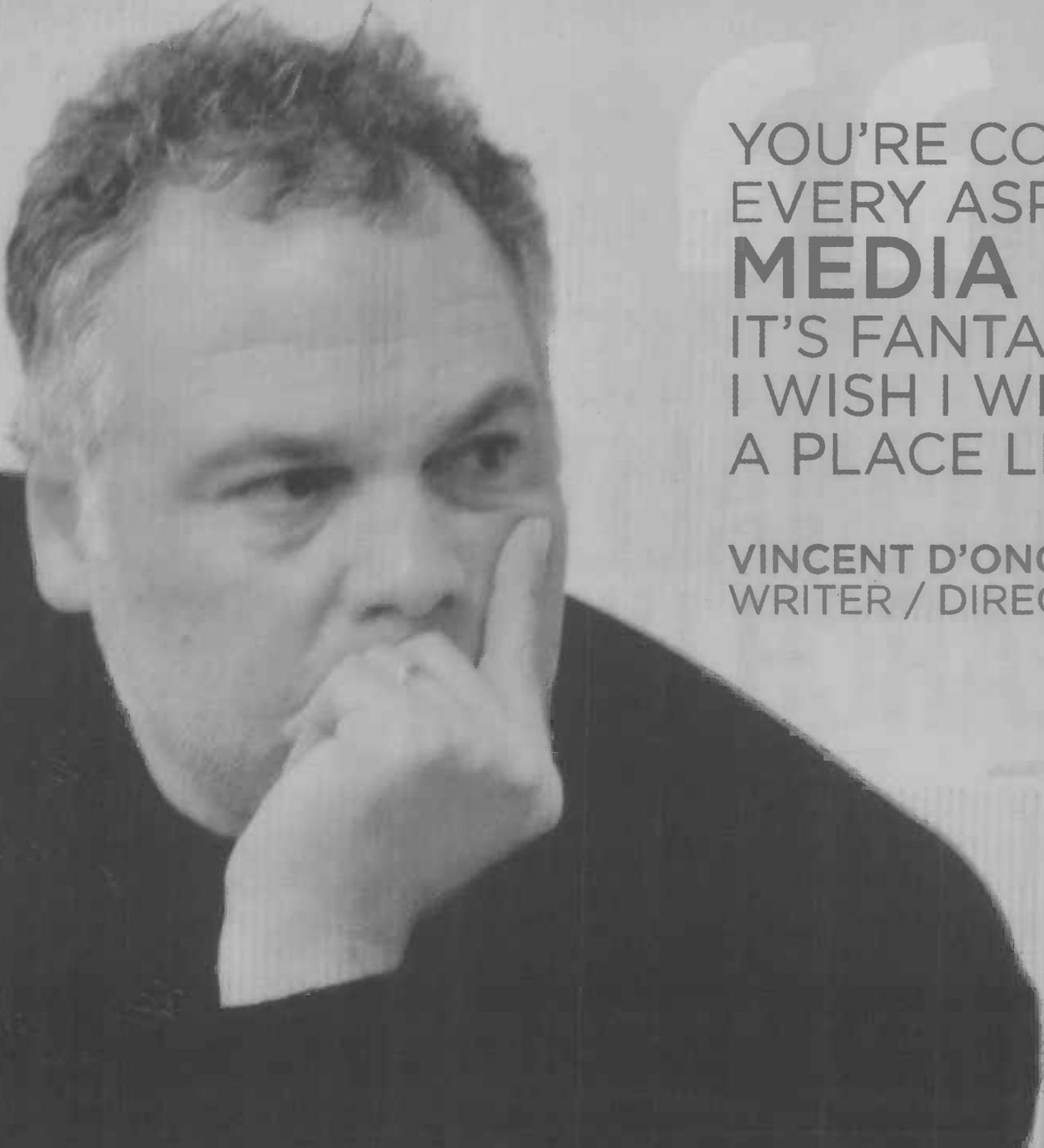
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Francine Turk retrospective

Artist and native Chicagoan **Francine Turk** (below), known for her mastery of charcoal and dramatic nude sketches, celebrates 10 years of artistic accomplishments with a new exhibition, "A Decade of Evolution ... a Retrospective," held at KM Fine Arts in the John Hancock Center. On Dec. 12 get a first look at the collection — and celebrate Turk's career — at an opening night reception. The event kicks off with a VIP preview from 5 to 6 p.m., catered by West Loop restaurant Embeya, and is followed by an open-to-the-public presentation from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit runs through March 15, 2013 at 875 N. Michigan, Suite 2515. RSVP at Info@kmfinearts.com or call (312) 255-1202. — *Bianca Betancourt*

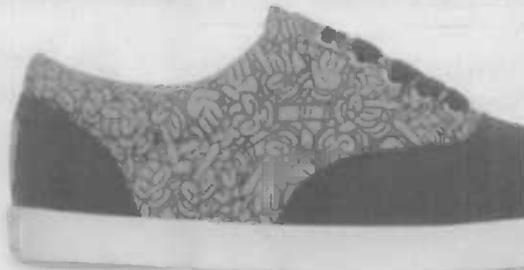


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Get a "sneak" peek at the latest kicks from local line Bucketfeet while snacking on Union Sushi + Barbeque Bar nibbles at the Holiday Colors Release Party. The best part? Proceeds from each pair sold benefit a children's charity. Dec. 13, 6-10 p.m. at Lacuna Fitness, 645 S. Clark. RSVP at Facebook.com/bucketfeet/events.

We'll be stocking our spring wardrobes (and picking up a holiday ensemble) from **British line Reiss**, which launched at Bloomingdale's on Dec. 6. A favorite of Kate Middleton, the collection features modern, tailored dresses and separates befitting a princess — or a Chicago gal on the go. 900 N. Michigan, fifth floor, Bloomingdales.com.



Navy Pier's 12th annual Winter WonderFest, sponsored by Bank of America, is a regular kid's wonderland with a skating rink, carousel, train rides, festive entertainment and more. Entrance to the festival is free, but a wristband (\$15-\$20) is required for the rides and attractions. 600 E. Grand. Winterwonderfest.com.

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1 Lincoln Park Zoolights

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2 'Universal Pictures: Celebrating 100 Years'

Dec. 9-Jan 3: From black-and-white films to big-screen blockbusters, Universal has been a tenacious player in Hollywood. Once a second-tier studio whose early flicks became classics ("Frankenstein," "Dracula"), it went on to become an industry behemoth, thanks to films such as "To Kill a Mockingbird." This week kicks off a nearly monthlong celebration of its history with showings of classic movies such as Erich von Stroheim's "Blind Husbands" (1919) and the 1959 Rock Hudson/Doris Day vehicle, "Pillow Talk." Tickets: \$7 general admission, \$6 students, \$4 members. Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State. Visit Siskelfilmcenter.org/universal100-part2.

3 'The Face of the News'

Dec. 12: Photographer **Steve Starr** loved an event. And there's no doubt he was looking forward to this show, a celebration of his long career with the camera. Sadly, he passed away suddenly in November, but the exhibition is going ahead as planned, honoring a beloved man and helping to raise funds to support the preservation of his work. In addition to being a published author and an art deco expert, Steve shot photos of just about everyone in Chicago and beyond, from Beyoncé to Vince Vaughn. One can only imagine what a photo opp this night will be. Tickets: \$100-\$750. The Murphy Auditorium, 50 E. Erie Street. Please visit Stevestarr.eventbrite.com.



4 Roseland Hospital Foundation gala

Dec. 14: Roseland Community Hospital has had a big year; it was recently awarded the new Philips MicroDose Mammography system — just the sixth in the country and the only one in the Midwest. Honorary committee members **Les Coney** and Cook County Board President **Toni Preckwinkle** welcome guests to celebrate the hospital's successes and look to the future at the fourth annual Crystal Images gala. Emceed by **Dr. Sandy Goldberg**, nutrition consultant for WMAQ-Channel 5, the event will feature presentations of civic awards and scholarships, a live band, a DJ and a raffle. Funds will help the hospital provide mammograms to uninsured women. Tickets: \$250. Hyatt Regency, 151 E. Wacker. For more information, call Loretta Flanagan at (773) 995-3486.

5 'The Radio City Christmas Spectacular'

Dec. 14-30: A show-biz extravaganza like nothing else, this dance-packed show has been knocking the socks off audiences for 85 years. And this season's edition is no exception: Look for a 50-foot LED screen that transports the audience to Times Square and Santa's Workshop, a life-size double-decker bus, the classic "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," the "Living Nativity" and a finale featuring the iconic high-kicking Rockettes. Tickets start at \$30. Akoo Theatre, 5400 N. River, Rosemont. Call (800) 745-3000 or visit Ticketmaster.com.



6 'When Collecting Was New: Photographs from the Robert A. Taub Collection'

Dec. 15-May 12: In 1960 Robert Taub stopped in a bookstore and snapped up a landscape shot by celebrated 19th century photographer William Henry Jackson. Photos weren't as prized then as they are now, but even as museums (and the market), came around, he continued to collect, amassing an eclectic array of images, from Ansel Adams and Walker Evans to advertising photographs by Nickolas Muray and NASA space exploration photographs. The Art Institute's exhibit showcases his keen eye for photos and is a visual history of the 20th century. Admission: adults, \$18; children 14 and older, students and seniors, \$12; children younger than 14, free. Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan. For more information, visit Artic.edu.

7 'Hope for the Children of Greece'

Dec. 16: It's no secret Greece is dealing with hard times. And with the country's social services feeling the pinch, **Eleni Bousis** and **Eleni Tzotzolis** have stepped up to the plate to host a benefit lunch to support five organizations in Greece that assist orphans, children with cancer and abused youth. Noted "Sex and the City" stylist **Patricia Field** (who is half Greek) will address guests, along with supermodel **Vicky Kaya**, ambassador for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Greece. The luncheon is free. Donations can be made to the Soteria Foundation. Reservations required. Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee, Niles. Call (773) 415-7818 or email Gerbanas@yahoo.com.



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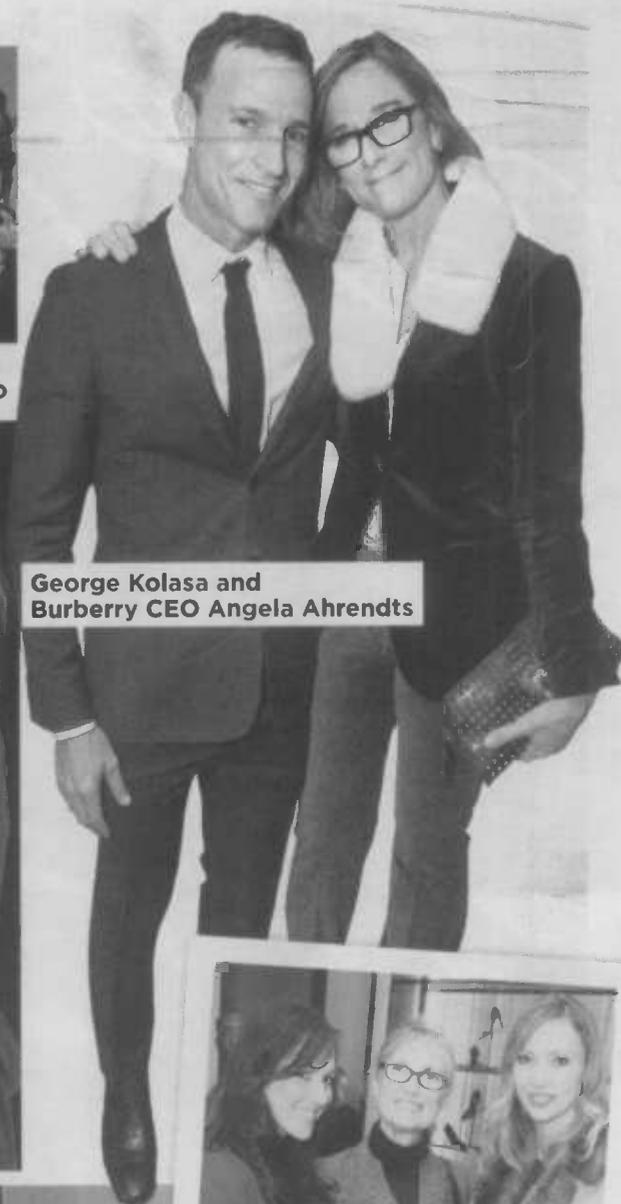
BY ZAK STEMER

The British are here — and they didn't come quietly. Burberry, the London-based brand best known for its iconic trenches and signature plaid, celebrated the opening of its five-story flagship (633 N. Michigan) on Nov. 30 with a massive bash. Hundreds of the city's most stylish bloggers and trendsetters attended, many of whom were featured in the fashion house's Art of the Trench campaign. The evening started with a bang as glitter and confetti showered from the roof while the song "London Calling" by the Clash boomed throughout the store, followed by a performance by Carl Barât of English rock band The Libertines. The flagship, which was two years in the making, marks the brand's second-largest U.S. location and features a plaid glass façade specially created for the city by Burberry designer Christopher Bailey. "People here truly enjoy style," Bailey said. Judging by the night's turnout, he's right.

PHOTOS BY RAMZI DRESSEN



Chris LaMorte and Mel Muoio



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Carl Barât of The Libertines performs.



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CITY SLICKERS

A longtime staple of tough girls and tomboys, leather is taking a more feminine turn with rich colors, tailored cuts and high-gloss shine. Whether it's a fitted jacket or a pretty peplum, adding a leather touch can turn an outfit from cute to chic. And with so many brands offering faux alternatives, too, there's never been a better time to show some skin.

ACES UP! POKER TOURNAMENT

MAKING THE GRADE

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Tim King, president and CEO of the non-profit Urban Prep Academies, has a lot to smile about. Since starting the country's only all-male African-American charter school in 2002, he has grown the institution to encompass three campuses and 1,500 students — many of whom come from low-income families — and a 100 percent college admission rate, the highest of any public school in Chicago. Aces UPI, his sixth annual poker tournament, raised more than \$100,000 so that the organization can continue to provide support for the schools and students. The sold-out tournament attracted more than 250 guests to City Winery (1200 W. Randolph), including co-hosts **Alexi Giannoulias**, **Chris Zorich** and the *Sun-Times*' own **Richard Roeper**. Other attendees included **Roe Conn**, **Ryan Chiaverini**, **Cheryl Scott**, **Susan Carlson** and Chicago Treasurer **Stephanie Neely**.



The scene at City Winery



Sarah Cooley and Richard Roeper



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Tim King



Alexi Giannoulias, Cheryl Scott and Ryan Chiaverini

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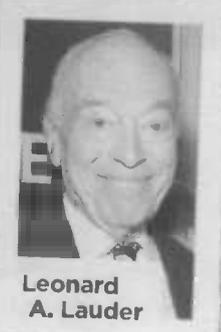
Nancy Crown, Tom Ricketts, Andy and Joanie McKenna



Kim and Glen Campbell



Ashley Campbell and Steve Crown



Leonard A. Lauder

HOPE ON THE HORIZON DINNER

DR. QUINN AND A CURE

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Actress **Jane Seymour**, known for her role as a frontier doctor, came to town to serve as the mistress of ceremonies for the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation's inaugural Hope on the Horizon dinner at the Art Institute of Chicago (111 S. Michigan). Chaired by **Nancy and Steve Crown** and **Leonard A. Lauder** — with a special performance by **Glen Campbell** who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2011 — the event brought out 200 local heavy-hitters. Partygoers made the evening a homerun smash, raising nearly \$1.5 million to help fund innovative drug research to combat the disease.

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

PHOTOS BY ROBERT CARL

KEN DOWNING VISITS NEIMAN MARCUS

FASHION FOCUS

BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

Ken Downing, the acclaimed Dallas-based fashion director of Neiman Marcus, swung by the chic retailer's Northbrook location (5000 Northbrook Court) to present his latest style report while models strutted down the runway. One of just a handful of store visits by Downing this season, more than 100 stylish Chicagoans turned out to hear his take on the hottest trends: navy as the new neutral, brooches as the way to add drama to your look and a cherry lip as the season's perfect pout.



Kirstie Lytwynec and Ken Downing



A look from the runway



Sunny Bliss, Molly Flavin, Abby Dunn and Bobbi Rowe

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Juan Salgado and Terry Mazany



Diana Palomar and Judy Rice

NUESTRO FUTURO

GOOD GRANTING

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

An intimate group of 70 attendees brought in big money at the Chicago Community Trust's Nuestro Futuro reception at BMO Harris Bank (115 S. LaSalle). More than \$70,000 was raised for Nuestro Futuro, a philanthropic giving circle formed by Chicago's Latino leaders, which distributes \$200,000 in grants every year to local nonprofits. The 2012 Nuestro Futuro grant recipients were recognized during a program honoring longtime supporter **King W. Harris** for his contributions to the organization.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match donations to Nuestro Futuro up to a total of \$25,000, now through Jan. 1, 2013. Donate now at Suntimesfoundation.org/nuestrofuturo.



Maria Bechily, King Harris and Adela Cepeda

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HEALTH AND HOPE FOR AFRICA

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

The GEANCO Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving health conditions in Africa, held its second annual Health and Hope for Africa concert. Co-founder **Dr. Godwin Onyema** and his family, along with chairman **Richard Dent**, hosted more than 200 guests for dinner at the Museum of Science and Industry (5700 S. Lake Shore). Performances by female African dance group **Ayodele** and violinist **Lee England Jr.** kept guests entertained well into the evening, which raised more than \$75,000 for the development of Augustine Memorial Hospital in Nigeria to provide medical care for the poor and medical training for doctors, nurses and students.



Nche Onyema



Afam Onyema, Dr. Godwin Onyema and Gozie Onyema



Lee England Jr. performs.



Josephine Onyema and Denny Gurley

PHOTOS BY TIM HIATT

sunday in the life

Walk on the Wild side

Indie band **Wild Belle** takes a tour break with a stop in its hometown

BY MOLLY EACH

The band on every indie music fan's lips — and playlists — is Wild Belle, the brother-sister duo composed of Chicago area natives **Natalie** and **Elliot Bergman**. Since releasing their first single, "Keep You," the two have rapidly risen through the industry ranks, captivating music fans with their unique blend of jazz, folk, soul, afrobeat and trip-hop, all punctuated by Natalie's mesmerizing vocals. "It's a blend of influences and a soulful dance party," says the singer of the band's sound, which is anchored by Elliot's multi-instrumental talents. It's safe to say that 2012 was the band's year: The duo played jam-packed shows at Coachella and South by Southwest, has been written up in *Vogue* and the *New York Times*, toured the United States and Europe, and recently appeared on "Conan." And 2013 will prove just as fruitful: Wild Belle's first album, "Isles," will be released by Columbia Records in March.

