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# Cover Story

## Library launches year of renovations

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

### NILES

The year will be a busy and significant one at the Niles Public Library which by the end of 2013 is expected to have a new look and offer more amenities that the community desires.

Library officials held a special "wall breaking" ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 10 to officially kick off the year-long renovation project.

The project will cost about \$5.58 million and will be paid for from library reserves.

"We have done about 12 years worth of accumulating in the special reserves fund in order to plan for it," said Niles Library Marketing Director Sue Wilsey.

"The library rehab project is being funded without tax increases or borrowing," said Library Board Member Morgan Dubiel. "It is already under budget and I hope to keep it that way."

Library Board Member Dennis O'Donovan said that a couple of years ago he had the idea of making a café-style area to sit, read and have coffee.

That one idea transformed into the major renovation project that is planned, he said.

Wilsey added that the library held focus groups in order to get the community's input regarding what they wanted to see in a renovated library.

For instance, many patrons wanted to see more meeting spaces and so the library made sure these were included in the renovation plan. Students will be able to find more places to study in a group setting and more open gathering spaces will also be provided.

"We're just really excited," said Niles Public Library Director Linda Weiss. "We're creating more space for the people. We know the nature of the public library is changing. We're trying to keep up with the changes."

Some major components of the project include an automated check-in and sorting system for



An artist's rendering of what a portion of the Niles Library's second-floor fiction and audiovisual collection will look like once renovations are complete. | CONTRIBUTED IMAGE

materials; a renovated entrance area; a new café with vending machines; a fireplace and relaxing reading space on the third floor; a new computer-training lab; and a special area for middle-school aged children.

In addition, a new HVAC and boiler system will be installed.

The hope is that the library will be able to continue business as usual, unlike its last renovation in 1998 when materials had to be temporarily relocated to another building.

The library, located at 6960 Oakton St., was built in 1965, but underwent extensive reconstruction in 1998.

Dubiel said he is supportive of the self check-out, but he feels the conveyer belt portion of that project is too costly and would prefer the library to hire a part-time staff member instead.

The total for the equipment and installation of the system is \$366,000, explained Wilsey, explaining the system would not make sense without the conveyer belt.

Weiss said the self check-in and check-out system will be very convenient for patrons and help free up library staff members.

Weiss said the renovation will occur from the outside in, beginning with the addition of a new board room and the reading area on third floor. ■

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# Subpoenas directed at District 207 superintendent, principals

BY JON SEIDEL AND BECKY SCHLIKERMAN

## PARK RIDGE

A Cook County grand jury sought a wide range of records from the superintendent of Maine Township High School District 207 and the principals of its three high schools as prosecutors began to review allegations of hazing at Maine West High School, subpoenas obtained by the Sun-Times show.

Maine Township High School District 207 officials refused until last week to even acknowledge the existence of the subpoenas. The Sun-Times continued to push for their release after breaking the news that they'd been issued and the district relented Monday.

The subpoenas released by the district are dated just days after Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez's office announced a "complete and thorough, top-to-bottom" review that began Dec. 4 of hazing allegations at Maine West High School.

The district has since voted to fire Maine West varsity soccer coach Michael Divincenzo for allegedly letting varsity players go on a "campus run" in September where they allegedly hazed less senior players by assaulting them and sodomizing them with fingers and sticks, among other accusations.

Similar claims are made in a lawsuit filed against the Maine Township schools that also names Divincenzo, freshman soccer coach Emilio Rodriguez and Maine West High School Principal Audrey Haugan.

The grand jury directed two subpoenas Dec. 6 to Haugan and Maine Township Supt. Ken Wallace.

From Wallace, the grand jury sought codes or rules covering student athletes, teachers and coaches, and any similar writings on the topics of "hazing, sexual misconduct or physical misconduct in any manner associated with Maine West High School."

Finally, on Dec. 7, the grand jury directed four additional subpoenas to Wallace, Haugan, Maine East High School Principal Michael Pressler and Maine South High School Principal Shawn Messmer.

The district redacted a portion of those subpoenas, citing the right to protect students' identities. However, they show the grand jury sought "any and all letters, e-mails, reports, memorandums, call logs, writings, recordings, or other such material regarding" the redacted topic, "including any such documents from within the school records or school file."

Haugan, Pressler and Messmer did not return calls Monday. Maine Township school officials said in a statement they're cooperating fully with all agencies investigating the alleged hazing. Des Plaines police and child welfare officials have also looked into the matter.

The district is expected to hire an attorney to conduct another independent investigation into the hazing claims at a special school board meeting later this month. ■



# Citizen involvement urged for budget process

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

## NILES

The next fiscal year's budget was one of a few items discussed during the Niles Village Board's very first "informal consideration meeting" on Jan. 8, with some elected officials calling for more public involvement when it comes to how the village spends tax dollars.

Some trustees indicated that they want to see more citizen input on the 2013-14 spending plan before it is voted on and takes affect May 1.

"I would advocate for letting people be part of this process," said Village Trustee Rosemary Palicki, pointing

out that last year residents were not allowed to comment on the budget at a March meeting under an order from Mayor Robert Callero. "At the April meeting, it's really almost too late."

A series of open budget workshops are tentatively scheduled to be held in March and a public hearing on the budget will occur in April before trustees formally vote on the appropriation ordinance.

"I think there's a real value to allowing residents to make comments," said resident Mary Marusek who is running for trustee in the April election.

Trustee Louella Preston,

who is running for re-election this year, said she made some budget requests that were not put into last year's budget. Callero replied that he asked for a hard copy of the requests, but never received them on his desk.

Preston added that she would like the upcoming budget to include a secretary for the new village manager. She said there were times trustees asked for written communications and were told the village manager did not have time to provide them.

As she has in the past, Preston again requested that the village hire someone to do a comprehensive audit of all

the village departments that have not been audited lately. In addition, she questioned the village's tree trimming and recycling budget. Preston said that the number of people recycling in Niles is about 21 percent which is less than other towns which average 30 percent or more. Preston felt part of the problem is residents receive one small bin, as opposed to larger recycling containers.

Trustee Andrew Przybylo, who is running for mayor this year, said the village should work on efficiency, keeping taxes down and creating a healthy business environment.

"Anything you can do to

do those things is going to be a winning formula," Przybylo said, urging staff to keep those goals in mind when drafting the 2014 budget.

Instead of meeting just once a month, the board is now conducting what is called an informal consideration meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Regular Village Board meetings, where formal action is taken, will continue to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The village has set tentative budget workshop dates for March, 12, 19 and 28. All will take place at Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Dr., and are open to the public. ■

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# Skater returns to run show at Iceland rink

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

## NILES

Amy Forbes, of Chicago, has been the ice skating director at Iceland skating rink in Niles for the past three years.

Forbes, who took her first skating lessons at Iceland as a child, has performed in several shows and has choreographed various pieces for her skaters.

**Q: When did you first take skating lessons at Iceland?**

**A:** I was eight years old. My first lesson was at Iceland. I was a skater here my whole career until I was in college. I was a coach throughout college as well.

**Q: What do you enjoy best about ice skating?**

**A:** My favorite part of skating is the performances and skating in shows. And the costumes.

**Q: What was your first job at Iceland?**

**A:** My first job was in the ice arena. I worked in the concessions stand. I've had several other jobs with the Park District; I started coaching in 1994.

**Q: What do you enjoy the most about teaching ice skating?**

**A:** My favorite part of

teaching (students) is keeping them with me through their college years and seeing them grow up. I have several students of mine that I mentored that are instructors now.

**Q: What do you feel kids learn from ice skating and performing in shows in addition to the technical aspects?**

**A:** A lot of the reason I stay in this sport and in coaching is the discipline they learn. They learn discipline and to be healthy and stay healthy and be committed to something. They learn how to prepare for many of life's challenges. It takes a lot of courage to go out by yourself and skate a program. They learn how to deal with stressful situations.

**Q: How have the families and the community responded to annual shows and ice skating in general?**

**A:** Since I came on staff three years ago, our club — while primarily for skating — has a really good sense of community. We go to competitions together. Our parents are all volunteers for our competition in February and our ice show in May. We have a big support base.

**Q: Have you competed in ice skating competitions?**

**A:** As a child I was an individual competitor as well as a synchronized skating competitor (nationally). I also followed in the footsteps of my coach. I



Amy Forbes, ice skating director at Iceland in Niles, skates in a professional performance. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

skated in professional shows and choreographed in professional shows.

**Q: What advice would you give new ice skaters to help them be successful in ice skating?**

**A:** I had a coach who said to me, "You can always coach forever, but you can't skate

forever." Coaching is very rewarding. There's always things you can do with your skating besides going to the Olympics.

**Q: How did it feel to come back and be an instructor where you used to take lessons yourself?**

**A:** It's very surreal. ■



## Parolee charged with Maine Township burglary

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

### MAINE TOWNSHIP

A Chicago man who was reportedly caught breaking into an unincorporated Maine Township apartment has been tied to the burglary of another nearby residence.

John W. Gilliam, 35, was charged with felony residential burglary after he was taken into custody Jan. 8 inside an apartment on the 8900 block of Kennedy Drive.

According to Cook County Sheriff's Police, Gilliam, who was on parole for residential burglary and theft convictions, was discovered inside the apartment after a neighbor called police to report

suspicious noises coming from the residence at around 1:40 p.m.

Police said Gilliam was in possession of a screwdriver, pocket knife and tire iron, as well as jewelry. Police later determined the jewelry had been reported stolen from an apartment on the 9600 block of Brandy Court, said Sheriff's Department Spokeswoman Sophia Ansari.

Ansari said the resident of the Kennedy Drive apartment declined to pursue prosecution against Gilliam, but police were able to connect him to the Brandy Court burglary and he was subsequently charged with that crime.

Police initially said Gilliam was in possession of keys that belonged to a stolen vehicle, but Ansari said it has since been determined that the vehicle had not been stolen.

Gilliam remained in Cook County Jail with bond set at \$100,000. His next court date is Jan. 24. ■



John  
Gilliam

## Two charged with drug possession

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

### NILES

A Park Ridge man and a Niles teenager were arrested on drug charges Jan. 4 after the teen allegedly attempted to dispose of five baggies of suspected marijuana inside a Niles hair salon.

Niles Police said the 17-year-old Niles boy ran into a salon on the 7200 block of Dempster Street after an officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in which he was a passenger.

According to police an off-duty Chicago police officer who was getting his hair cut inside the establishment reported seeing the teen pull several small bags from his pocket

and put them on a chair. Police said five bags, containing suspected marijuana, were recovered and the boy was taken into custody. He was charged with possession of marijuana and obstructing a police officer and was awaiting a petition to juvenile court.

Police also charged Justin Czerwionka, 19, of 3096 S. Fairview Ave., Park Ridge, with felony delivery of marijuana and felony possession of marijuana. Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said Czerwionka, an occupant of the vehicle police had initially stopped, was accused of selling the five bags of suspected marijuana to the 17-year-old.

The vehicle's other occupant, identified as Joseph Nelson, 19, of 2500 Ashbury, Park Ridge, was charged with a felony count of possessing a fraudulent driver's license after police reportedly found two fake licenses in Nelson's property during a search.

Both Czerwionka and Nelson are scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 24. ■



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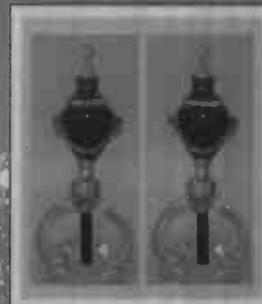
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## Serial salon robber suspected in second Niles hold-up

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

### NILES

A man suspected of robbing several suburban hair salons struck again in Niles this week, police said.

The robbery was reported at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Hair Cuttery, 8303 Golf Rd.

Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said a man in his 30s entered the shop, approached the counter and, when an employee came to help him, displayed a handgun and demanded money.

The employee placed an undisclosed amount of cash inside a bag the suspect was carrying and he left the store, police said.

Tornabene said the robber is believed to be the same man who targeted another Niles salon on Dec. 28 as

well as two salons in Skokie and one in Morton Grove.

"The pattern is pretty similar," Tornabene said.

The Skokie robberies were reported Dec. 27 at Hair Cuttery, 9442 Skokie Blvd., and Jan. 10 at Supercuts, 3539 Dempster St. The Morton Grove robbery was reported Jan. 3 at Great Clips, 6761 Dempster St.

Additional robberies have also been reported at salons in Bensenville, Lombard, Glen Ellyn and Chicago, according to Skokie Police.

The suspect is described as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighing 200 pounds. In the latest Niles robbery he was wearing dark sunglasses and a black jacket with the hood covering his head.

Anyone with information on the robberies or the suspect is asked to contact the Niles Police Department's Investigations Unit at (847) 588-6500. ■

## Man involved in two accidents charged with DUI

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

### GLENVIEW

A Glenview man with prior convictions for intoxicated driving is facing more charges following two separate crashes that left a Wilmette resident seriously injured.

Jerzy Orczyk, 60, was charged with aggravated driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident in connection with the Jan. 6 accidents in unincorporated Glenview.

Cook County Sheriff's Police said

Orczyk was driving south on Greenwood Road just after 3 p.m. when he ran a red light at Central Road, striking a 2012 Honda Accord that was driving east on Central. Orczyk then reportedly continued south on Greenwood in the northbound lanes, crashing into a 2005 Subaru Outback driven by a 66-year-old man from Niles.

Police said Orczyk continued driving the wrong way on Greenwood before hitting a street sign and driving into a ditch near Greenbriar Drive.

The driver of the Accord, a 56-year-old Wilmette man, sustained serious injuries in the accident and was treated at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, police said. The Subaru's driver declined medical assistance, according to police.

Orczyk has two prior DUI convictions in Cook County from 2000 and 2006, Sheriff's Police said. ■

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**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Alexander Hwang, 38, of 6321 Dempster St., Morton Grove, was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal trespass on Jan. 4. Police said on Jan. 3 Hwang was ordered not to return to a retail establishment on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue after he was allegedly verbally abusive to an employee and customers during multiple visits. The following day an employee told police that Hwang returned to the store and started yelling at customers. Hwang reportedly left the building, but

returned a few hours later and was taken into custody by police. He has a Feb. 8 court date.

**RETAIL THEFT**

George Papageorgiou, 44, of 4858 N. Washtenaw, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 3. Police said Papageorgiou stole DVDs, two bottles of diet pills, a bottle of Clearasil and a package of mints from a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. He had a Jan. 14 court date.

Davon Miller, 22, of 10074 Holly Ln., unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 6 after he allegedly pushed a shopping cart out the doors of a store on the 9000 block of Golf Road without paying for the merchandise inside. Police said the items included three

bottles of vodka, toys and food valued at \$74. Miller has a Feb. 9 court date.

Nicholas Ward, 21, of 4114 Cove Ln., Glenview, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 6 after he allegedly stole a \$40 coat from a store inside Golf Mill Shopping Center. He has a Feb. 19 court date.

**DUI**

Jacob Marcinak, 27, of 3822 Lake, Wilmette, was charged with driving under the influence and speeding on Jan. 5 following a traffic stop on the 7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He has a Feb. 8 court date.

**THEFT**

Two men were seen breaking into

a charitable organization's donation bin located in a parking lot on the 6100 Touhy Avenue and removing numerous bags of clothing on the afternoon of Jan. 4. They then reportedly entered a vehicle driven by a third man and left the scene. The clothing was to have been distributed to local charities, according to police.

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A man told police that his wallet was stolen Jan. 5 from an unlocked vehicle while it was parked in a driveway on the 9900 block of Warrant Oval.

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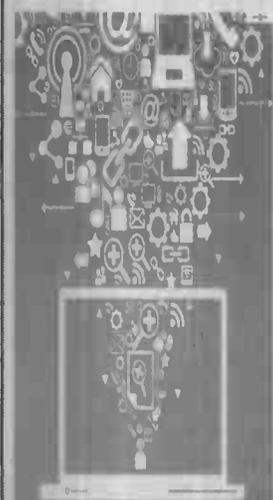
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# Seasonal flu back with a vengeance

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

## PARK RIDGE

Winter-like weather may be lagging, but the seasonal flu is back in full blast, arriving sooner and with more severity than usual.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge saw its emergency room volume jump by 20 percent because of viral-related illnesses, according to Douglas Propp, chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

The hospital typically admits 175 patients daily, he said, but the early flu season has brought well over 200 people a day to the ER.

"We usually see a gradual ramp up (of flu-like activity)", Propp said. "This came on with a large volume."

Health officials report influenza-like illnesses have been circulating with a vengeance around suburban Cook County and most of Illinois in recent weeks.

"We are seeing widespread activity much earlier than usual and an elevated number of cases of influenza," compared with previous years, said Melaney Arnold, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The state health department doesn't keep track of the incidence of influenza because it is not a reportable disease. However, the agency monitors the data reported by doctors' offices, emergency departments and nursing homes that report acute illness, as well as schools that report absenteeism rates, to determine prevalence levels.

By the first week of January, influenza had affected at least half the regions of 47 U.S. states. Illinois, one of the hardest-hit states, has endured widespread influenza activity since Dec. 9.

Last Friday the U.S. Centers for



Dr. Michael Unger gives a flu shot to Ron Branstrom, of Glenview, in his Northbrook office. The flu has been widespread and more severe this year, health officials say. | DAVID BANKS-Sun-Times Media

Disease Control and Prevention declared the nationwide flu outbreak had reached epidemic proportions.

The virus shows no signs of up letting up locally.

"We're seeing that it's continuing to rise," said Amy Poore, a spokeswoman for the Cook County Department of Public Health.

A spike in absenteeism at area schools in December hinted that the flu bug was back.

Stevenson School in Des Plaines sent letters home last month regarding the flu after some children had become ill, reported East Maine School District 63 Superintendent Scott Clay. He hasn't, however, observed significant flu activity at the district's seven schools in early 2013.

More students than usual at Maine

Township High School District 207 had come down with the flu in recent weeks, though the number of cases is nothing "too dramatic," said spokesman Dave Beery.

"The nurses are a little surprised they're not seeing even more, given how widespread the flu seems to be in the Chicago area and the country as a whole," he said.

With help from the state the District 207 School-Based Health Center at Maine East High School in Park Ridge has the flu vaccine available for uninsured students. The center purchased an additional 60 flu shots to administer to students with health insurance on a first-come, first-served basis.

The center has "a fair amount of both vaccines in stock," Beery said last week.

Seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue into May, but typically reaches its peak in January and February.

The number of influenza-associated hospitalizations in suburban Cook County has already surpassed the seasonal totals of the past two years. Since late August, the Cook County Health Department has recorded 90 flu cases at intensive care units. The same time last year only one person had been admitted for the flu. Last year's flu season saw a total of 45 flu-related ICU cases.

Respiratory illnesses last week forced over a dozen Chicago-area hospitals to temporarily divert ambulances to other facilities due to overcrowded emergency rooms.

Though flu is a main culprit, medical professionals say other viruses causing respiratory and gastrointestinal symptoms are also causing people to fall ill.

"We're seeing more than the typical, classic influenza," Propp confirmed.

But the "stomach flu" - a misnomer used to describe illnesses that cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea - is not to be confused with influenza. Rather the flu is a viral respiratory infection that mimics symptoms of the common cold with increased severity. A high fever, headache, muscle aches and extreme fatigue, are also signs.

Annual vaccination is widely recognized as the best protection against the flu. Healthy hygiene, such as frequent hand washing and covering a cough, are also important.

The CDC recommends the flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older, especially people with underlying medical conditions, pregnant women, and seniors over 65 years old.

Medical professionals agree it's not too late to get the flu shot to curb the virus' spread since the end date of flu season is anybody's guess. ■

— Susan Frick Carlman and Kimberly Fornek contributed to this report.



# More search firms sought for manager candidates

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

## NILES

The process of hiring a new manager for the village of Niles has begun.

During a Jan. 8 meeting of the Village Board Mayor Robert Callero explained the village received proposals from three manager search firms, but would like to get two more proposals.

Callero said it should be about a four-month process to find the right person for the job.

"The one thing that we all agreed upon is hiring an outside firm to do the initial search," said Trustee Chris Hanusiak. "Most of these firms have looked for village managers."

Hanusiak said the search

firm that is selected will provide a template for village manager qualifications and then the trustees will add on to that template with their own recommendations.

Callero said that the firm will probably narrow down the search to the top five candidates and then bring the top three candidates to the Village Board.

Callero added that whomever is elected mayor in April will choose who the next village manager will be, with the consent of the trustees.

"We want to get the ball rolling now," said Hanusiak, who is running for mayor against Trustee Andrew Przybylo in the April 9 race. "We don't know who's going to be the mayor. Whoever is going to be the mayor is going to make the final decision."

The Village Board also has a search firm committee

composed of Trustee Louella Preston, Przybylo and Callero.

At the Jan. 8 meeting Preston read a lengthy list of qualifications for village manager that were listed in a brochure for the city of Elmhurst.

Preston said she agreed with the various qualifications in the Elmhurst brochure, such as the village manager having an "entrepreneurial spirit," experience in securing state and federal grants, experience with budgets and fiscal management, effective communication abilities with media relations, and experience with long-range and strategic planning.

Preston also called for the new village manager to have a secretary and that the upcoming fiscal year's budget include funding for the position. ■



Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki, left, and Mayor Robert Callero, right, join new Niles police officers Christopher Koch and Kelly Dolan. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## New officers join Niles Police Department

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## NILES

The Niles Police Department added two new police officers to its ranks on Jan. 3.

Sworn in were Officer Kelley Dolan and Officer Christopher Koch. The two were hired to replace

two officers who retired in 2012.

Dolan and Koch will now begin a 12-week training program at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage. Once they complete training they will return to the Niles Police Department to undergo 14 weeks of field training before taking on full police officer duties. ■

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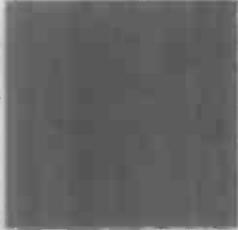
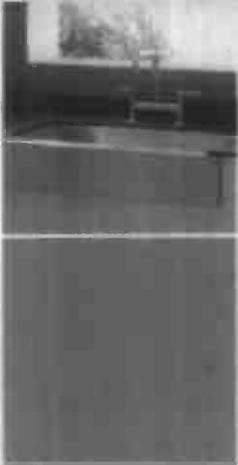
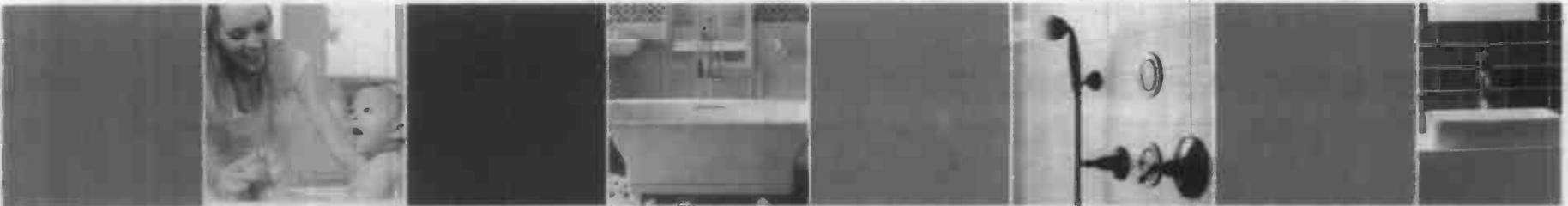
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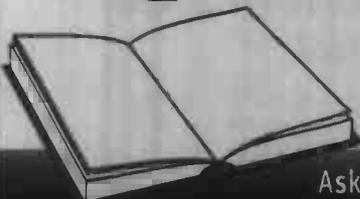
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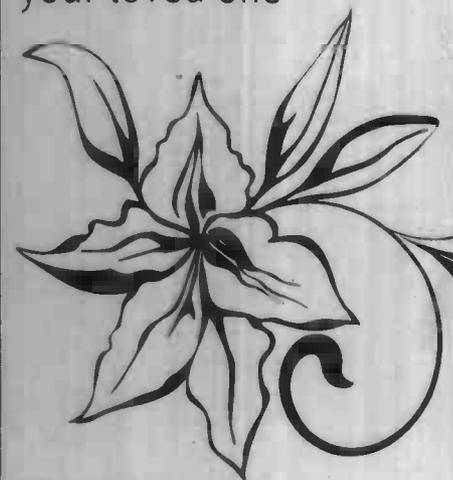
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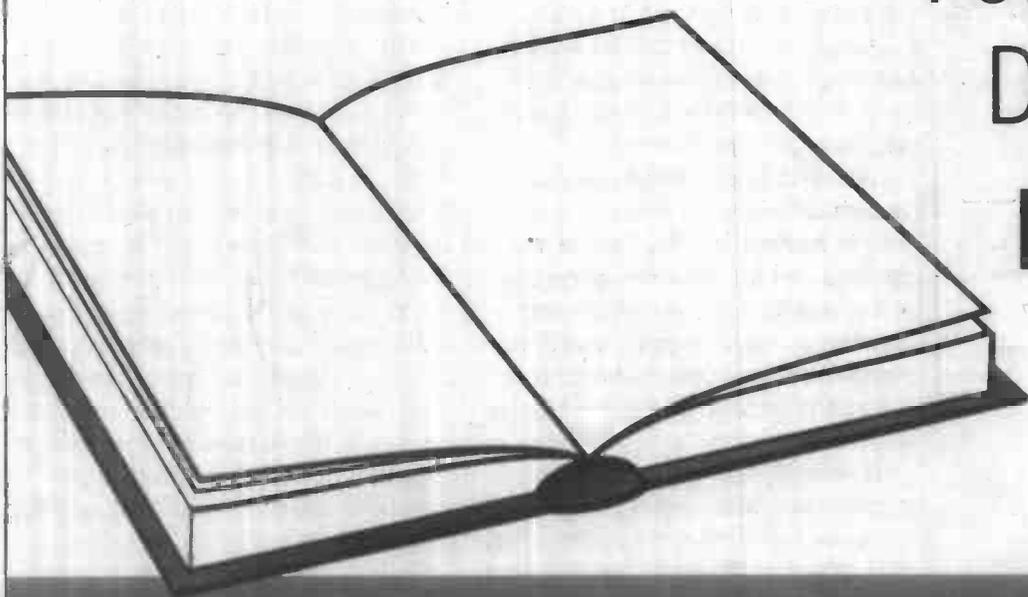
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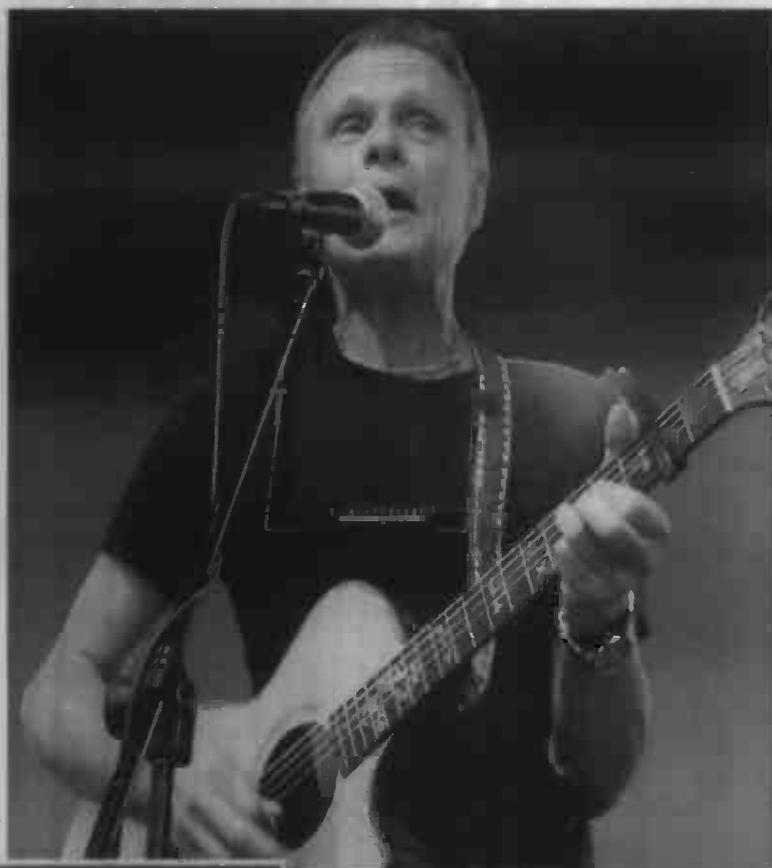
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Many older adults are at risk for health complications because of poor nutrition, and new research shows that seniors living at home are at higher risk due to the combined medical and social issues.

The causes of malnutrition may appear straightforward, but often they are more complicated.

"They all go together, they really go hand in hand," said Alisa Levine, a registered and licensed dietitian and nutritionist with Live Your Best 365 who provides medical nutritional therapy to prevent and manage chronic conditions. "The physical, social and emotional components, if someone can no longer cook for themselves and the quality and quantity of food is now dependent on someone else and now all of a sudden different medications are on board."

Among the conditions that can cause nutritional deficiencies are limited income, dental issues or chronic illnesses that lead to decreased appetite, or certain medications.

"Certain medications actually can cause nausea, certain medications need to be taken with food or without food and the schedule alone can be a challenge for a senior," Levine said. "Some medications cause taste changes, so what used to be mom or dad's comfort food or favorite food is now not any good."

Additionally, Levine said that the social component cannot be ignored. For some, reduced social contact may cause a lack of interest in cooking or eating. Depression can also cause a loss of appetite.

Levine said it is important to look for signs of malnutrition to help recognize a potential problem as early as possible. She will do an evaluation for her clients, but said family members can



**LENNA SCOTT**  
**THE SENIOR**  
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watch for signs on their own.

"Evaluate the environment, see how meals are being prepared, who is preparing them, who is doing the shopping," she said. "Look at their skin. Signs of nutrient deficiency can include skin that doesn't heal, open sores with increased draining or transparency of the skin."

Levine recommended consulting a physician or licensed nutritionist if there is a concern about the nutritional health of a senior.

"Seniors should be weighed on a monthly basis," Levine said. "Greater than a five percent weight change within 30 days is a sign that intervention is needed."

Levine said engaging professionals can help identify and address any contributing factors. This might include changing the diet or removing any diet restrictions.

"Over a certain age, the diet restrictions of what someone can eat generally decrease," she said. "Unless something is harmful. It's about quality of life versus a number on a scale."

One caution Levine gave is reliance on pre-packaged or processed foods.

"A lot of times the senior turns to processed foods because that's what they can make on their own or that's what a caregiver has the ability to prepare for them," she said. "Processed foods are known to be higher in sodium, lower in calcium, protein and other essential vitamins and minerals."

Levine encouraged seniors to choose fresh foods packed with nutrients, such as nuts, fresh fruits and raw vegetables.

LiveYourBest365 is based in Lincolnshire and can be reached at (847) 748-8477. ■

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# What it means to you

## TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

### CHICAGO



#### Consumer protection plan has Emanuel facing rare opposition

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's plan to protect consumers against financial scams ran into a buzzsaw of opposition last week from retailers and debt collectors fearful they could lose their licenses for mere technical violations.

