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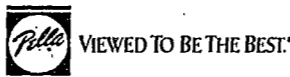
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REFORM EFFORT

New ethics hotline is taking calls

Complaints to be logged and brought before ethics panel.

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

The new Niles ethics hotline was expected to have gone live Tuesday along with an E-mail address and a P.O. box where residents can anonymously report suspected wrongdoing.

The hotline number is (888) 372-3986; the e-mail address is nils.hotline@gmail.com; and the P.O. box is 480271 Niles IL 60714.

Village officials said all complaints will be kept confidential.

Village Attorney Joe Annunzio will be in charge of investigating each complaint and will keep a log to be presented to the Ethics Board at regular intervals.

Annunzio and consulting attorney Mike Siegel are still ironing out the details regarding public disclosure of allegations and at what point issues will be brought to the full Village Board for action.

Annunzio said he and Siegel would be ready to discuss such details at the Ethics Board meeting today (Sept. 3).

Ethics reform was a major issue in the most recent election, and one of Mayor Robert Callero's campaign promises was that he would institute an anonymous ethics hotline.

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MEDIEVAL CHIC Kat Wisniewski, of Blue Buddha Boutique, shows off a chain-mail scarf at a workshop to teach people the ancient art of chain-mail working last month at Niles Public Library. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

VILLAGE BOARD

Trustee criticized on ethics question

Debate sparked over vote on item involving brother-in-law

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Niles Trustee Andrew Przybylo found himself in a dustup with former political opponent Rosemary Palicki at an Aug. 25 Village Board meeting when she suggested that he had behaved unethically.

The issue stems from a

matter that appeared before the village board in July involving an attorney named Paul Kolpak, who is Przybylo's brother-in-law. Kolpak was representing Regency Rehabilitation Center in its request for a zoning variance from the village to use space on its property to establish an ice cream parlor for residents.

The request had been unanimously approved by the Niles Planning and Zoning Commission, and Kolpak sought the approval of the Village Board, which he and his

client also received unanimously.

Palicki, who ran unsuccessfully for a trustee seat in April, said Przybylo should have made a brief statement explaining that Kolpak was his brother-in-law before he either voted or recused himself.

Village Attorney Joe Annunzio said Przybylo was not obligated by law to state that he is related to Kolpak if had no personal interest in the matter before the board. He also said Przybylo did not have to recuse himself if he did not feel his judgment

would be inhibited by his relationship with Kolpak.

Palicki said Przybylo should have recused himself or made a statement anyway in the interest of transparency.

"Even if it is an extra step you don't have to do, you should do it," she said during the public comment portion of the Aug. 25 meeting.

Palicki said she has reported the matter to the Attorney General's office and was awaiting a response.

Przybylo forcefully defended himself.

"Mr. Kolpak is an officer of the court and he is representing a client," he said. "I had no personal interest, whatsoever. I have voted against things Mr. Kolpak has presented to this board. End of story."

Niles Mayor Robert Callero voiced his support for Przybylo, and said the trustee's integrity is beyond question.

"It was an attorney representing a person who would benefit," Callero said. "To me, that is not a conflict of interest."

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### LAST WEEK TOP FIVE STORIES

#### 1. Accident sends three to hospital

An elderly Chicago man has been cited for failing to yield and failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident Aug. 19 after a Cadillac struck his Toyota Camry at the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Kirk Street in Niles. The resulting accident sent three people to the hospital complaining of pain, but no injuries have been reported.

#### 2. It's history: Demons end streak

FOOTBALL- One of the state's longest losing streaks came to an end Aug. 25, and Name East finally can close that chapter of its history. "It was very important to come out and win this first game of the season," said sophomore quarterback Andrew Lee of the 19-9 victory over Schurz that snapped the 39-game losing streak. "I feel great for the seniors on the team."

#### 3. Fundraiser to benefit family of student who died of cystic fibrosis

Culver School in Niles is holding a fundraiser to benefit the family of a former student who died Aug. 5 due to complications from cystic fibrosis. Brian Byrne, 18, was remembered by his teachers as energetic and positive during his battle with disease.

#### 4. Kappy's marks 30 years with season-long gala

Kappy's Restaurant & Pancake House is celebrating its 30th anniversary through the entire fall season. Kappy's is family owned-and-operated and serves the community of Morton Grove, as well as surrounding Chicago suburbs.



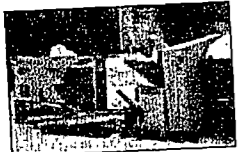
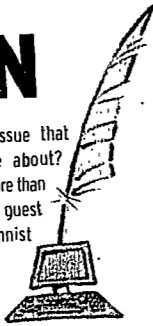
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Cardboard boxes and construction debris litter a sidewalk on Emerson Street in unincorporated Maine Township. The owner of the items, if identified, faces a fine for improperly dumping the trash. (Jennifer Johnson/Staff Writer)

#### 5. Graffiti, gangs, garbage: Code enforcement ride-along reveals problems littering Robin Dr.

Gang graffiti scrawled across brick walls, uncut lawns, trash piled where it shouldn't be and, most recently, live chickens, are just some of the issues Robert Prorak deals with almost daily.