If practice makes perfect, their success makes total sense: Natalie, 23, and Elliot, 31, have been making music together in some capacity since they were kids. The Bergmans come from a creative family (sister Elise is a Chicago-based fashion designer with her own line; brother Bennet, who lives in California, is a poet/writer) and family sing-alongs helped hone the siblings' skills. Today, both siblings play multiple instruments and contribute to the songwriting process. "We have a dynamic relationship," says Natalie. "We trust each other completely."

Elliot is based in Brooklyn and Natalie goes back and forth between New York and her sister's Bucktown apartment, and the band is often in Chicago to visit friends and family. On Dec. 9 Wild Belle will take the stage at the Metro — a rite of passage for hundreds of up-and-coming bands. Throughout it all, Natalie and Elliot are just enjoying the journey.

"There are so many moments every day where I think, 'we're doing what we love and we get to see the beauty of the world,'" says Natalie. "I find myself thanking God a lot."



7 A.M.

Natalie wakes up slowly with coffee and the *New York Times*, while Elliot rallies early to check out the eclectic goods at Wolf's flea market, located in the Allstate Arena parking lot.



9 A.M.

The siblings both try to visit Grace Church, located at Nettlehorst School (3252 N. Broadway) in Lakeview.



NOON

Brunch at El Barco (1035 N. Ashland) in Wicker Park. "Giant margaritas and the best red snapper in Chicago make this a Bergman family favorite," says Elliot.



Carol's

8 P.M.

The evening agenda includes tacos at Big Star (1531 N. Damen) and drinks with sister Elise at The Charleston (2076 N. Hoyne). If things are still rocking, Natalie and her friends head to honky-tonk joint Carol's (4659 N. Clark) to dance the night away.

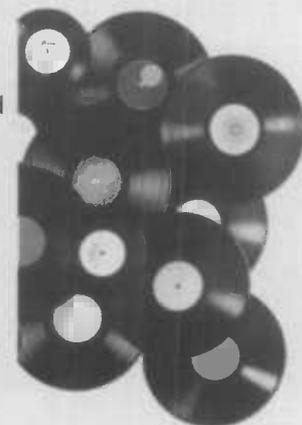
4 P.M.

The creative juices flow: Elliot practices yoga and plays his saxophone while Natalie creates something with her hands, be it a collage or playing the piano.



2 P.M.

Next up, a stop at Dusty Groove record store, then Natalie heads to vintage shop Kokorokoko (1323 N. Milwaukee), Alcala's Western Wear (1733 W. Chicago) or Robin Richman (2108 N. Damen) to stock her stylish wardrobe.



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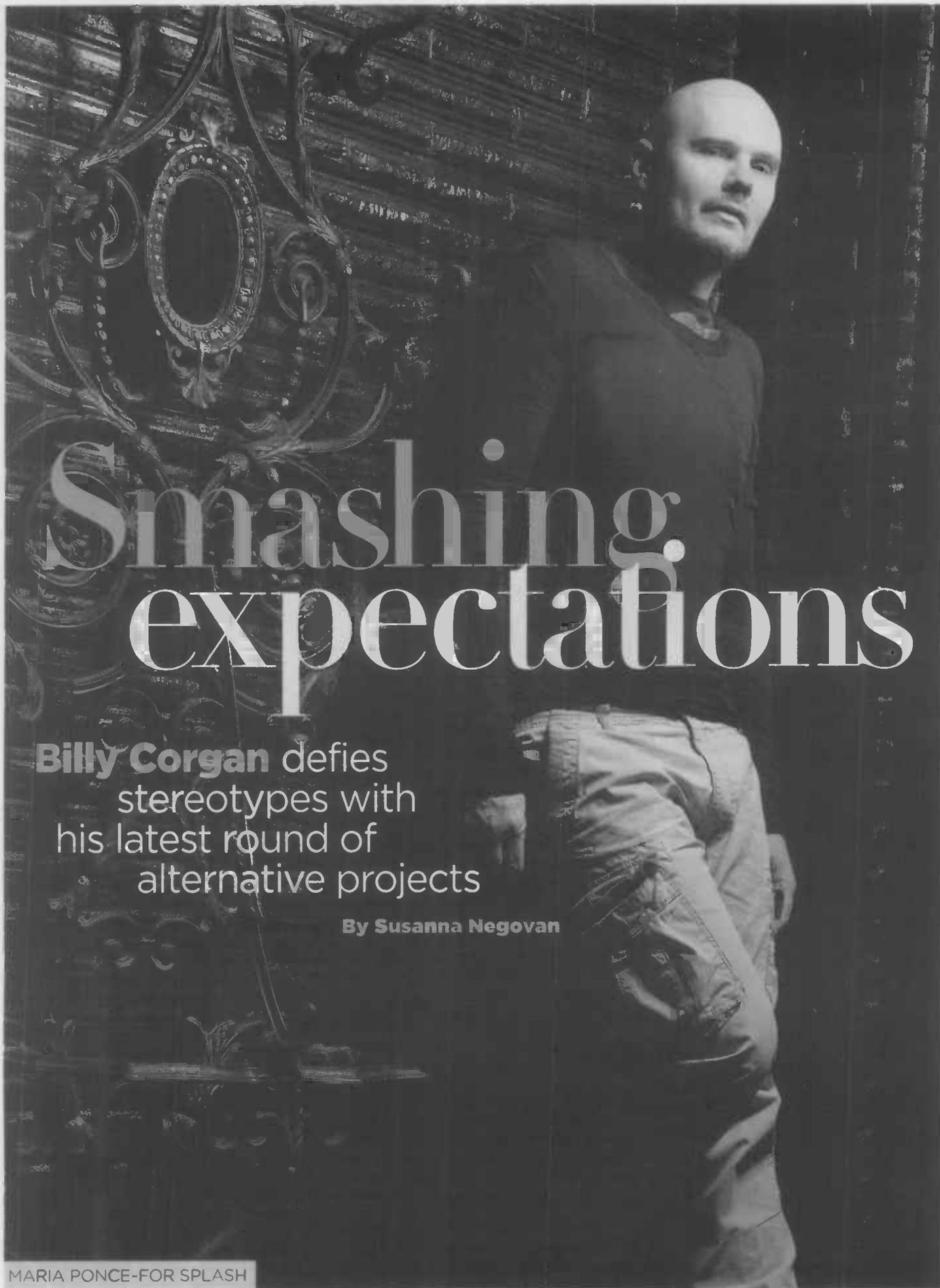


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Smashing expectations

Billy Corgan defies stereotypes with his latest round of alternative projects

By Susanna Negovan

MARIA PONCE-FOR SPLASH

He's a dark and moody rocker who looks forward to daily teatime, an award-winning lyricist and a poet who writes story lines for a professional wrestling team. If fans of Smashing Pumpkins front man Billy Corgan have any preconceived notions of how an alternative icon should behave, he's upending those stereotypes on multiple levels.

"For somebody who has been in public life for more than 20 years, I feel like the public doesn't really know me," Corgan says, sitting inside Madame ZuZu's, the 1930s-style teahouse he opened in Highland Park three months ago.

What we do know could fill volumes: His band was formed in Chicago in the late 1980s, and issued its breakthrough album, "Siamese Dream," in 1993. The even bigger "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" debuted in 1995 and spawned hits including "1979" and "Tonight, Tonight." More albums featuring a rotating cast of feuding Pumpkins — and the formation of the short-lived band Zwan in 2001 — made for dramatic headlines. Then Corgan's own love life became tabloid fodder

when his divorce was followed by a tumultuous relationship with Courtney Love, and a brief one with Jessica Simpson.



1995's "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness"

Just when it seemed possible to pigeonhole Corgan as another turbulent rocker, he entered a new era of productivity, with serious

artistic pursuits book-ending projects that are practically whimsical: In June the Smashing Pumpkins (with three new members who joined the band in 2010) released the album "Oceania" to positive reviews; in September Corgan proclaimed his devotion to tea with the opening of Madame ZuZu's; on Nov. 30 he celebrated the one-year anniversary of Resistance Pro wrestling, which he co-owns, with an appearance by Jake "the Snake" Roberts; and this week the band reissued "Mellon Collie" along with 66 previously unreleased songs recorded at that time.

"It's cool to put out the demo that nobody

ever heard, but the better part is you introduce your music to a new generation that isn't socially coded for that time," Corgan says. "A lot of the bands that I fell in love with, I found through reissues or greatest hits."

Identifying new ways to connect with his fan base — and generating new followers — is something Corgan doesn't underestimate in the Internet age. Though there are more than 2.5 million fans on the Smashing Pumpkins Facebook page, "Those numbers are really deceiving," he says. "How people interconnect is way more complicated than what social media makes it appear. I really think it's more peer to peer."

And that street-level interaction is one reason Corgan decided to open the teahouse. He's there nearly every day, DJing from his iTunes playlist and sipping his favorite loose-leaf teas. "About 10 years ago, I started thinking how it would be cool to have a performance space, meaning a multipurpose space that could be used for anything," he says. "I knew when I was a young artist it was really hard to find anywhere to be creative."

To that end, Madame ZuZu's offers weekly open mike nights to new talent, and Corgan is structuring other nightly events that align with his personal interests: a rabbi teaching kabbalah (Corgan is not a follower, but describes himself as "a mystic at heart") and appearances by scholars, historians and alternative medical experts such as Dr. Leslie Temple, director of integrative medicine at NorthShore University Health System.

"I'd like to work with somewhat extinct art forms here to try to create new things like pantomime, and we've talked about doing old radio plays," he says. "Ultimately, it's about trying to build a culture that's self-sustaining in the sense that people come because they're interested in what's going on here, and then the artists come because they know there's an audience that's interested."

Corgan, who lives in Highland Park but was raised in the western suburbs, says he's hoping Madame ZuZu's will help anchor an emerging arts district in the area surrounding Ravinia, the nearby outdoor music venue. "This is my community, so I'm taking possession of what happens here and maybe I can affect something positive," he says.

If a positive turn seems unlikely for a guy who's been called the "king of gloom," then maybe it's because he's been misunderstood all along. "[People] confuse the character I play with the person I am," says Corgan. "Just because I got onstage and played the character of an angry young man doesn't mean I was that angry young man 24 hours a day."

In fact, the soft-spoken and self-reflective rocker is an open book — literally. He's been working on a memoir that will tell the story of his rise to fame.

"I think the actual substantive journey of my life — from being abandoned by my mother and a drug-addicted father and all the headline-y stuff — the journey of that to



Corgan chats over a cup of tea at his Highland Park shop Madame ZuZu's (582 Roger Williams). One of his favorites? Chinese Rose tea. | MARIA PONCE-FOR.SPLASH



Top: Corgan and new Smashing Pumpkins member Mike Byrne perform at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif. on Oct 14. | KEVIN WINTER-GETTY IMAGES

Left: The band in 1996: (from left) Jimmy Chamberlin, James Iha and D'arcy Wretzky.

somebody who becomes an artist, and what you do with that art and why you empower yourself in certain ways and the mistakes that you made, I think that journey is quite interesting," he says.

What he doesn't find worth mentioning is his romantic life. "There's stuff I could say that would be quite salacious, but I'm not

interested in writing from that perspective," he says. In reference to his relationship with Simpson, he'll only say, "I think the person that I know is far different than the way she's been portrayed in the media. She's actually quite a lovely person. I think there's a lot more depth there than people think."

The same can be said of Billy Corgan.

BILLY RIFFS ON ...

Dating: "Me and dating are a f---ing nightmare. I have nothing good to say about it, let's put it that way. What does it say on Facebook? I'm complicated. I'm 45 years old and I want to settle down, so everything I do is defined by looking for a relationship."

Coffee versus tea: "I never drank coffee in my life. I always hated the smell. I call it the three Cs: I never smoked cigarettes, I never drank coffee and I never did cocaine. [I've done] everything but the three Cs [laughs]. But I haven't done any drugs in 11 years."

His Twitter handle, @billy: "There was a guy pretending to be me, and rather than kick fake Billy Corgan off they changed him to 'Not Billy Corgan' and they gave me @billy. But they didn't want to just give me Billy Corgan; that's why there is no Billy Corgan. I get a lot of weird s--- because of it."

Life In Highland Park: "In 2003 I bought a David Adler-designed house that's just incredible; it's like living in a work of art. It's really beautiful and I live on the lake, and it's all the dreams come true."



From left: "The mood board I created to secure the project — it has been a driving force in maintaining my original vision; costume sketches; 'The Command Book' (a binder of all things 'Sita Ram'); and my marked-up script."



Photo
diary

"The costumes not only need to look good on stage but also have to be functional, which requires an average of three rounds of prototyping as well as rehearsal testing."



"Close-up of silk-embroidered Azza blouse on Sita during a fitting; I pulled this silk-embroidered Azza blouse to test it during rehearsals for functionality and stage readability."



"Snapped by my assistant Annette in the Azza 'Sita Ram' War Room."

Curtain calling

Azeza Desai Khan scores a designer's dream: crafting costumes for the stage

At a gala six months ago, when designer Azeza Desai Khan shared a table with Josephine Lee, president and artistic director of the Chicago Children's Choir, it was a clear-cut case of creative serendipity. "We connected instantly," says Khan. Lee was interested in a new look for the Children's Choir uniforms, and as a fan of Khan's line Azza, enlisted the designer to create gowns that reflected the choir's fashion-forward, progressive personality. But it didn't stop there: Lee helped enlist Khan to create the costumes for "Sita Ram," a musical collaboration between the Chicago Children's Choir, Lookingglass Theatre Company and Natya Dance Theater. To illustrate the tale of "Sita Ram" — which Khan describes as an Indian love story in the vein of "Romeo and Juliet," though less tragic — Khan is creating costumes for 189 performers in 16 scenes, a process that she's been working on steadily for the past three months. "It's an opportunity to have a more artistic platform. I can be more avant-garde," says Khan, who is known for her hand-embellished, Indian-inspired gowns and dresses. To wit: One costume — for a group of ghostly beings — utilizes cheesecloth and cage net to make a deconstructed tutu. "It's very bold; I could never put it in a collection." Through her own personal photos, Khan takes us on her journey of bringing the costumes to the stage. Performances Dec. 14-15 at the Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph). Tickets: \$15-\$65, available online at Harristheaterchicago.org.



"Acrobats from Inappropriate Theatre Company and Aja Goes (who plays the character Sita) in Azza during a rehearsal run-through."



"Abigail Daum and Alexa Moster depicting Indian royalty (princes and kings) for 'Sita Ram' rehearsals at the Chicago Cultural Center."



"Annette and Michael constructing costumes. Ninety percent of the 'Sita Ram' costumes and accessories were made by me and my team of six."

▼ "I had to measure the nearly 200 members of the ensemble cast myself, which was cumbersome. But it's critical for me to be accurate in this area to avoid alterations during dress-rehearsal week."

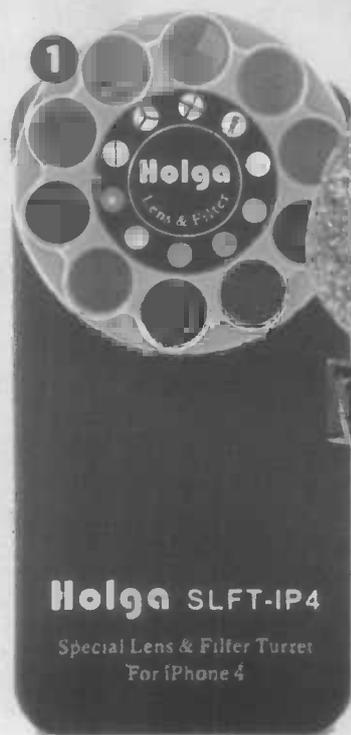


"My No. 1 objective is to creatively express the interpretive art and character development of the script. One of the first things that Lookingglass Theatre Director David Kersnar told me was that the costumes must tell the story, given that the set remains unchanged throughout. That said, David has been my go-to to share ideas and prototypes, such as these unfinished demon horns."

As seen on TV



Guest editor and Possessionista blogger **Dana Weiss**, who chronicles the best of television and celebrity style, shares a few of her favorite things



1. Holga Direct: iPhone 4/4S lens filter and case kit, \$23.99; Shop.holgadirect.com

"This special effects lens helps any iPhone user take really great retro photos. I also love how it makes a smart phone look like a rotary phone."

2. Nicholas Kirkwood: glitter bow pump, \$766; Farfetch.com

"I'm attending a celebrity wedding in December and hoping to make a statement. These are like the couture take on Dorothy's ruby slippers."

3. Amazon: Kindle Fire, \$199-\$300, Best Buy, 2650 N. Clark; Bestbuy.com

"I read at least a book a week. My Kindle provides instant gratification, and I always have something to read."

4. Dalla Nonna: little letter necklace (available in silver, yellow gold and rose gold), starts at \$110; Dallanonnajewelry.com

"I first spotted this dainty darling on Lucy Hale from 'Pretty Little Liars.' It's just a great everyday piece."

5. Free People: Indian Enchantment dress, \$228, 1464 N. Milwaukee; Free-people.com

"I went to a wedding this weekend and saw a girl wearing this dress. I stalked her all over the dance floor until she told me where she got it."

6. Deborah Lippmann: True Blood Bad Things mini nail lacquer set, \$25, Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand; Nordstrom.com

"This month marks the final installment of the 'Twilight' movies, but my favorite vampires are the ones from 'True Blood.' The three show-inspired colors are the season's hottest nail shades."

7. FashionABLE: scarf, \$28-\$48; Live-fashionable.com

"One hundred percent of the profits from FashionABLE scarves go toward creating jobs for women and rehabilitating those at risk in Ethiopia. Minka Kelly from 'Friday Night Lights' and 'Parenthood' is a big fan."