The City Council's Committee on License and Consumer Protection — under pressure from a hearing room full of critics led by the Illinois Retail Merchants Association — put off a vote on Emanuel's plan to license and regulate debt collectors. The critics essentially accused the mayor of attacking a fly with a sledgehammer and dictating an ordinance that goes too far without consulting impacted parties.

Debt collectors also accused the mayor of going too far in his crackdown against an industry that's already heavily regulated by the state and federal governments.

The mayor's office responded to the opposition by saying, "Both Chairman [Emma] Mitts and the mayor are committed to promoting a thriving business environment while protecting responsible, working families from predatory enterprises. Chairman Mitts asked for a few additional days to review the ordinance before passing the legislation in her committee and moving it to the full council next week." ■

— Chicago Sun-Times

### SPRINGFIELD



#### Criminal charges don't slow newly sworn-in state legislators

Engulfed by pomp and pension hangover, a new crop of 177 Illinois lawmakers was sworn into office last week with part of this legislative class confronted with the less-than-honorable prospect of one day moving from the Statehouse to the Big House.

At no time in recent political memory have so many sitting Illinois lawmakers been under criminal indictment at the same time — let alone on an inauguration day that's usually marked by a refreshing respite in political feuding, parties and family portraits on the floors of the House and Senate.

But as the new 98th General Assembly took its oath, three state legislators face criminal charges in a reminder of how a state with two former governors in federal prison hasn't shaken its robust reputation for political corruption.

Among the group is state Rep. Derrick Smith (D-Chicago), whose federal bribery charge for allegedly accepting \$7,000 from an undercover FBI informant led House colleagues to drive him from office last August. State Rep. La Shawn Ford (D-Chicago) faces federal bank fraud charges, and state Sen. Donne Trotter (D-Chicago) faces a felony charge for allegedly attempting to pass through a security checkpoint at O'Hare Airport with a gun in a duffle bag. ■

— Chicago Sun-Times

### WASHINGTON



#### U.S. banks to pay \$8.5 billion in mortgage, foreclosure settlement

Hundreds of thousands of Americans stand to benefit from the latest mortgage-abuse settlement, but consumer advocates say U.S. banks may be getting the best of the deal.

Banks have agreed to pay \$8.5 billion to settle charges that they wrongfully foreclosed on millions of homeowners in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Abuses included "robo-signing," when banks automatically signed off on foreclosures without properly reviewing documents.

But the agreement will also help eliminate huge potential liabilities for the banks.

Consumer advocates complained that regulators settled for too low a price by letting banks avoid full responsibility for foreclosures that victimized families and fueled an exodus from neighborhoods across the country.

The settlement ends an independent review of loan files required under a 2011 action by regulators.

The banks, which include JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Wells Fargo, will pay about \$3.3 billion to homeowners to end the review of foreclosures. The rest of the money — \$5.2 billion — will be used to reduce mortgage bills and forgive outstanding principal on home sales that generated less than borrowers owed on their mortgages. ■

— The Associated Press

VIEWPOINT | Pioneer Press

## Sadly, a do-over on pensions

The state Legislature has failed badly.

After talking for two years about cutting state pension costs, lawmakers came up miserably short during the lame-duck session. The new General Assembly, with a complement of new legislators, began last week. All bills currently in play are officially dead and legislators must start over.

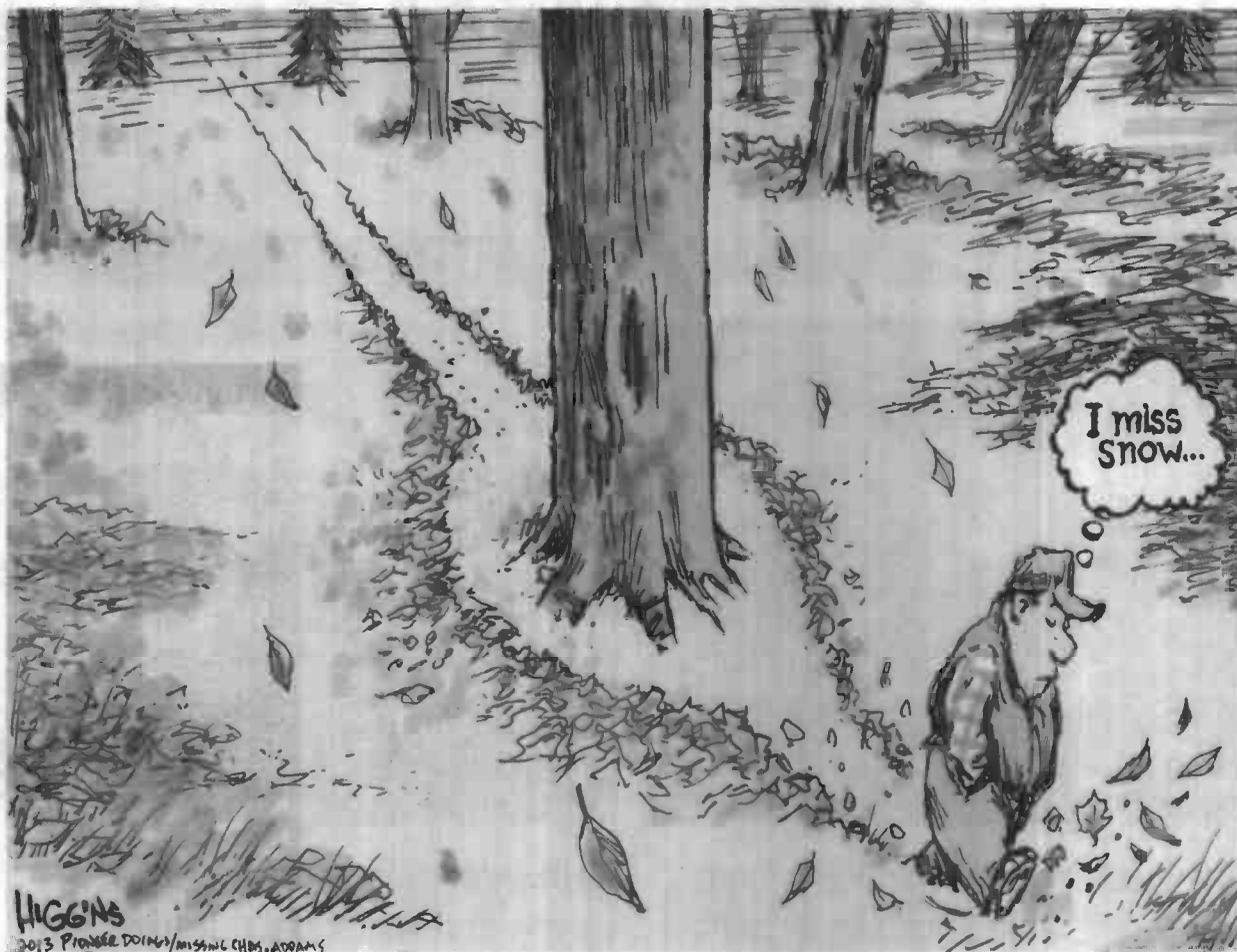
Unbelievably, no pension bills even came for a vote during the session, including a well-intended but unworkable Hail Mary from Gov. Pat Quinn.

After their stunning failure, legislative leaders said all the right things about getting back to work. The two main pension bills will be refiled immediately, one by Rep. Elaine Nekritz and Sen. Daniel Biss and another by Sen. President John Cullerton. This time around, notably, Cullerton's bill will cover four pension systems rather than only two.

The only good news is that the hard work is mostly done. The broad contours of a painful but desperately needed pension overhaul are at hand.

All that's missing is courage. ■

1,000 WORDS | Jack Higgins



## Cheaters should be denied Hall admission

It is time for Major League Baseball to acknowledge what everyone knows, exposed by this year's Hall of Fame vote when players with obvious Cooperstown numbers failed to get enough votes to be enshrined.

Cheating by players taking steroids was so rampant in the 1990s that the heart of the game — the statistics, which connect one generation of players to the next — was rendered meaningless.

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa cheated when they battled it out in 1998 to break Roger Maris' home run record. A jealous Barry Bonds cheated to set the all-time single season home run record and the career record. Roger Clemens cheated to pitch better at the end of his career than he did at its peak.

Those veteran players all had slam-dunk Hall of Fame numbers. Some had Hall of Fame careers before the doping started. And all of them were denied entry into Cooperstown by the Baseball Writers' Association of America last week.

If I had my way, all of them would be banned from baseball, just like Pete Rose and Shoeless Joe Jackson.



RANDY  
BLASER

If there was a way to do it, I'd like to see their statistics removed from baseball history. Oh, Bonds can brag in bars about his 73-homer season and his 762 career homers. But I would like baseball to declare Roger Maris the best single season home run hitter ever with 61 and

crown Hank Aaron as baseball's all-time home run king with 755.

The statistics compiled by the cheaters can be just put down a memory hole, as George Orwell used to say.

Don't get me wrong. I know cheating has been a part of baseball for a long time. My high school coach used to say that it is only cheating if you get caught. But he was referring

to little things, like pretending you made the tag at third even if you didn't or running out a dropped third strike even if it wasn't a dropped third strike. As A.J. Pierzynski found out in Chicago's most famous dropped third strike play, sometimes you get lucky.

Is that cheating?

How about when a catcher like Elston Howard would drop the ball in the mud to load up a spitter for a pitcher like Whitey Ford in a crucial moment in a close game? Or at least making the batter think that's what he was doing.

There is a difference between giving your team an edge in a game through a feint or a battle of wits and taking illegal drugs for years so you can hit the most home runs and gain the most fame and the most financial reward. ■

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# A successful effort

Maine Township would like to congratulate the Niles Police Department for decorating the winning tree at the recent Golf Mill Festival of Trees.

As a result of the festival, Maine Township's Food Pantry was the recipient of 7,153 donated food items. This amount greatly replenished our

shelves for holiday distribution. We would also like to thank all who voted for their favorite tree by bringing in a non-perishable food item. This set a record for items collected and shows how much our residents care and are willing to help the less fortunate.

On behalf of the elected officials and staff at Maine Township, I sincerely thank all who participated and especially for those who showed such generosity. Best wishes for a safe and healthy new year. ■

Carol A. Teschky  
Maine Township Supervisor

## Youth Campus a 'good bet'

While I waffle on adding to my taxes, I am a realist at heart and really believe we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire the Youth Campus property with the April referendum. As a banker and family man, I know it makes good money sense.

The cost to my family nets out to only about \$70 bucks a year. Towns such as Winnetka, Barrington, Glenview, Northbrook and other "peer" suburbs have already increased investment in their parks and recreational services. The difference now between our direction and theirs is both noticeable and dramatic. It is disturbing.

We have hope. I am so impressed with the preliminary plan for the Youth Campus park in its balance of quality recreation and leisure opportunities while protecting assets, natural resources, and open space

for generations. Given considerable options that prospective new residents have when determining where to live - including communities farther removed from air traffic noise, I think we need to continue to help build an active, vibrant community identity and a sustainable environment by promoting healthy lifestyles for residents of all ages and abilities through high quality parks, programs, and facilities.

Park Ridge must show the leadership and vision to improve programming reach and diversity, align community feedback with fiscal responsibility, broaden and deepen our park and recreation offerings to all ages and ever-changing interests, and increase our park capacity, utilization, and legacy. It's a first-class challenge, and a money good bet. ■

Robert Leach  
Park Ridge

## Niles Herald-Spectator Wants to Hear from You

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# Question of the Week



At Hinkley Park in Park Ridge we asked, "If you could talk to Martin Luther King, Jr., what would you ask or tell him?"



**A** Hunter Courtney  
Park Ridge

"I'd ask him what he thinks about the iPhone 5." ■



**A** Anthony Michal  
Park Ridge

"What would have had a bigger impact towards the civil rights movement: you being assassinated or staying alive?" ■



**A** Derek Kozinski  
Lincolnwood

"I'd ask him what he thought about Aretha Franklin's performance during the presidential inauguration." ■



**A** Patricia Nelson  
Chicago

"I would tell him he did a good job for the civil rights movement." ■

## People Poll

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

"Do you support gay marriage in Illinois?"

### RESPONSES

- 1) Yes: 60%
- 2) No: 39%
- 3) Undecided: 1%

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

To respond to this week's People Poll question, visit [niles.suntimes.com](http://niles.suntimes.com).

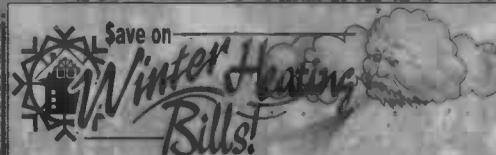
"When do you start paying attention to the races in local elections?"

### RESPONSES

- 1) A few months out.
- 2) A month before.
- 3) A week before.
- 4) Never.

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# Education in Focus

## Maine South Orchesis dances all the way to Disney

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

### PARK RIDGE

It's a busy time of year for Maine South High School's Orchesis dance team which just wrapped up its annual show at the Park Ridge school and will be performing at Walt Disney World tomorrow.

Amelia Faulstick, director of Orchesis, said that Walt Disney World provides students in the performing arts the opportunity to submit an audition tape and perform on a stage at the Florida theme park if they are selected.

Maine South Orchesis was one of the groups chosen this year.

"It gives them a broader opportunity to perform, not just for people in their community, but from all over the world," said Faulstick.

Orchesis members will be dancing in eight different numbers during the Disney World appearance.

Orchesis performed at Disney World a few years ago and the group plans to return every few years.

The dance team recently

presented its circus-themed 2012 show entitled "Under the Big Top" with the large majority of the dances choreographed by Orchesis members. They chose the best of these numbers to perform at Disney World.

"This is not about just learning dance pieces," Faulstick said of Orchesis. "The whole experience is about learning how to be a part of a team and being responsible for something they've committed to."

Maggie Fleita and Megan Hinds are both seniors and have been a part of Orchesis since their Freshman year.

"I decided to be in Orchesis because I liked the contemporary and ballet aspects of it," said Fleita who is also president of the club. "It had a lot of diversity in terms of dance types."

"I have loved Orchesis because of the choreography aspect," added Hinds. "It's been a creative outlet for me throughout my time at Maine South."

Hinds acknowledged that preparing for performances is "a lot of hard work," with rehearsals lasting late into the evening on the days prior to the annual show.

"It's worth it though," she said. "It's the best weekend of the year for me."

Faulstick, director of Orchesis for eight years, said the girls participate in fundraising activities and they



Maine South orchesis dancers perform the opening number of their show, "Under the Big Top," on the Park Ridge high school's stage. The dance troupe is performing pieces from their show at Walt Disney World on Jan. 18. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

generally raise about 80 percent of what it will cost them to travel to and perform at Disney World. She feels that fundraising is a positive experience for the teens to have.

The girls do a cookie-dough sale that has been popular and successful at the school. They have also partnered with various local businesses, such as Yogli Mogli yogurt shop in Niles,

held various benefit nights where a certain portion of the proceeds went to Orchesis and sold coupon cards.

In addition to the annual show and Disney appearance, the dance company has attended the Illinois High School Dance Festival, learning many genres of dance over the course of a day. There is also a festival showcase for student choreography during the event.

Orchesis members are Alannah Baresky, Dora Bialy, Becca Blazek, Julia Bork, Kristen DiPietro, Maggie Fleita, Livvie Goble, Anna Graziano, Abby Greiber, Nicole Hassman, Kathy Helfrich, Megan Hinds, Francesca Inendino, Katherine Kopoulos, Lauren Konopinski, Haley Marcin, Caitie ORourke, Jessica Self, Marrison Sulek, Kendra Suba and Kara Webster. ■



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## GEMINI JR. HIGH

### Students are recognized for first quarter

Gemini Junior High in Niles has announced its first-quarter honor students.

#### High Honors

Eighth Grade - Christena Abraham, Safa Ahmed, Parth Amin, Rose Apelacio, Andrew Callas, Emily Cashen, Bahra Chabo, Alicia Chacko, Ellen Cherkassky, Roshan Chirayil, Astha Chokshi, Muskaan Dhiman, Mary Djitha, Petros Drakontaidis, Isaiah Easo, Jeffna Elavumkal, Stephen Elliott, Bisma Farzansyed, Yasmeen Galyana, Diana Garcia, Ana-Marija Gligorevic, Tania Gonzalez, Oskar Grabowski, Bianca Han, Nikolas Haralampopoulos, Jovana Ilic, Andrew Iliescu, Julie James, Stephanie Johnson, Alyssa Jose, Paridhi Joshi, Stavros Karambinis, Rachel Koshy, Madeline Kovnat, Nicole Kozikowski, Athena Colline Lasco, Bianca Leyvi, Willencia Louis Charles, Michael Lu, Matthew Magno, Mark Mangurali, George Mathew, Jacob Mattenson, Samantha McGrath, Sebastian Mihulet, Kajal Modi, Majda Murati, Moonis Nadeem, Cassandra Opena, Tammy Nicole Palasigue, Srinivasan Pandiyan, Divya Patel, Romil Patel, Natalia Pieczonka, Rachel Plummer, Harsh Prajapati, Danielle Rosas, Brahmi Shah, Jheel Shah, Komal Shah, Mithil Shah, Niha Shamsi, Kathy Sliwinski, Paavan Soni, Annmarie Thomas, Olivia Tran, Patricia Urgiles-Leon, Joseph Varilla, Mahin Wadia, Michele Wen.

Seventh Grade - Ashley Abraham, Joanne Areno, Alisa Biju, Saroosh Bolbolan, Leigh Castisimo, Sung Yi Cho, Sarah Choi, Maleeha Farzansyed, Taylor Gammell, Diann George, Anastasia Georgopoulos, Olga Goumas, Palina Hornaya, Danijela Jevdosic, Katarzyna-Julia Klimek, Andrew Lam, Evgenios Learnahan, Damian Lis, Lauren Lozneau, Melinda Muslimovic, Harshitha Padiyar, Aditi Patel, Swarina Patel, Patrycja Pekala, Richard Phan, Laura Pokorski, Richa Shah, Austin Sibu, Smriti Singh, Monica Stefaniak, Nicholas Teng, Alyssa Tintori, Rachel Vaidya, Alexys Younan.

#### Honors

Eighth Grade - Paul Abrina, Mohammed AbuBaker, Alexandra Andriopoulos, Jacylin Jaelynn Beltran, Sara Berrum, Julie Bodiwala, Michael Bodduch, Samuel Brook, Jasmine Castro, Joleena Chavez, Cheyenne Craig, Vubin Dominic, Joshua Espinoza, Jessica Gonzalez, Veronica Gonzalez, Stephen Hamoy, Paraskeva Hasapis, Allison Hembree, Reethu James, Liaquat Javed, Joann Joseph, Pious Joseph, Chris Katris, Whitney Kennedy, Daniya Khan, Herrit Khandwala, Mohummed Malik, Lissette Martinez, Krzysztof Nagaba-Poniatowski, Battushig Ontogtokh, NilKumar Patel, Amber Price, Abhishek Rathod, Star Rischow, Tiffany Russotto, Sammer Saadeh, Amilee Sada, Sara Sahagun, Mehrab Sarwar, Lillian Shmauel, Maria Skoufos, Daniel Sobski, Karthik Thipplikat, Catherine Valeroso, Tea Vuckovic, Maja Wilczynska, Viktoriya Yanchuk, Vasilen Yordanov, Ashley Yousef, Kevin Yousif.

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## OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Holiday Spirits fundraiser**

"LawPocalypse Now," the Chicago Bar Association's annual Holiday Spirits Revue, lampoons celebrities in politics, sports, and show business. This musical satire hits the stage at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, at 8 p.m. Jan. 26.

Performed by some of Chicago's best legal minds, "LawPocalypse Now" supports student scholarships at the college.

Tickets are \$50 and include a reception and post-performance party. For reservations, call the

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**Oakton Special Interest classes**

Head on over to Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, for a variety of special interest courses offered through the Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning.

**Chinese I (LCH B01-01)** - Study modern Chinese. Emphasis is on daily conversation and Chinese culture. Eight-week course meets 7-9 p.m. Thursdays starting Jan. 24. Course fee is \$154.

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7:40-8:40 p.m. Thursdays starting Jan. 24. Course fee is \$55.

Students will be charged an \$8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, visit [www.oakton.edu/all](http://www.oakton.edu/all), or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

**Examine the life of James Cagney**

Take a look at one of Hollywood's top stars of the 1930s by enrolling in a new cinematic arts course offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College.

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For more information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or (847) 982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes and events, visit [www.oakton.edu/emmeritus](http://www.oakton.edu/emmeritus). ■

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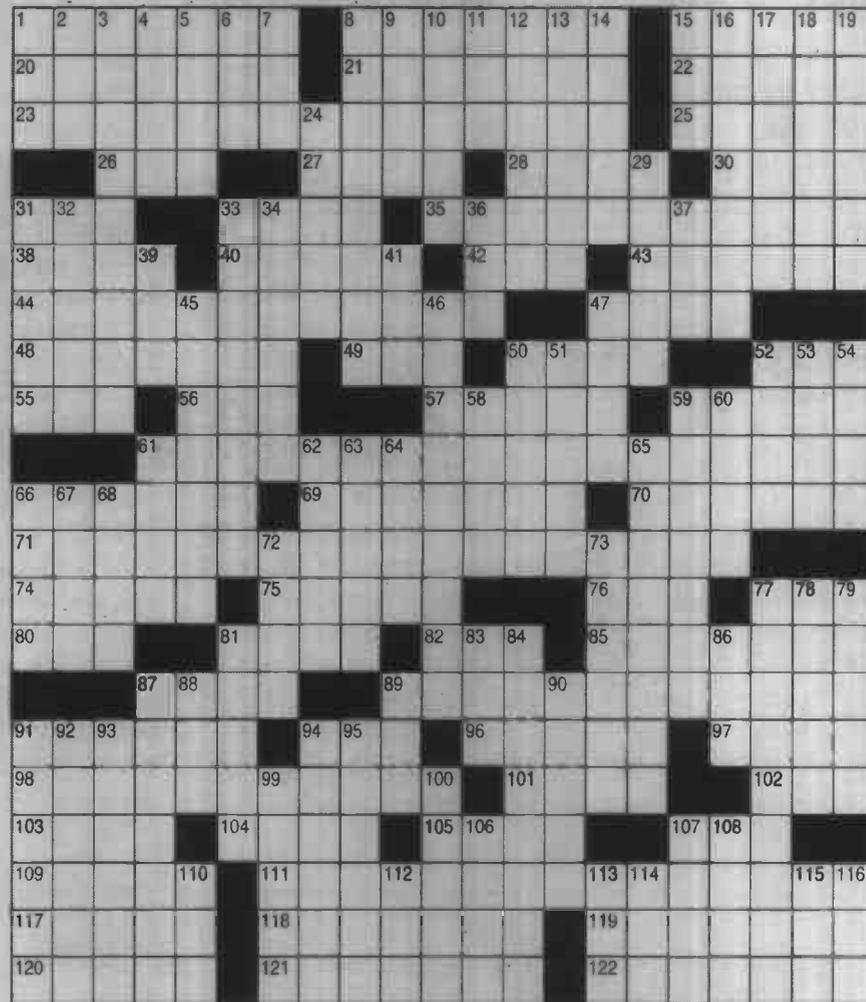
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 61 Filly's mother  
 62 Love, in Nice  
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 64 "QB VII" author  
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 66 Rock concert gear  
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 78 Early pope  
 79 Push  
 81 City in Italy  
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 89 "The Raven" writer  
 90 "Fallen" actor Koteas  
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## SUDOKU

BY LINDA THISTLE

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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

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## HOROSCOPES

### For the week of January 23 to January 29

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
 You're eager to take on that new opportunity opening up as January gives way to February. Now all you need to do is resist quitting too early. Do your best to stay with it.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
 Doff a bit of that careful, conservative outlook and let your brave Bovine self take a chance on meeting that new challenge. You could be surprised at how well you do.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
 You might not want to return to the more serious tasks facing you. But you know it's what you must do. Cheer up. Something more pleasant soon will occupy your time.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
 As you dutifully tidy up your end-of-the-month tasks, your fun self emerges to urge you to do something special: A trip (or a cruise, maybe?) could be just what you need.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)**  
 Your achievements are admirable as you close out the month with a roar. Now you can treat yourself to some well-earned time off for fun with family or friends. (Or both!)

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)**  
 Be sure you know the facts before you assume someone is holding back on your project. Try to open your mind before you give someone a piece of it.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)**  
 You might feel comfortable in your familiar surroundings, but it might be time to venture into something new. There's a challenge out there that's just right for you.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)**  
 Your love of things that are new gets a big boost as you encounter a situation that opens up new and exciting vistas. How far you go with it depends on you.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)**  
 That recent workplace shift might not seem to be paying off as you expected. But

be patient. There are changes coming that could make a big difference.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)**  
 While few can match the Goat's fiscal wizardry, you still need to be wary in your dealings. There might be a problem you should know about sooner rather than later.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)**  
 Easy does it when it comes to love and all the other good things in life. Don't try to force them to develop on your schedule. Best to let it happen naturally.

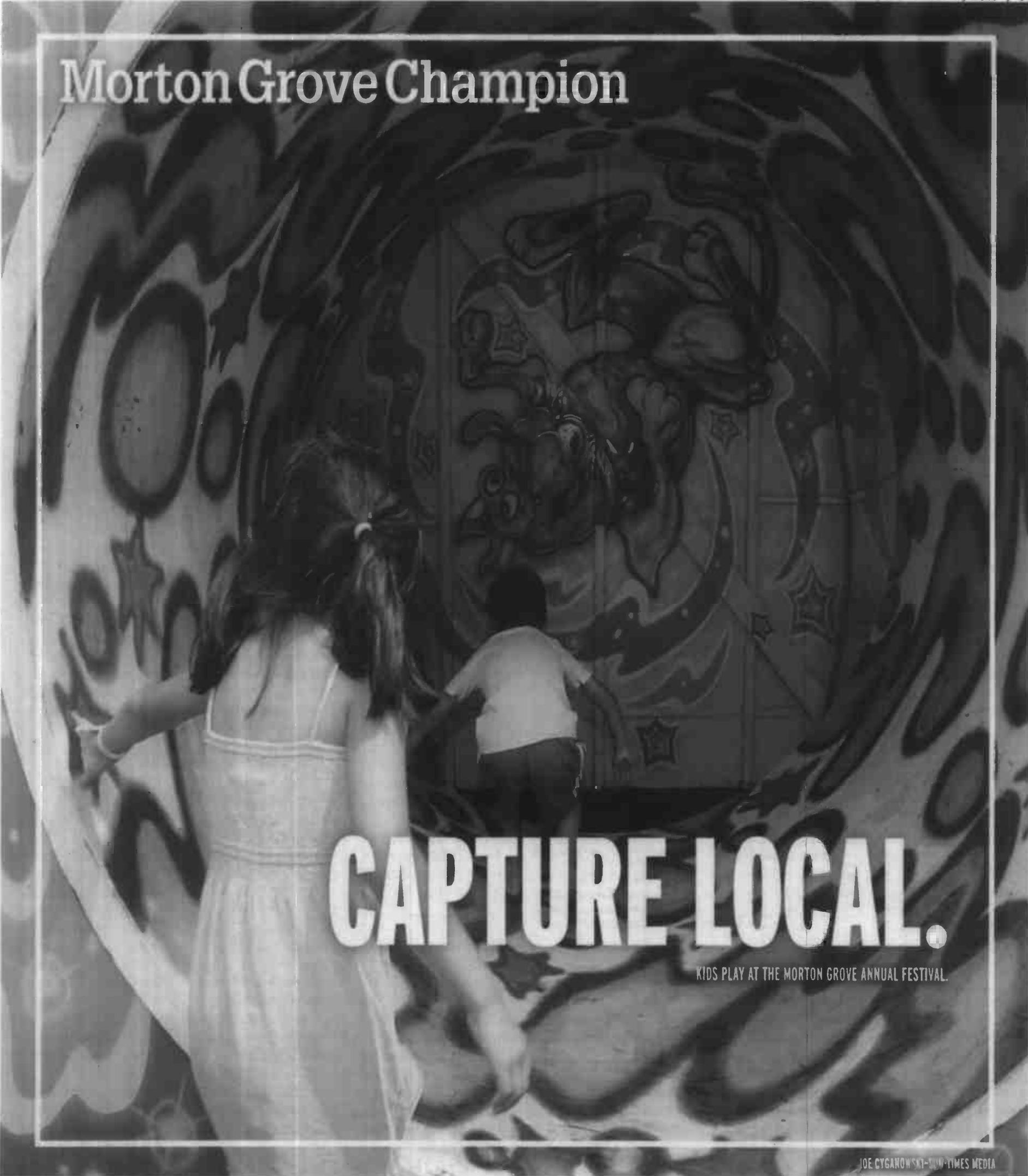
**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**  
 A surprise decision by someone you trust causes some stormy moments. But a frank discussion explains everything, and helps save a cherished relationship.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Sometimes you forget to take care of yourself, because you're so busy caring for others. But you wouldn't have it any other way.

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NEED A HINT? FIND THE PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 33

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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 e-mailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

## ARTS &amp; CRAFTS

## Creative Crafts

**FAM 65+**

Crafters will unite to showcase their artistic flare at the Heartland Creative Craft Fair Jan. 18-20 at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Vintage jewelry featuring Chinese and fabric materials will be displayed. Latin flare will be seen in an array of South American crafts. Other handmade gifts include wooden roses, air-brush art and more. Admission is free. Guests are invited to shop the craft fair while supporting local and small businesses.

## CENTER OF CONCERN

## Schedule

**65+**

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

Mondays, Jan. 21 and 28 - Employment counseling, by appointment.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturdays Jan. 26 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Jan. 26 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

## CIVIC

## Niles Township Clerk

**18+ 65+**

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

## CLASSES

## Animal assisted therapy

**13+ 18+ 65+**

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc. offers "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy" dog training classes at various locations, including

6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

## CLUBS

## Knights of Columbus

**18+**

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

## MOMS Club

**18+**

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

## COMMUNITY

## Indoor Farmers' Market

**18+ 65+**

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, will host an Indoor Winter Farmers' Market from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 26. Shoppers will find cheeses, meats, soaps, syrup, honey, wool, raw fibers, vinegars, dried fruits, milled flours, sauces and salsas, preserves, cider, and fresh produce, as available. Call (847) 825-6659.

## 'The Aantsy Aardvark'

**18+ 65+ FAM**

JCC Young Actors Ensemble will present "The Aantsy Aardvark" at 7 p.m. Jan. 24 and 31 and noon and 3:30 p.m. Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 at the Elaine Zollie Frank Theater, Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie.

"Dress Like a Pirate Day" is Jan. 31. Those attending as a pirate get a free tickets to the show with the purchase of an adult ticket. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 7-13 and \$5 for children ages 6 and under. Visit [www.gojcc.org/theater](http://www.gojcc.org/theater), call (847) 763-3518 or e-mail [tickets@gojcc.org](mailto:tickets@gojcc.org).

## Lights recycling

**18+ 65+**

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and its member communities are offering a holiday light recycling program at no cost to residents. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the various locations. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. Local drop-off sites are: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays up to Feb. 28; Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-7900, 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30-9 p.m. Fridays, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Feb. 28; Park Ridge Public Works Service Center, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, through Jan. 31. See [swancc.org](http://swancc.org).