8. Glassybaby: candle in Rudolph, \$44; Glassybaby.com

"These make great hostess gifts. Each candle is dedicated to a cause or charity. The Rudolph is a perfect holiday candle and gives 10 percent to the Ben Towne foundation for pediatric cancer, in memory of my friend Ben Towne."

9. Helmut Lang: stretch leather leggings, \$920, Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com

"Leather is everywhere this season. I've tried every leather legging on the market and these fit the best. Seen on everyone from Kate Hudson to the Real Housewives of New York."



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Super salon

On Dec. 11 meet local icon **Mario Tricoci**, the man behind our city's salon empire, and help celebrate the grand reopening of the Mario Tricoci Salon & Day Spa at Westfield Old Orchard (4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie). Drop by between 10:30 a.m. and noon for complimentary mini-facials, nail polish changes, makeup applications and hair consultations, all of which will help keep you primed for holiday parties.



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Best guest

'Tis the season for hostess gifts and thankfully, luxe Parisian fragrance line **Diptyque** has opened up its first Chicago boutique — and fourth in the country — in Bucktown, bringing along an array of aromatic candles, room sprays, body care and other deliciously scented goods. Drop by the store (1645 N. Damen) on Dec. 13 and 14 from noon to 8 p.m. to celebrate the opening and scoop up gifts that will ensure a return invite.

Regal HIM

Visit Nordstrom at Oakbrook Center (100 Oakbrook Center, Oakbrook) on Dec. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. for the launch of Hanae Mori's first men's fragrance in more than 15 years, **HIM**. **Emmanuel Saujet**, co-founder and CEO of International Cosmetics and Perfumes, which

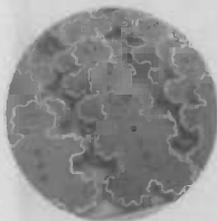
owns Paris-based Hanae Mori Parfums, will drop by to share the cologne's regal history: Short for "his imperial majesty," the new cologne boasts woody tones of bergamot and teak wood, and the first bottle was gifted to the prime minister of Japan.

Body conscious

Forget constricting changing rooms and unflattering lights. The new Me-Ality digital size matching service makes finding the perfect jeans, tailored blouse or LBD a cinch by detecting not just your proper clothing size, but your correct fit for specific brands and stores. The info is sent to your email, providing a cheat sheet for speedier and more accurate shopping. Located in more than 70 malls nationwide, the Me-Ality machine is now available at Water Tower Place (835 N. Michigan).

Eli's for sale

Make your holiday season even sweeter with a stop at **Eli's Cheesecake World** (6701 W. Forest Preserve) on Dec. 15 for their dock sale, where you'll get up to 50 percent off cheesecake and dessert purchases from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Or scoop



up holiday-themed cookies, cakes, gift baskets and other goods for the perfect accompaniment to any event. Spend \$30 and go home with a free 6-inch original plain Eli's cheesecake.

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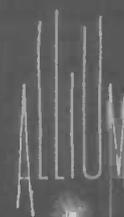
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Guests partied late into the night.



The couple takes to the dance floor



Kudos to **Tammy Kohl** and Chicago-based jewelry line Taköhl Designs, which celebrated its 25th anniversary (appropriately the silver anniversary) last week with a sparkling soiree.

A big (and widely publicized) congratulations to **Jon Harris** of Hillshire Brands, who was just named PR Professional of the Year by PR News magazine.



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JESSICA SCHWARTZ & ANDREW MORRIS

Jessica Schwartz and Andrew Morris are an example of a blind date gone right. Set up by a mutual friend, the Chicago-raised Schwartz had lived in Los Angeles for a year before meeting Morris, an L.A. resident for seven years. After a successful first date, the two met again at a Super Bowl party and followed up with a Valentine's Day date. Three years later they returned to Schwartz's hometown to tie the knot on Oct. 20 at the Standard Club, where she always knew she wanted to get married. "I grew up going to dinners there, and it fit my old-world Shakespearean theme. It was perfect," says Schwartz. With neutral tones and an abundance of candles lighting the ceremony and reception, Schwartz chose variations of garden roses, hydrangeas and ivy, using the green and white tones to set a romantic garden theme. Matching the softness of the décor was Schwartz's fairy-tale Kenneth Pool gown with a cathedral-length veil, which she found with the help of her mom (a personal shopper at Saks Fifth Avenue). After a traditional Jewish ceremony, the 200 guests enjoyed an array of comfort food, including stations with grilled cheese, tomato soup, sliders and mini milkshakes and a dessert bar with cheesecake lollipops and a cupcake tower. Dancing the night away, the band played an extra half-hour because the crowd just wouldn't wind down. "Andrew is so conservative, so I never thought he was a partier. But by the end of the night he was on the dance floor with his shirt off," laughs Schwartz. The couple recently moved to New York, where Morris is pursuing a law degree and Schwartz is working at American Express Publishing. "We're so grateful because we had so many people fly in and be there for us that day," says Schwartz. "It was so special." — *Katerina Bizios*

sunday dinner

Saved by the Bel

New River North restaurant **Bel 50** combines two classics

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

Ditch the sandwiches, wraps and subs — portable eats have gotten a European makeover as new River North spot Bel 50 has re-imagined hand-held dining.

Rather than putting delicious sandwich fixings between the oh-so-predictable slices of bread, Bel 50 owner **Tim Jandovitz** and chef **Joey Altman** stuffed them into a light, fluffy Belgian waffle. The menu of sweet and savory options fills you up without weighing you down, registering at a mere 220 calories per waffle — and that's not including the low-fat and gluten-free options available.

Step up to the counter and choose from savory flavors like the slow-braised short rib with horseradish crème fraîche (\$8.95) or the crunchy buttermilk fried chicken with honey-mustard glaze and slaw (\$7.95). Or drop by for breakfast options — served all day — like



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If you can't let go of the fork and knife, dig into dishes such as the chopped veggie salad with corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, toasted almonds,

goat cheese and avocado (\$8.95).

Don't leave without trying one of the sweet options such as the s'mores (\$6.95), which stacks the chocolate, marshmallow and chunks of graham crackers between three layers of waffles.

Not every Sunday can be a day of rest, but that doesn't mean your stomach has to suffer. So take a break during the busy holiday season and order up a meal that's a little more memorable.

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'Tis the season to consider the divine chance to live in an ecclesiastical abode

BY LISA SKOLNIK

Talk about potential: If you're after epic architecture with loads of curb appeal, astounding square footage, high ceilings and lots of light, think about a house of worship you can convert into a home. There's a healthy supply of options on the market right now, both already renovated or ready to redo as you see fit. And if you decide to tackle such a project, the possibilities are endless. For inspiration, check out some of the stellar conversions featured on *Homedit.com* and *Apartmenttherapy.com*.

For the imaginative, this Humboldt Park church and rectory at 1300 W. Artesian is a steal at \$900,000 given its prime location in this quickly gentrifying neighborhood, proximity to the area's activity-rich namesake park (a mere three blocks away) and assets — plus gorgeous woodwork and a grand corner lot that's a tad shy of 50 feet by 125 feet. "It's an impressive structure in a great location, so it has a variety of uses. It just needs a little vim, vigor and vision," says Conlon Real Estate broker **Jean Metzler** (773-860-4114; jmetzler@conlonrealestate.com). It's also zoned RF3, she notes, so it can be converted into either a single-family home or apartments.



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A Humboldt Park church and rectory ready for a creative renovation.

Other leaps of faith

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Kate's miracle

The Duchess of Cambridge is finally expecting her first child. Even though the royal family is delighted, it might be a rocky road ahead for **Kate Middleton**. Before **Kate** and **Prince William** got married, according to a source, the royal family was well aware that **Kate** had fertility issues. They were even informed that she may not be able to conceive at all.

"She's gotten hormone treatments and blessings from clergy," a source said. "There are whispers she got in vitro, too."

Kate was admitted to the hospital for hyperemesis gravidarum and the palace said in a statement that her morning sickness is "acute." The family is doing its best to stay optimistic.

"Everyone is overjoyed," my source said. "They weren't certain that she could conceive so it's a miracle. They are praying and hoping for the best!"

Gwen and Gavin on the rocks

There's been speculation that **Gwen Stefani** and **Gavin Rossdale's** marriage is on the rocks after a photo surfaced of **Gavin** affectionately touching the "nanny" on the behind. Other reports stated that the blonde in the photo was actually the rock star's sister. My source says

that **Gwen** and **Gavin's** issues began long before the photo surfaced.

"They've been having marital problems since the summer," the source said.

But it's not just **Gavin**. This summer, **Gwen** was spotted cozying up with ex-boyfriend and band

mate **Tony Kanal** at the iHeartRadio music festival in Las Vegas.

"They were very affectionate with each other," said a source, who saw them backstage. "They were whispering in each other's ears and sitting close."

Both **Gwen** and **Gavin** have a reputation for being sexually adventurous, so perhaps they have an understanding. Let's not forget, **Gavin** did admit to once having a relationship with a transgender male.



Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale



Kristin Chenoweth

Beware Kristin

Kristin Chenoweth and **Jake Pavelka** are dating, but **Kristin** may want to think twice about a relationship with the former "Bachelor." "Jake is a tough guy to date," a source said. "He is emotionally not available. When he was dating **Vienna [Girardi]** he stopped sleeping with her and shut down emotionally." But the source noted he is definitely interested in staying in the spotlight.



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Laws of attraction

Jenny shares why Mr. Right isn't always Mr. Right Now

Dear Jenny:

I'm 28, female and live in Chicago. I just split with my boyfriend of more than three years. I'm embarrassed about failing in the relationship, and I get shy around people as a result. I want to meet Mr. Right and have kids, but I don't feel ready. I feel rushed. Most of my friends are married, but I don't want to take the wrong path.

— Anonymous from Chicago

Jenny says: Aw, girl. I feel for you. It sounds like you are allowing your friends to influence your thinking when your instincts are spot on. You don't want to take the wrong path right now. Let me tell you why you are right.

First, let's clear up the fact that you are embarrassed for "failing" in the relationship. That is just crazy talk. I'm the poster child for "failed relationships," and I don't give a crap what people think. If you think staying in a dysfunctional relationship forever gives you extra credit in the school of life, I would not want to go to your school. I give you an A+ for moving on!

Some people just need more teachers than others, and if you can accept that timing is a universal law, then you will never again worry about when Mr. Right will show up. Let me expand on that.

There are a couple of laws of the universe that I live by, and they have changed my way of

thinking. The first one is, "Everything happens for the best reason possible," and there's also, "There are no accidents." Some people may beg to differ, but I bet they're the ones who are mentally suffering with some of their life experiences. I'm not Yoda, so I, too, fall into the "woe-is-me" mindset, but I quickly remind myself that if the universe is friendly and everything happens for the best reason possible, how can I complain about the timing of when

Mr. Right comes?

Things come to you when they are meant to come to you. Not before; not after. It sucks most of the time, but there is no way around it, so it's best to join Team Acceptance because Team Denial is just plain painful.

If you are ever confused about whether or not you should or should not be in a current relationship, ask yourself this: "How do I know if I'm supposed to be in a relationship right now?" The answer is that you're not. Plain and simple. The universe knows when you are ready and you are not, simply because you are still single! The same holds true for me. I'm single. How do I know I'm supposed to be single right now? Because I am. Arguing with reality is like arguing with God. I would suggest trusting that!

Well, unless you're an atheist. Then, I would just tell me to shut up.

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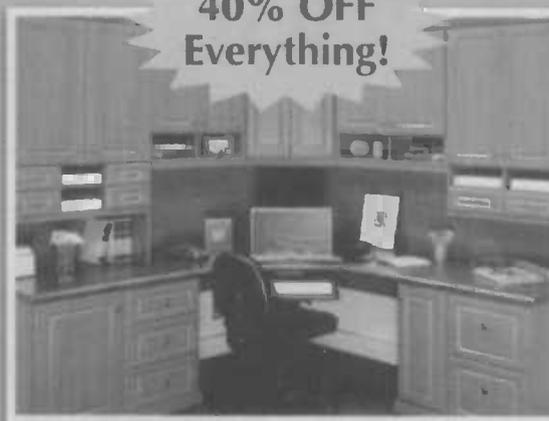
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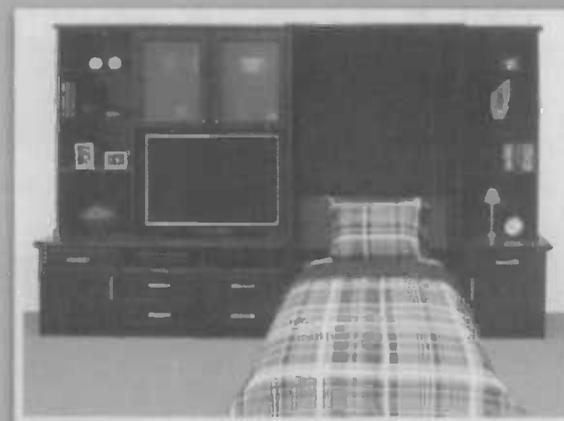


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Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week



[1] 'Claude Debussy: Clair de lune, Fireworks and Beyond,' concert is 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University. See northwestern.edu.

[2] Holiday Merriment Celebration with a reindeer petting zoo, carolers and promotions is 5-9 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Glen Tower Center in Glenview. See theglentown-center.com.

[3] Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra (above) performs 'Holiday Music From Around the World' Dec. 16 in Lincolnwood. See americanmusicfestivals.org.

[4] Winter Farmers Market is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 16 indoors at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Visit chicagobotanic.org/calendar or call (847) 835-5440.

[5] 'The Art of Hal Foster' exhibit is on display through Dec. 28 at the Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave. Call (847) 674-1500, Ext. 3000 or see skokieparks.org.

Dance



The Rockettes and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular play the Akoo Theatre through Dec. 30. | PHOTO BY PAUL KOLNIK STUDIO

Rockettes kick it up a notch



BY HEDY WEISS | hweiss@suntimes.com

Heads invariably turn when just one Rockette walks into a room.

But when two, long-legged members of the world's most famous kick line appear — particularly if they're decked out in form-fitting glittery silver costumes and arena-worthy eyelashes — you can almost feel the whiplash as male heads spin and women gaze in awe.

There is no mistaking that part of a Rockette's job is perfecting the look that, since 1933, has launched tens of thousands of synchronized stage shows at New York's Radio City Music Hall as well as a holiday tour.

The latest edition of the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" dances into the Akoo Theatre in Rosemont, Dec. 14-30.

This year's show will feature a lavish nod to 21st century technology. It comes most notably, a 13-minute number called "New York at Christmas" that incorporates a 50-foot LED "wall" into the action, making it possible to conjure a virtual tour of Manhattan landmarks that culminates in Times Square.

"We revamped the show in 2007, for our

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75th anniversary, with the goal of bringing it up to date," said Julie Branam, director and choreographer of the national tour.

"The 'New York at Christmas' centerpiece puts the Rockettes, costumed in sparkling white coats, on a bright red, life-size, double-decker tour bus, with the non-Rockettes dancers and singers also part of the action," said Branam. "Once they step off the bus, all the classic elements of the Rockettes are set in motion."

The touring company features 18 Rockettes, rather than the 36 needed to fill the giant Radio City stage. So how are the dancers and the music adjusted for half the number of legs?

"I'm old-fashioned," Branam confessed.

"I take my pad of graph paper and colored pencils and figure out the spacing. As I tell my 15-year-old son, I have a very mathematical job."

As far as the classic Rockettes numbers go, be assured that the remarkable "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" sequence remains in tact. And Santa raises the curtain for tap-dance-driven tour de force set to "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

"We round out the second act with the elaborate, newly conceived 'Let Christmas Shine' section in which the dancers are dressed in costumes decorated with 3,000 crystals, with further illumination coming from a single cue that triggers every light," explained Branam.

So, what does it take to be a Rockette — a job that attracts close to 600 dancers to its annual audition?

"You must be [at least] 18, between 5'6" and 5'10-½" tall and have the discipline to keep yourself fit for what has become more difficult and demanding dancing," said Branam. "And you must be very attentive to detail — like the way your palm is facing, or how sharp you turn your head or the height of your kick." ■

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Stick-figure drawings are the cat's meow

BY LORI RACKL | lrackl@suntimes.com

Steve Gadlin's dive into the "Shark Tank" started with a short email.

"I draw stick-figure cats. Let me at 'em," wrote the Skokie native, who now lives in Deerfield.

Gadlin, a full-time Web developer and part-time comedian, figured his missive might result in a humorous rejection letter he could show to his friends. Turns out he was aiming a little low.

Not only did Gadlin end up on the show, he got one of the sharks to bite on his offbeat idea to sell rudimentary feline art for \$9.95 a pop on his website IWantToDrawACatForYou.com.

Gadlin estimates he's churned out upwards of 9,000 custom kitty pics since his Jan. 27 episode aired.

"As the holidays approach, it's almost a second full-time job," said Gadlin, 36, who gets home from work overseeing the Web department at Weigel Broadcasting in Chicago, spends some time with the family and then locks himself away for a few hours to doodle cats. "It's still not the type of business I'd be willing to lean on entirely with three kids and a mortgage."

A longtime fixture on Chicago's comedy scene, the Blewt! Productions founder helped create a WCIU-Channel 26 pilot "Don't Spit the Water!" and several stage shows. He relied on his comedic chops to come up with a memorable song-and-dance pitch he performed for the sharks.

"I'm no stranger to getting up in front of people and acting like an idiot," he said. "I was going out there with the goal of making the biggest fool of myself as I could. I thought I



Steve Gadlin, a "Shark Tank" contestant from Deerfield, displays one of his cat drawings.

had zero chance of making a deal."

Shark Mark Cuban ate it up, cutting Gadlin a check for \$25,000 in exchange for a 33 percent stake in his offbeat company. Gadlin snuck in one more condition before they shook on air to seal the deal: Cuban would draw one out of every 1,000 cat pictures himself.

"He changed terms on that pretty quick before things got on paper," Gadlin said, adding that the Dallas Mavs owner so far has created two cat pictures — and sold them for \$1,000 a piece.

"He charges a little more," Gadlin said about his billionaire business partner.

"I won't pretend he's using all of his time and energy on the cat-drawing business," Gadlin added. "But he'll pitch in with ideas and advice far more than you'd expect." ■

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Hardwick's nerds and more at Zanies

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Calling all nerds, and comedy lovers too.



Chris Hardwick

Chris Hardwick, from The Nerdist and AMC's "Talking Dead," is bringing his stand-up comedy show to the Chicago area — with two nights at the Chicago Zanies Comedy Night Club and one night at the Rosemont location.

"I've been doing [stand-up comedy] for almost 15 years,"

Hardwick said.

He tends to talk about his life, which does include plenty of nerdy material. But if you're not a fan of "The Walking Dead," "Doctor Who" or "Harry Potter," Hardwick says it's not a huge problem.

"If you don't get all the references, you wouldn't feel excluded," he said, "but if you get them then I think that's better." Sample Hardwick's stand-up show on his Comedy Central special, "Chris Hardwick: Mandroid," which premiered in early November.

"The stuff for the shows is very interactive, I involve the audience a lot," Hardwick said. "I talk to the crowd. There's a lot of jumping around in the audience."

Chris Hardwick

7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Dec. 13; 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Chicago Zanies, 1548 N. Wells St., (312) 337-4027

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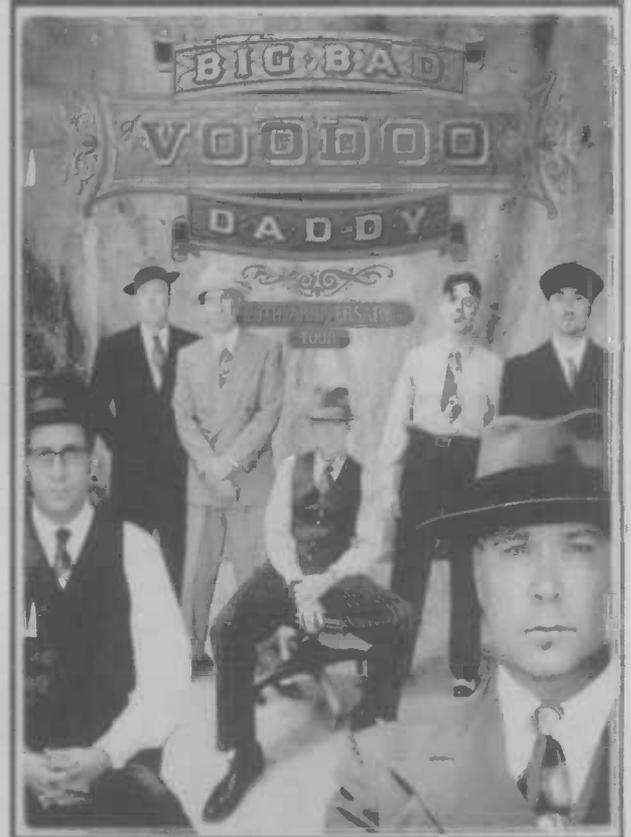
Tickets cost \$30 for the Chicago shows, \$25 for the Rosemont shows plus a two item food or beverage minimum.

Hardwick said there is one more reason people should check out his show: "Because the world is going to end on Dec. 21 they should really have one last comedy show." ■

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Memories resonate in 'Faith Healer'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Sometimes it's a good thing when history repeats itself.

Evanston resident Brad Armacost, Evanston native Lia D. Mortensen and Lincolnwood resident Si Osborne are reprising their production of "Faith Healer," which was a huge hit for the trio 17 years ago. They've even lured original director, J. R. Sullivan, back from New York to direct a Den Theatre remount of the Brian Friel play.

"This is a memory play," Armacost said, adding that it has a "Rashomon'-like quality where three people describe an auto accident and all three of them have a different story of the same event."

Osborne plays itinerant Irish healer Frank Hardy. Mortensen is his wife Grace and Armacost is Frank's Cockney promoter Teddy. The play is composed of four monologues, with Frank delivering the opening and closing segments.

"Frank is a pretty interesting character and it's hard to let go," Osborne said. "It's one of those landmark roles like Macbeth or Hamlet where you revisit it again and again."

Osborne said that his interpretation this time around is "deeper. The play explores mystery and faith and as you age that becomes more intrinsic to your own heart and soul. You feel the truths more. You feel the pain more. Everything's a little sharper and a little deeper."

The actor noted that the play is so well written, that the lines have come back to him fairly easily. In addition, "I've never really let go of this guy," Osborne said. "I like this guy. He has some talents but he has some questions about his talents. He's

'Faith Healer'

The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 21-Jan. 20; preview performance at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19; press performance 7:30 Thursday, Dec. 20; no performance Sunday, Dec. 23
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Si Osborne (from left), Lia Mortensen and Brad Armacost in the 1995 production of "Faith Healer" at Steppenwolf's studio theater.

faithful — I mean that literally and figuratively."

Mortensen is equally enthusiastic about revisiting the script. "We lived with that play for almost six months back in 1995," she said. "I don't think it ever really left any of us. We've

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talked for many years about redoing it."

After that first staging, Osborne and Mortensen married and started a family but they have since divorced.

Mortensen noted that when the show first ran, "So many of the things that Grace goes through I had to manufacture and intellectually understand." As she studies the script now, the actor laughingly said, her reaction is, "Oh, I completely get that.

That's what happens as we live."

The original staging, under the banner of TurnAround Theatre, was in a tiny storefront space on Halsted near Belmont that had been a CTA bus turnaround. The audience sat on mismatched chairs and stools. Armacost and his wife, Cynthia Judge, who were both already established actors, co-produced the show.

"My wife and I bought the building for the express purpose of doing the

show," Armacost said. "Faith Healer" had a sold-out four-month run, after which Steppenwolf Theatre Artistic Director Martha Lavey invited them to restage it in her company's upstairs space.

Armacost and his wife have had a close relationship with the other two actors throughout the years and have often talked about reprising the production. "The timing was right," Armacost said. "It's the kind of play that

you don't outgrow."

Osborne added that when they did the show 17 years ago, "We were all possibly a little too young for it. Now we're definitely the right ages and this story has burnished itself nicely for all three of us."

Mortensen concluded, "It's exciting to be able to come back now with life's experience lived and revisit these people who meant so much to us 17 years ago." ■

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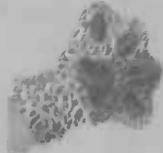
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Young dance ensemble performs 'The Nutcracker'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

There's something magical about "The Nutcracker." Thirty members of the Devonshire Dance Ensemble, ages 6-16, will share that magic, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie.

"It's a wintertime classic," Ensemble Director Alisa Marier said. "We have kids performing it, which is really exciting. The story is sweet and everyone can relate to it."

Marier described Tchaikovsky's score as "timeless." She laughingly added, "I never get sick of hearing it, which is good because I hear it all the time."

Two years ago, the company only

performed Act 2 because the Devonshire Dance Ensemble had been recently formed. This year, they are dancing the entire work.

Marier particularly enjoys "The Waltz of the Snowflakes" and "The Waltz of the Flowers."

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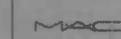
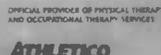
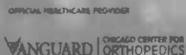
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BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

OPENING FRIDAY

THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

★★★

Rated

PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence and frightening images

Stars

Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage

A peace-loving Hobbit (Freeman) is recruited by the wizard Gandalf (McKellen) to take part in an attempt to restore their ancestral home to a band of warrior dwarfs. Peter Jackson ("The Lord of the Rings") directed this first installment of a trilogy.

HYDE PARK ON HUDSON

Rated

R for brief sexuality

Stars

Bill Murray, Laura Linney
Before World War II, FDR (Murray) welcomes the king and queen of England to his home — just as he's beginning an affair with a distant cousin (Linney). Roger Michell ("Notting Hill") directed the historical romance.

STILL PLAYING

PLAYING FOR KEEPS

★★

Rated

PG-13 for some sexual situations, language and a brief, intense image

Stars

Gerard Butler, Jessica Biel, Dennis Quaid, Uma Thurman
This might look like a light-hearted romcom, but it's really more of a surprisingly painful family melodrama crossed with tawdry sex-farce. Only without the farce. Gerard Butler plays George, a former soccer star who's broke and down on his luck after an injury forced him out of the game.



Bill Murray stars as Franklin Delano Roosevelt in "Hyde Park on Hudson."

Previously a philandering husband and absentee dad, George decides the time is right to patch things up with his wife (Biel) and 10-year-old son — a project he gets under way by taking over as coach for the boy's soccer team. A "Bad News Bears" sort of redemption movie in the making? Not quite. The kids quickly become an afterthought while George tries to avoid an onslaught of desperate, needy and manipulative soccer moms eager to get him into bed. But the oddest thing about "Playing for Keeps" is that the preprogrammed happy ending, calling for George to get one more chance with his family, seems like a bad idea from the start.

KILLING THEM SOFTLY

★★★

Rated

R for violence, sexual references, pervasive language and some drug use

Stars

Brad Pitt, James Gandolfini, Richard Jenkins, Ray Liotta
The standard moral that crime doesn't pay certainly applies to this ultra-stylish, ultra-savage, utterly downbeat crime drama, but director Andrew Dominik ("The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford") stretches out to suggest that nothing else pays either — and to draw a fairly strained comparison between life in the underworld and America in general. Against a backdrop of woeful news reports about the economic meltdown in 2008 and ironic sound bites from the Obama/McCain

election, amiable yet entirely ruthless hit man Jackie Cogan (Pitt) quietly goes about his business, whacking all the participants in a heist of a mob-controlled card game in Philadelphia. Dominik makes a show of several flashy set pieces involving exceedingly brutal violence, but it's Pitt who provides the dramatic ballast that makes it work as well as it does.

THE COLLECTION

Rated

R for strong, bloody violence, grisly images, language and brief nudity

Stars

Josh Stewart, Emma Fitzpatrick, Christopher McDonald
A man who has escaped from the serial killer known as The Collector is blackmailed into returning to the killer's booby-trapped warehouse to rescue an innocent girl. Marcus Dunstan wrote and directed the horror.

LIFE OF PI

★★★½

Rated

PG for emotional thematic content throughout, and some scary action sequences and peril

Stars

Irrfan Khan, Gérard Depardieu, Suraj Sharma
Yann Martel's international best seller has been brought to the screen with breathtaking beauty thanks to recent advances in digital special effects. Director Ang Lee's most sumptuous film since "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" tells the story of a spiritually minded Indian teenager named Pi (Sharma) who finds himself adrift on a lifeboat after a shipwreck with only a hungry Bengal tiger for company. On one level, "Life of Pi" functions nicely as a fairly standard survival at sea story. Its larger purpose, though, is to function allegorically as "a story that could make you believe in God," celebrating the wonders of life with grand-scale visual splendor and its most severe challenges with the always threatening presence of the tiger.

RED DAWN

★★

Rated

PG-13 for sequences of intense war violence and action, and for language

Stars

Chris Hemsworth, Isabel Lucas, Josh Hutcherson, Josh Peck
If you can get over the fact that it's entirely preposterous and you happen to be in desperate need of a macho fantasy fix, "Red Dawn" might not be a complete drag to sit through. But don't count on it. There are two major problems with this weak remake of director John Milius' 1984 Cold War-era hit. First, full-scale armed invasions probably don't rank high any longer on most people's lists of nail-biting anxieties. Second, the producers changed the attacking nation in the new "Red Dawn" from China to North Korea. Iraq vet Hemsworth and his commando squad of high schoolers confront the ambitious North Koreans.

SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

★★★½

Rated

R for language and some sexual content/nudity

Stars

Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro, Jacki Weaver
Writer/director David O. Russell has returned to the source of his early love-crazy successes with this heavily medicated screwball romance. "Silver Linings Playbook," which does have its funny moments, is swept along by darker currents. After doing time in a mental institution, unnaturally optimistic Pat (Cooper) plots a campaign to regain his life and his wife. He makes the acquaintance of dark, glowering Tiffany (Lawrence). Despite their instant attraction, Pat stays away until Tiffany makes him an offer he can't refuse. Though it's occasionally uncomfortable and never a rosy-cozy depiction of mental illness, "Silver Linings" does work its way toward a fairly conventional, yet still satisfying, romantic-comedy conclusion.



Movie Review

Some magic is missing from 'The Hobbit'

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"

★★★

Half an hour into Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," I began to have a most unexpected reaction.



Martin Freeman and company in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

After looking forward to this film for more than two years, I felt my eager anticipation shifting to deflated disbelief. Could it be that "The Hobbit" was a flop?

No, not quite. After a long, slow, at times actually tedious build-up (relieved from time to time by "Lord of the Rings"-quality interludes, typically involving trolls, goblins and orcs), this first installment in Jackson's three-film, nine-hour adaptation does come fully to life — in time for a flashy finish. Flashy enough to instill some hope for "The Desolation of Smaug" and "There and Back Again."

Nevertheless, installment No. 1 has a couple of major problems.

Jackson has made widely publicized use of a super-high-definition filming technique that captures images at 48 frames per second rather than the standard 24. As a result, the very first moment of the film comes as something of a shock — cold, stark and hyper-real, looking surprisingly like a shot-on-video TV production, of soap-opera quality. That doesn't mean that "The Hobbit" is poorly filmed. It means the hyper-realism of the high frame rate throws everything into sharp relief and essentially undermines the fantasy element that's essential to these films.

The "High Frame Rate 3D" process is apparently on display in only a few theaters. Most theaters will run a

24-frame version and word has it that it is more warm, textured and inviting.

Another problem is Jackson's apparent decision to put every bit of Tolkien's narrative on screen in extreme detail. Whether an effort to be scrupulously faithful or a ploy to turn the 287-page "Hobbit" into a cash cow is hard to say. The immediate effect turns the first film into an excruciatingly slow starter, padded with walking, talking and exposition. Followed by more walking, talking and exposition.

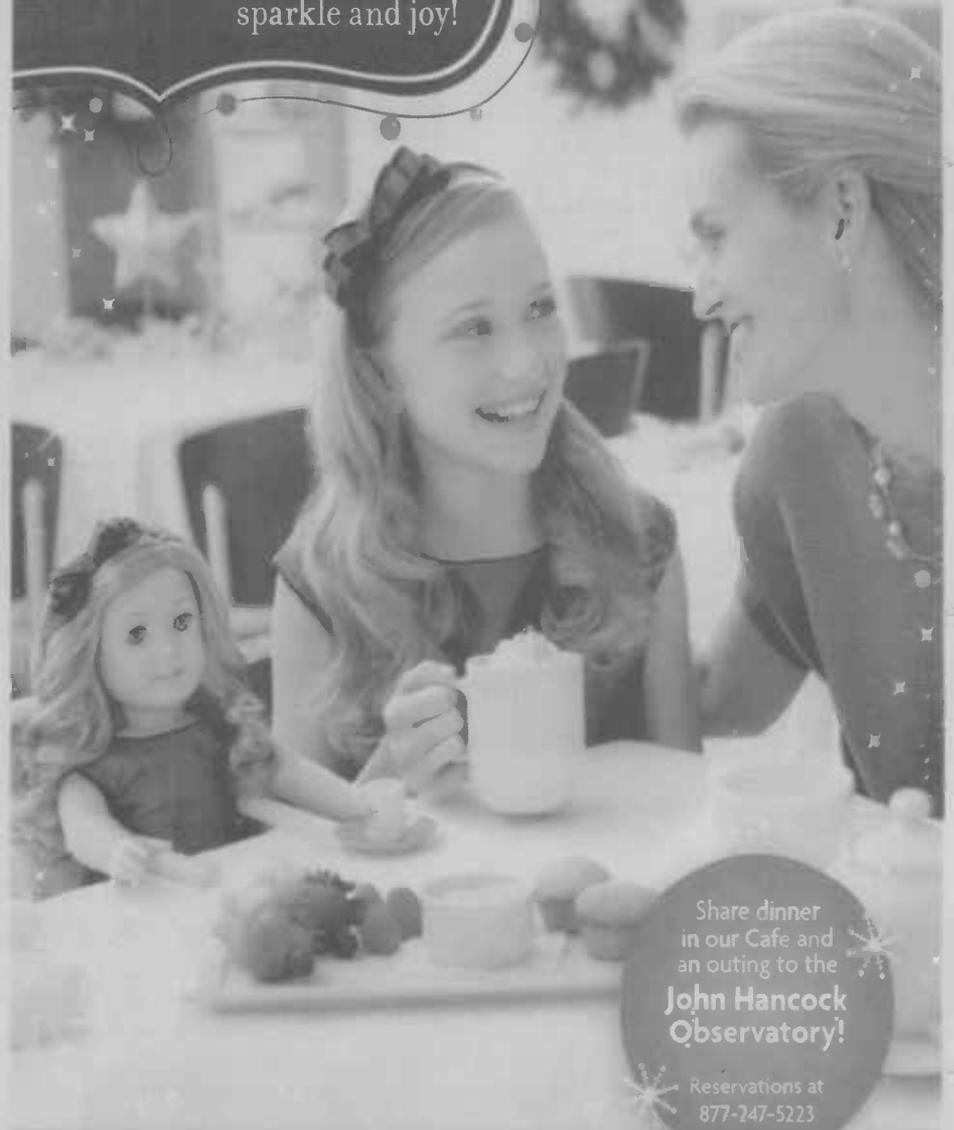
That said, there's a reasonable amount to like in this first outing featuring Martin Freeman (Dr. Watson in "Sherlock") in a likeable turn as young Bilbo Baggins, though his main purpose thus far is to provide comic relief. Bilbo is convinced by the great wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen) to join a group of dwarfs intent on reclaiming their ancestral home from the truly nasty dragon Smaug the Terrible.

There are other welcome returnees from the "Rings" trilogy. Most welcome is Andy Serkis, who appears again as Gollum and first makes the acquaintance of Bilbo in a captivating and suspenseful scene that belatedly jump-starts "The Hobbit." And sets the stage for the books that follow.

Only time will tell if this new trilogy will introduce characters anywhere nearly that fabulous ■

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Janet Sussman, from left, Chad Meyer, Stephen Smith and Melanie Blue star in Jim Holt's Christmas-themed dramedy, "Sleeping Indoors," playing at 6 p.m. **Dec. 15** at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.gorillatango.com or call (773) 598-4549.