## HEALTH

## Monthly health programs

**18+ 65+**

Feat of Fitness, a monthly health seminar which takes place at the Center Court of Golf Mill Shopping Center from 9-10:15 a.m. every second Wednesday of the month, January through October, has added new sponsors and events. Feats of Fitness Health Seminars are free programs open to registered members; become a member by completing an application at the Golf Mill Shopping Center Customer Service Center. Each month a new speaker and topic is featured. The program includes free bingo after the health seminar, where winners receive instant prizes, beginning at 9:45 for members only. Coffee and a light breakfast is another perk.

## Digestive health

**18+ 65+**

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital will host four community lectures in January focusing on healthy digestive systems. Lectures will be held at 7 p.m. at the hospital's West End Conference Center, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Jan. 22: "Obesity: Sound Nutrition for the Coming Year" presented by Dr. Marc S. Fine, gastroenterologist; Jan. 29: "Celiac Disease: Diagnosis and Management" presented by Dr. Esperanza Garcia-Alvarez,

pediatric gastroenterologist. No charge to attend but registration is required; call (800) 323-8622 and mention the class code 8G52 or visit [www.advocate-health.com/luth](http://www.advocate-health.com/luth), click on "I need a class or support group" and type in the class code 8G52. Free valet parking; refreshments will be served.

**Exercise/Nutrition for Cancer Patients**

**18+ 65+**  
A variety of exercise and well-being classes for cancer patients is offered at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Call (800) 323-8622 to register — Gentle and Restorative Yoga: 6-7 p.m. Mondays, can be done in a chair if needed, Class

Code 8C49. Exercise for Cancer: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, improve strength, stamina and flexibility, Class Code 8C47. Gentle Yoga: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Class Code 8C46. Stress Reduction: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Offers stress reduction techniques, Class Code 8C48. Nutrition for Optimal Cancer Wellness: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays,

Discusses foods and nutrients to help cancer patients and survivors eat healthy, Class Code 8C45.

**Whooping Cough Vaccine**

**4-12 FAM 13+ 65+ 18+**  
Whooping Cough Vaccine: All three of the Jewel-Osco Pharmacies in Niles are offering the whooping cough vaccine booster in response to recent whooping cough outbreaks across the state. It is recommended that all individuals ages 11 and older receive the vaccination, called Tdap, which specially-trained and certified pharmacists are available to administer. Consumers can obtain the vaccination at Jewel-Osco Pharmacies seven days a week and no appointment is necessary.

**LIBRARY**

**Niles Public Library:**  
**6960 W. Oakton St.,** (847) 663-1234 or online at [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org). Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

**PARKS**

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

**Maine-Niles Special Rec**

**4-12 FAM 13+ 65+ 18+**  
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation: Offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

**Family Movie Night**

**FAM**  
"Brave," 7-9 p.m., Jan. 19 at Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles. Free, but registration is required. Call (847) 297-3000, Ext. 22, or go to [pkur6699@aol.com](mailto:pkur6699@aol.com).

**Sports Leagues**

**FAM**  
Adult Indoor Coed Volleyball Leagues - A & B leagues are 6 on 6 at Feldman. Matches consist of three games with a 55-minute time limit. League begins Feb. 7. Call for info.

4th-6th Grade Coed Winter Basketball League - Games begin Feb. 3 at Feldman. Mandatory clinic Jan. 19 at noon. Games are played on Fridays/and or Sundays.

**Preschool**

**4-12**  
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**

**4-12**  
Before and after school available for children in grades K-6 at Stevenson, Apollo and Mark Twain schools.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels



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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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

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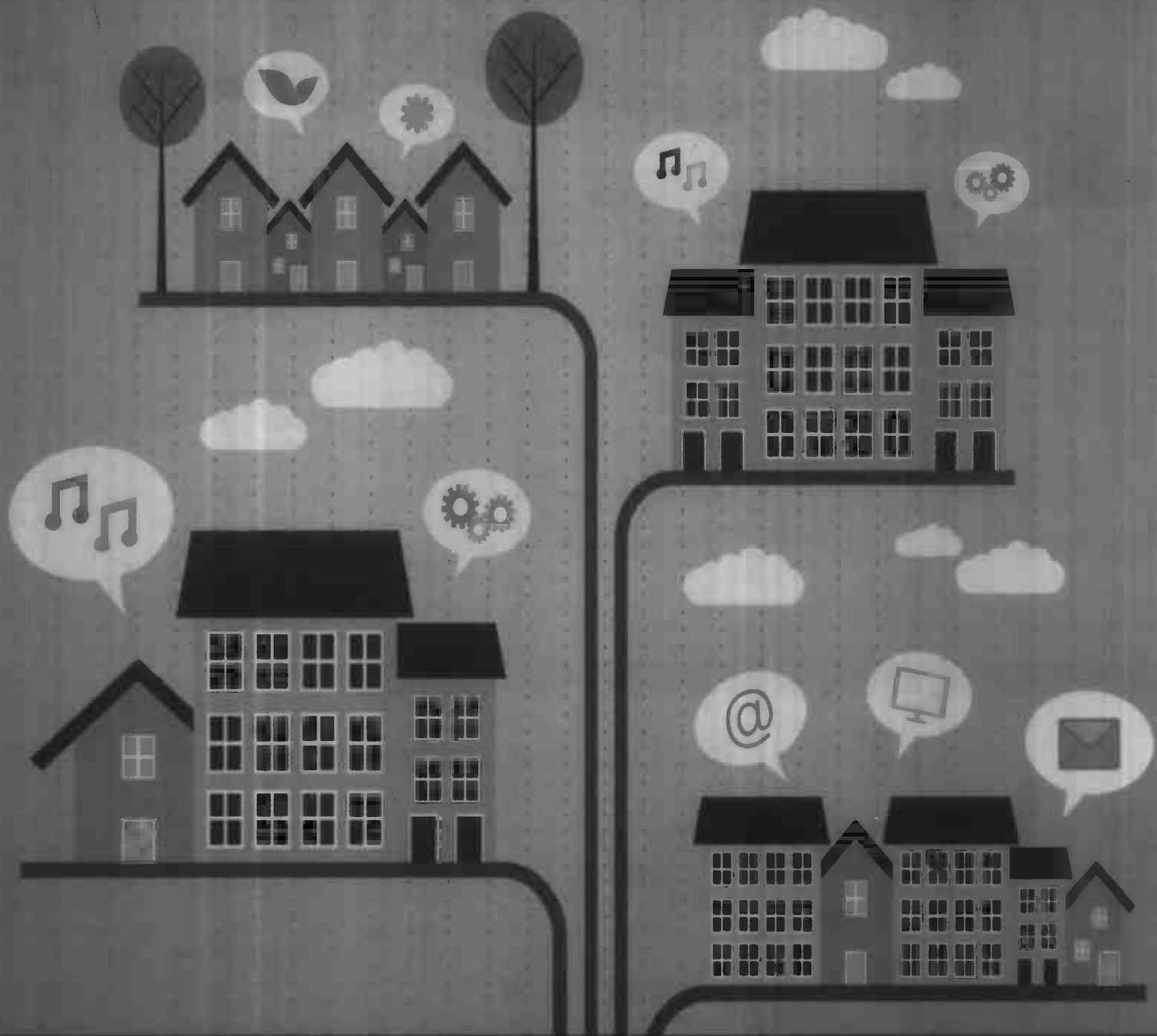
**HISTORICAL**

**Hours for the public**

**FAM 65+ 18+**  
Niles Historical Museum: 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open to the public 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium easily accessible. Call (847) 390-0160.

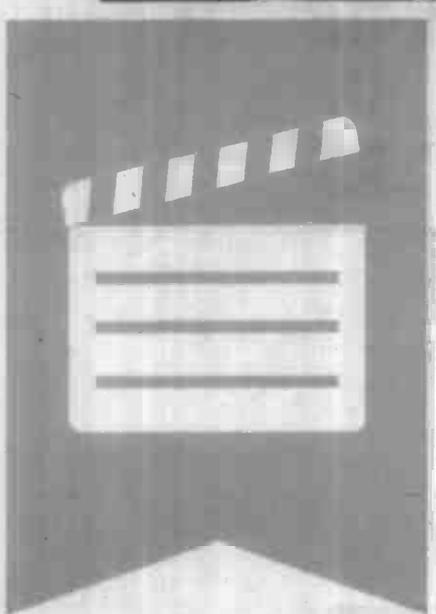
**Golf Maine Parks** offices are located at Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), in Niles or at Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson roads, Des Plaines. Call (847) 297-3000.

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# Business spotlight

## Artists get crafty at Golf Mill fair

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

### NILES

The Heartland Creative Craft Fair has been providing unique and hand-crafted items to shoppers while increasing traffic at Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles for 16 years.

This year at least 18 different exhibitors will be on hand for the fair which takes place Jan. 18 through Jan. 20 during regular mall hours. There is no admission fee.

Crafts available for purchase will include wooden roses, air-brush art, jewelry, clothes for plastic geese, paintings, Ecuadorian crafts, bath and beauty products, doll clothes and much more.

Monika Kalicki, marketing director for Golf Mill Shopping Center, said that the fair is held twice a year and has a positive impact on business at the mall.

"It brings great traffic to the mall," Kalicki said. "It supports our businesses."

Kalicki said that people may shop at stores or eat at the food court while they are enjoying the craft fair. Others, who are shopping at the mall,

### UP CLOSE

WHAT: Heartland Creative Craft Fair  
 WHEN: Friday, Jan. 18 through Sunday, Jan. 20  
 WHERE: Golf Mill Shopping Center, Golf and Milwaukee Avenues, Niles  
 WEBSITE: [www.golfmill.com/events.html](http://www.golfmill.com/events.html)

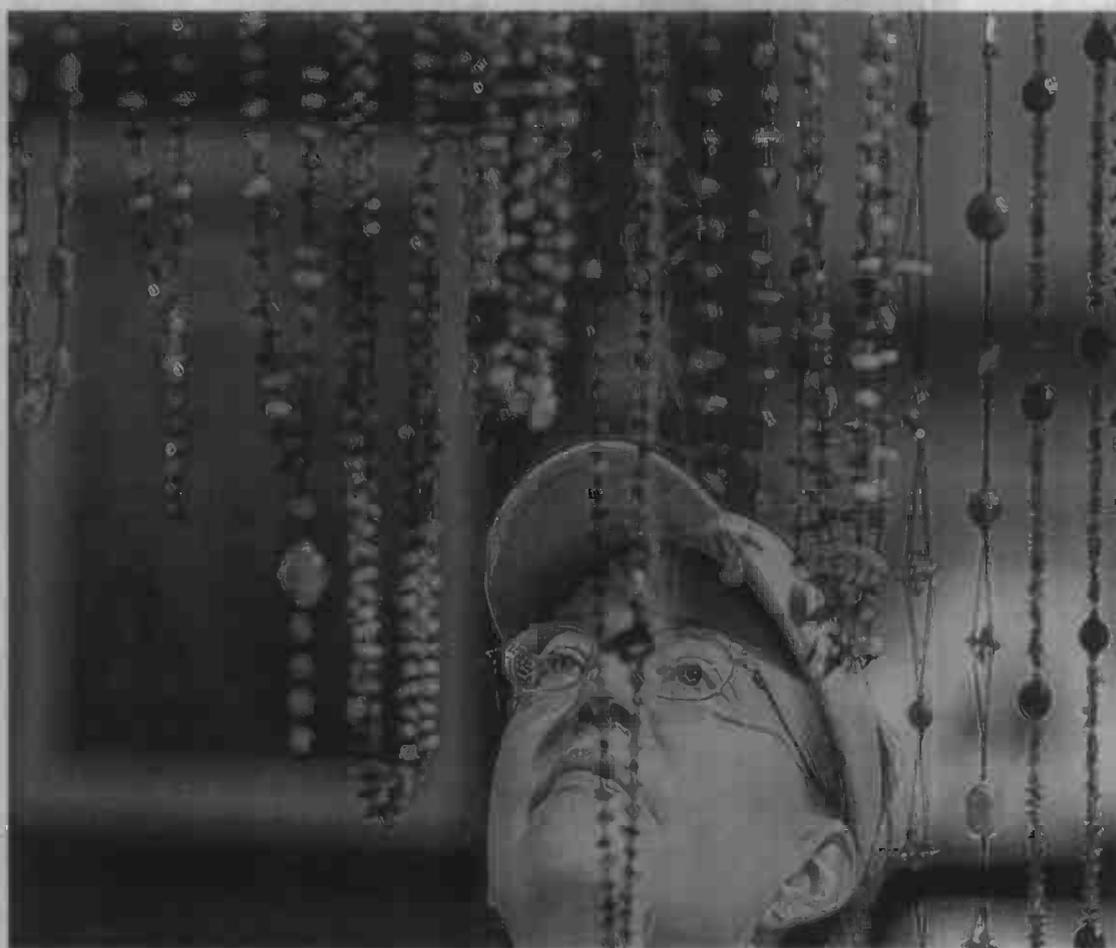
will browse through the crafts the fair offers.

Some of the featured artists are Chen Liu, of Chicago, Chinese Jewelry; John Schrock, Indiana, paintings of college campuses; Angelica Garcia, Naperville, bows and tutus; Mike Terpstra, Arkansas, beauty products; Bob Johnson, Indiana, clothing for plastic geese figurines; Barbara Danner, Naperville, doll clothes; and Connie Page, Des Plaines, vintage jewelry.

Herb Adler, who runs the Heartland Creative Craft Fair, said many of the participants have a following who purchase their products at other shows as well.

"I've been doing shows with Herb for years," said Carolyn Niles, of Roselle, who makes wooden roses and glass jewelry. "He does the best malls and shows. He has quality crafters that come and follow him."

Niles, who has participated in the Golf Mill craft fair at



Jewelry will be among the many crafts offered for sale during the Heartland Creative Craft Fair at Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles Jan. 18-20. | JERRY DALIEGE-for Sun-Times Media

least five times, said she loves being a part of the shows.

"The art shows give me a niche," added Bob Johnson, of Indiana, who makes clothing for plastic geese figurines. He said making the clothing began as a hobby and has now grown into a full-fledged business. Johnson noted that he does more business in smaller communities like

Niles.

Adler, a former marketing director at Golf Mill, felt craft fairs were great events to hold at local shopping centers and every weekend he hosts some type of fair. He has craft shows at various shopping centers, including Westfield Old Orchard Mall in Skokie.

Adler believes that since

crafts are handmade, they are unique items that make great gifts for the holidays, including Valentine's Day next month.

Adler said the Heartland Creative Craft Fair is held at Golf Mill on the same dates every year so that helps make it easier for people to remember when to come back the following year. ■

# Leys seeking two-year term in District 207

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON |  
jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

## MAINE TOWNSHIP

Eric Leys, a member of the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education for the last 12 years, will seek

election to a two-year term on the board in April.

Leys simultaneously filed for the unexpired two-year term and a four-year term on the board, but last week withdrew his candidacy for the four-year term.

Leys will be running unopposed for the two-year term,

a seat that was held by Joann Braam until her resignation in the fall. He said he views the term as an "extension" of his current four-year term.

Withdrawing from the race for the two-year term was Mary Childers and Carla Owen. Both will run for election for

four-year terms.

There are four open four-year seats on the Board of Education and seven candidates looking to be elected. The other candidates include incumbents Eldon Burk and Margaret McGrath and newcomers Jin Lee, Jeffrey Spero and Sean Story. ■

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**6930 Concord Lane:** Lolain Dobbs Trust to Luai A Mahmud for \$475,000 on Nov. 26

**8420 N Oleander Ave:** Simona Irine to Angela Brad for \$210,000 on Nov. 30

**8047 N Wisner St:** Michael J Moore to Nicole L Shudy for \$285,000 on Nov. 28

**8523 W Madison Drive:** Judicial Sales Corp to Grandview Capital LLC for \$138,500 on Nov. 26

**9254 N Loras Lane:** Lydia B Smith Trust to Marcela Mercado Henson for \$280,000 on Nov. 27

## DES PLAINES

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**1317 Grove Ave:** Jeromé Czarnik to Robert Rado II for \$359,500 on Nov. 28

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Bedrooms: 2 Baths: 2

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**MORTON GROVE**

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# Mommy



**BETH ENGELMAN**  
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## Kitchen table science

Turn your kitchen into a mad scientist's lab

Kim Moldofsky doesn't let a little mess get in the way of having fun.

The mom of two is a firm believer in hands-on projects. "As schools become more focused on standardized testing, I think it's important for families to set aside time so kids can explore, discover and do," Moldofsky said. Her website, [makermom.com](http://makermom.com), is testament to this idea as it's chock-full of activities, resources and more that are related to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Need inspiration for turning your kitchen into a science lab? Check out these kid-approved experiments courtesy of Moldofsky. For more information about Moldofsky and her blog, visit [www.makermom.com](http://www.makermom.com).



### EGG CARTON COLORS

This project showcases how colors change when mixed together, but the real magic is in how easily it keeps your kids interested and engaged.

**You need:**

- Empty egg carton (one per child)
- Food coloring (include a variety of colors)

Eyedroppers (Moldofsky recommends using recycled droppers from medicine bottles)

Water

**Directions:**

Place food coloring and eyedroppers in the middle of the table. Give each child an egg carton filled with water. Encourage your young scientists to play and explore with the droppers, colors and water.

### MAGIC MIRRORS

Moldofsky loves this experiment, which combines food coloring and shaving cream. "When my boys were in preschool, we'd do this project quite often," she said. "Usually, we'd finish in the bathtub where I'd poke a hole in the bags and my boys would squeeze out the shaving cream. Talk about good clean fun."

**You need:**

- Plastic bag with zipper closure (such as Ziploc)
- Food coloring
- Shaving cream

**Directions:**

Fill  $\frac{3}{4}$  of plastic bag with shaving cream. Add a few drops of food coloring (any color). Encourage your kids to squeeze and squish their bags as they watch the colors swirl and mix, just like a magic mirror.

Kim Moldofsky demonstrates her shaving cream and food coloring project. | **PHOTOS BY BUZZ ORR-Sun-Times Media**



### FROZEN BALLOONS

This "cool" experiment turns water balloons into colorful ice orbs. It's a great experiment to do on a cold winter day when you can let Mother Nature do most of the work.

**You need:**

- Water balloons
- Food coloring
- Water

**Directions:**

Fill balloons with water and a few drops of food coloring.

Tie balloons closed and place in freezer (or outside if the temperature is below 32 degrees)

Wait 10-24 hours until the balloons are completely frozen.

Use scissors to peel back the balloons and reveal bright colorful orbs.

### INFLATED BALLOONS

Challenge your kids to inflate a balloon without using their breath. It's easy with this experiment that creates carbon dioxide with vinegar and baking soda.

**You need:**

- Balloon
- Empty plastic bottle (16 oz.)
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

**Directions:**

Pour vinegar into bottle.

Spoon baking soda into balloon.

Place the mouth of the balloon over the mouth of the bottle. Use one hand to keep the balloon in place while slowly transferring the baking soda into the bottle of vinegar. As the baking soda and vinegar combine, the balloon inflates with carbon dioxide.

Take a bow as your kids stare at you in amazement.

Right, Beth Engelman and Moldofsky enjoy showing a fun way to inflate a balloon.





# Are you ready for some potato skins?



MELISSA ELSMO  
OUT OF MEL'S  
KITCHEN

Growing up in Wisconsin in a house full of die-hard, season ticket-holding Packer fans taught me a thing or two about the sanctity of football.

My dad organized a weekly football pool for our family with some pretty high stakes; all four of us would pony up our quarters in hopes of winning a few bucks and some serious bragging rights at the end of the season. I distinctly remember my dad's dramatic readings of the weekly matchups, the pressure to pick the winners and the confused expressions on the faces of my loving family each and every time I won. I may have been utterly clueless about football, but I was a really good guesser and had more than a few quarters to show for it! To this day I am not a football fan, but thanks to my dad and his micro gambling ring, there is a big part of me that associates the end of the NFL season with family unity and a genuine sense of fun.

Football season is once again coming to a frenetic

playoff peak and all roads lead to the Super Bowl. I may not be able to speak intelligently about rushing yards, ineligible receivers, or roughing the passer, but I know what nibbles make a big game even more memorable.

## TRADITION

Tradition dictates football-worthy fare should have a decidedly masculine flair and masses of man-food are always welcome on my game day buffet. Football gatherings offer a perfect opportunity for a good old-fashioned culinary splurge! My friend once served bacon wrapped tater tots that were so wrong they could only be right for a junk food inspired menu. I still dream about those silly tots, but tend to create a new menu every year during the playoff season. Over the years I have served hearty Cincinnati-style chili, complex fish tacos, piles of pulled pork nachos and everything in between.

Despite the fact that I try to change things up from year to year, I am a potato skin loyalist. Somehow the noble potato skin has become synonymous with chain restaurants and the frozen food aisle in the supermarket, but a creative homemade version of this cheesy, fried junk food giant is a must-have on my annual game day menu. Go on and give them a try and remember that changing up the toppings on the potatoes will prevent your game day menu from becoming mundane. I bet more than a couple of quarters they'll be a hit at your next party! ■



Homemade potato skins topped with a variety of toppings are a great Super Bowl snack. | MELISSA ELSMO-for Sun-Times Media

## Game Day Potato Skins (makes 1 dozen skins)

Go ahead and substitute small broccoll florets for the bacon to put a vegetarian spin on these game day treats; just don't think they're good for you if you do!

6 small russet potatoes  
canola oil for frying  
salt and pepper  
1 cup medium cheddar cheese  
5 slices of thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled  
4 scallions, thinly sliced  
¼ cup sour cream

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Scrub the potatoes, prick each one several times with a fork and place into the preheated oven to bake for 1 hour or until easily pierced with a wooden skewer. Allow the potatoes to cool slightly before cutting each one in half lengthwise. Scoop out enough potato from each half to create shallow boats that are about ½-inch thick.

Heat 2 inches of canola oil in a frying pan until a bread cube sizzles on contact. Fry the skins in batches, turning frequently, until the exteriors begin to crisp and the potato is turning golden brown at the edges (about 3 minutes). Drain on paper towels. Season the skins with salt and pepper and place on a parchment lined baking sheet. Sprinkle the skins with half the crumbled bacon and half of the sliced scallions. Divide the cheese (1 generous tablespoon per potato) among the skins and top with the remaining bacon. Return the skins to the oven until the cheese melts (about 5 minutes).

Top each potato skin with 1 teaspoon of sour cream and sprinkle with the remaining scallions. Serve at once.

### POTATO SKIN VARIATIONS:

Once you've made a batch of basic potato skins you can feel free to get creative with the toppings! If you are looking for a starting point try four of my favorites and then put your own spin on the skins.

**Artichoke:** Top the skins with quartered artichoke hearts, sautéed spinach with garlic and smoked mozzarella and bake. Garnish with sliced scallions and diced roasted red pepper.

**Italian Beef:** Top the skins with shredded Chicago Style Italian beef and Provolone cheese and bake. Garnish with hot or mild giardiniera and grated parmesan.

**Brat and Kraut:** Top the skins with thinly sliced cooked bratwurst, sauerkraut and cheddar cheese before baking. Garnish with diced white onion.

**Chorizo and Guac:** Top the skins with cooked ground chorizo, diced poblano pepper and queso fresco before baking. Garnish with sour cream and guacamole.



# Your Local Worship Guide



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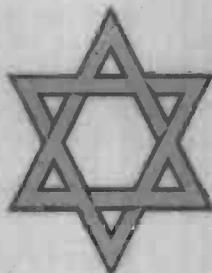
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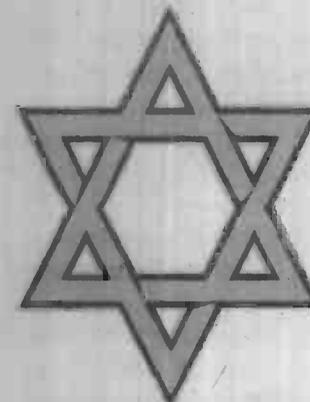
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## IMPROVEMENTS CREATE A SOLID SENTRA FOR 2013

BY JEFF TAYLOR

For Sun-Times Media

While the Sentra has been one of the pillars of Nissan's lineup, it might be compared to pillars in a parking garage that tend to blend into the background.

From the design side there may not be much fanfare around the Sentra, but for some buyers this is just fine. The new Sentra has several good qualities; among them is that it is only offered as a compact sedan, it has good interior volume (close to midsize) and a long list of standard features for the money.

The interior design features upgraded materials that are a cut above some competing compact vehicles, and the soft-touch instrument panel and driver's door armrest are welcome additions. The interior design welcomes drivers with an instrument panel that integrates with the doors and features Fine Vision electroluminescent gauges that add an upscale touch and look bright even during the day.

Front-seat room was adequate, but rear-seat passengers really benefit with class-leading 37.4 inches of space. The rear seat is a standard 60/40 split fold that provides access to a large 15.1 cubic feet of trunk

space, which is 2.0 cubic feet more than last year.

Standard interior features include a six-way manual driver's seat, a four-way manual front passenger's seat, front and rear door pockets, front center console with padded armrest and cup holders, rear-seat armrest with cup holders, air conditioning with in-cabin microfilter, tilt and telescopic steering column, AM/FM/CD system with four speakers, power windows with driver's one-touch auto up/down with auto reverse, power door locks with auto-locking feature, two auxiliary 12-volt power outlets, remote keyless entry, and remote trunk and fuel-filler door releases.

Technology gets an upgrade in this new version with NissanConnect, with navigation that includes a hands-free text messaging assistant that reads incoming text messages and allows drivers to reply without taking their hands off the steering wheel. The system also offers Pandora radio capability, streaming audio via Bluetooth and a large 5.8-inch touch-screen display.

One thing I noticed was how solid the doors felt; the isolation of exterior noises was also good for a non-luxury compact.

The new-generation Sen-

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tra is built on a new lighter platform. Compared with the previous version, the 2013 model offers a 0.6-inch longer wheelbase (106.3 inches) and a 2.3-inch longer overall length (182.1 inches). It is slightly lower in height (0.6 inches shorter) and narrower in width (by 1.2 inches).

Sentra's exterior styling mimics some of the lines of the larger Altima sedan. I even saw a little Infiniti in the car — the rear finishes with an elongated, sloping design.

Driving the Sentra, by design, is an uneventful experience; Sentra is not designed to take on sport sedans. A 1.8-liter, 130-horsepower four-cylinder backed with a continuously variable automatic transmission is clearly designed for fuel economy

numbers. The engine is calm and cool at initial takeoff, but when the full force of my heavy shoe came into play the engine got loud and saucy as the rpms climbed. The CVT is great for mileage; add the FE+ package with aero enhancements for \$400 and you get an additional 1 mpg on the highway.

The front-wheel-drive Sentra's handling is nimble enough. Bumps and potholes are absorbed, but the steering is a little vague.

Nissan's latest Sentra should sell well enough to target buyers who are looking for a "point-A-to-B" car that comes with a nice amount of features, has up-to-date styling and has good rear-seat comfort (the car's ace) for the family.



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## Record PACE

Ranch home  
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**M**aples at the Sonatas, a new maintenance-free ranch style single- and multi-family home community in Woodstock, is poised to close the sales books for the 2012 season in a spectacular fashion.

During 2012, this unique community by Epcon Communities has sold numerous luxury stand-alone and villa-style ranch homes to families looking to rid themselves of any responsibilities for shoveling snow, plowing driveways, salting sidewalks or cutting the grass in the summertime.

With prices for a 1,718-square-foot ranch starting at only \$181,990, combined with historically low mortgage rates and the equally attractive HECM loan program for buyers of age 62 or more, homebuyers continue to purchase luxury ranch homes in Maples at the Sonatas at a record pace.

This community offers ranch homes that provide 1,516 to 2,873 square feet of living space. Stand-alone ranch homes are



Hot seller: Homebuyers continue to purchase luxury ranch homes in Maples at the Sonatas in Woodstock at a record pace. Sales are being driven by several factors, including prices for a 1,718 square-foot ranch starting at only \$181,990, historically low mortgage rates, and the attractive HECM loan program for buyers of age 62 or more. Pictured is the kitchen of the Palazzo model. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

base-priced from \$207,990 to \$232,990, and attached villa ranch homes are available for \$181,990 to \$194,990. No matter which floorplan meets a family's needs or lifestyle, all have access to the community's private clubhouse which features a heated swimming pool, fitness center, community room and game room with pool table.

"Economic reports over the past few months have started to indicate a trend that the sleepy housing market is starting to awaken across the nation," said Jamie Wilcox, of Epcon Communities. "I disagree with that statement."

"Our maintenance-free ranch home community started waking up in January 2012 and it has been a nonstop success ever since. We projected we were going to sell 98 new homes across our communities in 2012, but as we wrapped up this year, the number actually is ending up being 107 to date."

The community offers five unique ranch plans with exteriors featuring fiber cement board siding, color coordinated shutters and cultured stone accents. Homes typically include at two bedrooms, two full baths, a formal dining room, den (per plan), a kitchen outfitted with GE appliances, an attached two or 2½-car garage, a large master bedroom and a luxurious in-suite bathroom.

Maples at the Sonatas homes feature at no additional cost cathedral or tray ceilings throughout. Homes also include ceramic floor tile in the foyer, a spacious laundry room, energy-efficient gas forced air heating system, 50 gallon quick-recovery water heater, thermo pane insulated windows, a variety of cabinetry options, central air conditioning and select rooms are pre-wired for cable television and telephones. For those seeking customization opportunities, homebuyers can also

request a fireplace, hardwood flooring, granite or Corian countertops, upgraded cabinetry and appliances, or a number of other upgrades.

The community's private 3,000-square-foot clubhouse is accompanied by a heated swimming pool. Within the clubhouse residents will find a decorated social room (with fireplace, flat-screen TV and pool table), equipped kitchen, fitness center, shower-equipped restroom facilities and a meeting room.

Maples at the Sonatas' onsite sales center and decorated models are open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. To reach the community, take Route 47 to Ware Road; head east ¼ mile, turn left onto Vivaldi, and then turn left on Schumann Road. For more information, call (815) 334-0340 or visit the builder's Website at [www.EpconCommunities.com](http://www.EpconCommunities.com).

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# Refinance myths debunked

## Save money on your mortgage in 2013

Editor's note: This is the first of a multipart series.

Opportunities are available to consumers to save money on an existing mortgage, or on a new one they plan to take in the near future. Let's look at unexploited refinance opportunities.

Interest rates have been at historically low levels for some time now and some borrowers have refinanced two or three times, but there are others who so far have allowed the opportunity to pass them by. I am not referring to borrowers who can't possibly meet today's standards. They haven't refinanced because they can't. My focus is on those who can refinance profitably but don't for a variety of reasons.

Here are some beliefs that prevent or discourage refinancing have been related to me by borrowers. All are false.

■ Borrowers have to wait some minimum period after taking a mortgage before



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they can refinance.

■ The borrower who refinances loses the benefit of principal payments already made.

■ The borrower who paid points to reduce the interest rate on the current mortgage should wait until such time as the interest savings have at least covered the cost of the points.

■ The borrower who has had a mortgage for a long time has to begin the process from scratch, delaying the period until they are out of debt.

■ It is better for a borrower who has been making extra payments to continue that practice, rather than refinance.

Readers will find explanations of why these notions are wrong on my Website at "Valid and invalid reasons for not refinancing."

Another big reason for not refinancing is an unrealistic fear of adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs). There are borrowers with fixed-rate mortgages (FRMs) who would not profit from refinancing into another FRM, but who would profit from refinancing into a lower-rate ARM. But they don't because of fear of a possible future ARM rate increase. In many cases, this fear is not justified because the borrower can pay off the loan within the initial fixed rate period on the ARM, which can be five, seven or 10 years.

To execute this strategy, the borrower must have the capacity to make payments larger than the required payment on the ARM. There is always a payment large enough to pay off the loan fully within the initial ARM rate period, the question be-

ing the borrower's capacity to make that payment. The previous payment on the FRM might be large enough to do the trick, or it might not.

Even if the borrower can't pay off completely within the initial rate period, paying a higher rate for a few years on a much reduced balance will not come close to wiping out the interest savings during the preceding years.

For more on this topic, visit the Website and read "Refinancing from FRMs into ARMs."

A third reason is a failure to exploit a profitable investment opportunity.

Many mortgage borrowers can't refinance profitably, or think they can't, because their house has declined in value and a refinance would require the purchase of mortgage insurance, which they don't have now. However, if they have investment assets that can be liquidated to pay down their mortgage balance, the rate of return on investment will be far higher than the return they are earning on those assets now. This is called "cash-in refinancing" because the borrower is putting cash into the transaction, as opposed to cash-out refinancing where the borrower withdraws cash.

Here is an example: John has a 6 percent mortgage with 300 months to go and a \$100,000 balance, but his house is worth only \$100,000, which makes him ineligible for a refinance. However, if he pays down the balance to \$80,000, he can refinance into a 4.5 percent loan with closing costs of 2 percent. If he stays in the house for five years, the rate of return on his investment, consisting of \$20,000 in balance paydown

plus \$1,600 in closing costs, would be 9.98 percent. The return is riskless to the borrower.

The return on investment can be calculated using Mortgage Cash-in Refinance Calculator 3f on my site.

Finally, some homeowners just gave up. Some have not refinanced because they tried and were rejected, and then gave up. But not all rejections are created equal. It depends on the reason, and some deficiencies are fixable. Here are a few.

■ You met the underwriting standards of the federal agencies (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA) but not those of the particular lender who rejected you. Some lenders have "overlays" that impose more restrictive requirements than those of the agencies, and where this is the case, you might well be approved by going to another lender.

■ You were rejected because your credit score was too low for reasons that are quickly remediable. Examples would be scores lowered by a reporting mistake, or by credit card balances that are large relative to the maximums.

■ You were rejected because your equity in the property was too small based on a faulty appraisal. A new appraisal obtained through a different lender could provide a different outcome.

■ You were rejected because your debt-to-income ratio was too high and you have the means to reduce it - for example, by borrowing against a 401(k) in order to pay down other debt.

For more on this topic, see "Refinance rejection: Can anything be done?"

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36548 N Edgewood Dr: Tandina, Hamidou; \$91,500

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3261 Stratford Ct 2C: Sheikh, Saif; \$95,000

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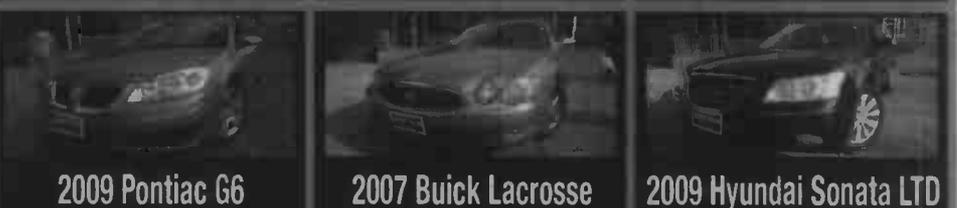
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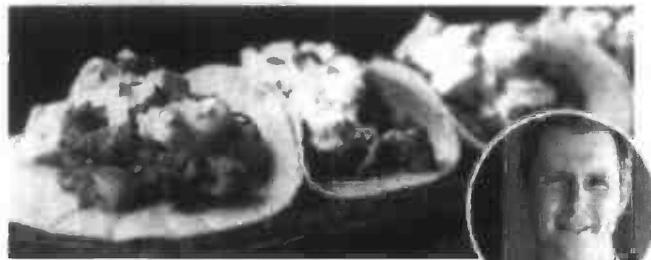
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This month, Mario Tricoci's 16 Chicago-area locations each host a Beauty Resolution event, with experts on hand to perform complimentary mini-facials, makeovers and massages. View the schedule at [Tricoci.com](http://Tricoci.com) and RSVP by calling (847) 202-4151.



Stick to eat-right resolutions with Jolly Oak's Good for You granola. Founded by Chicago moms **Mandy Fayne** and **Kim Strauss**, the line offers the snack in flavors like gluten-free cinnamon apple raisin and apricot cherry. Snag some at [Jollyoak.com](http://Jollyoak.com).



Eliminate wardrobe woes with Krista K's new same-day delivery service: Order an outfit online by 1 p.m. and the Lakeview boutique will deliver it anywhere in the city and select suburbs by 7 p.m. We've got our eyes on this stylish sheath dress by Black Halo (right, \$345). Visit [Kristak.com](http://Kristak.com).



## SHOPPING SPY

The latest intelligence from the retail scene



**Ssssss! Celebrate the Year of the Snake at Bloomingdale's.**

### Shop smarter

Through March 31, Bright Pink is partnering with five local Whole Foods Market stores to help promote being proactive about your health. The Chicago-based nonprofit — which works to prevent breast and ovarian cancer in young women through early detection — will stick its seal of approval on the shop's healthiest items and host events at each store designed to inspire shoppers to make positive, cancer-preventing lifestyle choices. Bring your own shopping bag along and Whole Foods will donate 10 cents of your purchase to Bright Pink. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/brightpink](http://Facebook.com/brightpink).

### Oak Street shopping spree

Looking for some discounted designer duds? Stroll down Oak Street through the end

of January, when the shops between Michigan Avenue and State Street will sell merchandise at up to 75 percent off. Participating retailers include Agent Provocateur, Kate Spade and the Denim Lounge. Visit [Oakstreetchicago.com](http://Oakstreetchicago.com) for more information.

### Year of the Snake

Keep the 2013 celebrations rolling with a little help from Bloomingdale's. Through Feb. 11, the retailer's Michigan Avenue (900 N. Michigan) and Medinah Temple (600 N. Wabash) locations will be featuring limited-edition pop-up shops honoring the current Chinese New Year, which is the Year of the Snake. The collection will offer snake-adorned accessories such as Charles Phillip Shanghai slippers, a serpent-encompassing Lalique vase, dragon-inspired barware and more. Learn more at [Bloomingdales.com](http://Bloomingdales.com).

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the calendar

# THE SPLASH SEVEN

PLAN YOUR WEEK

BY THOMAS CONNORS

## 1 'Victoria Sambunaris: Taxonomy of a Landscape'

**Through March 31:** From "On the Road" to "Easy Rider," artists have long looked to the roadways to grasp the meaning of America. More than a decade ago, photographer Victoria Sambunaris gassed up and set out to document natural landscapes and the world we've built upon them, taking aim at trains, trucks, national parks and pipelines. Her pictures may not be pretty, but each is worth far more than a thousand words. Free. Museum of Contemporary Photography, 600 S. Michigan. (312) 663-5554; [Mocp.org](http://Mocp.org).



## 2 Lynne Jordan: The Music of Nina Simone

**Jan. 16:** Veteran Chicago singer Lynne Jordan (right) is known for her versatility: One minute she's settling into "At Last" and the next she's striding powerfully through "I Will Survive." This week she exercises her distinctive musical muscle at City Winery, interpreting the work of the inimitable Nina Simone, whose captivating contralto and narrative skill commanded complete attention. Tickets: \$10. 1200 W. Randolph. Call (312) 733-9463 or visit [Citywinery.com/chicago](http://Citywinery.com/chicago).



## 3 'Irving Penn: Underfoot'

**Jan. 17-May 12:** Best known for his fashion photos and portraits of notables such as Alfred Hitchcock and Truman Capote, Irving Penn also produced richly hued still lifes, ranging from the contents of a woman's handbag to frozen veggies. In the Art Institute of Chicago's new exhibit, you'll also find the compelling black-and-white images he created when he cast his eye downward, exploring the landscape of the sidewalk and creating artful abstractions. Admission: \$18; children 14 and older, students and seniors \$12; children younger than 14 free. Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan; [Artic.edu](http://Artic.edu).

## 4 'Strike a Pose' celebrity fashion show

**Jan. 17:** Looking good is the furthest thing from his mind when he's reaching for a fly ball, but Chicago Cubs outfielder David DeJesus is more than willing to put fashion first when it comes to raising money for the David DeJesus Family Foundation. He and fellow players Kerry Wood, Darwin Barney and Travis Wood — along with their wives — will strut their stuff in duds from Peach Carr Designs and the 900 North Michigan Shops to help support the fight against ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease. Tickets: \$250 and \$2,500. River East Arts Center, 435 E. Illinois. For tickets and information, call (773) 404-2827 or visit [Cubs.com/fashion](http://Cubs.com/fashion).



## 5 Mummenschanz

**Jan. 18:** For 40 years, this Swiss-based troupe has toured the world with its mime-generated performance pieces, delighting audiences with works whose simple structure can make an astounding impact. Using only masks, their bodies and objects, company members tell stories of all sorts — from comedic numbers to thoughtful narratives — with a universal magic. Tickets: \$25-\$55; \$10 for a one-hour Saturday matinee. Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph. For tickets, call (312) 334-7777 or visit [Harristheaterchicago.org](http://Harristheaterchicago.org).



## 6 Double Edge Theatre

**Jan. 18-19:** This Massachusetts-based company, known for works rooted in European experimentalism, comes to town to perform "The Grand Parade (of the Twentieth Century)." Commissioned by Columbia College Chicago's Theatre Department and The Dance Center (1306 S. Michigan), the multidisciplinary piece — the first in a five-part musing on the life and work of visual artist Marc Chagall — combines music, dance, circus arts and projections for a spectacle that mirrors the lively canvases for which the Russian-born master was famous. Tickets: \$30, seniors \$24, children free. Call (312) 369-8330 or visit [Colum.edu/dancecenter](http://Colum.edu/dancecenter).

## 7 'Leave it to Ludwig'

**Jan. 19-20:** Before your young ones have a chance to think of classical music as boring, check out this easy-going intro to Beethoven, created by composer Bruce Adolphe and performed by The Chicago Chamber Musicians. In the one-hour show (geared to families and children ages four and up), Beethoven appears to a young pianist as he struggles to perform the great composer's music. Tickets: \$20, children under 12, \$15. Chicago Shakespeare Theater, 800 E. Grand. (312) 595-5600 or visit [Chicagoshakes.com](http://Chicagoshakes.com).

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BY JESSE GODDARD

An evening under the stars at the Adler Planetarium proved a perfect way to close out 2012 for Chicago's up-and-coming business owners at the second annual Entrepreneur's Eve. More than 600 guests danced their way into the new year, raising not only their glasses but also funds for the H Foundation, which benefits the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. In between fireworks displays, attendees explored exhibits, traded puffs in the cigar lounge and tried their luck at the casino into the wee hours of the morning. The event raised nearly \$70,000 for a brighter 2013.

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CHEEKYCHICAGO NEW YEAR'S EVE



James Pike, Chanel Wing and Alex and Rebecca Pike

# WHITE OUT

BY JESSE GODDARD

More than 300 partygoers celebrated at Vertigo Sky Lounge for lifestyle website CheekyChicago's Winter White New Year's Eve bash. The revelers rang in 2013 atop the lounge's 26th-floor patio, where DJ Mister Wolf spun tunes throughout the night. Views of the city skyline complemented the unending flow of Grey Goose Cherry Noir and Bombay Sapphire cocktails, along with tasty bites crafted by the hotel's Argent Restaurant and Raw Bar.



Kris Lopez and Megan Taylor

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Lisa Frame and Brittony Mclean



Jessica Zweig and Brian Fisher



# BEST DRESSED

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in Monique Lhuillier at the  
Four Seasons Chicago

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**EMILY  
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in Rafael Cennamo at  
the Palmer House Hilton

**TRACEY TARANTINO  
DIBUONO**

in Elda de la Rosa at the  
Four Seasons Chicago

**KENDRA THORNTON**

in a dress from Saks Fifth  
Avenue at the  
Palmer House Hilton

**MARY ELIZABETH  
DEYOUNG**

in Vera Wang at the  
Adler Planetarium

**A**s spring gala season approaches, we look back at fall's leading ladies for inspiration; these women enchanted the crowds in elegant fairy-tale evening gowns. Whether it was a regal, tulle-stuffed skirt or a hip-hugging silhouette, the key was finding a dress that kicked things up a notch with intricate details like embroidery, ruffles or ruching. With the fall gala season so glamorous, we can't wait to see what the stylish set pulls out for spring.

HIGHTSIGHT EVE OF THE EVE



Chris Duffy, Lesley DeMaio and Art Hofstetter



Mark Duhon and Patty Hart

# HIGH MINDED

BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

On the night before New Year's, more than 2,000 revelers celebrated at HighSight's 18th annual Eve of the Eve bash. Attendees mingled, sipped from an open bar and danced to live performances by Pat McKillen and South of 80 inside Union Station's Great Hall. The evening's festivities — which included a silent auction with prizes ranging from Bulls tickets to a Mexican vacation — helped net more than \$175,000 to provide scholarships, tutoring and mentoring for Chicago's high school students.

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Amy Sprenger, Vicki Duhon and Allison Spriggs

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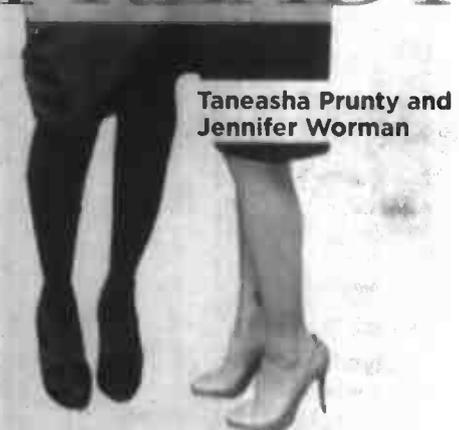
Ann Wallace and Hadley Allen

# RUNWAY READY

BY JENNIFER HAMILTON

While other Chicagoans were braving the cold, local bloggers and fashionistas were sampling summer at Escada's Goodbye 2012 event. Jennifer Worman of *Redsolesandredwine.com* hosted the fête, where Chicago bloggers like Cha'rron Davis of *Cchicchicago.com*, Melissa Figiel of *Shophautespot.com* and Johanna Grange from *10thingsilove.blogspot.com* got a sneak peek at the luxe line's spring/summer 2013 collection. Vibrantly hued sheaths, hand-beaded gowns and classic, curve-hugging pieces were just some of the styles on display at 51 E. Oak.

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Taneasha Prunty and Jennifer Worman



Martino Tangkar and Kartika Widjanta



A model in Escada

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# DIAMOND GIRLS



Carolyn Pellssero and Jaclyn Deutsch



Amanda Rivera and Katerina Klags



Dana Levy Debi Lilly Lindsay Segal

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

**T**rumph Tower sparkled a little brighter than usual on Dec. 4 as more than 200 guests sipped Champagne and browsed the 2013 collection from Chicago-based jewelry line Dana Rebecca Designs. Themed Named With Love, the event attracted pairs of partygoers who tweeted about friendship with the hashtag #namedwithlove for a chance to win a bracelet with a jeweled heart. Guests included power publicists Jenn Lake, Amanda Puck and Jamie Weil, party planner Debi Lilly and the Blackhawks' Lizzy Queen.

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# Don't stop the PARTY

The Peninsula Chicago's Director of Catering **Greg Hyder** cooks up a calm Sunday

BY ZAK STEMER

It's more than a little ironic that **Greg Hyder** — the man behind some of the most intricate galas, brunches and dinners in the city — spends his Sundays with a simple crockpot and a pork loin. But Hyder, the Director of Catering for the ultra-luxe Peninsula Chicago hotel, prides himself on being a very hands-on chef. "Sunday is the day I like to stay home, putz around my house and cook," he says.

It's certainly a break from the rest of his party-packed week, which revolves around working with groups to throw the perfect event at the Peninsula. And when it comes to planning a gorgeous gala, Hyder has tips for both partygoers and hosts alike. When selecting an outfit, Hyder — who recently spent time in Beverly Hills working on a renovation of their sister hotel — suggests taking cues from Hollywood, picking out the best trends from the Golden Globes and Academy Awards.

As for the gala hosts, Hyder proposes thinking outside of the box to create a memorable affair. "That makes it more interesting," he says. "I once did an event that was Havana-themed with cigar girls and a salsa band. If you really want people to come to your event, especially when there are so many to choose from, you have to spend a little more time and effort to make people say, 'That was a great event that I have to go to again next year.'"

Here, the life of the party plans his perfect Sunday.



**9 A.M.**  
Hyder wakes up in his Andersonville home and puts a pork loin in his trusty crock pot. "It cooks all day and makes the house smell great," he says.



**10 A.M.**

For brunch, Hyder and his partner, Jim Smith, head to M. Henry (5707 N. Clark) for the bread pudding or The Bongo Room (5022 N. Clark) for bacon and a bloody Mary.



**NOON**

Matinees are a favorite Sunday activity, so Hyder heads to the Davis Theater (4614 N. Lincoln) to enjoy a flick — he loves Academy nominees or anything sci-fi.



**3 P.M.**

Sunday is great for afternoon shopping, and Brimfield (5219 N. Clark) is a neighborhood treasure. "It's like Ralph Lauren on acid," Hyder says.



**4 P.M.**

More shopping takes him to Gethsemane (5739 N. Clark). "It's the best home store if you have to get anyone a gift," he says.

**6 P.M.**

Dinner has been simmering all day, so Hyder and Smith finally sit down and dig into their home-cooked meal.



**9 P.M.**

If they're still feeling energized, Marty's Martini Bar (1511 W. Balmoral) is the duo's go-to haunt. Hyder loves the giant-sized martinis and fun atmosphere.



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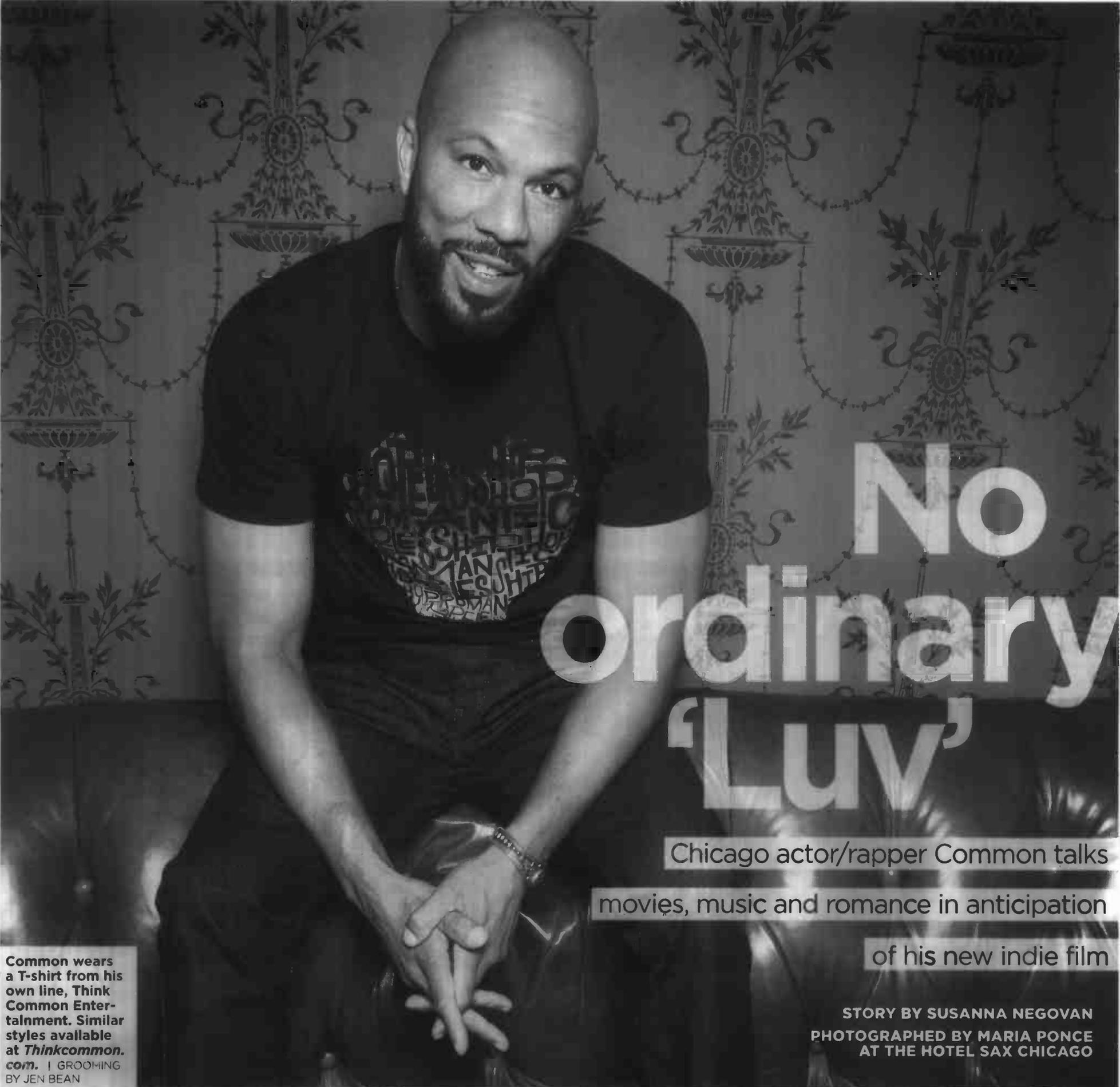
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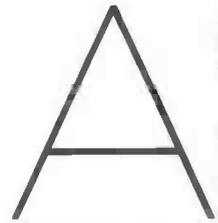


# No ordinary 'Luv'

Chicago actor/rapper Common talks  
movies, music and romance in anticipation  
of his new indie film

Common wears a T-shirt from his own line, Think Common Entertainment. Similar styles available at [Thinkcommon.com](http://Thinkcommon.com). | GROOMING BY JEN BEAN

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AT THE HOTEL SAX CHICAGO



s the saying goes, love has many faces.

In the independent film "LUV" — which premieres nationwide Jan.

18 — Chicago-reared actor/rapper Common plays an ex-con whose love for his 11-year-old nephew turns dysfunctional. "My character is really seeking to be on the right path," he says. "He wants to be a father figure to his nephew, and he wants to teach him how to be a man. But he starts finding himself being dragged back into the life he wanted to leave behind."

That path turns violent as the movie unfolds. The film, which was produced by Common's Freedom Road Films and screened at Sundance last year, has an unexpected message, he says.

"Love can be misguided — my character loves his nephew, but he doesn't know how to show it," he says. "It's a cycle. Sometimes in the community you get people who are like, 'I'm going to teach you some things,' and some of the things we teach the young people are not healthy."

Common, 40, is a product of Chicago's South Side Chatham/Avalon Park neighborhood, and hopes that the film starts a discussion among families.

"There's a reason right now why we have so much violence in Chicago," he says. "It doesn't start with the young people doing it. It starts with what's been going on in the homes and how the parents and the actual community are nurturing the children. What type of love are they really giving?"

Growing up, Common says he received just the love he needed. A rock-solid foundation provided by his family — especially his mother, Dr. Mahalia Hines, a former Chicago Public Schools principal — is what pushed him toward fulfilling his ambition to be a hip-hop star, he says. "My mother is the person that gave me that platform: helping discipline me, reinforcing her values and consistently staying on me to go to church, do well in school, treat people with respect. Not only was she enforcing those things with me, but she was living them, too."

Common hopes to provide the same kind of emotional support to inner-city kids through his Chicago-based nonprofit, the Common Ground Foundation. "We basically use the creative arts, and also information and education, to help young people fulfill their dreams," he says. Programs include a summer youth camp, which in its first year took 30 children from Chicago Public Schools to Wisconsin, and year-round mentoring.

"I know that if a child has a dream and they pursue it with their whole heart, it'll create less of an environment for a kid to get in trouble," he says. "When you know you want to be something, if there's something you see that's



## AN EDUCATION

• After attending Florida A&M University for two years, Common moved back to Chicago and attended Columbia College Chicago for a year. "This is when I had albums out, and I just wanted to learn more about music. I was taking drums; I was taking music theory. I really had a great experience there."

• He continues teaching himself about love and



relationships through books. "I read a book called *The Mastery of Love* by Don Miguel Ruiz — he also wrote *The Four Agreements*: This book I was reading called *The Path to Love* [by Deepak Chopra] is great. I do believe that I've been growing."

going to be detrimental, you stay away from that. It may be being a chef, some might want to be attorneys, some might want to be politicians, some might want to be athletes — whatever they choose we have to allow that. I think one of the most fulfilling things in life is to be able to do something you love to do."

Though he spends a lot of his time in Los Angeles, and a chunk of time each year in Calgary, Alberta, filming AMC's "Hell on Wheels" (the third season will air this fall), Chicago is still home.

"This is where I come from, and you always have to pay homage, honor and respect to where you come from because it provided for you and shaped you, so it's only natural that you should be able to give back," he says. "I also recognize that in Chicago is a lot of struggling people just dealing with life. I really feel like I want to do anything I can to give our children the opportunity to be the best they can be."

He's loyal to more than just the city of Chicago. His manager and right-hand man, Derek Dudley, has been his friend since the fourth grade. And he and Dudley, who come here about once a month, often stay with family in their old neighborhood and spend time with the friends they've known since childhood.

His feelings for his hometown are at the heart of a song Common is working on right now called "Chicago Forever,"

which will be included on a promotional mixtape he's releasing this spring that features collaborations with other artists. The song "is talking about how no matter where I've been and go, Chicago is always with me," he says.

The mixtape, which will be released in April, is just the beginning. This year will mark the total return to his first love — music — which was supplanted by acting in 2012. He'll also release an EP to coincide with the "Luv" movie release later this month and a full album in September.

Straddling two worlds — and dominating them both — is something Common set his sights on long ago. "I can't really pick between music and movies," he says. "It's like saying pick between my mother and my brother. I just feel blessed and grateful that I'm doing both and can continue to grow in both."

He's also working on finding that other type of love in 2013: romantic love. "I do have a desire to settle down and be married and just build a family," he says. Though he's currently single, his past relationships have included singer Erykah Badu and tennis star Serena Williams.

At this stage in his life, he's looking for "a woman that's God-loving, fun, has a strength about her but at the same token can still be soft," he says. "And I like a woman who is honest and transparent, open and supportive."

Most of all, "I want somebody I can be totally myself around," he says. "That's unconditional true love."

Tickets for the Common Ground Gala, which will be held March 23 at the Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware, are available at [Commongroundfoundation.org](http://Commongroundfoundation.org).



From top: With Michael Rainey Jr. in "Luv"; as Eliam Ferguson in AMC's "Hell on Wheels"; with Queen Latifah in 2010's "Just Wright."

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# AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER

Christen your 2013 datebook by penciling in Chicago's glitziest galas



The American Heart Association's Heart Ball at Navy Pier | PHOTO COURTESY BILL RICHERT

BY JENNY BERG

**T**he holidays are a wrap, but for philanthropic Chicagoans, the celebrations are just beginning. The new year is chock full of galas and parties that blend style with substance — all while raking in funds for area charities. In fact, there's not a weekend in the next six months that isn't ripe with opportunities to enjoy and support our city. As we kick off 2013, here's a look at the glitzy events taking place through the spring (look for our fall guide on Sept. 1). Save these dates, Chicago — it's going to be a very festive year.

**Feb. 8:** Philanthropy tastes great at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Grand Chefs Gala. During cocktail hour, dozens of the city's top chefs dish out imaginative hors d'oeuvres, and after the "La Dolce Vita"-themed dinner-dance, mixologists serve decadent drinks and desserts at a hoppin' after-party. Tickets: \$400 for the gala; \$100 for just the Nightcap after-party. The Fairmont Chicago, 200 N. Columbus. For more information, call (312) 236-4491 or visit [Grandchefsgala.com](http://Grandchefsgala.com).

**Feb. 8:** The Chicago Auto Show's First Look for Charity Gala offers a sneak peek at fresh-from-the-factory vehicles. Spread out over a whopping 1.3 million square feet of space (with slippers available for stiletto-weary guests), the event features Champagne, lavish buffet stations and a strict black-tie dress code that keeps guests looking glamorous as they test out some torque. The event benefits a number of local causes. Tickets: \$250. McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore. For more information, call (630) 495-2282 or visit [Chicagoautoshow.com/Firstlook](http://Chicagoautoshow.com/Firstlook).

**Feb. 14:** The Joffrey Ballet's *What Is This Thing Called Love?* features a benefit performance by local chanteuse **Shelley MacArthur Farley**, who will belt out love-themed numbers with featured guests **Rodrick Dixon** and **Alfreda Burke**; the City Lights Orchestra, conducted by **Rich Daniels**, will also play. Upholding another Valentine's Day tradition, the elegant evening includes plenty of Champagne. Tickets: \$350. The Murphy, 50 E. Erie. For more information,



Shelley MacArthur

call (312) 368-8921 or visit [Joffrey.org/love](http://Joffrey.org/love).

**Feb. 15:** It will be a picturesque evening as the Art Institute of Chicago hosts its "Picasso and Chicago" opening night gala. The event, which includes a preview of 250 works by the renowned artist, will kick off with remarks from Picasso's granddaughter Diana Widmaier Picasso. Dinner and drinks will follow in Griffin Court. Tickets: \$500. Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan. For more information, call (312) 443-3615.

**Feb. 24:** The Gene Siskel Film Center's Oscar Experience is Chicago's only Academy-sanctioned Oscar Party. As such, guests get copies of the official program to follow along with as the ceremony plays out on the big screen. Other Hollywood-style perks include swag bags, red-carpet arrivals, faux paparazzi and giant searchlights stationed outside. Tickets: \$100-\$200. Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State. For more information, call (312) 846-2072 or visit [Siskelfilmcenter.org](http://Siskelfilmcenter.org).

**March 2:** The Looking-glass Theatre Company's gglassquerade gala is going to be big this year, nation! **Stephen Colbert** hosts the glitzy affair, which traditionally lures the top brass of Chicago's theater community. The night includes dinner, dancing and a speaking program known to bust guts. With Colbert ruling the roost, we expect to be doubled over all night. Tables: \$10,000 to \$50,000. The Four Seasons, 120 E. Delaware. For more information, call (773) 477-9257, ext. 116, or visit [Lookingglasstheatre.org](http://Lookingglasstheatre.org).



Stephen Colbert

**March 9:** Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation's Bear Tie Ball turns 20 this year, and guests are invited to don their finest purple duds and help celebrate. With dinner, dancing and auctions, the violet-hued event employs plenty of pizzazz to tackle a serious cause. Tickets: \$325. UIC Forum, 1200 W. Harrison. For more information, call (312) 214-1200, ext. 29, or visit [Bearnecessities.org](http://Bearnecessities.org).