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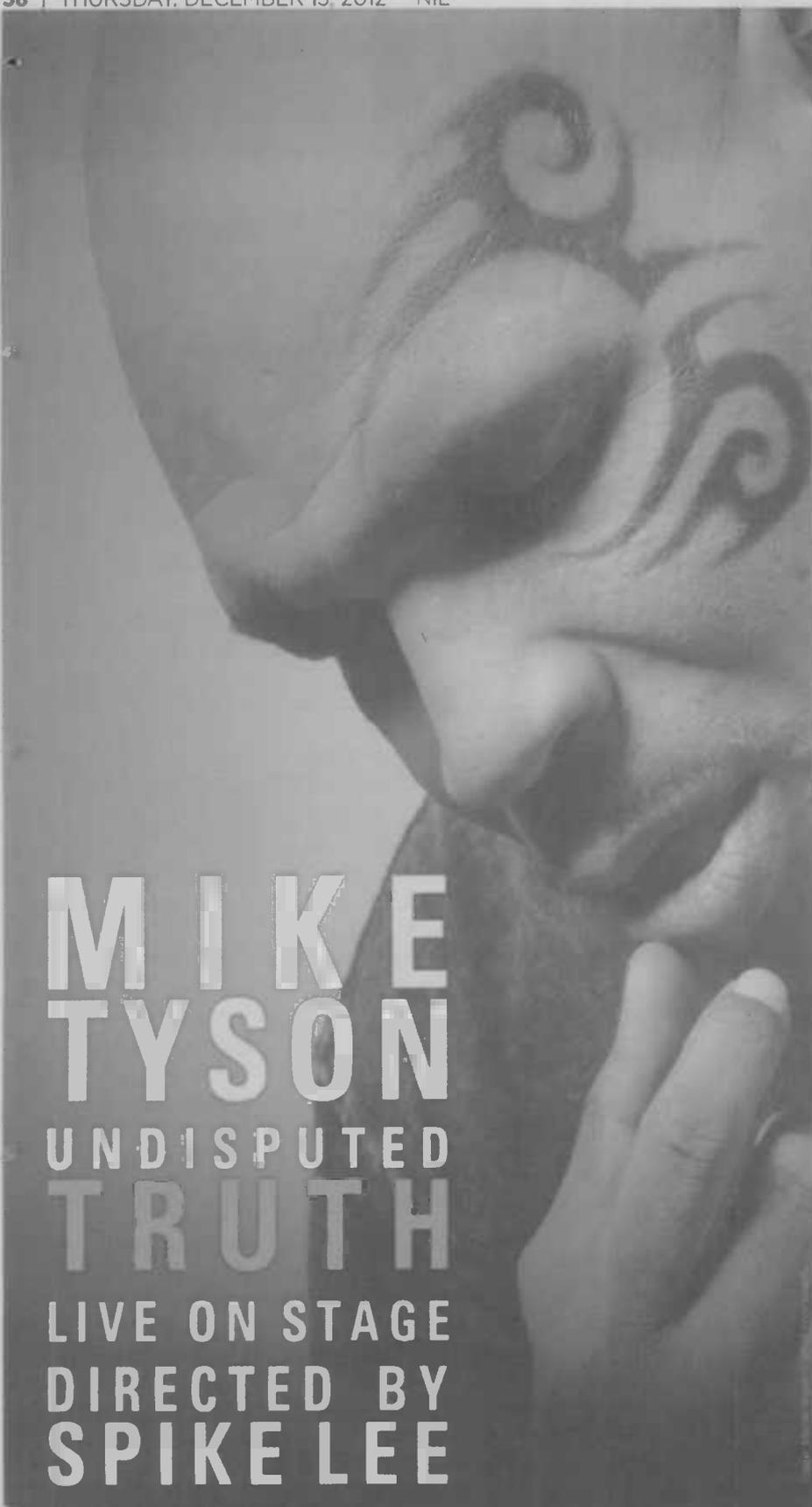
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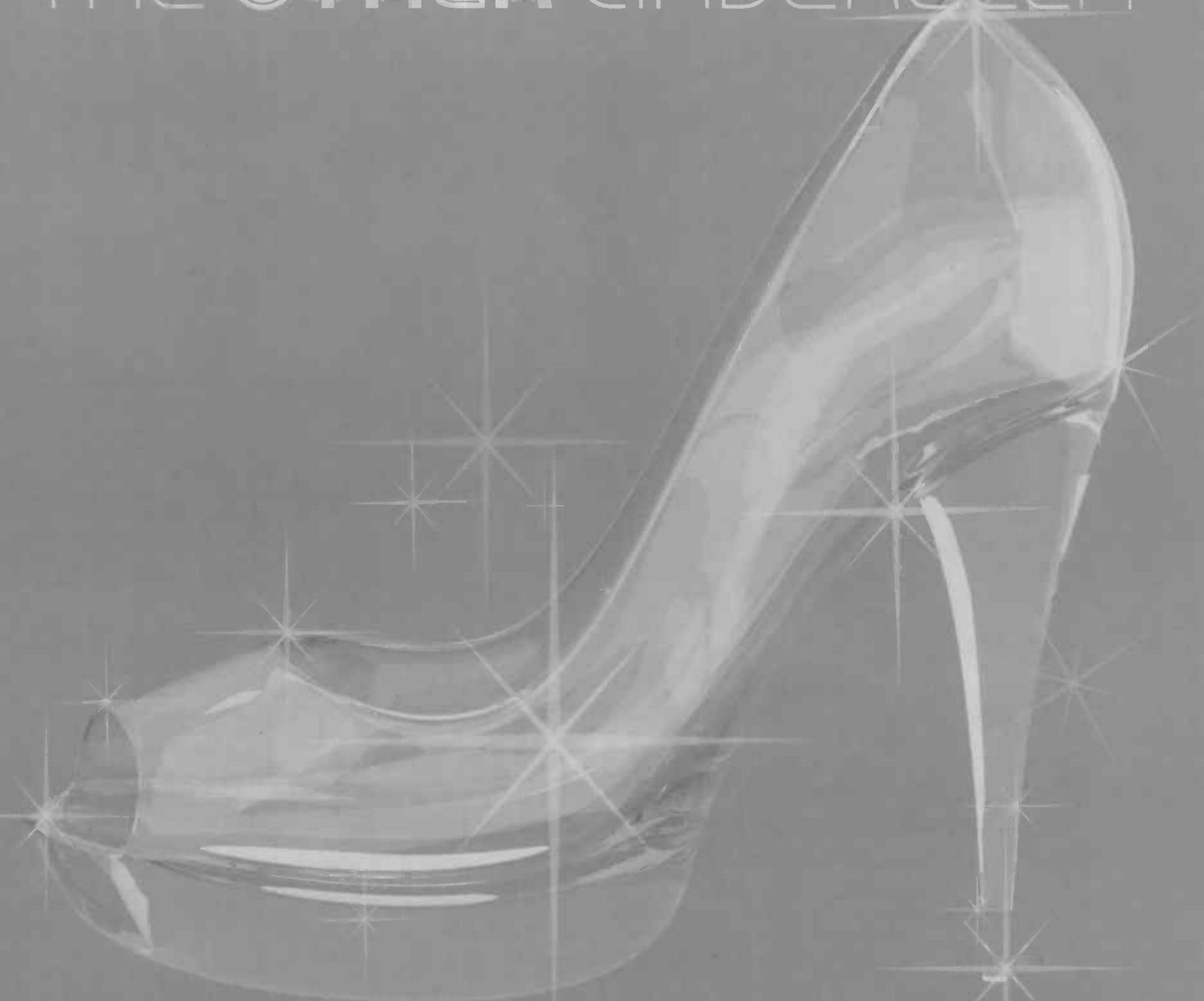
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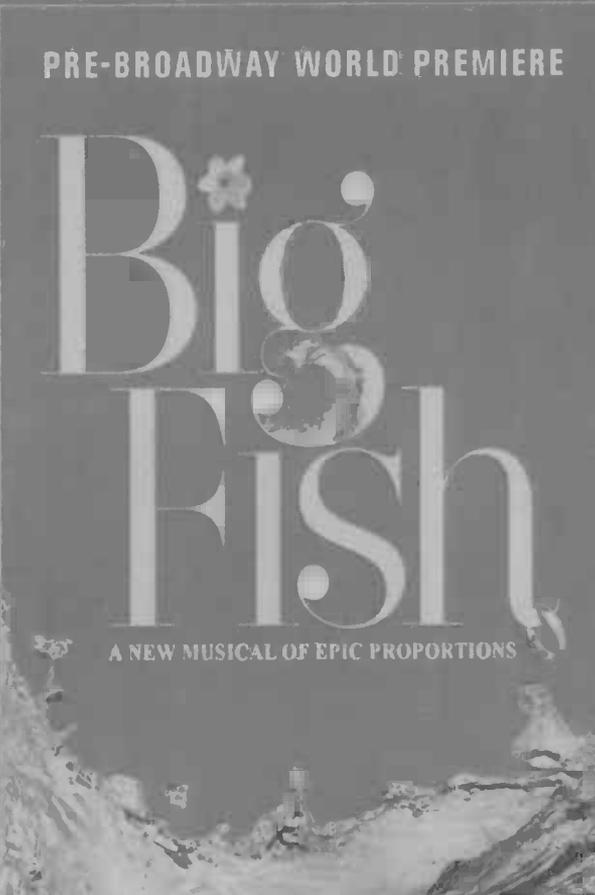
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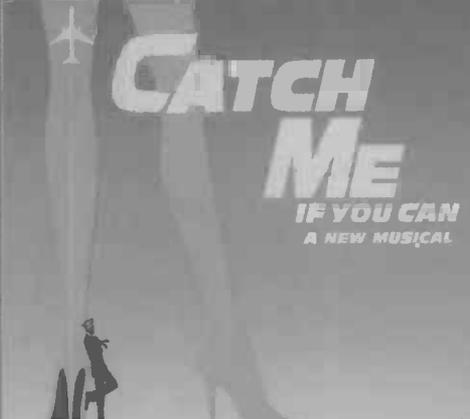
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Make the Most of the Holiday Work Party Naughty and Nice Behaviors to Watch Out For

By Larry Buhl, for Yahoo! HotJobs

For an event that's supposed to be fun, the annual holiday office party can sometimes be a tightrope walk between festive and fear-inducing.

If you worry that you're being observed for your behavior, you're not being paranoid. You are being watched. But business etiquette experts agree that a degree of party-going savvy can get you through the evening with your professional reputation intact, and may even give you a career boost.

What's Naughty

To make the most of the office party, experts strongly discourage:

- **Drinking to Excess:** "We all know alcohol lowers your inhibitions," says Randall Hansen, founder and president of Quintessential Careers. "And if you imbibe too much you might find yourself telling off the boss or pulling a coworker under the mistletoe."
- **Pulling Anyone Under the Mistletoe:** Flirting, or worse, sneaking off for a tryst, guarantees that you'll be part of the office gossip mill at least until the summer office picnic.
- **Fashion Experimentation:** Keep the low-cut, leopard-skin dress at home. "Remember that the office party is still business, so it's not the time to bring your wild side out," according to business etiquette expert Hilka Klinkenberg. In general, if your outfit would be out of place on casual Friday, it probably wouldn't be appropriate at the party.



• **Gifting:** Unless you bring (appropriate) gifts for everyone, some coworkers are bound to feel left out.

• **Bringing Guests:** If the invitation isn't specific on who's invited - including spouses, significant others, children and pets - either don't bring them, or check it out with the event planner.

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What's Nice

If navigating the holiday party minefield is daunting, go anyway, experts say. "It will show you're a part of the team, and if you're absent it will be noticed," Klinkenberg says.

To make the most out of the event, use it to network. For the rules of the holiday schmooze, etiquette experts suggest:

- **Mix and Mingle:** "You want to show you're good with people and confident in social situations, which is especially important if your job involves a lot of human interaction," according to Cynthia Lett, owner of the Lett Group. "This may be the one time when higher-ups in the company see your social skills, and a positive performance may give them enough ammo to recommend you when the promotion comes up."
- **Keep it Light:** "It's OK to talk about your team's accomplishments, but don't bore everyone by bragging about your own," says Andrea R. Nierenberg, networking expert and president of the Nierenberg Group. Likewise, don't monopolize anyone's time with a complex dissertation of corporate strategy. Nierenberg suggests having a list of "small talk" topics in mind, or going to a company's Web site press page to find lighter, business-relevant conversation starters.
- **Have an Exit Strategy:** Knowing when to politely excuse yourself from a conversation and when to leave the party are two critical party-going skills. "You should instinctively know when it's right to move on to the next person, but when in doubt spend no more than seven minutes talking to someone," Nierenberg says. As for the amount of face time to spend, you don't have to stay the whole time, but a quick exit will be noticed. Conversely, don't stay until the bitter end; it may give the impression you're more party animal than professional.
- **Be Courteous:** It's always a good idea to thank your party planner, and, especially if it's at a private residence, the host.

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ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST.
SERIES 2006-AR4 MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFI-
CATES
Plaintiff,
-v-
MARIUS LIMBASAN, DIANA
BAROJU "MERS"
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REG-
ISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,
SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR
GREENPOINT MORTGAGE
FUNDING, INC.
Defendants
08 CH 30727
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 CESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC
 HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
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 Plaintiff,

-v-
 ZDZISLAW PYZIK, STEFANO
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 ISTRATION SYSYEMS, INC., AS
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4910 NORTH CHESTER AVENUE
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 \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction there-
 of of the amount paid by the pur-
 chaser not to exceed \$300, in cer-
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 rights in and to the residential real
 estate arose prior to the sale. The
 subject property is subject to gen-
 eral real estate taxes, special assess-
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 sentation as to quality or quantity of
 title and without recourse to Plaintiff
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 court. Upon payment in full of the
 amount bid, the purchaser will re-
 ceive a Certificate of Sale that will
 entitle the purchaser to a deed to the
 real estate after confirmation of the
 sale. The property will NOT be
 open for inspection and plaintiff
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 condition of the property. Prospec-
 tive bidders are admonished to
 check the court file to verify all in-
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 unit at the foreclosure sale, other
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 sessments and the legal fees re-
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SKOKIE
 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-
 ROBINA SHAHEEN, TARIQ VIRK,
 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REG-
 ISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS
 NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE
 HOME LOANS, INC.
 Defendants
 10 CH 18798

7910 KILBOURN AVENUE
 SKOKIE, IL 60076

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-
 TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUR-
 SUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
 AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE
 CAUSE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2012, AN
 AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES
 CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER
 DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL,
 60606, SEI AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO
 THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH
 BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED
 REAL ESTATE:
 Commonly known as 7910
 KILBOURN AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL
 60076 Property Index No. 10-27-
 102-042-0000. The real estate is
 improved with a two level red brick
 and tan stone house without a gar-
 age. 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/or wire
 transfer, is due within twenty-four
 (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by
 the mortgagee acquiring the residen-
 tial 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 residen-
 tial real estate arose prior to the
 sale. The subject property is sub-
 ject 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 confir-
 mation by the court. Upon payment
 in full of the amount bid, the pur-
 chaser will receive a Certificate of
 Sale that will entitle the purchaser
 to a deed to the real estate after
 confirmation of the sale. The prop-
 erty will NOT be open for inspection
 and plaintiff makes no representa-
 tion as to the condition of the prop-
 erty. Prospective bidders are ad-
 monished to check the court file to
 verify all information. If this prop-
 erty is a condominium unit, the pur-
 chaser 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 con-
 dominium unit which is part of a com-
 mon interest community, the pur-
 chaser 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 (HOME-
 OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT
 TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION
 FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
 AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
 LAW. For information: Visit our
 website at service.atty-pierce.com,
 between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.
 PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's
 Attorneys, One North Dearborn
 Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL
 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500.
 Please refer to file number
 PA1004459. THE JUDICIAL SALES
 CORPORATION One South
 Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago,
 IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You
 can also visit The Judicial Sales
 Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7
 day status report of pending sales.