**March 15:** The Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum's Costume Ball showcases sartorial treasures against a swank backdrop. This year's event celebrates the exhibit "Inspiring Beauty: 50 Years of Ebony Fashion Fair." The cocktail reception takes place in the museum's storied Chicago room, and guests dine in a lavishly appointed tent. Tickets: \$1,000. Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark. For more information, call (312) 799-2113 or visit [Chicagohistory.org](http://Chicagohistory.org).

**April 11:** The Chicago Cubs Charities' Bricks & Ivy Ball brings Wrigley Field star power to Navy Pier. With appearances from Chicago Cubs players, coaching staff and owners, the ball also offers a decadent dinner, music and auctions — but sadly, no chance of catching a fly ball. Tickets: \$500. Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand. For more information, call (773) 404-2827 or visit [Chicago.cubs.mlb.com](http://Chicago.cubs.mlb.com).

**April 13:** The American Heart Association's Heart Ball really takes its cause to, er, heart. The menu is lavish but low-sodium, and past guests have included fitness guru **Denise Austin**. The upbeat affair also includes dancing, live music and auctions. Tickets: \$1,000. Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand. For more information, call (312) 476-6623 or visit [Heart.org](http://Heart.org).

**April 18:** The AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Spring Dinner calls on the cream of the intellectual crop to address the crowd; this year's guest is the indomitable **Paula Poundstone**. Held in the chandelier-decked Hilton Chicago, the night includes cocktails, a gourmet dinner and networking opportunities galore. Tickets: \$250 to \$500. The Hilton



Denise Austin



Paula Poundstone



Driehaus Awards for Fashion Excellence

Chicago, 720 S. Michigan. For more information, call (312) 334-0935 or visit [Aidschicago.org](http://Aidschicago.org).

**April 19:** The Joffrey Ballet's Spring Gala kicks off with a performance at the Auditorium Theatre. Guests then hop aboard trolleys and head to the Hilton Chicago for a dinner that's perfectly en pointe. For many, the highlight of the evening is hitting the dance floor with the company's renowned dancers, who bust out some classically tinged moves. Tickets: \$750. Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress; the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan. For more information, call (312) 396-8921 or visit [Joffrey.org](http://Joffrey.org).

**April 20:** The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana's Big Mac Under Glass gala is a buoyant affair made brighter by a special host: Every year, Ronald McDonald himself greets guests. With a Masquerade Ball theme and décor that channels 1920s Venice, this year's event offers an especially elegant setting for clowning around. Tickets: \$395. The Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E. North Water. For more information, call (630) 623-5300 or visit [Ronaldhousechicago.org](http://Ronaldhousechicago.org).

**April 27:** The Richard Driehaus Foundation's Driehaus Awards for Fashion Excellence celebrate Chicago's finest young designers in a unique setting: a garage. (But rest assured — this garage is heated, bar-equipped and home to a fascinating collection of vintage cars.) The evening includes a fully produced fashion show of student looks judged by a panel of local experts. Ticket prices to be announced. 700 S. Des Plaines. For more information, visit [Driehausdesign.org](http://Driehausdesign.org).

**April 27:** The American Cancer Society's Discovery Ball is a study in successful fundraising. The juggernauts of Chicago's corporate community — including C-level executives from Boeing and Motorola — occupy tables and participate in a thrilling live auction. Last year, one single package raked in \$218,000; the entire event netted close to \$3 million. This year's celebrity headliner has yet to be announced. Event sponsorship begins at \$25,000. Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, 221 N. Columbus. For more information, call (312) 279-7213 or visit [Discoveryball.org](http://Discoveryball.org).

**May 3:** The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum's beloved Butterfly Ball sees the city's social butterflies decked in springy gowns and dapper tuxes. With an eco-friendly focus, the gala has lush centerpieces that get replanted into the city's gardens, while the upscale dinner showcases local fare. Tickets: \$600. Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Canon. For more information, call (312) 553-2000 or visit [Pjchicago.com/butterflyball](http://Pjchicago.com/butterflyball).



Princess Yasmin Aga Khan

Always inspired by a Rita Hayworth film, the evening transports guests to a glamorous, retro-style setting. Tickets: \$500-\$2,500. The Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan. For more information, call (312) 335-5216 or visit [Alz.org](http://Alz.org).

**May 11:** The Alzheimer's Association's Rita Hayworth Gala is a Mother's Day weekend tradition, and rightfully so: The event is helmed by Hayworth's daughter **Princess Yasmin Aga Khan**.

## GALAS GALORE

Here are a few more galas that we're looking forward to in 2013:

843-4887 or visit [Pawschicago.org/animalmagnetism](http://Pawschicago.org/animalmagnetism).

**The Museum of Contemporary Art's ArtEdge Gala.** Feb. 2. Tickets: \$1,000 for the gala, \$150 for concert and after-party. Call (312) 397-3868 or email [Hhanas@mcachicago.org](mailto:Hhanas@mcachicago.org).



PAWS Chicago Animal Magnetism

**Redmoon Theater's Spectacle Lunatique.** March 9. Call (312) 850-8440 or visit [Redmoon.org](http://Redmoon.org).

**UNICEF's Message of Hope Gala.** April 12. Tickets: \$500. Visit [Unicefusa.org](http://Unicefusa.org).

**Tickled Pink for Bright Pink.** Feb. 8. Tickets: \$95. Purchase at [Brightpink.org/events](http://Brightpink.org/events).

**The Lyric Opera of Chicago's Fantasy of the Opera Gala.** Feb. 9. Tickets: \$275-\$500. Call (312) 827-5656 or visit [Lyricopera.org](http://Lyricopera.org).

**"They Seek a City: Chicago and the Art of Migration, 1910-1950" opening event at the Art Institute.** March 2. Tickets: \$350-\$1,000. Visit [Artic.edu](http://Artic.edu).

**PAWS Chicago's Animal Magnetism.** Feb. 22. Tickets: \$125 per person, \$25 per pooch. Call (773)

**The Women's Board and the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Zoological Society's The Whirl.** April 20. Tickets: \$600. Call (312) 553-2000 or visit [Czs.org](http://Czs.org).

**The Steppenwolf Theatre Gala.** May 4. Tickets: \$1,000. Call (312) 654-5632 or visit [Steppenwolf.org](http://Steppenwolf.org).

**Goodman Theatre Gala.** May 18. Tickets: \$600. Visit [Goodmantheatre.org](http://Goodmantheatre.org).

**The Woman's Board of Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago's 64th Annual Summer Ball.** May 31. Tickets: \$600. Visit [Bgcc.org](http://Bgcc.org).



Goodman Gala guests Denis Healy, Laura Benanti and Sondra Healy

# TOAST OF THE TOWN



The woman on everyone's invite list, **Toni Canada**, shares her secrets for staying camera-ready

**1. space519:** emergency kit, \$13, space519, 900 N. Michigan; [Space519.com](http://Space519.com)

"This mini emergency kit fits right in your evening bag. I purchased the male version for my husband, too."

**2. Essie:** Adore-a-ball, \$8, Ulta, 114 S. State; [Ulta.com](http://Ulta.com)

"Can't forget your nails. My treat is a manicure each week at Spa Emilia at 21 W. Elm. Essie makes the best colors and Adore-a-ball is one of my go-tos."

**3. Ralph Lauren:** draped one-shoulder gown, \$180, Bloomingdales, 900 N. Michigan; [Ralphlauren.com](http://Ralphlauren.com)

"Loving this color for Spring/Summer. It's classic Ralph Lauren."

**4. Palladio:** rice paper blotting tissues, \$7.50; [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

"An absolute MUST to keep in my evening bag. They come in three different shades."

**5. Chanel:** Illuminating powder with shimmer, \$80, Illusion D'Ombre eyeshadow, \$36, 935 N. Michigan; [Chanel.com](http://Chanel.com)

"Chanel D'Ombre glimmering eye shadows are a fave of mine — especially the color Epatant. Paired with Chanel Illuminating powder, it's the perfect look for a special evening."

**6. Oscar de la Renta:** strapless ballgown, \$14,890, (888) 782-6357; [Oscardelarenta.com](http://Oscardelarenta.com)

"Swoon ... This Oscar de la Renta is the perfect gown for co-chairing the 40th Anniversary of the Auxiliary Board of the Art Institute this October."

**7. L'Oréal Paris:** HiP Studio Secrets lip color in Splendid, \$12, Walgreens, 30 N. Michigan; [Lorealparisusa.com](http://Lorealparisusa.com)

"I love L'Oréal lip glosses, especially HiP Studio Secrets. They're available in 20 colors and are so affordable you can keep a tube in each of your bags."

**8. Lulu Frost for J. Crew:** crystal and color statement earrings, \$118, 900 N. Michigan; [Jcrew.com](http://Jcrew.com)

"Love these estate-inspired earrings. They're a pitch-perfect mash up of antique, vintage and modern influences."

**9. Brian Atwood:** Hamper double platform stiletto, \$755, Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand; [Brianatwood.com](http://Brianatwood.com)

"You can dance all night in this shoe!"

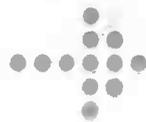
**10. Goody:** black bobby pins, \$3, Target, 1154 S. Clark; [Target.com](http://Target.com)

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## Ky Dickens & Kaisa Dille

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

**F**or creative couple Ky Dickens and Kaisa Dille (Dickens is a filmmaker and Dille a landscape and furniture designer), a barn in Michigan was the perfect place to celebrate their civil union last fall. The barn setting was particularly meaningful for the pair — one year earlier, during a visit to the Dille family sheep farm in Minnesota, Dickens popped the question to Dille. The dress code for the nuptials was open to interpretation: The couple encouraged guests to showcase their individuality, and many donned cowboy hats, boots and bandanas.

“You’re recreating this new territory as a gay wedding. People don’t know what to expect, so we played on that,” says Dickens. In lieu of a traditional ceremony and wedding party, Dille and Dickens invited a group of friends to act as their “circle of accountability,” responsible for keeping them true to each other. During the ceremony, each member of the circle read a passage or told a story that was important to Dickens and Dille, driving their 170 guests to both laughter and tears. The rest of the evening included a buffet-style menu of seasonal, locally grown food, a hoe-down on the dance floor and speeches from both women’s fathers, which were met with cheers. “I think it was very healing. We’re lucky and blessed to have such loving and affirmative parents,” says Dille.



From top: Ky Dickens (left) and Kaisa Dille share a toast; the couple strikes a pose with friends; Lincoln and Isla Dille sport festive hats. For more photos, go to [Splash.suntimes.com](http://Splash.suntimes.com) or download our free Splash by Chicago Sun-Times iPad app. | PHOTOS COURTESY ALYCE HENSON

## CHEERS!

Congratulations to **Maria Ponce** and her husband, **Trey Berre**, on the birth of their new baby, Fiona Ann.

Fiona is the first child for Ponce, a photographer (who often shoots for Splash), and Berre, the designer behind men’s accessory line Artfully Disheveled.



Hats off to Splash columnist **Jenny McCarthy**, who donned a Santa cap to sit courtside and play honorary captain at the Bulls game on Christmas night. Along with 10-year-old son Evan, McCarthy schmoozed with the players, befriended Benny the Bull and talked to sportscaster Steve Kashul about her Splash column.

We’re thrilled for Ariel Investments president **Melody Hobson** and renowned director **George Lucas**, who recently became engaged. The pair, who have been together for more than six years, are expected to wed in the spring.





## Southern comfort

The Melmans bring a dose of the South to River North with **Bub City**

BY MOLLY EACH

**T**hey've tackled contemporary American cuisine at Hub 51, French at Paris Club and Italian at RPM. So for their newest concept, R.J., Jerrod and Molly Melman looked South — and to their father's restaurant history — for Bub City, a revamped version of the barbecue-meets-seafood joint that was a staple of Rich Melman's Lettuce Entertain You repertoire in the 1980s and '90s.

"It's something we thought was missing," says R.J. "We wanted to do barbecue, my brother and sister and I like country music, and [mixologist] Paul McGee likes whiskey. It all came together."

Just like its predecessor, the Bub City menu features both barbecue dishes and seafood items, created by chef and partner Doug Psaltis. Authentic barbecue items include

burnt ends (\$14.95), buttermilk fried chicken (\$15.95) and a pulled pork sandwich (\$8.95), which are expertly accompanied by sides like crispy collards (\$3.95) and mac and cheese (\$5.95), while seafood dishes include a lobster roll (\$16.95) and a shrimp boil served with corn on the cob and red potatoes (\$15.95). There's even a shellfish bar, with oysters (\$11.95 for a half dozen) and snow crab legs (\$23.95).

Appropriately, the focus of the bar program, developed by noted aficionado McGee, is on whiskey, with more than 125 selections available — including some that were developed exclusively for Bub City by distillers like Jack Daniel's, Four Roses and Old Weller. The liquor is also mixed into cocktails like the Riverboat Gambler, with maple, lemon and bitters, and the Whiskey Tango, with sweet tea and lemon (both \$10).



Bone-in short rib

It's all served in a room that wouldn't look out of place in a country music biopic. "We wanted it to look like a joint that's been around for 40 years," says R.J. To achieve the vibe, they used weathered wood on the walls, incorporated old materials into the décor and have covered the walls with country music concert posters and neon beer logos. It's the perfect backdrop for Bub City's live country music acts (most brought in from Nashville), which take the stage on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Melman trio will even give aspiring singers a chance to shine with live karaoke, accompanied by a country band, set to launch in the next few months.

435 N. Clark, (312) 610-4200, [Bubcitychicago.com](http://Bubcitychicago.com)

## Winter's Bone



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### Sheffield's Chicago

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Sheffield's menu is full of summery, BBQ favorites. The Carolina Pulled Pork Platter is a GrubHub go-to and comes with combread, coleslaw and your choice of delicious sides.

### Pork Shoppe

2755 W. Belmont Ave.

A longtime GrubHub standby, Pork Shoppe offers an array of BBQ plates, platters and sandwiches. The hardwood smoked Beef Brisket, Mac and Cheese and Burnt End Baked Beans are some of the restaurant's most popular menu items.

### Chicago Q

1160 N. Dearborn St.

Chicago Q is one of the city's most beloved BBQ shops, known for an upscale take on classic Southern BBQ. Their Kobe Sliced Brisket Platter and House Bacon Cheddar Hush Puppies are a few diner favorites.

### Deleece Grill Pub

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# Inside out

Avoid winter weather by setting up a home in these well-connected buildings

BY LISA SKOLNIK

**D**uring the frigid Chicago winters, it's best to have "inside connections" — in other words, a residence in a building that also plays host to restaurants, shops, entertainment options and other essentials. "Plenty of buildings have those options in a wide range of price points and locations," says Rick Druker, managing broker of Baird & Warner's Michigan Avenue office. He lists Olympia Centre, Aqua, Lake Point Tower, the Hancock and Marina City as examples. "Or [look to] hotels with indulgent services and spas that are attached to condos, like Trump International Hotel & Tower and the Waldorf Astoria," says Druker.

But if you're looking for a one-stop residence, Druker says that the real stars are the complexes that are attached to luxury hotels and world-class malls, offering an abundance of shopping and services. That makes Water Tower Place and 900 N. Michigan, which both house bustling vertical malls, five-star hotels (the Ritz-Carlton and Four Seasons, respectively) and posh apartments, the hottest "insider" residences in town.

Prices usually top \$1 million for these condos, but right now there are a few listings on the market under that benchmark. At Water Tower Place (180 E. Pearson), unit 4402, a 1,775-square-foot, two-bed two-bath is up for \$895,000 (Baird & Warner broker Daphne McDougall, 312-981-2362, [Daphne.Mcdougall@bairdwarner.com](mailto:Daphne.Mcdougall@bairdwarner.com)) and unit 6501, a 2,754-square-foot, three-bed three-bath is going for \$950,000 (contact Koenig & Strey broker Marie Campbell, 312-893-1347, [Mcampbell@koenigstrey.com](mailto:Mcampbell@koenigstrey.com)). Over at 132 E. Delaware, the residence attached to the 900 building, unit 5105 (below), a 1,470-square-foot, two-bed two-bath is on the market for \$795,000 (contact Koenig & Strey broker Helen Jaeger Roth, 312-893-3541, [Hjaegerroth@koenigstrey.com](mailto:Hjaegerroth@koenigstrey.com)).



505 N. Lake Shore, unit 6202

## Other insider options

Lake Point Tower and the Hancock Center are two other buildings with available abodes that are virtually cities in their own right. At the former (505 N. Lake Shore), unit 807, a 1,100-square-foot, one-bedroom one-bathroom, is \$329,900 and unit 6202 (above), a 1,800-square-foot, three-bed two-bath, is \$995,000

(for both contact @properties broker Jean Ward, 312-315-6116). At the latter (175 E. Delaware), you'll find unit 5306, a 590-square-foot studio for \$229,000, and unit 6607, a 1,460-square-foot, two-bed two-bath going for \$595,000 (for both contact Baird & Warner broker Pat Cohen, 312-415-8000).

Lake Point Tower

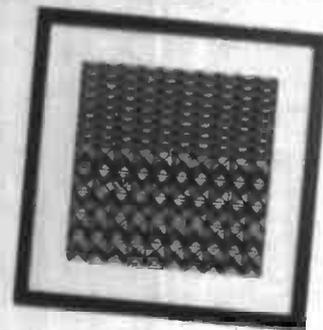


Units in 132 E. Delaware, such as 5105, have access to the shops at 900 N. Michigan.

## THINK GREEN

Diamonds may be forever, but international color authority Pantone has proclaimed emerald the 2013 color of the year. Watch for the verdant hue on everything from decor to furnishings to floor coverings, and get a quick burst with an affordable print from art site [20x200.com](http://20x200.com).

Our picks? "Eroded in the Silence" by Chikara Umihara (\$60) and "Shadowscape" by Michelle Marie Murphy (\$24 or \$60, above), both available at [20x200.com](http://20x200.com).



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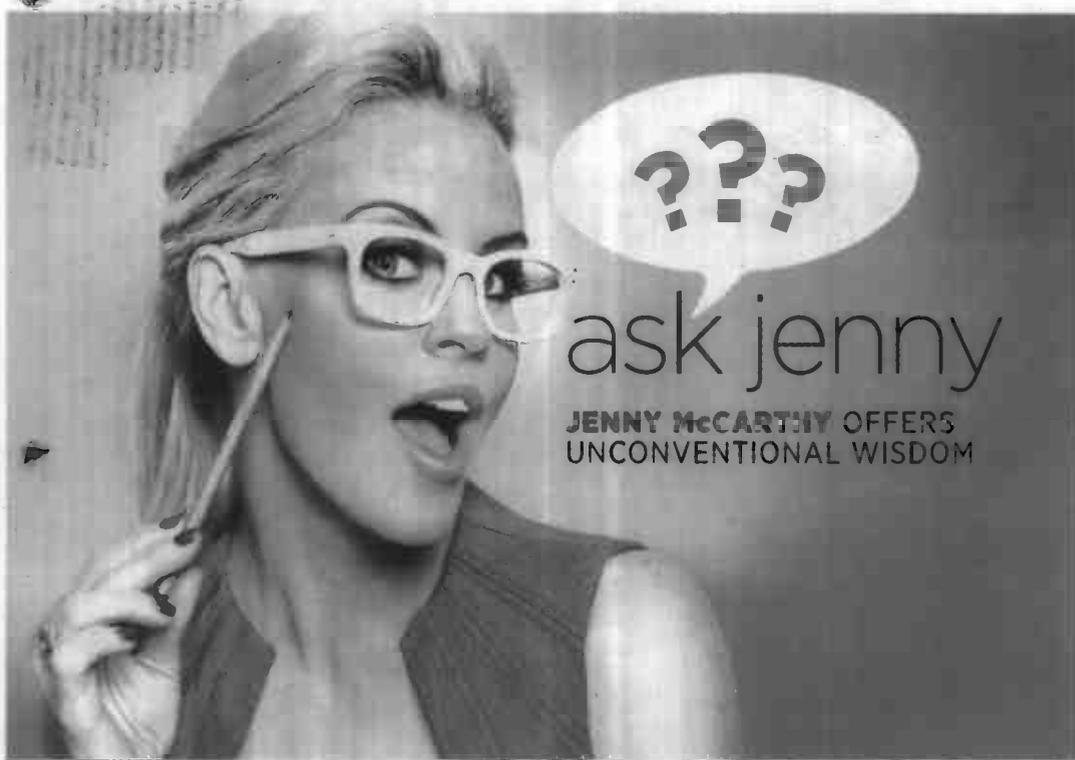
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# Make a resolution to stick with resolutions

Tricks to help you meet those pesky goals in 2013

**D**ear Jenny, It's that time again and, just like everyone else, I've made my list of resolutions for the new year. For as long as I can remember I've had the same three goals on every list I've ever made. I start January bound and determined to conquer my goals, and then a couple weeks later I lose my motivation. Before I know it, my bad habits have become a part of my everyday life again. Do you have any tricks or suggestions to help me stick to my goals this year?

— Lisa from Sterling, Ill.

**Jenny says:** You're not alone! I've made resolutions doomed for failure — like learning something new. Every year I have dreams about learning a new foreign language or playing a musical instrument. My intentions are there, but I usually get as far as looking for an instructor and that's it! So don't feel bad. Some resolutions are difficult to stick with, but no matter how hard they are, they can be accomplished. Here are a few tips to help you succeed in reaching your goals:

- Write your resolution on a piece of paper where you can see it every day. Be specific and have realistic expectations.

Instead of saying you want to lose weight, say you want to lose 10 pounds. The clearer you are, the better chance you will have of reaching your goal. Review your resolution constantly so it is fresh in your mind.

- Use a buddy system. Find a friend who has the same goal and work together. I have found being accountable to someone else helps me tremendously.

- Set a start date and a deadline — it'll help you stay focused. Not every resolution has to start on Jan. 1.

- It's important to be in the right frame of mind when tackling a difficult task. You have to believe you can do it and that you absolutely have the willpower to achieve your goals.

Good luck, Lisa!

Send questions to Askjenny @suntimes.com



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DISPATCHES FROM OUR CHICAGOAN IN HOLLYWOOD, LIZ CROKIN

## Kim K's baby agenda

**K**im Kardashian and Kanye West are expecting a baby, and the reality TV star is already making big plans.

She's very concerned about the amount of weight she's already gained in her first trimester.

"She's not happy about it," a source said. "She's afraid that she's going to gain too much weight like Jessica Simpson did. She wants to continue to work out and eat healthy until she gives birth."

But Kanye isn't complaining. "Kanye loves Kim's extra curves!" a source said. "Kanye was originally attracted to Kim because of her voluptuous figure."

Kim is already thinking of ways to capitalize on her pregnancy. She's hoping to score a gig as a weight-loss program spokesperson, like Jessica Simpson did with Weight Watchers. Despite reports that Kimye have turned down offers to sell their first baby photos, my sources say that they plan on accepting an offer in the future.

"They are already in talks with a few magazines," the source said. Even though Kimye claims that their firstborn will not be featured on "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," my sources say that idea won't stick as long as momager Kris Jenner is in the picture.

"Kris will make sure that she capitalizes on this child just like she has capitalized on every single one of her kids and grandchildren so far," the source said. "She would love to score a deal for Kimye and the baby to have their own spin off show like 'Khloe & Lamar.'"

### Katy Perry headed for heartbreak!

Katy Perry and John Mayer



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West on New Year's Eve at the Mirage in Las Vegas. | DENISE TRUSCELLO-GETTY IMAGES

are getting serious fast, and those close to the pop princess are not happy about it.

"Katy's friends are worried she's setting herself up for another serious heartbreak!" the source said.

Just like her ex-husband Russell Brand, John is a Hollywood bad boy with a wandering eye.

Friends worry that the relationship will also end in disaster.

"John's a total player," the source said. "He's broken a lot of hearts, and I don't see him cleaning up and changing for anyone — even a sweetheart like Katy."

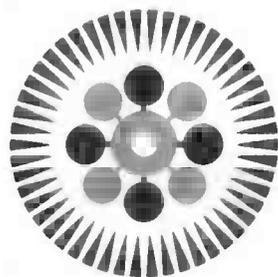
But a source says they've even talked about marriage.

"They've talked about taking their relationship to the next level," the source said. "Hopefully, for Katy's sake, they won't get that far. John is definitely not the marrying type, and you don't want to bring him home to mom!"

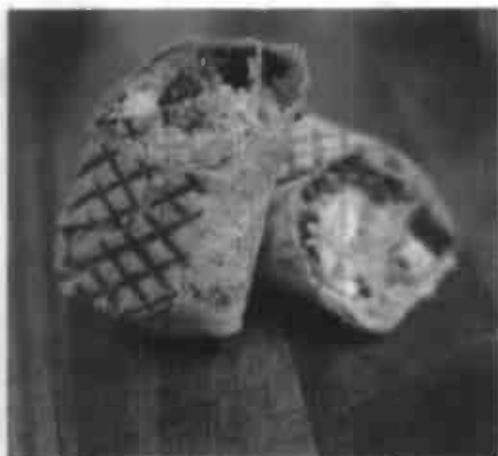


Katy Perry and John Mayer attend "A Christmas Story, the Musical" Dec. 13 in New York City. | GETTY IMAGES

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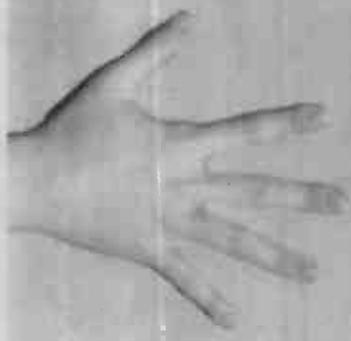
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# 'Whipping Man' explores war, religion and change

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Three Jewish men celebrate Passover with a Seder, retelling the story of the liberation of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

This particular Seder has added meaning in Matthew Lopez's "The Whipping Man" at Northlight Theatre. The three men are Caleb, a wounded Confederate soldier who has just returned to his family's home in Richmond, Virginia, and John and Simon, two of his father's former slaves who still live there.

Caleb is played by Derek Gaspar. Prior to the war, Gaspar said, his character could be described as "a rich boy from the South figuring out who he is and putting his father on a pedestal. He's got all the typical young men issues, trying to figure out what he believes. I wouldn't say he's much of a deep thinker, until the war. He spent four years at war and that really changed him. It opened his eyes. He started seeing a lot of pain and destruction, and also saw a side of himself that he had never seen before. He's in a place of complete identity crisis."

Gaspar first discovered "The Whipping Man" when he was in graduate school at the Theatre School at DePaul University, looking for scenes to do with his best friend, Sean Parris. By



Sean Parris (from left), Tim Edward Rhoze and Derek Gaspar rehearse for "The Whipping Man." | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media

a stroke of luck, Parris was cast in the Northlight production as John, the younger of the two slaves.

Parris described his character as "a conundrum. He's both cynical and optimistic. He's bursting with dreams and hope. He's definitely happy to be free but the big question that comes up in this play — not only for him but for everybody — is, 'What do we do now?'"

Tim Edward Rhoze, producing artistic director of Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre in

Evanston, plays Simon, a slave who is a generation older than John and Caleb. He has served Caleb's family for most of his life. "There is no backstory of his youth there," Rhoze said. "But I have been able to piece it together like a puzzle."

Those pieces include the fact that Simon is married, even though it was illegal for slaves to marry at that time, and that he has a daughter.

"He probably never thought that he would be emancipated," Rhoze posited. "He is ultimately elated but also

## 'The Whipping Man'

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overwhelmed and overcome by the fact that freedom has now reached him at his doorstep. He's looking to put his life together anew but it's challenging because all his life he's been in servitude and owned by someone."

Simon practices Judaism because of "the household he grew up in," Rhoze said. "It was the teachings that he heard and the practicing of the Jewish holidays and festivals that gave him his strong belief in God."

So the Seder has significance for all three characters. But for Simon, it's a symbol of hope. It is, Rhoze believes, "an affirmation yearly of his faith that things will be better. When? He doesn't know. The fact that he has that faith will sustain him until it happens." ■

# TOP FIVE



Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week



**[1] 'Skokie: Invaded, But Not Conquered'** documentary screens at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Holocaust Museum and airs on WTTW Channel 11 at 8 p.m. Jan. 24. See [iholocaustmuseum.org](http://iholocaustmuseum.org).

**[2] Opening reception for** work by artists Kathy Weaver (above) and Michael Cutlip is 4:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at ZIA Gallery in Winnetka. See [Zia-Gallery.net](http://Zia-Gallery.net).

**[3] Jazz in January** concerts take place at 8 p.m. Jan. 18 and 19 at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave. Call (847) 823-3164 or see [parkridgecommunitychurch.org](http://parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

**[4] Chicago Philharmonic** Chamber Players present Cafe Music at 3 p.m. Jan. 20 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge. Visit [chicagophilharmonic.org](http://chicagophilharmonic.org).

**[5] 'Race,'** a staged reading of David Mamet's drama, is at 2 p.m. Jan. 21 at Northwestern's Josephine Louis Theatre in Evanston. See [tic.northwestern.edu](http://tic.northwestern.edu).

Eat



# A taste of the tropics in Lincolnwood

BY LEE A. LITAS | Dining Columnist

“By putting in the hard work and being present you will succeed.”

That’s the mantra of Jaime Alvarez, the 29-year-old co-owner of Taste of Cuba. Together with her husband Guillermo Alvarez, Jr., 30, the young couple opened their beloved neighborhood joint last May while Jaime was still five months pregnant.

“It was a good motivator,” said Guillermo of the need to succeed under such circumstances. They would need all the help they could get as aside from the inherent difficulties of opening a restaurant, the couple also chose a spot where three others restaurants had failed.

“On the block this was called ‘restaurant death row,’” said Jaime.

But buoyed by the support of their family, the Alvarez’ used their unwavering belief in their abilities and in the surrounding communities to forge ahead.

“Latin culture is very family-oriented and embracing so we wanted to bring (our business) to another area that was equally family-oriented and we felt like Lincolnwood/Skokie/Evanston had that family vibe where we would be embraced,” said Jaime.

And were they ever. They have been able to turn a dining deathtrap into a destination restaurant lauded by media and patrons alike. Theirs is truly a family business. Not only does Guillermo’s dad, Guillermo, Sr., help out behind



Jaime and Guillermo Alvarez, Jr., owners of Taste of Cuba in Lincolnwood. | LEE A. LITAS-for Sun-Times Media

the counter and at the grill, they’ve also enlisted the aid of two aunts and a few cousins to create authentic dishes based on Guillermo’s grandma’s recipes from Havana.

Insisting on absolute freshness, at Taste of Cuba they make their own adobo seasoning to punch up all their meats. Fresh garlic, onion and garlic powder, salt, pepper, lime juice and fresh olive oil are its key ingredients.

They also make their own sofrito daily, a thick, savory sauce made of green and red peppers, garlic, cilantro and onions. It boosts flavor for beans, soups and rice.

“You (do) have to be a lover of garlic,” suggests Jaime for those interested in Cuban cuisine.

Starters include *empanadas de pollo*, fried dumplings with chicken and vegetables, served with pungent Cuban-style oregano-based chimichurri sauce for dipping. (\$1.75 for 2).

For something lighter to

## Taste of Cuba Cafe

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Lincolnwood  
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday;  
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday;  
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.  
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whet your appetite, Jaime’s “accompaniment” salad is made of fresh avocados, tomatoes and onions topped simply with lime juice and olive oil (\$5.25).

Along with an array of Cuban sandwiches, Taste of Cuba serves an Jibarito. The traditional Puerto Rican sandwich is on the menu in homage to Guillermo’s half-Puerto Rican heritage. This sandwich uses fried plantains in place of bread, making it naturally gluten free. Each sandwich takes 10-12 minutes to make because



The Jibarito sandwich is always handmade so be prepared to wait 10-15 minutes. It’s worth it! | LEE A. LITAS-for Sun-Times Media



The avocado and tomato salad is a great fresh choice, topped simply with lime juice and olive oil (\$5.25). | LEE A. LITAS-for Sun-Times Media



Tilapia a la parrilla is seasoned with blackened seasoning which includes saffron, cumin, garlic and black pepper. It is served with grilled vegetables and fried plantains “tostones” with garlic sauce for dipping, white rice and black beans (\$9.95). | LEE A. LITAS-for Sun-Times Media

everything is made to order. The plantains take the longest as they need to be cut, fried, smashed by hand into thin wafers then refried before a choice of veggie (\$6.25), steak/pork/chicken/ham (\$7.25) or tilapia (\$8.25) can be added and slathered with mojo sauce, cheese, onions and mayo.

“It takes a little longer,” said Guillermo, “but regulars don’t mind waiting now because they know they’re getting a good, fresh, home-made product.”

The cafe also serves steak, pork and chicken cooked

Cuban style, and the house special is *Ropa Vieja* — which translates as “old clothes” — but is a flavorful, stew-like preparation of beef, sweet peppers, onions and garlic (of course) that’s a favorite all over the island.

“Everything is cooked with love and from the heart here with a very big family-oriented atmosphere,” said Jaime. ■

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## Spotlight

## People to watch

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

**Yes, it's legal:** Lawyer **Marla Harrigan** bought herself a role in the Adult Chorus of Bailiwick Chicago Theater's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Jan. 28-Feb. 2 at Stage 773. It's on the up-and-up because the Skokie resident purchased the part at the Chicago Casting Auction, a benefit for Bailiwick. Harrigan wanted to audition for a musical when she was in high school but lost her nerve and wound up helping with costumes. Maybe this "Amazing" experience — 30 years later — will be the start of a new career. For tickets, call (773) 969-6201 or visit [bailiwickchicago.com](http://bailiwickchicago.com).

**Johnson goes Court-ing:** Mundelein resident **Phillip Earl Johnson** has landed the plum role in director William Brown's production of "Sky-light" by David Hare at Court Theatre. Johnson plays a recent widower who

attempts to rekindle a romance with his former lover. The show opens Jan. 19 and runs through Feb. 10. For tickets, call (773) 753-4472 or visit [courttheatre.org](http://courttheatre.org).

**Yiddish performance:** If you're in the mood for Tuvan throat-singing and some way-out performance art, **Sid Yiddish** is your man. The Niles West High School graduate, who lives in Evanston, will be featured at the 3rd Saturday Coffeehouse, 8-p.m. Jan. 19 at Unity Temple, 875 Lake St., Oak Park. There will be an open mic, too. For details, call (708) 660-9376.

**Novel approach:** **Kenneth C. Hunt** of Franklin Park began writing poetry a dozen years ago and has already written over 150 poems. He's going off in a different direction with *Spy One*, his first novel. It's about an agent dealing with the biggest case of his career. Hunt's book is available at [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com).

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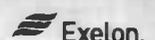
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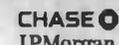
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Loraine Edwalds sings with the Artemis Singers during a rehearsal at the First Congregational Church of Forest Glen in Chicago. Edwalds wrote a poem that will be recited at the group's Jan. 19 concert in Skokie. | **BRIAN O'MAHONEY**-for Sun-Times Media

## Artemis Singers perform works they love

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES | Contributor

Artemis Singers, Chicago's lesbian feminist chorus, which takes its name from the Greek goddess of the hunt, will present a highly individualized concert Jan. 19 in Skokie.

"As a chorus we are one thing," said Loraine Edwalds, artistic director of the concert, "but there is a wider variety within the group than you might think."

So back in September when the 23-voice ensemble resumed weekly rehearsals, Edwalds proposed that instead of a central theme for its winter concert, each individual could select a song that meant something to her. It could be about a milestone in life, such as falling in love, coming out as a lesbian or giving birth.

"Everyone was enthusiastic about the idea," she said.

The choir has some stipulations about what it performs. The song must be written or arranged by

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Alicia Case, of Evanston, rehearses with the Artemis Singers. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-for Sun-Times Media

a woman and must have a feminist or social justice theme, including world peace.

In fact, observing the first rule is less difficult than it seems. For example, the first number after intermission is "On the Street Where you Live," from the Broadway musical "My Fair Lady" by Lerner and Loewe, in an arrangement by Teena Chin.

Still, most of the 20 songs and spoken word pieces may be new to the audience and expose them to fresh genres and ideas. Edwalds herself wrote a poem, "Wonderland," which she will recite as part of the program, and she will conduct the opening number "Something About the Women" by singer-songwriter Holly Near, a much-recorded feminist and social activist.

Some numbers are a cappella, others have piano accompaniment. The final piece, "Gamba Adisa" by American choral conductor and composer Joan Szymko, with a text by poet Audre Lorde, was commissioned by the Cincinnati Women's Chorus and will be accompanied by percussion.

The members of Artemis range in age from their 20s to their 60s, explained Midge Stocker, who has been in the choir for 23 years. "Only four members have been in longer than I have," she said, with obvious satisfaction.

Membership is open to all women, lesbian or not, and no audition is required, only a commitment to attend weekly Thursday night rehearsals at First Congregational Church of Forest Glen in Chicago.

Conducting duties are shared among those who feel able to do so. "Our organizational model is very different from the traditional chorus," Stocker said. "We are self-directed and discuss everything — from what we are going to sing to where we are going to breathe in a phrase."

No musical background is necessary, she continued. "Some of us read music, others learn the songs by ear. This is as much about community building as singing," she added.

Artemis President Meta Hellman joined the group in the 1990-91 season. "I'd say my duties are fundraising, keeping up spirits, and making sure the atmosphere is fun and friendly," she said.

For Hellman the choir fills an important need. "I call it my part-time job," she said, laughing, and then added, "It is part of the fabric of my life — my life would be much emptier without it."

Artemis was established in June 1979, but the chorus was not formally introduced until December 1980 at the second annual Chicago Gay/Lesbian Community Band and Windy City Gay Chorus concert.

"The climate has changed so much in the years since Artemis was founded," Hellman declared. "At that time many who came out were rejected by their families. The women in the choir were often the only family they had." ■



Luanne Adamus directs the Artemis Singers, a 23-voice lesbian feminist chorus. The group performs Jan. 19 in Skokie. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-for Sun-Times Media

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## Stage

# Writers' takes on dance with 'Sweet Charity'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Some girls can't catch a break.

Take the case of Charity Valentine, who works as a dance hall hostess while she searches in vain for a man to change her luck. All she gets are losers in “Sweet Charity” by Neil Simon (book), Cy Coleman (music) and Dorothy Fields (lyrics).

Writers' Theatre's Artistic Director Michael Halberstam thinks that show is a perfect choice for his company's first dance musical.

“It has a grand focus in its emotional sweep and its ambition,” said Halberstam. “But it’s a fairly intimate journey in terms of its title character.” It doesn’t require huge dance numbers, he asserted. “Because the piece is focused toward the journey of its title character, I think it allows for a more intimate telling,” Halberstam said.

He has chosen to direct the show because, “It’s one of those pieces that I’ve always had an affinity towards. Maybe it’s the fact that she’s caught in-between so many different worlds that she doesn’t quite know how to inhabit, which I think appeals to the slight sense of alienation that we can all feel in our everyday life — the desire for change,” Halberstam posited.

“And yet, even though we have a strong desire for change and we make all sorts of moves towards change, we often find ourselves circling back to some of the same challenges in our lives.”

Halberstam reflected that what has always struck him about the character of Charity is that, “She



Tiffany Topol | PHOTO BY MICHAEL BROSILOW

is a woman at a point where she feels like she has reached a glass ceiling through which she just cannot seem to break. I think New York plays a motivating factor in driving her forward. New York can be a very hostile environment. So when she and her friends sing, ‘There’s Got to be Something Better Than This,’ they really mean it.”

Charity’s search for a better life is being carried out by Tiffany Topol, who stars as the title character. Topol, who works frequently at the Marriott Theatre, has also performed with Lookingglass Theatre, Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre and Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, among others.

“Charity is a beautiful human,” Topol said. “She is so sweet

### ‘Sweet Charity’

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— hence the title. She is very compassionate and very fragile but also incredibly hopeful. And sometimes that hopefulness turns into naiveté.”

Charity’s popularity is never in doubt, though. “She’s one of those people who can be thrown into any situation, and everybody loves her,” Topol said. “She can talk to anybody and she can adapt to any situation.”

Although she loves singing and dancing, Topol admitted that what she enjoys most “is having a connection with somebody else onstage. I know this is a dancing show but I think it’s also a really great book musical and there’s some really great scenes and I love performing them.”

Musical director Doug Peck is scoring the show for a jazz combo. Halberstam believes that composer Cy Coleman, whose main medium was jazz, “would be thrilled by the idea of a pared down jazz interpretation.”

Halberstam added, “Five musicians in a 108-seat theater is already a significant composition.”

Actor Topol concluded, “It’s going to be a very real, very heartwarming, intimate production.” ■

# 'Yo Gabba Gabba!' pays a visit

BY TRICIA DESPRES | Contributor

Californian Christian Jacobs had nothing against the purple dinosaur.

It was a harmless character his oldest daughter was watching on television ten years ago ... and it kept her happy.

It just wasn't making Daddy very happy.

"I don't want to throw anyone under the bus," chuckles the father of four and the co-creator of the award winning preschool show "Yo Gabba Gabba!" "It just seemed that there were a lot of shows on television at the time that was made by the grandparents of preschool kids. They weren't connecting with the kids and they certainly weren't connecting with us as the parents. There was no straying from the formula of these preschool shows. They all seemed so sterilized and homogenized ... and those were the good ones."

So Jacobs joined forces with fellow music lover and the eventual co-creator of "Yo Gabba Gabba!", Scott Schultz, to do a little experiment.

"My daughter would be playing with her Little Ponie and I would be channel surfing," recalls Jacobs. "Whenever I would land on MTV and the beat of the music would start, my daughter would stop and look up. Obviously I would have to change the channel because what they were showing was inappropriate for a young child, but it was one of those moments when everything crashed together. It made us wonder what would happen if we put that kind of music and appropriate it for kids. Make it not be so much about 'up in the club,' but more about 'up in the clubhouse.' That's when we realized we were onto to something."

After much research and production, Jacobs and Schultz developed the pilot for "Yo Gabba Gabba!", virtually creating an online frenzy when released.

"I'm fairly sure we were the first

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preschool show that was basically mined off the Internet," says Jacobs. The show found a home and an almost instant fan base on Nick Jr. in 2007, and soon after, Time magazine named "Yo Gabba Gabba!" one of the Top Ten new television series. These days, the successful brand is launching everything from beverages to toys to sportswear.

"Kids are fun and unpredictable and funky," says Jacobs. "We basically created a show that mirrored the strange world kids are discovering as they grow. And throwing some old school hip-hop music was vital."

And nothing says old school hip-hop more than the legendary Biz Markie, who plays a recurring role on the show.

"I was supposed to film the pilot and do the 'Dancey Dance' portion of the show, but my back was hurting," laughs Markie. "That's when I said we should do 'Biz's Beat of the Day.'"

Markie is also featured in the new live

stage tour, "Yo Gabba Gabba! LIVE!: Get the Sillies Out!", coming to Akoo Theatre at Rosemont Jan. 19 and 20, alongside characters such as DJ Lance Rock, Muno, Foofa, Brobee, Toodee, and Plex.

"Having a live show was really a natural progression," explains Jacobs. "We definitely customize the shows and tailor [them] to the town we are playing in. Maybe Rahm Emanuel can come out and do a happy dance." ■



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# Little ladies can dance the night away

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

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“For those two hours, we have a live deejay, there’s dinner and we do games to get everyone involved,” said Julie Jentel, director of marketing for the Niles Park District.

The menu wasn’t set at press time but it will be child-friendly food.

Kids have a chance to win small prizes and to pose with their dad for a souvenir photo.

Jentel noted that the girls who attend this annual event always dress-up for the occasion and that their dates wear suits. She said it’s a chance for the couples to have a fun evening together.

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BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

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#### ★★★½

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Jean-Louis Trintignant, Emmanuelle Riva, Isabelle Huppert

Michael Haneke's films tend to contemplate human behavior at its worst. They do their best to make us reevaluate whatever comforting notions we may have about life and about our ability to order the world into a benign place. The same holds true for the much-celebrated, Cannes Festival-winning "Amour," a film that forces us to confront the very thing we like least to consider — the end of our lives — but with one new ingredient: tenderness and devotion. The Cannes festival Palme d'Or-winning "Amour" is the story of Georges and Anne (Trintignant and Riva) a couple of

retired, octogenarian Parisian piano teachers, whose quiet, content life is devastated when Anne is suddenly afflicted with a series of strokes that leave her partially paralyzed, then suicidal, then entirely helpless. Anne exacts a promise from her husband not to send her back to the hospital no matter what happens. A promise that Georges does his best to fulfill, even when it takes him far beyond the limits of normal attempts to cope with such a terrible event.

### GANGSTER SQUAD

#### ★★

#### Rated

R for strong violence and language

#### Stars

Sean Penn, Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone  
Action-comedy director Ruben Fleischer ("Zombieland") is no stranger to mayhem and crime, but taking on this ersatz, film noir-style, and almost entirely humorless, hard-boiled cops and robbers saga still seems a bizarre choice. "Gangster Squad" works within a just barely true-to-life framework

to re-imagine the downfall of the post-World War II-era Los Angeles gangster kingpin Mickey Cohen (Penn, in ultra-evil mode) — courtesy of a crew of maverick cops organized to attack him outside the law. Brolin is suitably square-jawed as the gangster squad honcho and Gosling is a plus as his enigmatic, world-weary right-hand man, but the mannered tough-guy dialogue is as over the top as the bullet-riddled final showdown in the heart of downtown LA — and both are equally unconvincing.

### ZERO DARK THIRTY

#### ★★★★

#### Rated

R for strong violence including brutal, disturbing images, and for language

#### Stars

Jessica Chastain, Jason Clarke, James Gandolfini  
This harrowing, morally complicated drama by the creative team behind the Oscar-winning "The Hurt Locker" is every bit as realistic, suspenseful and emotionally intense. The closely based on fact "Zero Dark Thirty" opens with the introduction of a fictional, composite character — Chastain as an obsessively dedicated young CIA officer named Maya. After working for years to track down Osama bin Laden, Maya is convinced the Al Qaeda leader is in Pakistan. Of course, we know she is right and we know what happens when she ultimately locates him, but that doesn't lessen the impact of this gripping, fast-moving dramatization, in which countless false starts and blind alleys only serve to heighten the feeling that the story could jump in any direction at any moment.

### DJANGO UNCHAINED

#### ★★★

#### Rated

R for strong graphic violence throughout, a vicious fight, language and some nudity

#### Stars

Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio, Samuel L. Jackson

Here's an interesting bit of holiday counter-programming. Quentin Tarantino wrote and directed this overlong, uneven, yet scandalously entertaining saga, loosely based on the 1960s Spaghetti Western classic "Django." Waltz is excellent as a dentist-turned-bounty hunter who frees a slave (Foxx) to help him locate a fugitive. He then makes him a partner and agrees to help rescue his long-lost wife on the infamous plantation of Calvin Candie (DiCaprio).

### PARENTAL GUIDANCE

#### ★

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PG for some rude humor

#### Stars

Billy Crystal, Bette Midler, Marisa Tomei, Tom Everett Scott

It takes a lot of effort to come up with something as contrived and utterly artificial as this painfully unfunny family comedy. Crystal and Midler go into grandparent mode as out-of-touch, old-school elders butting heads with their New Age-influenced, work-obsessed daughter and son-in-law and their three children, with plenty of one-liners, pratfalls, potty jokes and schmaltzy sentiment. The only trouble is that everything about it is strained and phony. ■



## Movie Review

# 'The Hobbit' Take 2 Fewer frames per second means more movie magic

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

What a difference a couple dozen frames-per-second make.

In my original review of "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," I tried to warn readers about the ill effects of director Peter Jackson's hyper-realistic, ultra-high-frame-rate on the film's fantasy quotient. Also about the way his commitment to adapting J.R.R. Tolkien's 287-page novel into another "Lord of the Rings"-like epic trilogy had made this first installment long, slow and even occasionally tedious for two-thirds of its running time.

So imagine my dismay when I recently saw the standard 24-frames-per-second version of "The Hobbit" instead of the shockingly stark 48-frames-per-second 3D version shown to reviewers — and realized I'd been only half right.

In other words, "The Hobbit" is a much more enjoyable film than I first believed, rendered slow, dull and tediously difficult to watch by a filming technique that undermined its essential ingredient — the element of fantasy and magic.

It's hard to fault Jackson for trying. After all, he's an innovator who has made impressive advances in cinematic techniques in the past so it's not surprising that he would make the world's first high-frame-rate feature film. Even though the method turns out to be counter-productive, at least in this case. Perhaps it could be effective in other genres — documentaries about wonders of the natural world such as "Koyaanisqatsi" or "Samsara" — but it's hard to see how it could enhance stories that require willing suspension of disbelief.



Ian McKellen as Gandalf in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

Some viewers even have complained that the experience of watching "The Hobbit" in super-high-definition gave them headaches or even made them physically ill. For me, the worst thing was the way its unrelenting realism kept me from connecting with the story by making everything on screen look artificial.

Even in those circumstances I felt that "The Hobbit" did finally click properly into gear as soon as the always-spectacular Gollum appeared for his first fateful meeting with the hobbit Bilbo Baggins and that it stayed in gear all the way through the flashy finale, generating some hope for subsequent installments of "The Hobbit." But I couldn't have imagined the extent to which the entire film, viewed in the standard frame rate, would pretty much work as well as Jackson's "Lord of the Rings" films.

The best news, though, is that the film itself looks every bit as magical and is almost as effortlessly involving as its predecessors.

Sometimes, it seems, it may be better not to see things too clearly. ■

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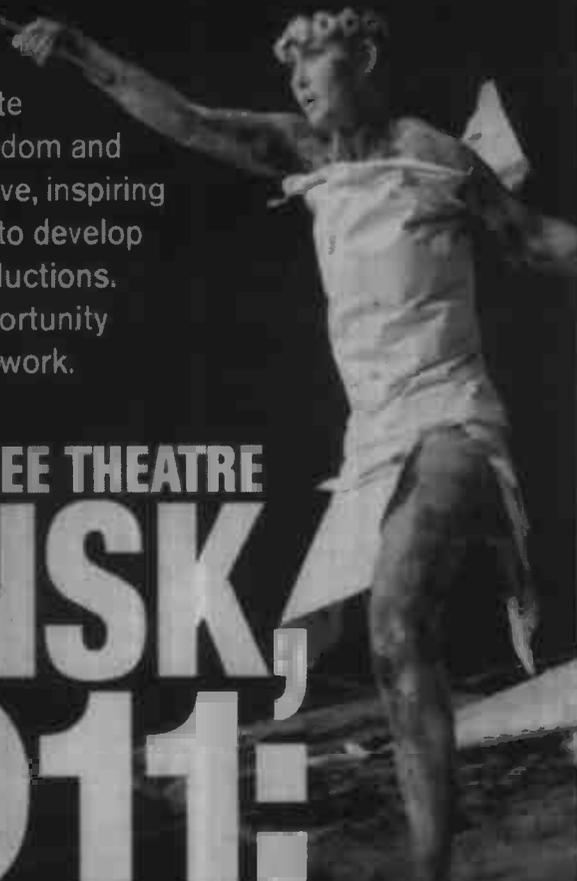
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A list of regional events for you to go out and enjoy

### STAGE

#### "Born Yesterday"

13+ 18+

Presented by Big Noise Theatre Company **Jan. 18-Feb. 3** at the Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. \$25; \$23 seniors and students. Visit [www.big-noise.org](http://www.big-noise.org).

#### Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

18+

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. [www.gorillatango.com](http://www.gorillatango.com). **Jan. 19**, 7 p.m.: "Desdemona: A Play About A Handkerchief," Paula Vogel's comic deconstruction of Shakespeare's tragedy. \$20.

#### "Little Shop of Horrors"

13+ 18+

Presented by the Teen Ensemble **through Jan. 21** at Youth Company Chicago Studios, 5340 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. \$17; \$12 ages 17 and under. For tickets, call (312) 324-3700 or visit [www.youthcompanychicago.org](http://www.youthcompanychicago.org).

#### "My Fair Lady"

13+ 18+

Presented at 8 p.m. **Jan. 25-26 and Feb. 1-2**; and 2 p.m. **Jan. 27** at Northwestern University's Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. \$25; \$20 seniors; \$10 students. Visit [www.nu-dolphinshow.org](http://www.nu-dolphinshow.org).

#### "Ten: A World Premiere"

18+

The annual free presentation of 10 world-premiere 10-minute plays, **through Jan. 20** at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave. (Jefferson Park), Chicago. Call (773) 283-7071.

#### "A Woman Killed With Kindness"

18+

Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents a theatrical reading of Thomas Heywood's drama at 7 p.m. **Jan. 18** at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

### CLASSICAL

#### Baroque Band

18+

The period instrument orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. **Jan. 18** at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program features recorder soloist Piers Adams in works



Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players will present "Café Music" at 3 p.m. Jan. 20 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets in advance are \$15; \$10 for senior citizens. At the door, tickets are \$20; \$15 seniors. Free admission for students. Call (866) 811-4111 or visit [www.chicagophilharmonic.org](http://www.chicagophilharmonic.org).

by Vivaldi, Albinoni and Telemann. \$35; \$30 seniors; \$15 students. Visit [www.baroqueband.org](http://www.baroqueband.org).

#### Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra

18+

Performs Brahms' Second Symphony and

other works, 3:30 p.m. **Jan. 27** at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago. \$20; \$15 seniors and

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#### Music of the Baroque

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"Mozart Celebration,"

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with Jane Glover, conductor, 7:30 p.m. **Jan. 27** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$27-\$75. Call (312) 551-1414 or visit [www.baroque.org](http://www.baroque.org).

**The Newberry Consort**

18+

"My Heart's in the Highlands: Songs & Poems of Robbie Burns," 3 p.m. **Jan. 27** at Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston. \$32-\$35. [www.newberryconsort.org](http://www.newberryconsort.org).

**Robinson Recital Series**

18+

Violinist Megan Bauer and pianist Kingsley Day perform works by Beethoven, Brahms and Prokofiev at 3 p.m. **Jan. 27** in the First Congregational Church of Evanston's Church

House, 1417 Hinman Ave. \$10.

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**Montrose Room**

18+

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**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**

13+ 18+

Featuring the Brotherhood Chorale of the Apostolic Church of God and William Warfield Memorial Scholarship recipients, 5 p.m. **Jan. 20** at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$10. Visit [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org).

**Mullen's Bar & Grill**

18+

8313 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. (708) 452-3190. **Jan. 22**, 7-10 p.m.: Jazz Community Big Band plays the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington and others, with guest vocalist Ava Logan. No cover.

**Oakton Community College**

18+

Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1900. **Jan. 25**, 8 p.m.: "Jazzin' Around," presented by Oakton music faculty members and the Niles

West High School Jazz Band. \$5; \$3 students and seniors.

**S.P.A.C.E.**

18+

1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. [www.evanspace.com](http://www.evanspace.com). (847) 492-8860. **Jan. 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Kelly Joe Phelps (blues). \$15/\$18. **Jan. 18**, 8 p.m.: Booker T Jones (blues/rock). \$28-\$68. **Jan. 19**, 8 p.m.: Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater (blues). \$15/\$18. **Jan. 20**, 3 p.m.: "Songs of a Catholic Childhood," a show from Jamie O'Reilly and Michael Smith. \$18/\$20. **Jan. 20**, 7 p.m.: Aoife O'Donovan and Gabe Kahane, backed by Casey Foubert. \$12/\$15. **Jan. 23**, 7:30 p.m.: Jeffrey Cohen with Jeff Libman, \$10/\$12.

**AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Seeking cast members**

18+

Auditions for Oakton Community College's production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will be held 6-9 p.m. **Jan. 17-18** in the school's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The director is seeking 10 women, ages 20s-50s, to play men and seven men, ages 20s-50s, to portray women. Bring a piece to sing and music for an accompanist.

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Auditions for the Park Ridge Chorale's spring concert featuring music from the Civil War will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Jan. 21 and 28** at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The concert will be at 7 p.m. April 13. Call (847) 823-3958 or visit [www.parkridgechorale.com](http://www.parkridgechorale.com).

### Rising Stars Theatre Co.

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Holding auditions for "The Wizard of Oz" **Jan. 26-27** at 2559 N. Sayre, Chicago. Seeking a large cast of children ages 8 and up, teens and adults. Children 8-12 years old audition 9-11 a.m. Saturday; teens and adults, noon-2 p.m. Saturday and 2-6 p.m. Sunday. No appointment needed. All roles open. No pay. Teens and adults prepare 32 bars of an uptempo song; bring sheet music in proper key. Be prepared to dance and possibly read from the script. Children will be taught a song and simple dance steps. Visit [www.risingstarschicago.com](http://www.risingstarschicago.com).

### BENEFITS

#### "LawPocalypse Now"

**18+**  
The Chicago Bar Association's 89th annual Holiday Spirits Revue lampoons celebrities in politics, sports, and show business at 8 p.m. **Jan. 26** at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets are \$50, and include a reception and post-performance party. Proceeds benefit student scholarships at the college. For reservations, call (847) 635-1893.

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#### "Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs"

**4-12**  
Presented by Chicago Kids Company Theatre for Children **through Feb. 27** at the Stahl Family Theater, located inside St. Patrick's High School, 5900 W.

Belmont Ave., Chicago. \$12. Visit [www.chicagokidscompany.com](http://www.chicagokidscompany.com).

### COMEDY

#### Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

**18+**  
7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. [www.gorillatango.com](http://www.gorillatango.com). (773) 598-4549. **Through Jan. 26**, 9 p.m. Saturdays: "Holy Bouncing Boobies! A Batman Burlesque." 18 and over. \$35. **Jan. 26**, 7:30 p.m.: "The Meshuganas," a standup comedy revue featuring Hollie Himmelman and Steve Himmelman. \$22.

#### North Shore Center for the Performing Arts

**18+**  
9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. [www.northshorecenter.org](http://www.northshorecenter.org). (847) 673-6300. **Jan. 24-27**: The Capitol Steps present political satire. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$45.50-\$49.50.

#### Perla Cafe

**18+**  
1813 Dempster St., Evanston. (847) 424-1382. **Jan. 19**, 7-8:30 p.m.: "An Evening of Comedy & Spoken Word," with author and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman and friends. No cover.

#### Zanies Comedy Club

**18+**  
5437 Park Place, Rosemont. <http://rosemont.zanies.com>. Showtimes at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Two-item food/beverage minimum. **Jan. 18**, 8 p.m., and **Jan. 19**, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.: Paul Reiser. \$30. **Jan. 23-26**: Larry Reeb. **Jan. 30-31**: April Macie.

### DANCE

#### Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

**13+ 18+**  
7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. [www.gorillatango.com](http://www.gorillatango.com). (773) 598-4549. **Through Jan. 25**, 7:30 p.m. Fridays: "TapMan: Origin," featuring Chicago tap dancer Tristan Bruns in a stage adaptation of his TapMan variety character. \$15.

### FILM

#### Lincolnwood Public Library

**18+**  
4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org). **Jan. 18**, 1 p.m.: "Trouble with the Curve." **Jan. 24**, 10:30 a.m.: "Sleepwalk With Me." **Jan. 24**, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics — "Modern Times." **Jan. 25**, 1 p.m.:

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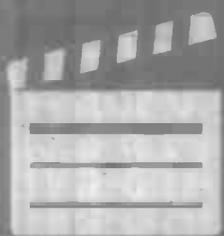
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### Niles Public Library

18+

6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Jan. 24**, 2 p.m.: International Film Series features "A Separation" (Persian), rated PG-13. **Jan. 26**, 2 p.m.: Saturday Family Movie features "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted," rated PG.

### Northwest Chicago Film Society

18+ 65+

Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$5. Visit www.northwestchicagofilmssociety.org. **Jan. 21**: "Gunman's Walk" (1958). **Jan. 23**: "Breaking Away" (1979). **Jan. 30**: "The Flying Ace" (1926), with live organ accompaniment by Jay Warren.

### Percolator Films

18+

Screening the documentary "Beneath the Blindfold" at 7 p.m. **Jan. 19** at the Jewish Reconstructionist Synagogue, 303

Dodge Ave., Evanston. Post-screening discussion with Rabbi Brant Rosen and filmmakers Kathy Berger and Ines Somme. \$10. Visit www.percolatorfilms.org.

### "RiffTrax Live" cinema series

13+ 18+

"The Best of RiffTrax Live: 'Manos' The Hands of Fate," 7:30 p.m. **Jan. 24**, and "The Best of RiffTrax Live: Plan 9 from Outer Space," 7:30 p.m. **Jan. 31**, at local movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Tickets available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

### LECTURES

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### WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

#### Film Incubator Program

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Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, offers a six-week workshop where youth ages 7-13,

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### ET CETERA

#### North Shore Center for the Performing Arts

13+ 18+

9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www.northshorecenter.org. **Feb. 9**, 7 p.m.: The Magic of Bill Blagg. \$28, \$34.