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUC-
 CESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC
 HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
 FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME
 LOANS SERVICING LP
 Plaintiff,

-v-
 EDMUND NOWOSIELSKI AKA ED-
 MUND H. NOWOSIELSKI, OLGA
 NOWOSIELSKA, FERRIS PLACE
 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 FKA 8630 FERRIS AVENUE
 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,
 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
 LEGATEES OF EDMUND
 NOWOSIELSKI, IF ANY, UN-
 KNOWN OWNERS AND NON-
 RECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 10 CH 37870

8630 FERRIS AVE UNIT 503 MORTON
 GROVE, IL 60053

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-
 TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUR-
 SUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
 AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE
 CAUSE ON OCTOBER 2, 2012, AN AGENT
 OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION,
 ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH
 FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, SEI AT
 PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST
 BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE
 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:
 Commonly known as 8630 FERRIS AVE
 UNIT 503, MORTON GROVE, IL,
 60053 Property Index No. 10-20-
 101-020-1029. The real estate is
 improved with a brick condominium;
 no garage. Sale terms: 25% down
 of the highest bid by certified funds
 at the close of the auction; The bal-
 ance, including the Judicial sale fee
 for Abandoned Residential Property
 Municipality Relief Fund, which is
 calculated on residential real estate
 at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or
 fraction thereof of the amount paid

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by the purchaser not to exceed
 \$300, in certified funds/or wire
 transfer, is due within twenty-four
 (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by
 the mortgagee acquiring the residen-
 tial 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 residen-
 tial real estate arose prior to the
 sale. The subject property is sub-
 ject 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 confir-
 mation by the court. Upon payment
 in full of the amount bid, the pur-
 chaser will receive a Certificate of
 Sale that will entitle the purchaser
 to a deed to the real estate after
 confirmation of the sale. The prop-
 erty will NOT be open for inspection
 and plaintiff makes no representa-
 tion as to the condition of the prop-
 erty. Prospective bidders are ad-
 monished to check the court file to
 verify all information. If this prop-
 erty is a condominium unit, the pur-
 chaser 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 con-
 dominium unit which is part of a com-
 mon interest community, the pur-
 chaser 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
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 AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

LAW. For information: Visit our
 website at service.atty-pierce.com,
 between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.
 PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's
 Attorneys, One North Dearborn
 Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL
 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500.
 Please refer to file number
 PA1017611. THE JUDICIAL SALES
 CORPORATION One South
 Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago,
 IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You
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SKOKIE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY
 DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
 DIVISION

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUC-
 CESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC
 HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
 FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME
 LOANS SERVICING LP
 Plaintiff,

-v-
 CLAUDIA A. VIOLA, 8500-8524
 SKOKIE BLVD. CONDOMINIUM
 ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 10 CH 23457

8500 SKOKIE BOULEVARD APT
 2F SKOKIE, IL 60077

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-
 TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUR-
 SUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
 AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE
 CAUSE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2012, AN
 AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES
 CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER
 DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL,
 60606, SEI AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO
 THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH
 BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED
 REAL ESTATE:
 Commonly known as 8500 SKOKIE
 BOULEVARD APT 2F, SKOKIE, IL,
 60077 Property Index No. 10-21-
 220-050-1020. The real estate is
 improved with a multi unit condo-

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minium building; no garage. Sale
 terms: 25% down of the highest bid
 by certified funds at the close of the
 auction; The balance, including the
 Judicial sale fee for Abandoned
 Residential Property Municipality
 Relief Fund, which is calculated on
 residential real estate at the rate of
 \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction there-
 of of the amount paid by the pur-
 chaser not to exceed \$300, in cer-
 tified funds/or 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 gen-
 eral real estate taxes, special assess-
 ments, or special taxes levied
 against said real estate and is of-
 fered for sale without any repre-
 sentation 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 re-
 ceive 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. Prospec-
 tive bidders are admonished to
 check the court file to verify all in-
 formation. If this property is a con-
 dominium unit, the purchaser of the
 unit at the foreclosure sale, other
 than a mortgagee, shall pay the as-
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 PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's
 Attorneys, One North Dearborn
 Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL
 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500.
 Please refer to file number
 PA1009862. THE JUDICIAL SALES
 CORPORATION One South
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 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY
 DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
 DIVISION

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUC-
 CESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC
 HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
 FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME
 LOANS SERVICING LP
 Plaintiff,

-v-
 MARZANNA JAKSZEWICZ, OPTI-
 MA OLD ORCHARD WOODS
 MAPLE CONDOMINIUM ASSO-
 CIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS
 AND LEGATEES OF MARZANNA
 JAKSZEWICZ, IF ANY;
 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-
 RECORD CLAIMANTS;
 Defendants,
 10 CH 48447

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO

A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
 UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
 FORECLOSURE LAW
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 THAT PURSUANT TO A Judgment of
 Foreclosure entered in the above
 entitled cause on October 3, 2012,
 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corpora-
 tion will on Friday, January 11,
 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their
 office at 120 West Madison Street,
 Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to
 the highest bidder for cash, the fol-
 lowing described property:
 P.I.N. 10-09-304-038-1019, 10-09-
 304-038-1043, 10-09-304-036-
 1019.
 Commonly known as 9725 WOODS
 DRIVE UNIT 609, SKOKIE, IL
 60077
 The mortgaged real estate is im-
 proved with a condominium resi-
 dence. The purchaser of the unit
 other than a mortgagee shall pay
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 (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condomi-
 nium Property Act. Sale terms: 25%
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 No refunds. The property will NOT
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 tween 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only.
 Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's At-
 tomneys, 1 North Dearborn Street,
 Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No.
 (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Num-
 ber 1032237.
 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES
 CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
 1487896
 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/12 #462193

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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 MA OLD ORCHARD WOODS
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 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-
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 Defendants,
 10 CH 48447

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 DIVISION

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 CESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC
 HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
 FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME
 LOANS SERVICING LP
 Plaintiff,

-v-
 MARZANNA JAKSZEWICZ, OPTI-
 MA OLD ORCHARD WOODS
 MAPLE CONDOMINIUM ASSO-
 CIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS
 AND LEGATEES OF MARZANNA
 JAKSZEWICZ, IF ANY;
 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-
 RECORD CLAIMANTS;
 Defendants,
 10 CH 48447

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff,

vs. KYONG CHIE A/K/A KYONG H. CHIE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KYONG CHIE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 10 CH 44479

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 11, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-20-229-053-0000

Commonly known as 5843 NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE UNIT D, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only, Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1029510. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1487894 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/12 #462189

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

vs. HANNA MANSOUR, WINNEBAGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants, 10 CH 39861

8255 KNOX AVENUE UNIT 2S 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 OCTOBER 1, 2012, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 3, 2013, 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 8255 KNOX AVENUE UNIT 2S, SKOKIE, IL 60076. Property Index No. 10-22-313-050-1002. The real estate is improved with a 4 or more red brick units with white trim; 1.5 car detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/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

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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 14-10-16137. 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.ijsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-16137 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 10 CH 021406 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff,

vs. SUEN KI KIM A/K/A SUEN K. KIM, KYONG HWA SON, HARRIS N.A., ARBORS OF MORTON GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants, 10 CH 021406

6211 LINCOLN AVENUE UNIT #401 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 9, 2012, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 9, 2013, 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 6211 LINCOLN AVENUE UNIT #401, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053. Property Index No. 10-20-121-018-1017. 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

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LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION URBAN TRUST BANK, ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE SERVICES, III, L.L.C., Plaintiff,

vs. AVRAM ANDRA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0612304070, Defendants, 10 CH 45374

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON OCTOBER 3, 2012, INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION WILL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 AT THE HOUR OF 11 A.M. IN THEIR OFFICE AT 120 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 718A, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: P.I.N. 10-27-430-010, 10-27-430-011

Commonly known as 7227 North Karlov Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Clerk at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. Ref. No. 10-2039 N INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1486825 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456626

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LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff,

vs. KAMMY CHAFSHINO; JOSEPH CHAFSHINO; LIDA PAKHIK A/K/A LIDIA PAKHIK; REGAL COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 10 CH 23387

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 7, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-33-432-040-1016

Commonly known as 6400 NORTH CICERO AVENUE APT 216, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only, Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1010151. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1486804 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456617

NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

vs. MONIKA MICHALSKA AKA M. MICHALSKA; CARMEN EAST RIVER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MONIKA MICHALSKA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 10 CH 34140

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 21, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 4, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 12-11-320-004-1024. Commonly known as 5031 N EAST RIVER ROAD UNIT 2B, NORRIDGE, IL 60706. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only, Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1019148. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1486586 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456592

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SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. SYED DANISH ALI; MARIUM ALI; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; LARAMIE PARK TOWN-HOME ASSOCIATION; NFP: VILLAGE OF SKOKIE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 10 CH 23145

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 20, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-25-307-075-0000

Commonly known as 7510 LARAMIE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a townhouse residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only, Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1002161. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1486508 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456589

MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDEX MORTGAGE TRUST 2007-AR21P, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AR21P UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 1, 2007 Plaintiff,

vs. PETRU SERB, GABRIELA SERB Defendants, 10 CH 021746

8559 CALLIE AVENUE MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON OCTOBER 1, 2012, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 3, 2013, 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 8539 CALLIE AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053. Property Index No. 10-20-113-013. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/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

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SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. SYED DANISH ALI; MARIUM ALI; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; LARAMIE PARK TOWN-HOME ASSOCIATION; NFP: VILLAGE OF SKOKIE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 10 CH 23145

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 20, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-25-307-075-0000

Commonly known as 7510 LARAMIE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a townhouse residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only, Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1002161. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1486508 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456589

MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDEX MORTGAGE TRUST 2007-AR21P, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AR21P UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 1, 2007 Plaintiff,

vs. PETRU SERB, GABRIELA SERB Defendants, 10 CH 021746

8559 CALLIE AVENUE MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON OCTOBER 1, 2012, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 3, 2013, 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 8539 CALLIE AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053. Property Index No. 10-20-113-013. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/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

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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 14-10-17582. 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.ijsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-17582 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 10 CH 021746 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. WAQAR UNNISA SHEIKH A/K/A WAQAR U. SHEIKH; AYAZ A. SHEIKH; CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A., Defendants, 10 CH 22729

Property Address: 8719 NORTH LOCKWOOD AVE. SKOKIE, IL 60077 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 10-039864 (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 October 12, 2012, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Officer will at 12:30 p.m. on January 15, 2013, 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 8719 North Lockwood Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077 Permanent Index No.: 10-21-107-036

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$334,247.51. 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 cashiers checks, and 15, 2013, 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 8719 North Lockwood Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077 Permanent Index No.: 10-21-107-036

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monished 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. 1482684 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456471

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

vs. HIPOLITO ORTEGA, ANGELES V. ORTEGA. MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB, PORTOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC Defendants, 10 CH 39400

8233 KEATING AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON OCTOBER 1, 2012, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 3, 2013, 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 8233 KEATING AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-311-008-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick 2 unit, no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/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: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 10-7989. 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.ijsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 10-7989. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. JAN STANCZAK, HALINA STANCZAK Defendants, 10 CH 47760

4016 NORTH ODELL AVENUE Norridge, IL 60706 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON OCTOBER 3, 2012, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 7, 2013, 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 4016 NORTH ODELL AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-414-026-0000 Vol. 0137. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$468,560.85. 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. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (3

Public Notices

Small Claims Court of Milwaukee County, 901 North 9th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233. A hearing will be held at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on January 10, 2013. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the person suing you. (A copy of this claim has been mailed to you at the address above).
 Dated this 7th day of December, 2012.
LICHTSINN & HAENSEL, S.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 By: Reggie L. Wegner
 (State Bar #1054741)
 111 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1800
 Milwaukee, WI 53202
 (414) 276-3400
 Pub:12-13-12 463588

Take notice that an application for a retail liquor license has been filed by
Yusuf Kattoum
 1070 Stamford Ct.
 Aurora, IL 60502

For
Super K Food, Inc
 10400 W. Fullerton Ave.
 Melrose Park, IL 60104

Any objections to the granting of said license shall be made to the President of the Board of County Commissioners, as the Liquor Control Commissioner, in writing, signed by the objector, within ten days of the date of this notice, stating specifically the grounds of the objection. Any objections should be mailed to: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1140 Chicago, Illinois 60602.
Jack Weinrauch
 Deputy Liquor Control Commissioner
 12/13/12, 12/27 464243

SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
 NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TIME OF THE BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
 Please take notice that the Skokie Park District has changed the time of their regular Tuesday, December 18, 2012 Board Meeting of Park Commissioners from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, IL 60077 at 8:00 pm.
 /s/Secretary John V. Ohrlund
 Skokie Park District
 Pub:12/13/12 464531

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: The Lock up Storage Centers, 1930 N. Clybourn Chicago, IL 60614 773-755-1900

DATE: December 21, 2012
 BEGINS AT 12:30 PM
CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payments must be made by cash, credit card, or certified funds. No personal checks accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
 Unit #127 Neil Ormoff
 Unit # 2078 David Kennepohl
 Unit # 4042 Terri Koerner
 Unit #4303 Lewis Sang
 Unit #4409 Nexgen Holdings' LLC
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459729

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) by competitive bidding on December 26th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage #22336/2835 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60618. 773-772-9209 in the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:
 0078 - Janik, Ursula 0102 - SMALUK, ALLISON 0115 -

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SPACIO LLC / Patricia Feeley
 0141 - Montes, Julio 0162 - Cruz, Maritza 0182 - Salgado, Sandra 0258 - Fuentes, Margarita 0283 - HUNTER, JAMES 0317 - ST. JOHN, TRISTA 0333 - ST. JOHN, TRISTA 0342 - Figueroa, Jeffrey 0351 - Gray, Ricky 0415 - HUDSON, IDA 0512 - SEIBER, JOANN 0646 - Dion, Derek 0653 - Convey, Mary 0669 - MILLER, CHERYL 0695 - Garcia, Carlos 0742 - SMITH, IDELLA 0765 - Ayenda, Juan 0823 - WILSON, NEKETA Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases Must Be Made With Cash Only And Paid For At The Time Of Sale. All Goods Are Sold As Is And Must Be Removed At The Time Of Purchase. Sale Is Subject To Adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459532

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 A011 - McCarthy, Victoria A018 - COHN C/O R. WEISBACH, ARLENE A057 - Fulbright, Toya A059 - Lebo, Tiffany A063 - MENDEZ, ARTURO A064 - Galloway, Anthony B026 - Cargill, Denise B051 - Hood, Isaac B064 - Tharrington, Gregory B070 - Hambro, Robyn B152 - Miles, Michael C016 - IBRAHIM, ALI C025 - BELL, AMIR C046 - KOULIAS, WILLIAM C067 - Frempong, Michael D027 - HARRIS, KENT D057 - ROBERTS, JEFFREY D123 - BOYLAN, ANTHONY Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459520

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 A266 - Acevedo, Jose A320 - HOSKINS, CYNTHIA A347 - WILLIAMS, GEORGINA A375 - DEGAND, GIL A481 - BERNSTEIN, GAIL C067 - ZUPANICICH, CJ D531 - GARRIDO, JOE D598 - CRISCIONE, ROB D634 - PIERCE, MARVIN D749 - BLACKLEY, JAMES Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459513

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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989-4619. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:
 A039 - Tanner, Alec B037 - Rose, Melissa C069 - Meltzer, Howard D054 - Loevy, Nathaniel D055 - Loevy, Nathaniel Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459494

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 0023 - Gibson, Ruthie B1001 - Boyd, Vemita B1019 - Diaz, Veronica B1023 - WHEELER, STEPHEN B1028 - TYLER JR., THEOTIS B1032 - Franklin, Roseanna B1038 - James, Charles B1048 - Wiggins, Lisa C2007 - JOHNSON, BERTRAND C2014 - Davis, Sundra C2053 - Paramasivam, Divya C2061 - Rainey, Maurice D3004 - Fitzgerald, Larnie D3061 - Mallory, Ethan D3062 - Hinton, Anthony E4036 - Hepburn, Felicia E4066 - Wheat, Bessie E4138 - HAMMOND, HOWARD E4142 - Hayward, Clifton E4146 - HOOKS, ROWELONDA E4150 - Verzannon, Demetria F5014 - Jordan, Brian F5095 - Hinton, Anthony F5112 - Thompson, Nikita F5133 - HARPER, SARAH G6038 - ADAMS, TRACEY G6040 - Fleming, Laura G6081 - Harris, Yvonne G6128 - Joseph, Cheryl G6132 - Kidd, Tyjuan H7032 - Kattner, Tom H7043 - HADLEY, SHERYL H7059 - Roberts, Sanford H7064 - Donald, Betty H7069 - Bosh, Milo H7075 - Popp, Tom H7099 - DAVENPORT, DORIS H7112 - Johnson, Maurice H7121 - Chapron, Lillian H7128 - Walton, Soraya Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459485

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 A006 - Harrison, Suzanne A014 - Rueve, Andrew B088 - Hilboldt, Mary B185 - Fench, Deanna C207 - CANNON, JONATHAN C230 - WOODARD, CHARLES C310 - HANNEY, SUZANNE D416 - Rhine, Nigeria D512 - Simons-Peery, Latronn D526 - LAZOWSKI, MICHELLE E552 - Reives, Wilbert E563 - Koppel, Flora E583 - Boyle, Jordan E704 - Vasser, Pamela Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459452

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by competitive bidding on December 27th, 2012 at 11:00 am. On the premises where said property has been stored, which are located at Public Storage #28160/1512 W. Jarvis Ave. Chicago, IL 60626-1909 (773) 338-6828. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:
 0036 - Thomas, Joyce 0122 - Franklin, Antoinette 0249 - Carter, Eunita 0305 - Smith, Jacqueline 0366 - Miklusak, Carol 0421 - Dozier, Ronald 0456 - Jeffries, Ryan 0515 - Holliday, Kevin 0539 - Thompson, Lydia 0546 - Black, Letanya 0558 - Olivares, Victoria 0613 - Goldberg, Jeffrey 0658 - LEBRON, FERNANDO 0671 - Smith, Shirley 0772 - Kaufman, Cone Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459464

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 0036 - Thomas, Joyce 0122 - Franklin, Antoinette 0249 - Carter, Eunita 0305 - Smith, Jacqueline 0366 - Miklusak, Carol 0421 - Dozier, Ronald 0456 - Jeffries, Ryan 0515 - Holliday, Kevin 0539 - Thompson, Lydia 0546 - Black, Letanya 0558 - Olivares, Victoria 0613 - Goldberg, Jeffrey 0658 - LEBRON, FERNANDO 0671 - Smith, Shirley 0772 - Kaufman, Cone Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459464

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 1057 - garcia, pedro 2062 - Cortez, Cecilia 2115 - powell, akia 3037 - Schultz, Justin 3042 - Vanono, Yaniv 3049 - bynum, samantha 4010 - rosen, marlin 4068 - sadah, ashur 4081 - Duquilla, Estrelita 4107 - Castro, Eddie 4165 - Arthur, Brenae 4185 - huberts, elizbeth 5006 - maturi, chandra 6059 - RISK, ANTONIA Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459355

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 Unit - Customer
 A037 - Mora, Julio
 A076 - Thompson, Cassia
 C048 - Junie, Guebediang
 D021 - Brown, Derrick
 D068 - Nelson, Rick
 D139 - Gibbs, Tyrone
 F005 - GREEN, THEOPHILUS Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459345

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 Unit - Customer
 006 - Franco, Peter
 022 - Rivera, Jose
 040 - Camarillo, Paul
 072 - Perry, Alma
 079 - Boudreaux, Stephanie
 088 - Sullivan, David
 101 - Owens, Bobby
 154 - Sheppard, Soraya Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459360

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 Unit - Customer
 A032 - Perez, Luis
 A059 - agbodza, benjamin
 A163 - chan, rolando
 A165 - Walker, Delilah
 A224 - Dethloff, Erich
 A259 - Dethloff, Erich
 A302 - Hawk, Garnet
 B016 - Nealey, Jessica
 B058 - Stalen, Dan
 B088 - Curtis, John west
 C019 - Aslian, All
 D049 - Kalopa, Jalomie Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459330