### MUSEUMS

#### Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

13+ 18+ 65+

9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and seniors; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Jan. 27**, 1:30-3 p.m.: Remembrance and Beyond: In Recognition of the International Day of Holocaust Remembrance. Free with museum admission. Reservations required. ■

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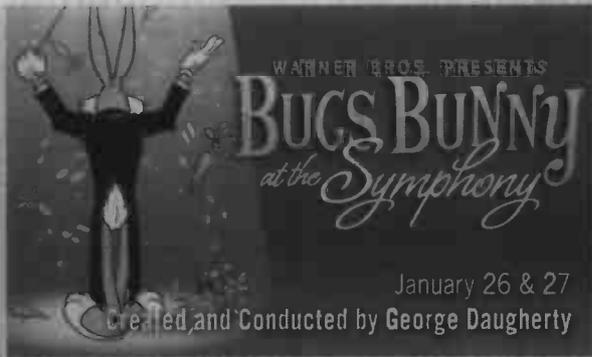


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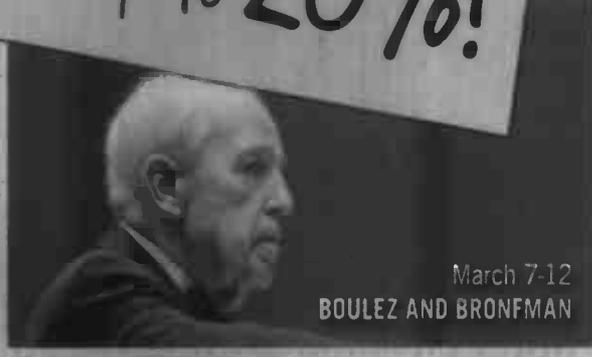
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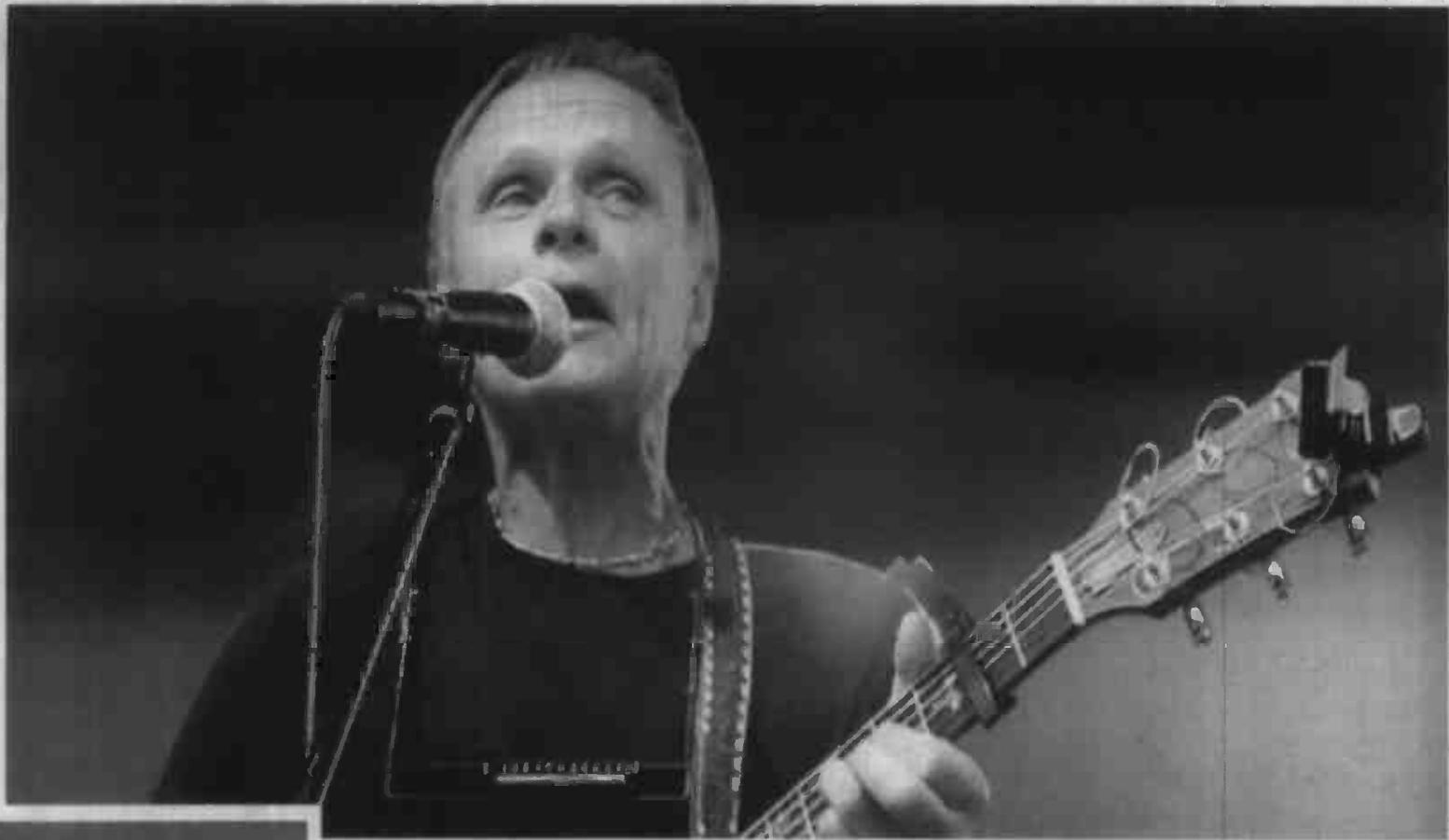


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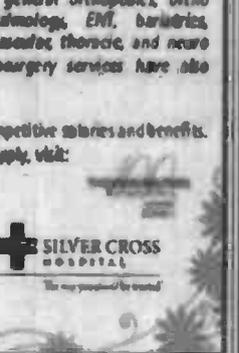
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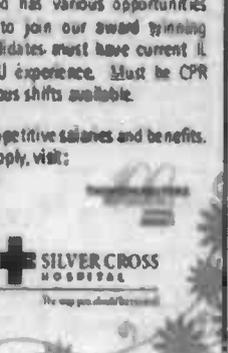
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**Judicial Sales-Real Est.**

**SKOKIE** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-H1 Plaintiff, vs. MALIK BITROS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MALIK BITROS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 12, 2009, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, February 14, 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.L.N. 10-23-216-030-0000, 10-23-216-031-0000. Commonly known as 8530 N KIMBALL AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60078.

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION... PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, L.P. Plaintiff, vs. STEVEN J. SONDERMAN; LISA A. SONDERMAN AKA LISA ANN SONDERMAN; NILES TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

11 CH 13472 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 31, 2012 Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 5, 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 mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 10-22-214-057-0000. Commonly known as 8425 Kostner Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 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 Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedom Anselmo Lindberg LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 983-0770. For Bidding instructions call (630) 453-6713 24 hours prior to sale. F11030436 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1494504 1/3, 1/10, 1/17/13 #473881

NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff vs. MICHAEL INGILLERI; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 14, 2008 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002350156, Defendants

11 CH 4428 Property Address: 7812 WEST STRONG STREET NORRIDGE, IL 60706 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 10-042708 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 1, 2012, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 4, 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 7812 West Strong Street, Norridge, IL 60706 Permanent Index No.: 12-12-307-051 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$ 275,083.01. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42158, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1484222 1/3, 1/10, 1/17/13 #473871

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR IXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL TRUST 2006-HE-1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE-1 Plaintiff, vs. LYN A. BERNSTEIN, STANLEY JAY BERNSTEIN, AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION BANK, THE VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, MUSICK LOSS MANAGEMENT, INC. SAMUEL DER-YEGHIAYAN Defendant

11 CV 4993 NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 31, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, Special Commissioner appointed herein, will at 10:00 AM on February 19, 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 8446 CHRISTIANA AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-23-223-051-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$359,433.99. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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 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.atly-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 1204428. INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1492895 1/17, 1/24, 1/31/13 #484269

NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ONEWEST BANK, FSB Plaintiff, vs. MARIA BOBOC; GEORGE BOBOC; BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A. SAV/TO HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 12 CH 9518 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 7, 2012, Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 12, 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. 12-13-407-004-0000. Commonly known as 4133 NORTH OLCOTT AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706. 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.atly-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 1204428. INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1492895 1/17, 1/24, 1/31/13 #484269

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. SIMON ISHAY, MAIRY ISHAY Defendants, 12 CH 23129 4546 HOWARD STREET Skokie, IL 60076 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 6, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 8, 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 7309 WEST PENSACOLA AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-403-016-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family 1.5 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down by 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 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's attorney, Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atly-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 PA1011875. 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. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 12-2281. 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. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 Attorney File No.: 12-2281 NOTE: Case # 12 CH 23129 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1497940 1/17, 1/24, 1/31/13 #484209

NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. YOLANTA BIELOWICZ AKA JOLANTA BIELOWICZ, ANDRZEJ BIELOWICZ, BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A. F/K/A HARRIS, NA Defendants, 12 CH 2775 7309 WEST PENSACOLA 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 29, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 31, 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 7335 W. PENSACOLA AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-403-043. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down by 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 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's attorney, Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atly-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 PA1011875. 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. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 Attorney File No.: 12-2281 NOTE: Case # 12 CH 2775 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1497940 1/17, 1/24, 1/31/13 #479157

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. STANISLAW BIELAWSKI, ELZBIETA BIELAWSKA AKA ELZBIETA BIELAWSKI, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendants, 12 CH 017605 7335 W. PENSACOLA 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 25, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 29, 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 3500 Church Street, Unit 104, Skokie, IL 60203. P.I.N. 10-14-124-004-1012. The mortgaged real estate is a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of

the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Carly D. Berard at Plaintiff's Attorney, Rock Fusco, LLC, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654. (312) 494-1000. INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1494603 1/3, 1/10, 1/17/13 #473915

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, vs. BDOUR GUIWARGIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 12 CH 15869 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 31, 2012, Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 5, 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. 10-33-225-056-0000. Commonly known as 5043 MORSE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 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.atly-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 1033793. INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1494547 1/3, 1/10, 1/17/13 #473902

MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DELIAH V. HONTIVEROS AKA D. HONTIVEROS; TRAFALGAR WOODS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DELIAH V. HONTIVEROS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 12 CH 16037 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 18, 2012 Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 4, 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, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 10-19-103-009-1013 Commonly known as 8601 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, IL 60053. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call the Sales Clerk

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EMC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, vs. BDOUR GUIWARGIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 12 CH 15869 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 31, 2012, Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 5, 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 mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 10-33-225-056-0000. Commonly known as 5043 MORSE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. 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 that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atly-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 PA1011875. 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. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 Attorney File No.: 12-2281 NOTE: Case # 12 CH 2775 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1497940 1/17, 1/24, 1/31/13 #484209

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**Bid Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE**  
**Cook County, Illinois**  
**2013 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the 2013 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM.

Bids will be received up to the hour of 10:00 A.M. Local Time, on the 5th day of February 2013, at the office of the Director of Public Works, at the Public Works Facility, 7840 N. Nagle Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read at that time.

The bidding forms and documents are available at the office of the Director of Public Works, Village of Morton Grove, Illinois in hard copy form or at <http://www.mortongrovel.org/resident/vab/out/PublicNotices.asp> in a downloadable electronic form. The cost for a hard copy form of the bidding forms and documents is twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$20.00), which is not refundable. There is no cost associated with electronic downloads. Bids must be submitted on the forms provided.

The Director of Public Works reserves the right to refuse to issue Plans, Specifications and Proposals to any person, firm, or corporation that he considers to be unqualified.

The right to waive any irregularity and to reject any or all bids is reserved to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove. All contracts for the construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS, 130/1 et seq.).

General questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to Mr. Chris R. Tomich, P.E., Village Engineer, Public Works Department, via fax to (847) 965-9511. All detailed questions concerning the actual bid specifications should be forwarded in writing via fax no less than five business days prior to the scheduled bid opening date. Dated at Morton Grove, Illinois, this 17th day of January 2013, by Order of Mr. Andy DeMonte, Director of Public Works, Village of Morton Grove.

Pub:1-17-13 481870

**Mechanics Liens**

**NOTICE OF LIEN**

Notice is hereby given that on JANUARY 24, 2012, a sale will be held at:  
**OSCAR AUTO BODY, INC.**  
 4227 N. ELSTON AVE.  
 CHICAGO, IL 60618  
 773-539-5443

To sell the following article to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such article for repairs and storage furnished for such article at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed prior to the designated sale date:

OWNER(S): WILL SANTIAGO  
 4907 W. PARKER STREET  
 CHICAGO, IL 60639  
 OWNER/LIEN HOLDER: ALL STATE INSURANCE COMPANY 4665 BUSINESS CENTER DR. FAIRFIELD, CA. 94534  
 Vehicles: 2003 CADILLAC DEVILLE  
 VIN # W1G6KD54YX3U27172  
 Amount of Lien: \$5470  
 1/3,1/10,1/17 474872

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**Public Notices**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to Section 17.56.170(E)(2) of the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances, that the Village of Harwood Heights Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducting a public hearing on February 4, 2013, at 7:00 PM at the Village of Harwood Heights Village Hall (7300 West Wilson Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60706) to consider the application of MUSHIR OWAYNAT ("Owner"), pursuant to Section 17.56.220 of the Village Code, for a variance from the Village allowing Owner to construct a single-family residence on a subminimal lot size located at 4343 N. New Castle Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois ("the Property"), bearing tax identification number 13-18-307-012-0000 and legally described as follows:

LOT 23, IN VOLK BROTHERS' FIRST ADDITION TO MONTROSE AND OAK PARK AVENUE SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The Property is zoned R1. In an R1 zoning district, Table 17.12.040.1 of the Village Code requires a minimum lot area of 5,000 square feet, including a minimum width of 40 feet and depth of 125 feet. While the Property is 128.5 feet (128.5') deep, it is just 30 feet (30') wide, for a total square footage of 3,885 square feet. Because the Property is too small to construct a residence upon without a variance from the Village's minimum R1 lot size requirements, Owner is seeking a variance from Village zoning standards to enable construction of a single family home.

All interested persons are invited to attend, be heard and question those presenting testimony at the hearing. All inquiries regarding this public hearing can be directed to Natalie Mendel at the Village of Harwood Heights Village Hall. Respectfully submitted, Marcia Polowy Village Clerk

Pub:1/17/13 482225

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**Public Notices**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG**

**IN THE FAMILY COURT**  
**SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**SUMMONS AND NOTICE**  
**Case No.: 2012-DR-42-2391**  
 South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff,

vs.  
 Wendy Zonka Rios, Juan Manuel Rios, And the minor children under the age of eighteen (18) years  
 Damian Jose Rios (DOB: 12/03/1994)  
 Elysa Jean Rios (DOB: 12/13/1995)  
 Defendants.

**TO THE DEFENDANT: JUAN MANUEL RIOS**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint for Termination of Parental Rights in this action, the original of which was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County, South Carolina on September 4, 2012, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request and to serve a copy of your answer to the Complaint upon the undersigned attorney at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days of the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that should you fail to respond or appear at the final termination of parental rights hearing in this matter you may lose your parental rights to the above named child.

**DEBORAH MURDOCK**  
 (SC Bar No. 7640)  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 116 Renaissance Circle  
 Mauldin, South Carolina 29662  
 (864) 213-1097/(864) 213-1098 (fax)  
 Mauldin, South Carolina  
 December 18, 2012

PUB:1-3,1-10,1-17 469445

**Public Notices**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a new telecommunications tower facility located at 7655 Dempster St, Niles, IL. The new facility will consist of replacing the existing light pole with a 100-foot monopole tower with flood lights located at 85 feet above ground level (agl) and nine panel antennas at a centerline height of 100 feet agl. Support equipment will be placed within a 9-foot by 20-foot fenced compound located under the existing bleachers. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 61130043-SF c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Tr. S, York, PA 17403 or via telephone 781-273-2500.

Pub: 1-17-13 481931

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Meetings for the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Fire Commissioners for the year 2013, will be held on the first Tuesday of following months: March, June, September, and December. Said meeting will be held at the Norwood Park Fire Department, 7447 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL 60706. Meetings are to be called to order by the Chairman at 12 Noon.

/s/Carmen Rinaldi Chairman

Pub: 1-17-13 484956

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The monthly meetings of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning in January, 2013, except for April which will be held on April 16th, 2013. Said meetings will be held at the Norwood Park Fire Department, 7447 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL 60706. Meetings are to be called to order by the President at 7:00 P.M. /s/Douglass Strempek Board Secretary

Pub: 1-17-13 484858

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**Public Notices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE**  
 3366 N. Kedzie, Chicago, IL 60618  
 773-539-3366  
**DATE: January 25, 2013**  
**BEGINS AT: 11:30 AM**

**CONDITIONS:** All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by 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.

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- Unit2434\_Tenant Joanne Mastronicola

Pub:1-10, 1-17 476538

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Meetings for the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Pension Fund for the year 2013, will be held at the Norwood Park Fire Department, 7447 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL 60706 at 7:00 P.M., on January 22nd, April 22nd, July 15th and October 22nd, 2013.

/s/Jeff Peistrup President  
 Pub: 1-17-13 484955

**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FILING**  
 Notice is hereby given that the City of Park Ridge is filing with the Illinois Commerce Commission an application for approval of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number System. Said filing will have 911 calls from the City of Park Ridge being answered by the Des Plaines Emergency Communications Center. Park Ridge Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical services will be dispatched to the appropriate calls by the Des Plaines Emergency Communications Center.

If you wish to object to the application, it is required that you do so within ten (10) days from the date of this notice by writing to the:

9-1-1 Program  
 Illinois Commerce Commission  
 527 East Capitol Avenue  
 Springfield, Illinois 62701  
 If no objections are filed, the application will be submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission for approval of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number System.

Pub:1-17-13 484681

**Storage - Legal**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE**  
 5250 Golf Rd. Skokie, IL 60077  
 847-677-8080  
**DATE: January 31, 2013**  
**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.

- Units Tenant
- 2022 Robert Simpson
- 3313 Teri Wilson
- 4006 Kenneth Wolak

Pub:1/10, 1/17 47577

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Pub:1-10, 1-17 476538

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**TO BE HELD AT: The Lock Up Storage Centers,**  
 1930 N. Ciybourn  
 Chicago, IL 60614  
 773-755-1900  
**DATE: January 25, 2013**  
**BEGINS AT 12:30 PM**

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Unit #153 Michelle Watkins  
 Unit #3421 Korie Boyce  
 Unit #4127 Reilly Group  
 Pub:1/10, 1/17 476514

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE**  
 2525 West Armitage Ave. Chicago, IL 60647  
**DATE: Friday January 25, 2013**  
**BEGINS AT: 2:00PM**

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- Unit 1123 Mark Atkins
- Unit 2056 Denardo P Jones
- Unit 3330 Angela Delgado
- Unit 3336 Theresa Calderon

1/10, 1/17/13 #471769

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**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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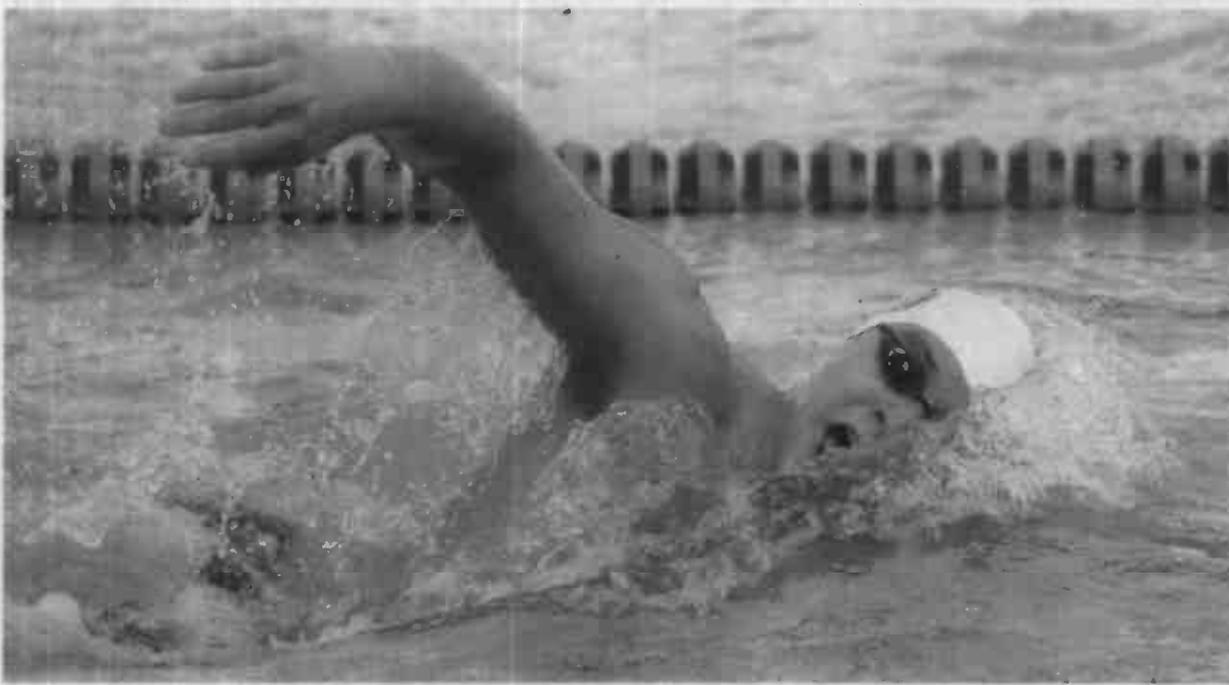
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COLLEGE ROUNDUP



Stanford's Danny Thomson competes during a swim meet against Wisconsin on Nov. 2. | PHOTO COURTESY STANFORD ATHLETICS

## Hinsdale Central grad Thomson guides Stanford

BY NICK BULLOCK | Contributor | @Pioneer\_Press

Hinsdale Central alumnus **Danny Thomson** helped the Stanford men's swim team to a 159-92 dual-meet win against Pacific Jan. 5 in Stanford, Calif.

Thomson, a freshman from Hinsdale, took second place in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9 minutes, 28.54 seconds, second place in the 200 breast-stroke with a time of 2:09.21 and also swam on a 400 free relay team for the Cardinal.

Evanston alumnus **John McBratney** led the Hamilton College men's swim team to a 162-118 win against Wesleyan Jan. 7 in Middletown, Conn.

McBratney, a freshman from Evanston, finished in first place in the 1,000 free with a time of 10:19.37, third place in the 100 free with a time of 49.8 seconds and first place in the 500 free with a time of 4:54.66. He was also part of Hamilton's first-place

800 free relay team that finished with a time of 7:25.36.

NFL left tackle **Anthony Castonzo**, a Hawthorn Woods native who played part of his prep career at Lake Zurich, was instrumental in the Indianapolis Colts' playoff push and 11-5 record.

The team's turnaround came just one year after it finished 2-14, tied for the worst record in the NFL in 2011. Castonzo — a second-year left tackle out of Boston College — started all 16 of the Colts' regular-season games, as well as their playoff game, a 24-9 loss to the Baltimore Ravens Jan. 6.

Mundelein alumna **Toni Knar**, a junior on the Missouri S&T women's basketball team, tied a school record for most 3-pointers in a game with seven during the Lady Miners' 69-55 win against Saint Joseph's Jan. 10 in

Rensselaer, Ind. The Mundelein native scored a career-high 23 points in the game, 20 of which came in the second half.

Knar has helped Missouri S&T to an 8-5 record, including a 4-1 mark in Great Lake Valley Conference play. Through 14 games, she is the team's second-leading scorer, averaging 11.5 points per game. Knar has been on fire since conference play started for the Lady Miners, averaging 14.4 points per game while shooting 50 percent from the field and 48.6 percent from beyond the arc.

**Jaronn Watkins**, a Niles West alumnus, helped the Oakton Community College men's basketball team to a 52-37 win against Truman College Jan. 3. The sophomore guard finished with 11 points and spurred the Raiders to their third straight victory. ■



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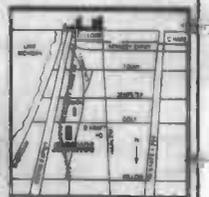
Among the four major North American team sports, which team boasts the best overall winning percentage in the 15 years from 1997-98 through 2011-12? The answer is the NBA's San Antonio Spurs at .702, and Tim Duncan is a major reason why. For 13 consecutive seasons, Duncan was named to the All-NBA and All-Defensive team, six more than any other player in history. But age catches up with everyone. During the 2011-12 season, when Duncan was given a night off, the reason stated was: DNP-OLD.

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Can running a successful business translate into running a successful football team? It did in 2012 for Coastal Carolina. The new coach there was Joe Moglia, better known as CEO of TD America from 2001-2008, during which he increased the company's stock value from \$700 to \$10 billion. The Chanticleers bet on the leadership philosophy of their "billionaire coach" — hire top people, maximize your skill sets, and follow a long-range plan. Sure enough, Coastal Carolina went 7-4 and won the Big South Conference.

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# Recreating one of history's greatest adventure stories

BY MATT SCHUR | Contributor | @PioneerMatt

At a pass through the Trident Ridge in South Georgia Island, a 10-member expedition faced its biggest challenge yet — the threat of an avalanche.

Fresh snow had fallen in previous nights. The temperature, steady below freezing until early morning, crept above 32 degrees. The snow, temperature and a steep slope created prime avalanche conditions for the expedition recreating one of the greatest adventure stories ever.

If the avalanche triggered while the 10 descended the Trident Ridge, a glacier with some peaks rising more than 4,000 feet, death would be almost certain.

Polar Explorers, based in Wilmette, is the oldest and one of the largest polar expedition outfitters in the world. Local native Rick Sweitzer, a gregarious 58-year-old with ruffled, graying hair, started the company 20 years ago when he co-guided the first-ever commercial amateur expedition to the North Pole. For the South Georgia trek, the 2012 Shackleton Crossing, a soon-to-be annual expedition, he took along two world-renowned guides and seven paid adventure enthusiasts.

The 10 ranged in age, country of origin and experience but were united by a collective passion for the legendary tale of Ernest Shackleton.



Members of the 2012 Shackleton Crossing group construct a snow wheel to serve as an avalanche dummy. If a slope can withhold the dummy's pressure and motion, it should be able to carry the weight of a person without triggering an avalanche. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

In 1914, Shackleton set sail with 27 other men toward Antarctica to become the first to trek across the continent on foot. In what some consider an impossible voyage for the times, one mishap only begat another.

Just a month in, packs of ice converged, ultimately swallowing Shackleton's ship, *The Endurance*.

What followed were months on Arctic ice braving the weather; a depletion of supplies causing the crew to shoot and eat its sled dogs; a voyage in small rescue boats across the Drake Passage — one of the world's roughest seas with

regular 100-foot waves and hurricane conditions; a six-man Hail-Mary voyage to a remote whaling station; and finally, a heroic 36-hour trek across South Georgia Island after 17 months living with death around the corner.

None of the 28 men died. "The story has inspired so, so many people," Sweitzer said. The account gained recognition in part through Alfred Lansing's journalistic account, *Endurance*. "You can't believe what they endured. It's the most spectacular adventure story. Having the chance to recreate it and take a group of people across the island was

very special."

The plan for the Polar Explorers' first-ever trip to South Georgia Island was to cross in five days using GPS, maps, skis, crampons, sleds of food and supplies. Shackleton famously had none of these resources. But replicating the death-defying 1916 voyage wasn't the point.

"Heading out and being in the wild, in the wilderness, brings to face some kind of wonderful, existential reality," Sweitzer said.

"That reality has us feeling good when we're done, when we confront it and get to the other side"

## THE SNOW WHEEL AT TRIDENT RIDGE

Fog clung to the peaks. Below the 10, a steep drop down the side of the ridge led to the South Atlantic Ocean, which stretched for miles into the horizon.

Vern Tejas, a professional mountain guide, told the group to build a snow wheel. Tejas, 59, holds the record for the fastest time to climb the tallest peak in every continent, a challenge known as the seven summits. He did it in 134 days.

Decades ago, Tejas "took a course on how not to get killed by avalanches."

He learned about creating an avalanche dummy. The basic idea is to send something down with more weight than a human. If the slope can withhold the dummy's pressure and motion, it should be able to carry the weight of a person.

The second time Tejas ever used this method, at Mount Everest, it saved his life. An avalanche triggered. Snow cascaded down the mountain bending aluminum anchors — used for ropes and ladders — like pretzels, Tejas said.

## DIFFERENT ADVENTURE

It was a winter night when Shackleton arrived at the Trident Ridge, a pivotal passage at South Georgia Island. Had he stayed, Shackleton and his team would've most likely died from hyperthermia. With no supplies or time, they had no other choice but to create a human sled — each man holding on to another — and slide some 2,000 feet down. Each



The Polar Explorers group used GPS, maps, skis, crampons, sleds of food and supplies to recreate Ernest Shackleton's trek across South Georgia Island. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

came out unscathed.

Just to get to this crux of the Trident Ridge is a feat. An inhospitable chunk 105 miles long and 25 miles at its widest point, the island can only be reached by boat.

Departing from Montevideo, Uruguay, on Oct. 16 aboard the *Plancius*, the 2012 Shackleton Crossing group spent five days at sea before arriving at the island.

That's unusual for Polar Explorer's other commercial expeditions, to locales like the North and South Pole and Greenland. With prices ranging from \$50-80,000, participants are usually dropped in with little acclimation time.

Not so with the 2012 Shackleton Crossing, as the 10 slugged across some of the roughest seas in the world, including the notorious Drake Passage. Time allowed for the group to bond and prep: they

shared meals, Tejas led tent pitching and crevasse rescuing tutorials, Sweitzer met with other guides to plan the best route, and there were on-board nature lectures from the three guides and *Plancius* employees.

For on-land adventure-seeking junkies, time aboard was pleasant, but anxiousness set in.

"South Georgia Island has been a subject of imagination for so many of us for so long," Paul Schurke said. Schurke, 57, is a guide who emphasizes in dog-sled expeditions. He trains dogs in Ely, Minn., and his good-natured northern accent is unmistakable. "It's such a profound pilgrimage point for people who are fascinated with exploration."

The island hosts one of largest sea bird populations in the world. It's home to thousands of albatrosses, penguins and

a few unique species to the island, like the South Georgia Pipit. The birds, in combination with surrounding marine wildlife, have earned the island the nickname, "Galapagos of the South." Only, South Georgia has more species.

After five days at sea, the island appeared — the glaciers and mountains rose above the clouds in the distance. Penguins swam alongside the boat. The bellow of several-ton sea elephants grew louder.

"It was incredibly surreal," Schurke said.

In triumph upon landing on shore, a few of the members, including Sweitzer and Schurke, kissed the ground. Without apprehension, curious penguins and baby seals waddled next to them.

To create a safety net in case someone fell into a crevasse, individuals roped together in two teams of

five and set off. That first day they skied for nine or 10 hours, reaching camp within an hour's trek to the Trident Ridge in the morning.

#### THE WHEEL AND THE GREAT BEYOND

After Schurke and Tejas returned from scouting the best route in the early dawn hours, the expedition began creating the snow wheel. They dug a knee-deep circular trench roughly four feet long. Using a cable wire, they sliced through the bottom and hoisted the several-hundred pound wheel upright.

They guided the wheel to the ledge and let it fall. It rolled hundreds of feet. As it fell, the 10 cheered and hollered, using body English like Carlton Fisk to sway the wheel's trajectory.

No avalanche was triggered. Celebration rang out.

The 2012 Shackleton Crossing group walked down the ridge, following the track created by the snow wheel.

#### WHEN THE WEATHER LIFTED

In the days that followed, the group passed a downed helicopter from the Falklands War, battled two days of whiteout conditions with snow accumulating several inches over night, then backtracked a few miles in search of a safer route to sea.

The group traveled blindly, relying on GPS. Possibility of crevasse was high as they worked down a glacier that led to the sea at Fortuna Bay, signaling the end of their difficult journey.

Tejas's roped-group, with the experienced mountain guide in the lead, began the final descent on Day 5 in the whiteout conditions. Light was deceptive. Snow was jarred

loose behind Tejas, sending an unintentional snowball rolling downhill. The snowball rolled past Tejas then disappeared. He was feet away from a precipice.

Had he stepped over, he and others roped to him might've fallen to their death if it weren't for the accidental snowball. They backtracked once more and descended a new path.

As they went down and distanced themselves from the peaks, conditions shifted. Fog slipped away like a veil.

"This magical vision appeared in front of us," the Minnesotan Schurke said. "We looked down and the entire glacial ramp descended toward the sea. The sea was blazing blue in the bright sunlight. You could see miles away."

The 10 celebrated once more with hugs and high-fives at Fortuna Bay. The greatest challenge was over, but more of the expedition remained: they scaled down an ice waterfall, visited Shackleton's grave on the island, and indulged in Sweitzer's mixology invention, the Aurora Shackletonia — Grey Goose, Veuve Clicquot and South Georgia Island ice.

Before the end of the trip came a moment that can only be replicated on adventures like this. Exhausted by days at sea, skiing and hiking; beaten down by arctic weather; danger looming, Schurke describes the feeling when the weather finally lifted.

"You could hear the roar of the surf hitting the shore and the bellowing calls of the elephant seals. Their muffled roars reverberated up the mountainside to where we were standing miles above them. It was as beautiful scene as I ever experienced on this planet." ■



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# Maine East

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## Don't Miss

**Friday****Girls basketball: Highland Park at Maine East, 7:30 p.m.**

Maine East is currently on a three-game winning streak in the CSL North and tied with Maine West for second place. Both teams have a 4-2 record in the conference, but are looking up at Highland Park.

**Saturday****Wrestling: Maine East at CSL Invite at Niles West, 9 a.m.**

The Blue Demons finished ninth at last year's CSL Invite, but Maine East's wrestlers are expected to do better than that this year. The Blue Demons are 2-2 in CSL North dual meets this season as of Monday, and posted convincing victories over Highland Park (64-14) and Glenbrook North (51-18).

# Rebuilding doesn't happen overnight

BY BRENDAN BOND | Contributor | @bbond32

Following a successful third-place finish in the Luther North Holiday Tournament, the Maine East boys basketball team suffered two blowout losses.

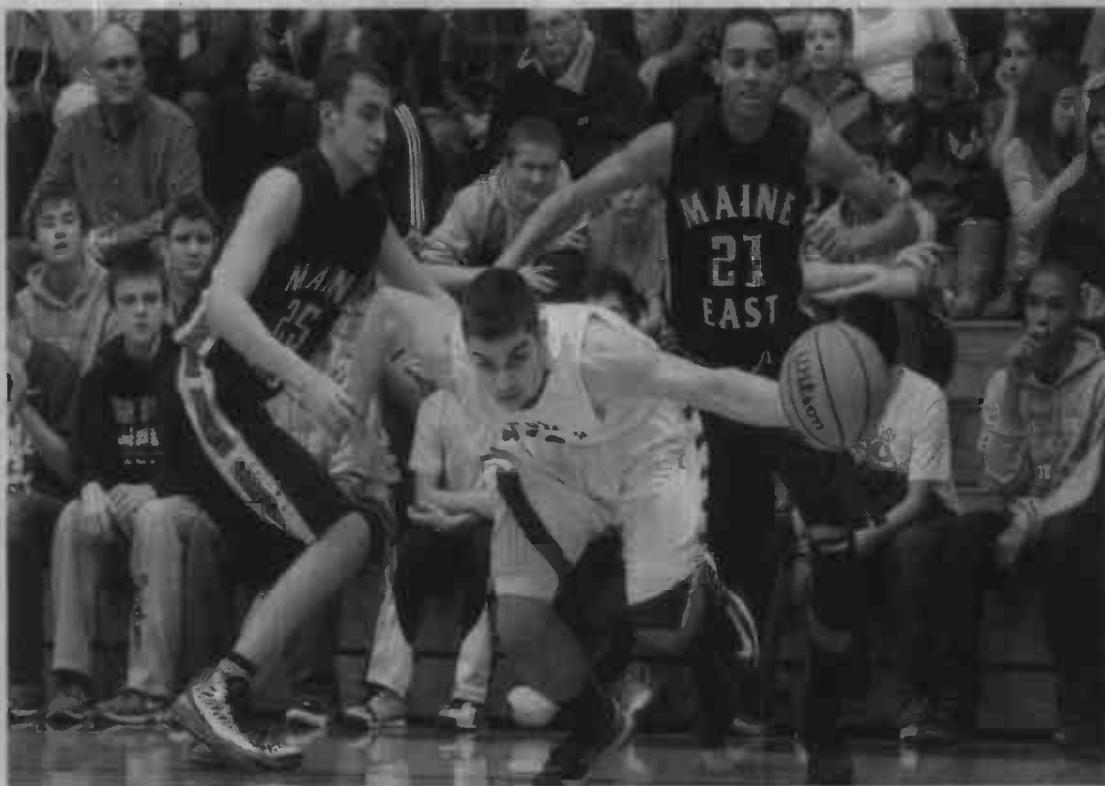
"We need to learn how to compete against good teams," coach Dave Genis said. "It's not easy getting high school kids to learn they can compete, but we're getting there."

Genis is in his third year at the school and in the midst of a rebuilding process for the program. The Blue Demons (5-8 overall, 1-4 CSL North) have struggled in recent years, including a couple of winless campaigns in the CSL.

Two sophomores, forward Ezeke Omeke and point guard Abby George, get significant time at varsity this season.

"Abby had a really nice spring and summer," Genis said on the reason to keep the sophomore on the varsity level. "He's had his ups and downs this year but he keeps learning and growing."

George understands his role



Kurt Karis of Glenbrook North drives as Maine East's Evan Nazzal (left) and Adrian Skorka defend him at Glenbrook North in Northbrook on Friday. | RAY WHITEHOUSE-for Sun-Times Media

is likely to grow over time.

"I'm trying to be more of a leader, more of a vocal leader," he said. "We need to make sure we work together the rest of the season. We gave up against Glenbrook North and we need to change that."

Glenbrook North beat visiting Maine East 60-17 Friday and Niles North topped the Blue Demons 66-40 on Jan. 8 in

Park Ridge.

Not giving up and having the confidence to compete against tougher teams are two of the biggest aspects Genis is trying to instill, and he has leaned on seniors Evan Nazzal and Urchit Chokshi for help with that.

"(Urchit) and Evan have provided a model that the time they've put in on getting better has paid off," Genis said.

"It's a model of hard work and commitment."

Nazzal made the all-tournament team at Luther North and Genis said it was a testament to the hard work Nazzal put in.

"I want to leave the mark that if you put in the hard work, you will see the outcome," Nazzal said.

"The history at Maine East is that going into many games

## This Week Maine East

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Friday  
At Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
At Lane Tech, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Hosts Buffalo Grove, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Friday  
Hosts Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
Hosts Leyden, 2:30 p.m.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

Today  
Hosts Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
At Niles West Invite, 1 p.m.

**BOYS SWIM/DIVE**

Friday  
At Maine West, 5 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

Friday  
At Niles West vs. CSL Conf. Meet, TBA  
Saturday  
At Niles West vs. CSL Conf. Meet, TBA

we have no chance, but we have to know that if we put in the work, we can compete," he continued.

The rebuilding starts with changing the culture, but the talent appears to be on the way for Maine East.

"We've got a really good freshman team that we're keeping together, letting them get a sense of winning," Genis said. ■



# Niles West

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Friday

**Boys Basketball: Niles West at New Trier, 7:30 p.m.**

The Wolves are likely to face a motivated New Trier squad after the Trevians suffered a 47-45 overtime loss at Maine South on Friday. It was their first loss in the CSL South this season. New Trier beat Niles West 62-45 on Dec. 4 in Skokie.

Saturday

**Wrestling: Niles West hosts CSL Invite, 9 a.m.**

This weekend's CSL Invite provides the opportunity for the CSL South's three co-conference champions — the Wolves, Maine South and New Trier — all went 4-1 in dual meets — to determine the division's top wrestling team.

## Switch paying off for Fung

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

### EVANSTON

Several months after choosing to dance on Niles West's poms squad instead of diving, junior Valerie Fung has seen and felt the benefits of that decision in three different ways.

Physically, it's lessened the strain on Fung's knees and ankles.

"Diving was really hard on her ankles and her knees last year," Niles West coach Susan Arcus said. "We had a lot of issues with that. We've definitely not had to deal with that this year, which is really great because it's just one less thing to worry about. And the dance always help."

Dancing on the team's poms squad helped the junior to improve her rhythm on beam and floor exercise. It also provided her

more time to focus on her primary sport.

Fung started training a month earlier this season than her freshman and sophomore seasons because diving so drastically cuts into the gymnastics season. The extra time, along with an offseason spent training, resulted in Fung upgrading many of her skills and tricks. The biggest upgrade has been on vault, on which she's now doing a tuck tsuk.

Fung also has seen improvement on her floor exercise over the course of this season, scoring an 8.6 at the Niles North Invite on Saturday.

The combination of those three benefits was important to Fung entering the season, partly because of the way her sophomore season ended. Fung's 8.675 on floor exercise at the New Trier Regional left her .05 points away from qualifying for sectionals.

Missing the sectionals cut by such a small margin "motivated me because I know that I deserved to be there and I didn't have my best meet," Fung said. "I know that (I needed

### This Week Niles West

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday  
At New Trier (Winnetka Campus), 6 p.m.  
Saturday  
At St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saturday  
At Schaumburg, 2 p.m.  
Monday  
Hosts Willowbrook, 9 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Hosts St. Ignatius, 6 p.m.

#### GIRL GYMNASTICS

Today  
At Glenbrook North, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
Hosts Tourn., 1 p.m.  
Tuesday  
At Maine South, 5:30 p.m.

#### BOYS SWIM/DIVE

Friday  
At New Trier, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
At Buffalo Grove, 7 a.m. / 11 a.m.

#### WRESTLING

Friday  
Hosts CSL Tourn., 5 p.m.  
Saturday  
Hosts CSL Tourn., 9 a.m.

to) put 110 percent in it because that's what I really want. ... (Switching to poms) was the right choice to make." ■



In this Dec. 10, 2011, photo, Niles West's Valerie Fung competes on the beam at the Glenbrook North Spartan Classic. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-For Sun-Times Media



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# Notre Dame

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## Don't Miss

**Today****Boys hockey: Mount Carmel at Notre Dame, 8:15 p.m.**

The young IceDons will try to break a four-game losing streak tonight in their second-to-last home game of the season. Mount Carmel has dominated the season series against Notre Dame, winning 5-1 on Dec. 3 and 3-0 on Jan. 10

**Friday****Boys basketball: St. Patrick at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.**

The stakes of this game are sky-high. As of Monday, St. Patrick and Notre Dame both have one loss in an ESCC race currently led by Benet and Marian Catholic. But the importance of the ESCC race will take a backseat because there are few high school rivalries in Illinois on this level.

# Canova has made big strides in short time

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## HOFFMAN ESTATES

Notre Dame boys bowler Mike Canova has come a long way since the beginning of the 2011-12 campaign.

Canova began his first varsity stint as the Dons' No. 5 bowler. But he worked his way up to the No. 1 spot by the end of the season, and fell just 44 pins shy of qualifying for the 2012 state meet.

In 2012-13, Canova posted a team-high 209 average in Chicago Catholic League action. The senior also finished 21st overall — with a 178.8 average — during the CCL Championship Tournament, which was held at Poplar Creek Bowl on Saturday. Notre Dame ended up in sixth place at the league meet, and will seek state-meet berths at the Vernon Hills Sectional, set to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Brunswick Zone Hawthorn.

Canova, who finished with a 200 average last season, set a goal of adding at least 10 pins to his average this time around. He missed it, but only by one pin.



Notre Dame's Mike Canova is supported by his teammates during the CCL Championship boys bowling tournament at Poplar Creek Bowl on Saturday in Hoffman Estates. Visit [niles.suntimes.com/sports](http://niles.suntimes.com/sports) to view a photo gallery from the tournament. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI**-For Sun-Times Media

"Now I have confidence that I can go downstate — and compete," said Canova, who had a high game of 203 in the CCL tourney. "Last

year, after I started bowling good games, my confidence built immensely. Being the (team's) anchor, I kept telling myself, 'I've got to bowl

the best that I can.' Now, my main goal is getting my whole team downstate."

After narrowly missing the cut for state, Canova worked

on little things, like picking up 10-pin spares.

"That made me a better bowler," said Canova, a year-round bowler who takes private lessons.

He worked on the mental aspect of the sport as well.

Dons coach Dominic Catalano said that Canova, "is always asking questions on how to improve. He's his own

## This Week Notre Dame

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday  
At St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday  
At Waukegan, 7:30 p.m.

### BOYS BOWLING

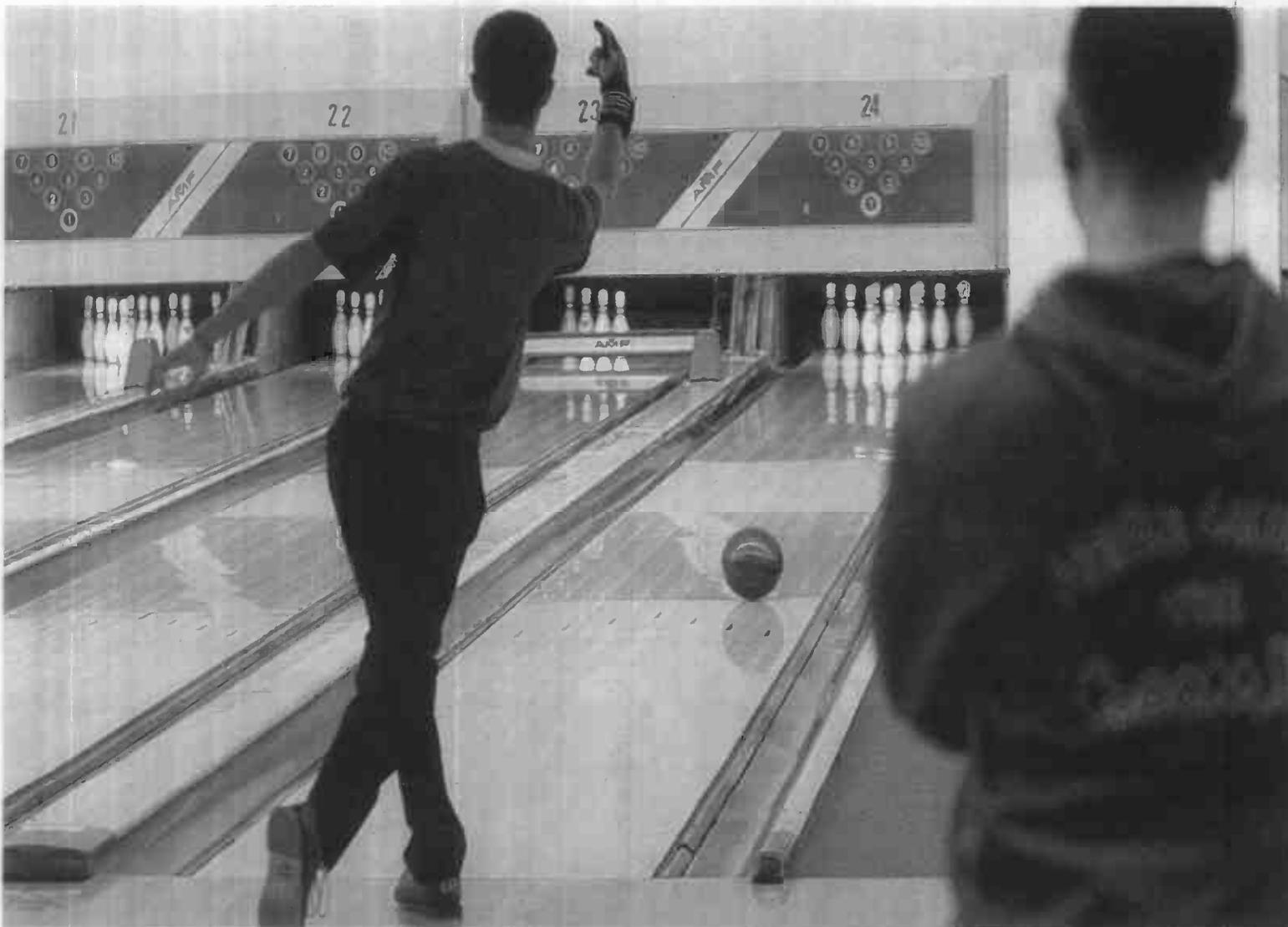
Saturday  
At Vern. Hills Sectional at  
BZ-Hawthorn, Vernon Hills,  
9 a.m.

### ICE HOCKEY

Today  
At Niles-Ballard vs. Mt. Carmel, 8:15 p.m.  
Tuesday  
At Hoffman Estates Ice Arena vs. St. Viator, 5:40 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Friday  
Hosts Marist, 5:15 p.m.  
Saturday  
At Glenwood-Chatham w/  
Mascoatah, Granite City,  
11 a.m.



## 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. Notre Dame 40 (4)
  2. Niles North 36
  3. Maine South 28
  4. Stevenson 27
  5. Lake Forest 22
  6. New Trier 21
  7. Loyola 17
  8. Oak Park-River Forest 15
  9. Leyden 9
  10. Fenwick 6
- Others receiving votes: St. Joseph 4; Northridge 3; Barrington 2.

#### GIRLS

1. Trinity 39 (3)
  2. Maine South 37 (1)
  3. Fenwick 31
  4. Evanston 29
  - 5 (t). Vernon Hills 21
  - 5 (t). Glenbrook South 21
  7. Hinsdale Central 11
  8. Loyola 9
  9. Barrington 6
  - 10 (t). Highland Park 4
  - 10 (t). Stevenson 4
- Others receiving votes: Lyons 3; Carmel 2; Hinsdale South 2; Nazareth 1.

## High School CUBE

### Watch live

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#### WRESTLING

**Friday**  
Carmel, Nazareth at St Viator  
5:15 p.m.  
Lyons vs. Proviso West  
6 p.m.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Friday**  
Guerin Prep vs. St Ignatius  
6 p.m.  
Warren vs. Hinsdale C.  
7:30 p.m.

#### Monday

Andrew vs. Niles West  
9 a.m.  
Vernon Hills vs. Benet  
10:30 a.m.  
Rolling Meadows vs. Fenwick  
1:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Notre Dame at Waukegan  
7:30 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

**Saturday**  
Barrington at Stevenson  
5:50 p.m.

#### Monday

Barrington at Fenwick  
8:30 p.m.

Notre Dame placed sixth at the league meet in Hoffman Estates. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI**-For Sun-Times Media



hardest, and worst, critic. But that's what drives him. The skill is there, but with his confidence building, his rate of success has improved. He's our anchor. If he goes, we go."

Canova said the key for him, mentally, is to avoid getting frustrated. After all, not every shot is going to go as planned.

"I shake it off — take deep breaths. I can't let one bad frame get me down," Canova said. "If my head is in it, I can bowl a great game. So I just clear my mind of everything and just bowl. I know if I do my job, and pick everybody else up, we'll reach our goal — and possibly come home with a trophy." ■

**LEFT:** Notre Dame's Milke Canova warms up at the CCL Championship boys bowling tournament Saturday in Hoffman Estates. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI**-For Sun-Times Media

**RIGHT:** Notre Dame's Joe Zaccagnini warms up Saturday at Poplar Creek Bowl. He led the Dons with a 906 at the CCL Championship Tournament. | **JOE CYGANOWSKI**-For Sun-Times Media





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# Niles North

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## Don't Miss

Friday

**Boys basketball: Glenbrook North at Niles North, 7:30 p.m.**

The stakes are straight forward for Niles North: Win this game, and Glenbrook North's 11-year reign atop the CSL North most likely ends. Lose, and the Vikings and Spartans are in a tie atop the CSL North.

Friday

**Girls basketball: Niles North at Glenbrook North, 7:30 p.m..**

It's been a difficult season for the Vikings, but Friday night's game against Glenbrook North presents a winnable contest for Dan Paxson's squad. Niles North has played the Spartans once already, losing 43-33 on Dec. 4.

# Myles' hot shooting sparks Vikings

BY DAN SHALIN | Contributor | @danshalin

## SKOKIE

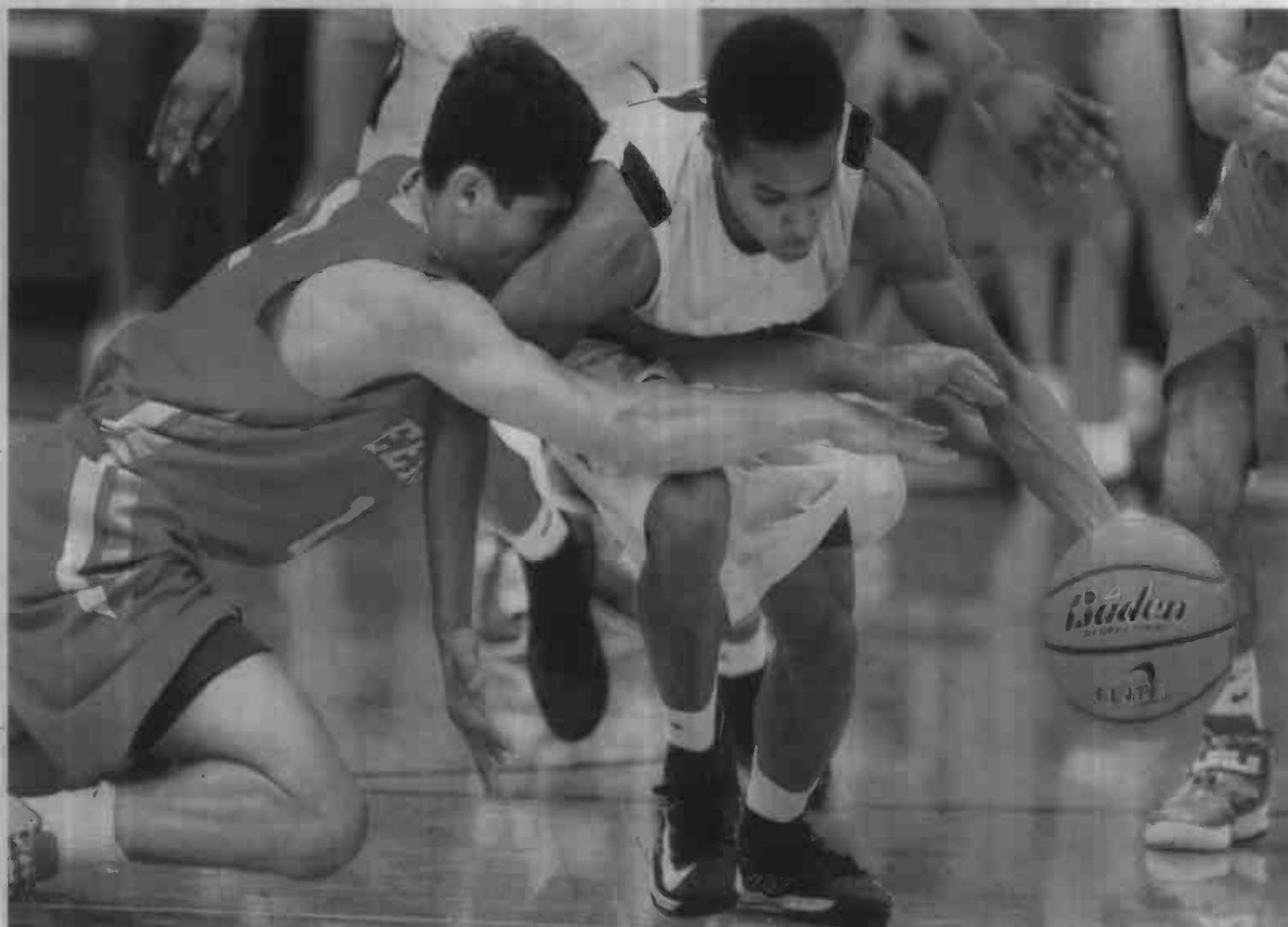
Niles North senior forward BJ Beckford thinks teammate JJ Myles is the Vikings' secret offensive weapon.

But after scoring in double figures in back-to-back games, Myles will hardly be a man of mystery to future opponents.

In Niles North's 67-55 win over Deerfield on Friday, the visiting Warriors designed their zone defense to take away the penetration of senior guards Malachi Nix and Lorenzo Dillard and to cover the smooth-shooting Beckford on the perimeter.

Myles, a 5-foot-8 junior known mostly for his defense, repeatedly was left open in the corner. He knocked down three 3-pointers in the first quarter as Niles North, which improved to 12-3, 5-0, opened up a 14-point first-half lead.

Myles finished with 14 points, hitting four of nine from behind the arc — a performance that came on the heels of a 13-point outing in



Niles North's JJ Myles steals the ball from Deerfield's Andrew Ferdman during their game on Friday in Skokie. Visit [skokie.suntimes.com/sports](http://skokie.suntimes.com/sports) to view a photo gallery from the game. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

a 66-40 victory over Maine East three days earlier.

"His offense is coming

along. He's another shooter," Beckford said of Myles.

"When they are playing

triangle-and-two on Malachi and me, that leaves him open. He's another secret

weapon for us. We don't want anybody to know that he can shoot that



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## This Week Niles North

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday  
Hosts Glenbrook North,  
7:30 p.m.  
Monday  
At Lake Zurich, TBD

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Friday  
At Glenbrook North, 7:30  
p.m.  
Saturday  
Hosts Loyola, 1:30 p.m.  
Monday  
Hosts St. Viator, 9 a.m.  
Tuesday  
At Gordon Tech., 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Today  
Hosts Highland Park, 5:30  
p.m.  
Saturday  
At Niles West Invite, 1 p.m.

**BOYS SWIM/DIVE**  
Friday  
At Niles West vs. Glenbrook  
North, 5 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Friday  
At Niles West vs. CSL  
Tourn., 6 p.m.  
Saturday  
At St. Patrick Tourn., 8:30  
a.m.



Niles North's Billy Voitik blacks the shot of Deerfield's Anthony Sharpiro during their game on Friday. | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media

well because they are going to change how they're playing."

In fact, Myles' shooting ability was not much of a secret to Deerfield coach Dan McKendrick, who said Myles was in his scouting report. However, McKendrick said he had to make concessions when drawing up a defense to stop the Vikings' many talents.

Lately, Myles has shown he's capable of punishing teams who leave him open. Vikings coach Glenn Olson hasn't been surprised.

"In practice, we spend a lot of time shooting the ball, and it's like, 'holy cow, this kid can really shoot it,'" Olson said. "It's been fun to watch him develop and gain confidence."

Olson said Myles' offense might have developed slowly this season because the first-year varsity player was finding his niche on a team with established veterans like Nix, Dillard, Beckford and Billy Voitik.

Myles also said he spent limited time working on his jump shot in the fall because of his roles as a cornerback and receiver on the Vikings' football team.

"It took me awhile to get back in the groove (when basketball started)," Myles said. "But playing with good players like Malachi, Lorenzo and BJ helped me to become a better player and have confidence on the court. They always are



Niles North's Malachi Nix drives on Deerfield's Patrick Burns on Friday in Skokie. | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media

ready to pass me the ball. They are not selfish."

Even before his recent breakout week, Myles was contributing on defense by working feverishly in the

team's full-court press.

"I strive for defense more than anything, more than offense," he said. "I love playing defense full-court. It's a rush you can't really

explain."

Said Beckford: "(Myles) is a very good defender, probably the best in the state, and you can quote me on that." ■

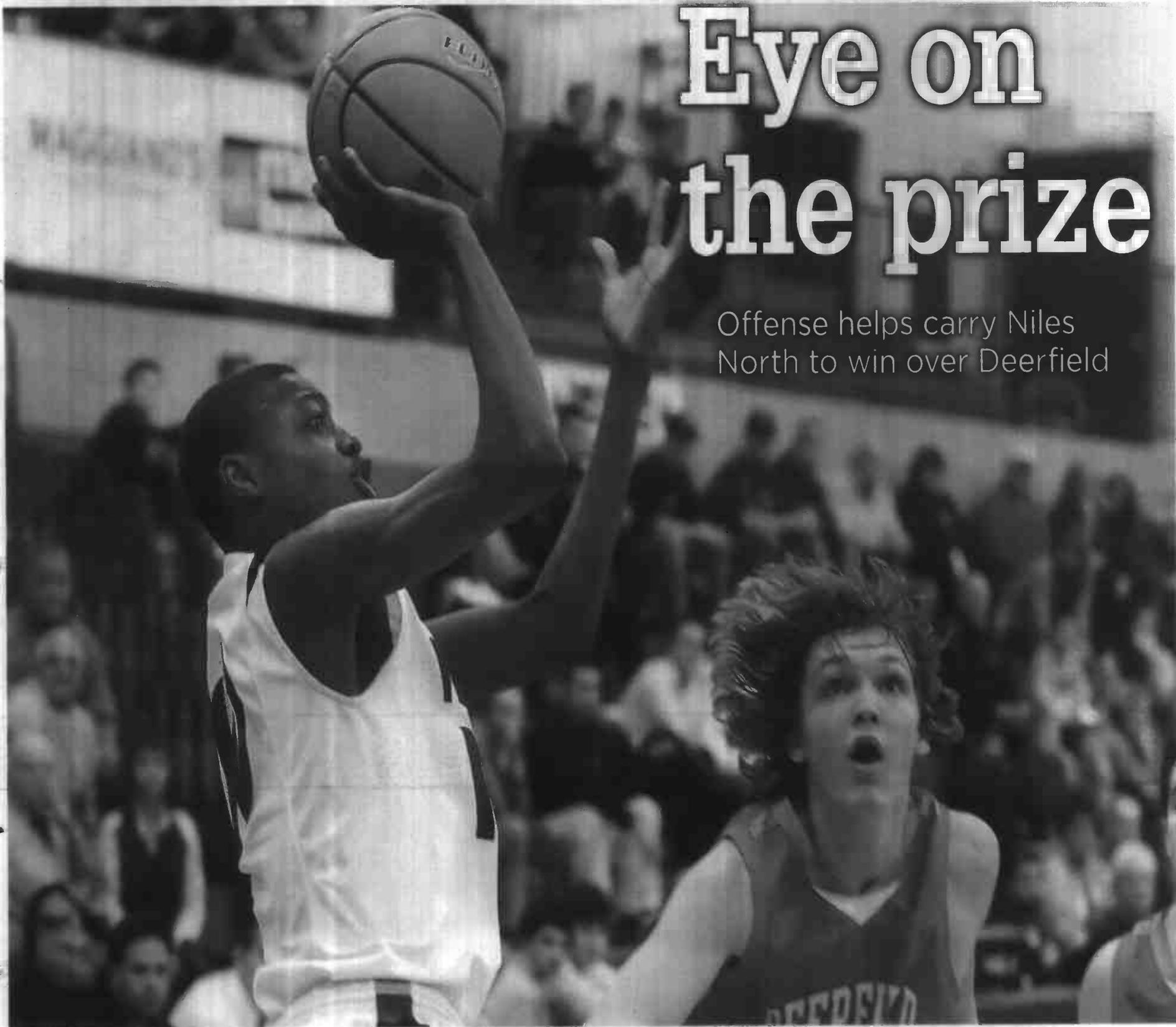
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## Eye on the prize

Offense helps carry Niles  
North to win over Deerfield



Niles North's BJ Bedford shoots over Michael Alfieri during the Vikings' win on Friday. | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media

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