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 Unit - Customer
 0016 - Randle, Juanita
 0062 - Ellis, Jamie
 0069 - Hanks, Dawn
 0096 - FLETCHER, ROBERT
 0116 - CALHOUN, NICOLE
 0125 - Acres, Darrell
 0172 - Ononogob, Bobby
 0180 - MCKENZIE, DONNETTE
 0183 - Maranda, Dean
 1101 - Williams, Marilyn
 2080 - Gray, Dina
 2106 - Hightower, Alexus
 2107 - Miller, Zachary Lee
 3029 - HILDREN, KATHLEEN
 3058 - anderson, ronald
 3066 - MARSHALL, ABIKE
 3072 - Jarvis, Erika
 3077 - Ogunniyi, Olaniji
 3114 - Villafane, Kaizen
 3129 - Bergmann, Federico
 5004 - Thomson, Loushera

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by Competitive bidding on December 27th, 2012 at 3:00 pm on the Premises where property has been stored, which are located at Public Storage #23404/5643 N. Broadway St. Chicago, IL 60660-4415. (773) 784-8410. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:
 Unit - Customer
 1123 - YANEZ, JOSE
 2171 - Tortuga, David
 2175 - Catain, Stephanie
 2231 - Jeffries, Michael
 3527 - White, Donnell
 A015 - Slattery, Daniel
 C298 - Davis, Mary
 C399 - CASH, PATRICE Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459336

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 Unit - Customer
 A032 - Perez, Luis
 A059 - agbodza, benjamin
 A163 - chan, rolando
 A165 - Walker, Delilah
 A224 - Dethloff, Erich
 A259 - Dethloff, Erich
 A302 - Hawk, Garnet
 B016 - Nealey, Jessica
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 B088 - Curtis, John west
 C019 - Aslian, All
 D049 - Kalopa, Jalomie Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459330

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 Unit - Customer
 0016 - Randle, Juanita
 0062 - Ellis, Jamie
 0069 - Hanks, Dawn
 0096 - FLETCHER, ROBERT
 0116 - CALHOUN, NICOLE
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 0180 - MCKENZIE, DONNETTE
 0183 - Maranda, Dean
 1101 - Williams, Marilyn
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 3029 - HILDREN, KATHLEEN
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 3072 - Jarvis, Erika
 3077 - Ogunniyi, Olaniji
 3114 - Villafane, Kaizen
 3129 - Bergmann, Federico
 5004 - Thomson, Loushera

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5008 - SMITH, NOEL
 6006 - Barck, Steve
 B10-MUHAMMED, OGUNASHE
 Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459234

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 Unit - Customer
 1038 - SILVERSTEIN, IRA
 1041 - RABINDRAN, TRACI
 3020 - Morales, Carlos
 3084 - Slack, Norman
 3137 - Dominguez, Melissa
 3180 - Johnson, Gerald Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459317

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by competitive bidding on December 27th, 2012 at 2:00 pm on the Premises where property has been stored, which are located at Public Storage #28161/5733 N. Broadway St. Chicago, IL 60660-4301 (773) 878-3913. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:
 Unit - Customer
 0035 - HAMILTON, RAIMONDA
 0125 - Russell, Keela
 0162 - Brown, Judy
 0205 - Muganda, David
 0246 - Montgomery, Darrell
 0266 - Pascasio, Pamela
 0293 - Djouek, Eric
 0305 - FREEMAN, DANA
 0311 - Bailey, Ronald
 0322 - Hayes, Megan
 0507 - Scruggs, Tom
 0516 - Isom, Stanley
 0705 - Njoku, George Public Storage / PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subjected to adjudgment.
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 459308

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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 DATE: Friday December 28th 2012
 BEGINS AT: 11:30am
CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by cash, credit card, or certified funds. No personal checks accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
 Unit# 418: Estate of Walter & Maria Kramer C/O Brigitta Riedel
 Unit# 420: Estate of Walter & Maria Kramer C/O Brigitta Riedel
 Unit# 423: Estate of Walter & Maria Kramer C/O Brigitta Riedel
 Unit# 1122: Luis Corea
 Unit# 1148: Robert Zakoff
 Unit# 1290: Jennifer Cribbens
 Unit# 3126: Deborah Mostyn
 Unit# 3216: Doris Carter-Simon
 Unit# 3315: Jason Broughton
 Unit# 3322: Deborah Mostyn
 Unit# 4125: Stephanie Dudek
 Unit# 4313: Smartmed Corporation
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 448608

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP STORAGE 350 W. Kinzie Chicago, IL 60654 DATE: 12/21/12 BEGINS AT: 3:00 P.M.

CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by certified check or money order only. No personal checks or cash accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payments due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
 Unit#5035 Paula Weisberg
 Unit#5220 Shawn Brant
 Unit#6009 Manuel Narvaez
 Pub:12/6, 12/13 456016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE 2525 West Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60647 DATE: Friday December 21, 2012 BEGINS AT: 2:00PM

CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by cash, credit card, or certified funds. No personal checks accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
 Unit 1061 Barton Faust
 Unit 1062 Barton Faust
 Unit 1063 Barton Faust
 Unit 1064 Barton Faust
 Unit 2111 Ryan Carrizales
 Unit 3225 Melody Cunn
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The 2012 NFL campaign appears to be the season of the rookie quarterback – Andrew Luck in Indianapolis, Robert Griffin III in Washington, Russell Wilson in Seattle, Ryan Tannehill in Miami, even Brandon Wheedon in Cleveland – who came out of the gate with a flourish. But they're all chasing the marks set by Peyton Manning with the Colts in 1998, when he took every snap from center and set the rookie records for most attempts (575), most completions (326), most yards (3,739 – broken by Cam Newton's 4,051 with Carolina in 2011) and most touchdowns (26).

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No matter how good they are, NFL rookies are routinely humbled by veterans. Take the case of first-year Bears players Shea McClellin and Aston Whiteside, who were handed the bill for a dinner among teammates at a fancy Chicago steak house early in the 2012 season. The total – a mere \$38,091.91. After several minutes of panic in which they nearly regurgitated their dinners, the rookies were told by veteran Israel Idonije that the bill was a joke. Then he gave them the real bill – for "only" about \$10,000.

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The Minnesota Timberwolves have hovered near the bottom of the NBA for several seasons, but entering the 2011-12 campaign they had one significant bright spot in Kevin Love, who had posted a double-double (points and rebounds) in 87.5 per cent of the games in which he'd played over the previous two seasons. The only other player to register double-doubles at that pace over two straight seasons in the last 25 years was Kevin Gamett in 2003-04 and 2004-05 – coincidentally, also for the Timberwolves.

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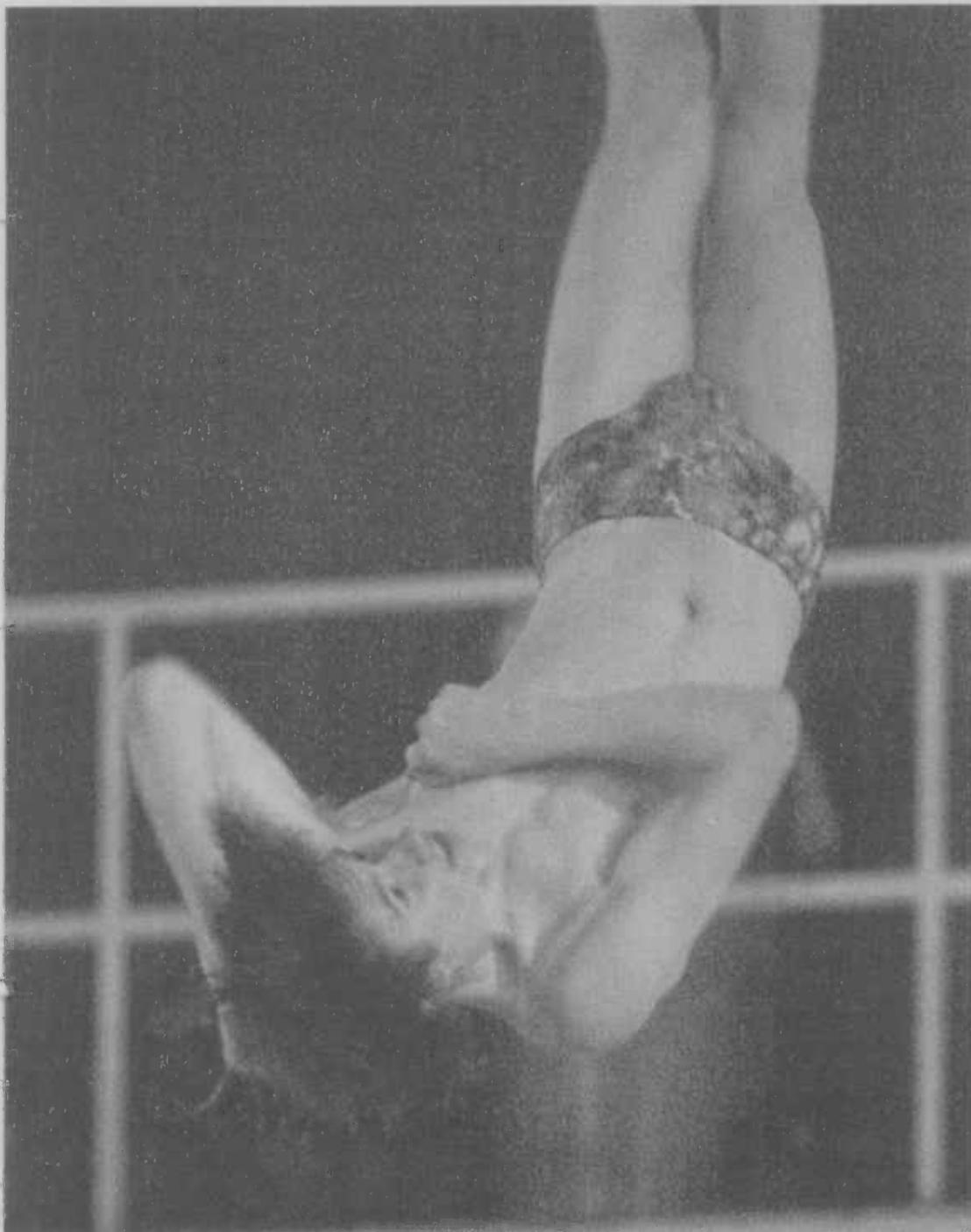
Gymnastics: Maine East at Niles West Invlte, 6 p.m.

The Blue Demons are led by senior Anne Kaczowski, who placed fourth (30.60 points) in the all-around at the team's dual meet with Glenbrook North on Dec. 6.

Friday

Boys basketball: Maine East at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.

Maine East broke its four-year losing streak in the CSL North with a 48-45 overtime win over Maine West on Friday. Urchit Chokshi scored a team-high 13 points against the Warriors, including a game-tying 3-pointer with 10 seconds remaining in regulation that sent the game to overtime.



Maine East diver Jeremy Rohrman competes during Friday's home triangular against Notre Dame and Lane in Park Ridge. Visit parkridge.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the meet. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-For Sun-Times Media.



Maine East's Mike Babula swims the 200-yard freestyle during Friday's home triangular. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-For Sun-Times Media.

Rohrman has sights set on school record

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

PARK RIDGE

Two words encapsulate the first four weeks of Jeremy Rohrman's senior season: by himself.

The Maine East diver is by himself atop the record book and an injury to his training partner has forced Rohrman to lead Maine East's diving team by himself.



This Week Maine East

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday
At Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday
Hosts Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Regina Dom., 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
At Resurrection, 7 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Today
At Niles West "A Star is Born", 6 p.m.
Thursday (12/20)
Hosts Deerfield, 5:30 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY
Today
At Iceland vs. Notre Dame, 8:15 p.m.
Friday
At Heartland vs. Latin, 9:20 p.m.
Saturday
At Oakton Ice Arena vs. Glenbard, 6:35 p.m.
Sunday
At Iceland vs. Carmel, 8:10 p.m.
Monday
At Centennial Ice Arena vs. New Trier White, 9:20 p.m.
Wednesday
At Robert Crown Ice Arena vs. Evanston, 8:15 p.m.

BOYS SWIM/DIVE
Friday
Hosts CSL Crossover Meet vs. Niles West, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Leyden Invite (West Campus), 11 a.m.

WRESTLING
Friday
At Highland Park, 6 p.m.



Kevin Tom of Maine East swims the breaststroke leg during the 200-yard individual medley on Friday. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI**-For Sun-Times Media.

Rohrman wasted little time achieving one of his offseason goals when he emphatically broke Maine East's pool record by 51.25 points at the Maine East Invitational on Dec. 1. With the pool record (427) firmly in his possession, Rohrman — who took 39th at the 2012 state meet — is now in pursuit of the school's record for most points in a meet. The record was set by Chris Dickson in 1975.

Just 13.75 points away from Dickson, Rohrman said he is confident he can break the school

record if he's able to successfully incorporate a pair of dives — a back one and one half twist, and an inward double tuck — he spent the offseason working on at Glenbrook Aquatics.

"I wasn't expecting it, I just wanted to go and dive the best I could," said Rohrman, of breaking the pool record. "The fact that I could get so many more points than the record made me feel like I could definitely shoot for the next one up. I kind of had a feeling where I was tuned up enough where I could dive really well and (the pool record) would be a goal."

The Blue Demons have been without senior diver Danny Sieghart, who finished 16th at last year's state meet and spent the offseason diving with Rohrman at Glenbrook Aquatics. Sieghart has been kept out of the water all season because of a back injury.

Blue Demons coach Mike Fosco said the team is being cautious with Sieghart's injury — the Maine East coach called the injury diver's back, something which occurs from overuse — in order to get Sieghart healthy in time for sectionals.

"The end of the season is the most important," Fosco said. "To not irritate his back, we're holding him out as long as possible."

Fosco said he expects Sieghart back at some point this season. Until then, the responsibility of leading the diving team falls on Rohrman.

"It's been a little different because we're such close friends now; we always tell jokes, tell stories while we're diving," said Rohrman, regarding his friendship with Sieghart. "Practices have gotten a little more just straight-up diving, which is not that bad. ... It's just been a little different." ■



Maine East's Jeremy Rohrman dives during Friday's home triangular. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI**-For Sun-Times Media.



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Friday and Saturday

Wrestling: Notre Dame at Russ Erb Tournament (Glenbrook South), 3:30 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m. Sat.

The Dons are fresh off a third-place finish at Hoffman Estates' Hawk-Invite, which included Lincoln-Way Central and Libertyville.

Saturday

Notre Dame vs. Leo at Loyola Academy, 4:30 p.m.

Notre Dame (8-1) played a very difficult schedule in the first month of the season — including Friday's win against Marist and Saturday's win over Crane — but that schedule becomes much easier. Leo was without a win as of Sunday.

Wittington's aggression pays off

BY GARY LARSEN | Contributor | @GaryLarsen3

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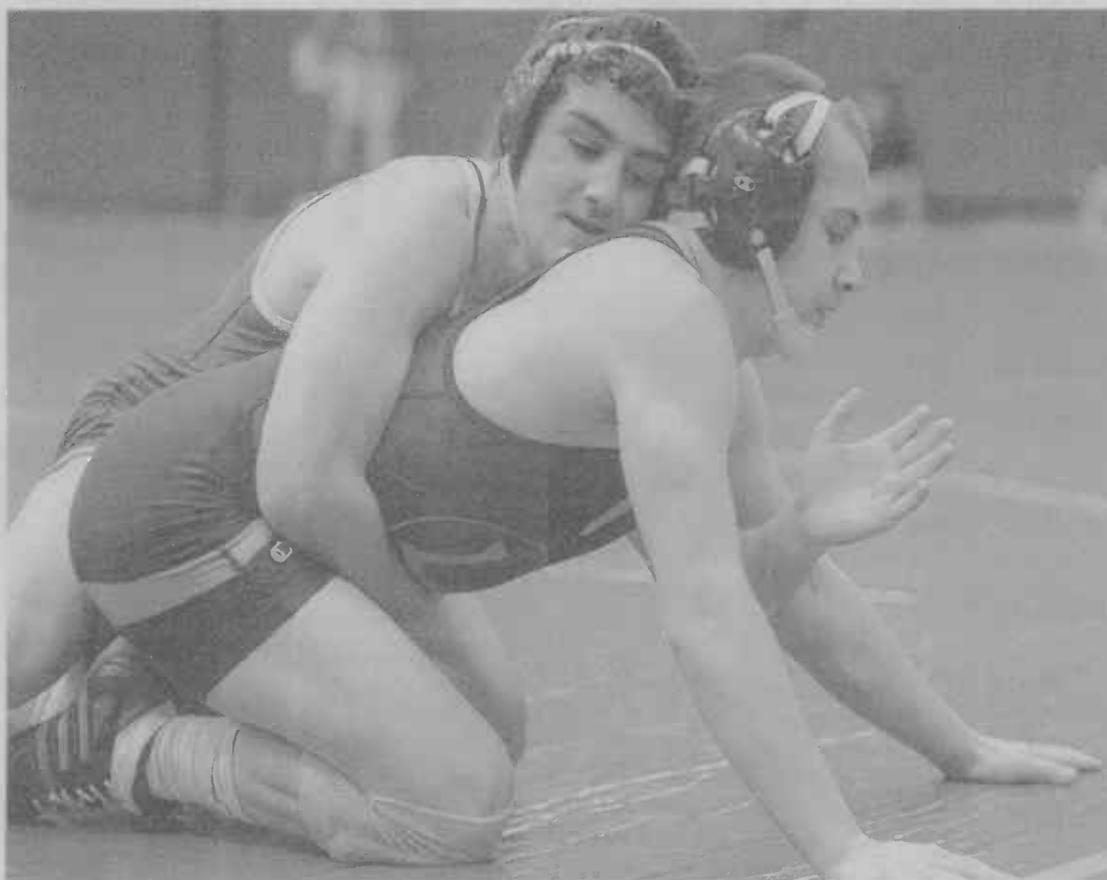
Last season, Notre Dame wrestler Roark Whittington had a 7-4 record in placing fourth at 152 pounds in Hoffman Estates' annual Hawk Invitational tournament.

On Saturday, Whittington stepped up to the highest part of the awards stand in Hoffman Estates with an 8-0 record to his name. He was the Dons' lone individual champion at this year's event.

"I was aggressive today, which was good because in the past I'd sometimes be too tentative," said Whittington, who wrestled at 145 pounds. "I'm starting to come out more aggressive and play to my strengths, and wear my opponents down."

Notre Dame placed third in Saturday's team standings, behind champion Lincoln-Way Central and Libertyville.

"We finished third ahead of New Trier and that's important to us, especially for



Notre Dame's Joe Cortese (left) wrestles Libertyville's Pat Stacy in a 160-pound match Saturday at the Hoffman Estates tournament. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-For Sun-Times Media

the regionals in February," Genovesi said. "We'll be OK. It's a nice group of guys."

Top-seeded Whittington pinned South Elgin's Grant Saldivar to reach the finals, where he dispatched Libertyville's Nick Andrews by a 4-2 decision.

When asked about his higher finish at this year's Hawk Invite, Whittington quickly pointed to teammates like Boggess, Cortese, and Sean Heneghan.

"I've got great practice partners in the room," Whittington said. "It's a great room and we're all helping each other

succeed."

Whittington went 34-8 as a state qualifier last year, winning a regional title and an East Suburban Catholic Conference title along the way. Notre Dame moved up from Class 2A to 3A in wrestling this season, and Whittington

This Week Notre Dame

BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday
At Leo, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS BOWLING

Today
At Glenbrook North, 4 p.m.
Saturday
At South Division at Burr Oak,
10 a.m.

ICE HOCKEY

Today
At Iceland vs. Maine, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday
Hosts Brother Rice at Niles-Ballard, 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

Friday
At Glenbrook South Invite, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Glenbrook South Invite, 9 a.m.

sounded ready for the leap.

"People always say it but I think it's true, that wrestling is 99 percent mental," Whittington said. "If you have the will to win, you can get it done, and that's what I try to do."

Genovesi was pleased with the way his senior 145-pounder took care of business on Saturday.

"He's got good balance and he'd be a good college wrestler just because he doesn't make a lot of mistakes," Genovesi said. ■



Collins twins support one another, teammates

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

PARK RIDGE

The Notre Dame boys swimming team is an 11-person squad with a relationship between two brothers at its core.

Kyle and Eric Collins are identical twins, yet their strengths in the pool are very different. Kyle is a distance swimmer who swims the 200- and 500-yard freestyles, while Eric excels in sprints like the 100 free.

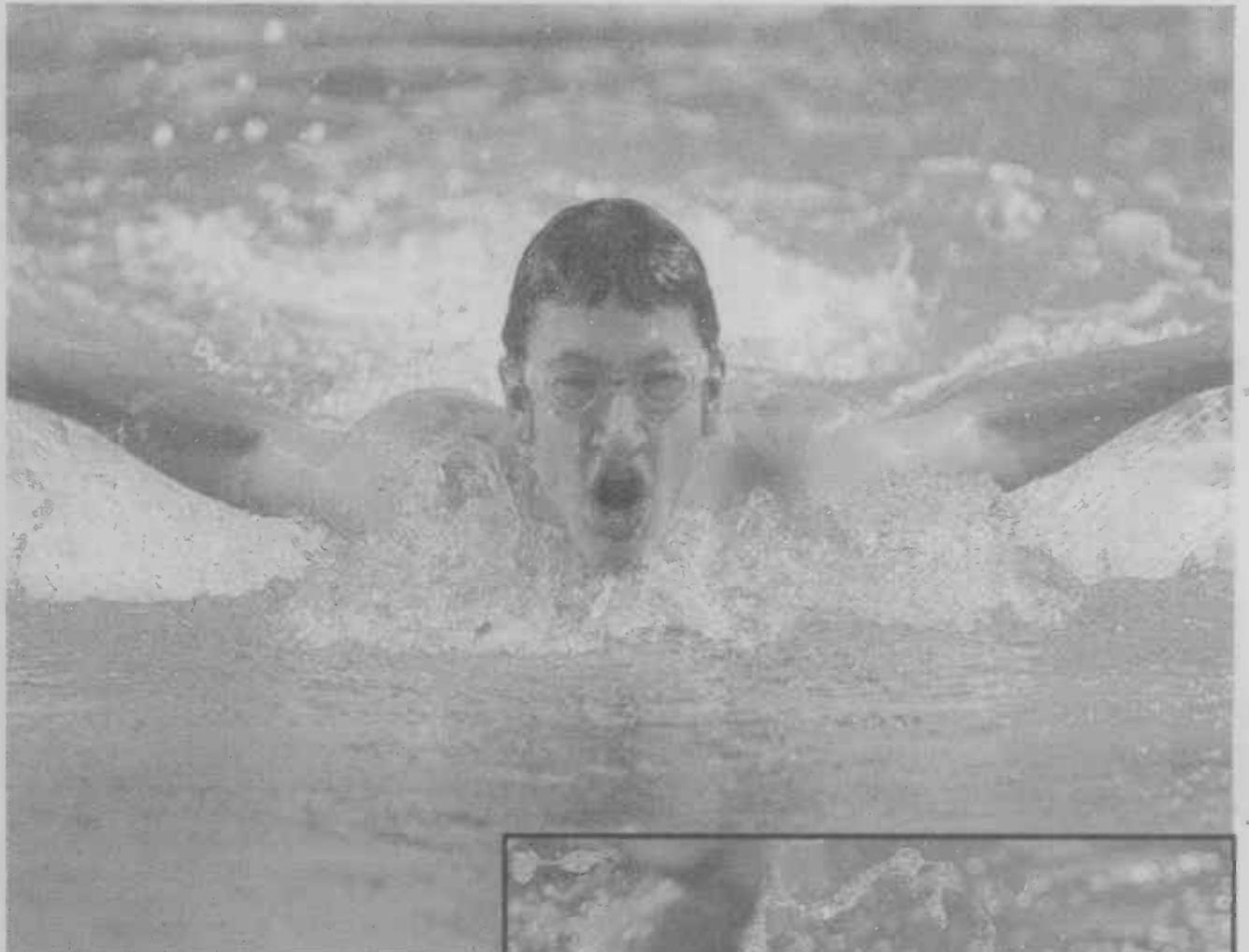
The seniors' different strengths not only provide the Dons with more diversity, they have largely removed the competitiveness from their relationship. Instead of racing in the pool, the brothers have cheered each other on and provided words of encouragement after tough races throughout their high school careers.

"I feel like we can share the experience and be there for each other more than if we were just regular teammates," Kyle Collins said.

"It's nice to have someone who knows exactly what to say to pick me up if I'm feeling kind of bad about how I did on a particular event," Eric Collins said. "I feel like I can motivate him in the same way."

The Collins brothers, who plan on attending the same college — both brothers were accepted to Illinois State and they are waiting to hear from Loyola of Chicago and Illinois — have taken important leadership roles on the Notre Dame swimming team.

Not only does the pair represent two of the team's three best swimmers, the support system they provided for each other during their first three years of high school swimming has expanded to include the other members of the team. The result is a close, tight-knit atmosphere which has allowed Notre Dame to stay positive after lopsided losses like the one it suffered at Maine East's triangular meet on Dec. 7.



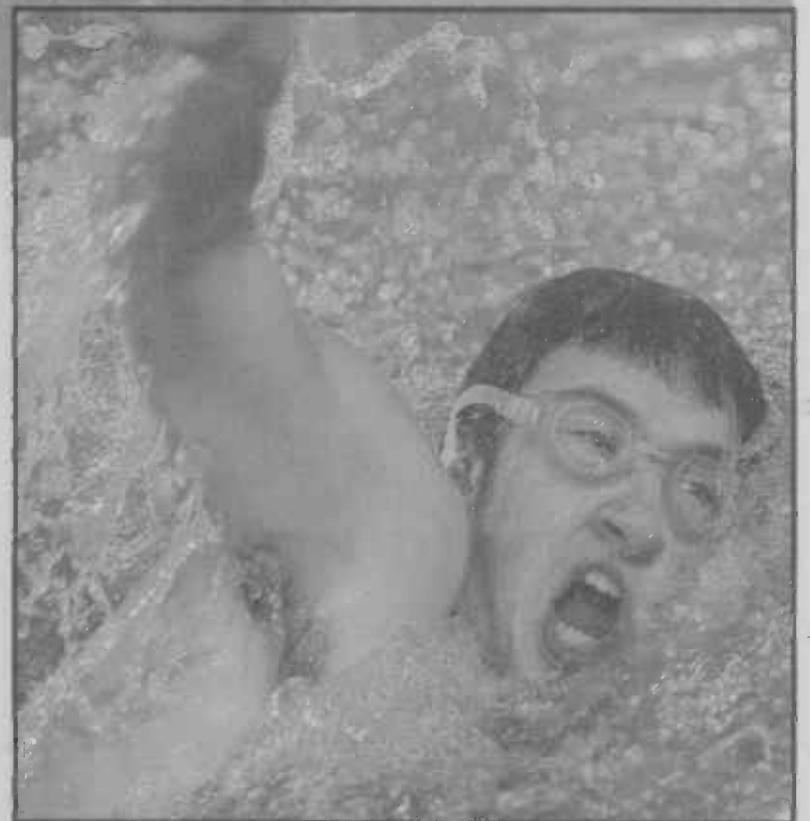
ABOVE: Notre Dame's Eric Collins swims the butterfly leg of the 200-yard individual medley on Friday in Park Ridge. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI-For Sun-Times Media.**

RIGHT: Kyle Collins of Notre Dame competes in the 200-yard freestyle at the Maine East triangular on Friday. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI-For Sun-Times Media.**

Lane won with 164 points, while the Dons scored 48.

Still, the Collins brothers' message after the meet revolved around the importance of staying positive, just like they've done with each other in the past.

"That's kind of the heart of the team — just staying positive, picking each other up and motivating each other," Eric Collins said. "It's basically like we're all just one big family. It's like we're all brothers." ■





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Today

Girls Gymnastics: Niles North at Niles West Invlte, 6 p.m.

Niles North competes five days after finishing 11th (109.35 points) at the Spartan Classic Invitational. The Vikings' top gymnast at the Glenbrook North-hosted event was Elana Rusnak, who was 10th in the vault.

Friday

Boys Swimming: Niles North at New Trier, 5:30 p.m.

The Vikings swim against the two-time defending state champions. The highest-profile race in the meet will likely be in the 100-yard freestyle, when senior Karol Mlynarski swims against New Trier senior Jack Mangan.

Senior class behind Vikings' rise

BY DAN SHALIN | Contributor | @danshalin

SKOKIE

The year before the Niles North boys swim team's current senior class arrived, the program was celebrating a third-place finish at the CSL North Meet after coming in fourth during the regular season.

Oh, how the times have changed.

North enters the 2012-13 campaign, which began Friday with a 119-67 win over rival Niles West, as the favorite to three-peat in the conference. The Vikings also expect to improve on their 20th-place finish at last year's state meet.

Many individuals and a handful of coaches, including coach Seth Orlove, have played key roles in the program's transformation. But perhaps no group has been more instrumental in the Vikings success than the Class of 2013.

The group is led by Cornell-bound Karol Mlynarski, who finished fifth in the state in the 200-yard freestyle and eighth in the 100 free last year. Javed Avdic, Aaron Brown, Earl Kim, Ian Crane and Max Wall also have been major contributors over the



Niles North's Max Wall swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay during Friday's swim meet with Niles West in Skokie. Visit skokie.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media



This Week Niles North

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday
Hosts Maine West, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Hosts Sullivan, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday
At Maine West, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Today
At Niles West "Star Is Born",
6 p.m.
Tuesday
At Glenbrook North, 5:30 p.m.

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Maine, 7:25 p.m.
Thursday (12/20)
At Twin Rinks vs. Deerfield,
7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIM

Friday
At New Trier (Winnetka) at
South Crossover, 5:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Today
Hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.
Friday
At Glenbrook South Invite,
3:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Glenbrook South Invite,
10 a.m.

years.

"The senior class has helped deliver my vision of where our program can be," Orlove said. "It has been a tremendous journey with all of them. They believe in me because I believe in them and their ability. Together we've made some great waves in the CSL North. We hope the best is yet to come this season."

While expectations have never been higher, the Vikings do face some challenges this season. Namely, the program is without a home pool while a new facility rises at the school. Completion date is scheduled for September 2013.



The Niles North boys swimming and diving team rallies together before its meet at Niles West on Friday. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media

As a result, North is training across town at Niles West. Sometimes the teams are in the pool at the same time. Other times, North's practices are shortened to allow West access to the pool.

Brown, one of four captains, said the senior leaders must work to keep the other swimmers focused in order to get maximum benefit from reduced pool time.

"(All the leaders) try to set an example for each other and what we should be doing," said Brown, who is hoping to swim at the Division III level. "We know we need to work hard. If somebody is slacking, we'll tell them they need to pick it up a little. We need to show (the youngsters) what it's going to take to achieve something. We

want everyone to achieve their goals."

Though the senior class will depart after this year, Brown said he expects the program's success to continue. The area's major swim clubs, most notably Swift Aquatics, continue to grow and churn out talent. The new pool will likely do nothing but help the high school program.

"The pool will be a big morale boost (for the program)," Brown said. "Typically, funding goes toward football or basketball.

"... The juniors next year will do well. I have a brother in junior high and his class has some really fast kids. I think Niles North will have a long tradition of good swimmers." ■



Niles North's Karol Mlynarski swims the opening leg of the 200-yard medley relay at the meet at Niles West on Friday. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media



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Gymnastics: Niles West at Niles West Invite, 6 p.m.

Niles West finished ninth (118.25 points) at the Spartan Classic Invitational at Glenbrook North five days ago. Sophomore Catherine Steegmüller (31.90) was 14th in the all-around on Saturday.

Friday

Boys basketball: Niles West at Evanston, 7:30 p.m.

The Wolves will try to get back on track in the CSL South after dropping their first two conference games of the season. New Trier handed Niles West its first loss of the season with a 62-45 victory on Dec. 4, and Maine South defeated the Wolves 43-33 Friday.



Niles West's Max Romanelli competes in the 200-yard medley relay during the swim meet against Niles North on Friday. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media

Last but not least: Scott follows a family of swimmers

BY DAN SHALIN | Contributor | @danshalin

Niles West freshman swimmer Eric Scott feels a little pressure because of his last name.

When Scott gazes up at the school's boys and girls record board, he can see his brother

Konner, a 2011 graduate, has the best mark in eight of 12 events, while his sister Eden, now a junior, has seven of 12 all-time bests.

But Eric clearly is a talented swimmer in his own right. At Friday's dual meet against Niles North, the youngster's performance was one of West's top performers in a 119-67 loss to the more talented Vikings.

Scott won the 500 freestyle,

Niles West's Eric Himmler swims the backstroke during the 200-yard medley relay on Friday in a dual meet against Niles North. Visit skokie.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media



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ggg Niles West's Drake Nickell swims the butterfly leg of the 200-yard medley relay during the swim meet against rival Niles North on Friday in Skokie. | **DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media**

swimming a 5:09.49 and holding off North's Ian Crane (5:09.52).

After the meet, Scott reflected on being the next, and last, of the Scott children to come through Niles West.

"I certainly feel quite a bit of pressure to live up to that over there. I think I can do it," said Eric, pointing to the record board at the Niles West pool. "The thing is, my brother and I swim different things. He swam shorter events, and I do long distance. The place where we overlap the most is in the 200 (free). Looking at that, I'm around where he was, or maybe he was a little faster than me at this age. It's possible that I could get a record or two up there, maybe."

So, what kind of high-school swimming advice has Eric gotten from Konner, who finished third in the 200 free

at the 2011 IHSA state meet and now competes at the University of Pennsylvania?

"He really didn't give me much advice other than to not be afraid and to get your homework done whenever you can," Eric said. "Also, he's always been there to provide tips like 'take your 100 out a bit faster' or 'your third 50 of your 200 is a bit slow. He also said 'you're going to be tired and have to deal with that.'"

As a freshman, Eric Scott said his major individual goal is to reach the state meet in the 500. However, the lowering of the state standard to 4:47.79 means he has to drop over 20 seconds off his current time.

It's a tough task, but senior Drake Nickell said Scott appears willing to do the work necessary to reach that goal.

"He's focused and always working as hard as he can.

He's tough. He has the same work ethic (as his brother)," said Nickell, who swam with Konner Scott for two seasons. "They are a hard-working family. They're great."

Niles West head coach Dan Vander Jeugd said Scott has plenty of talent and a good work ethic, and said the swimmer still is maturing physically.

"Eric has a lot of growing to do, you can see it in his body. He's a tiny kid right now. When he fills out, he's going to be an excellent swimmer," he said.

But don't ask Vander Jeugd to make any comparisons between Eric and his older brother.

"I never compare him, and I will never compare him (to his brother)," the coach said.

"Eric is Eric, and I'm going to train Eric in what I think he will do the best at." ■

Power Rankings

Pioneer Press Basketball Power Rankings

As voted on by the Pioneer Press sports staff. First place votes are worth 10 points, second place 9, etc.

BOYS

- 1 (t). Notre Dame 38 (2)
 - 1 (t). St. Joseph 38 (2)
 3. Lake Forest 30
 4. Maine South 27
 5. Fenwick 23
 6. Loyola 18
 7. New Trier 15
 8. Niles North 10
 9. Oak Park-River Forest 7
 10. Niles West 6
- Others receiving votes: Hinsdale Central 3; Nazareth 3; Stevenson 2.

GIRLS

1. Trinity 39 (3)
 2. Fenwick 37 (1)
 - 3 (t). Evanston 28
 - 3 (t). Vernon Hills 28
 5. Maine South 27
 6. Glenbrook South 21
 7. Hinsdale Central 12
 8. Carmel 10
 9. Nazareth 8
 10. Lyons 4
- Others receiving votes: Barrington 2; New Trier.

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Niles North vs. Maine West 7 p.m.
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Saturday
Leo vs Notre Dame 4:30 p.m.
St. Joseph vs St. Patrick 6 p.m.
Niles North vs Sullivan 7 p.m.
Loyola vs St. Viator 7:30 p.m.
Maine South vs Lane Tech noon
Providence vs Nazareth 6 p.m.

HOCKEY

Friday
Lyons Township vs. Hinsdale Central 7 p.m.
Providence at Fenwick 8:30 p.m.

Saturday
Glenbrook North at Loyola Gold 6:10 p.m.

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Strong swim

Vikings sail to victory over rival Niles West

Niles North's Chris Riordan competes in the 200-yard medley relay during the Vikings' victory over Niles West on Friday. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media

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