## PAUL SASSONE

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### TALENT SHOW

Joshua Martynouk, 8, performs a song-and-dance routine to disco hit "Funkytown" Aug. 20 at the Niles Public Library Talent Show. (Eric Davis/For STNG)



Kristen Sarkisian, 7, gives it her all as she belts out the tune, "Part of Your World" from "The Little Mermaid" last month at the Niles Public Library Talent Show. (Eric Davis/For STNG)

### HEALTH-INSURANCE REFORM

## Raucous meeting draws 1,800

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Passionate statements by health-reform supporters and skeptics were met Monday with cheers and jeers during a Town Hall meeting in Skokie on health-insurance reform that illustrated the deep divisions and raw emotions surrounding the issue.

The forum, held by U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-9th, of Evanston, drew an estimated 1,800 people, including more than 500 who either couldn't get seats inside the packed 1,300-capacity auditorium at Niles West High School or chose to remain outside with picket signs.

"Health care should be a right for every single American," said one physician who spoke on the issue. "Please ensure that the public option is not thrown out. If we don't have the public option, there won't be any competition to keep costs down."

Others worried that the good coverage and quality care they now enjoy would suffer under a system that expanded coverage to nearly everyone.

"Before we start new programs, could we work to fix

the ones we have that are broken?" asked one woman, expressing skepticism about expanding costly entitlements while Medicare and Social Security are in jeopardy.

The Democratic health reform plan known as HR 3200 — America's Affordable Health Choices Act — would require nearly everyone to obtain health insurance coverage.

Employers who do not provide a qualified coverage to their employees would pay a penalty of 8 percent of payroll into an insurance fund under the proposal. (Many small employers, however, would be exempt from the penalty.)

Individuals and families who are on their own would purchase insurance at group rates through insurance exchanges, which would be up and running in 2013. Their premiums would be subsidized on a sliding scale for people earning up to 400 percent of the poverty level, or about \$88,000 a year for a family of four.

The plans would limit out-of-pocket costs to \$5,000 a year for an individual and \$10,000 for a family of four.

The bill would prevent insurance companies from denying coverage based on

pre-existing conditions and would eliminate the lifetime cap on benefits.

One male speaker worried that his wife's employer may drop dependents from her policy if the health-reform plan goes into effect.

"That's happening more and more, that employers are making the decision they can only cover the employee," Schakowsky said, noting there is nothing in the legislation that would induce employers to scale back benefits.

But she stressed the plan provides a means for other family members — who are now left high and dry — to obtain affordable health insurance through the exchanges.

Schakowsky attempted to "debunk some of the myths" that were quick to gain traction over the summer, such as the suggestion that government bureaucrats will ration health care under the reform plan. She noted that rationing currently takes place, when insurance companies deny coverage for medical treatments, or when seniors cut their pills in half because they can't afford to refill a prescription.

Members of the Service Employees International Union and Citizen Action

stood outside Niles West High School with placards stating "Health Insurance Reform Now" and "Health Care for America Now," which elicited honks from motorists passing by on Oakton Street.

Inside the auditorium, foes of the Democratic plan accused Schakowsky's operatives of stacking the audience with supporters. Responding to those charges, Schakowsky said she'd sent postcards announcing the meeting to 180,000 people in her 9th Congressional District, which includes suburbs immediately to the north of Chicago and some portions of the city's lakefront.

"Imagine an America where if you get sick, the only thing you have to worry about is getting better, and not how you are going to pay your medical bills," Schakowsky said to thunderous applause.

She tossed out a few statistics: One-third of the population has lacked health insurance coverage some time in the past two years and 50 percent have skipped filling a prescription or missed a medical checkup or procedure because they could not afford it.

Reinebach was referring to former Mayor Nicholas

### VILLAGE BOARD

## State law: Trustee should have been replaced by now

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It has been more than 60 days since Niles Trustee George Alpigianis resigned from office and Niles Mayor Robert Callero has yet to replace him.

State law says Callero has 60 days to replace a vacancy. Alpigianis resigned June 22 and as of Monday, no replacement had been named.

While there is no penalty for violating the law, a citizen could file a motion with the courts to possibly force the mayor to act — something Niles resident Leonard Reinebach threatened to do at the board's Aug. 25 meeting.

"You're a stone-waller," he said to Callero. "We don't have representation. I'm already embarrassed living in this village. We got to go through this again?"

Reinebach was referring to former Mayor Nicholas

Blase, who defeated him in a mayoral election several years ago. Blase is awaiting sentencing on federal corruption charges.

Callero said he was going over a short list of candidates to replace Alpigianis, but the mayor has also made it clear he supports the former trustee's efforts to return to office.

Alpigianis was forced to resign when it was revealed he had several felony convictions from incidents in the 1980s. Under state law no one with a felony record may serve in elected municipal office.

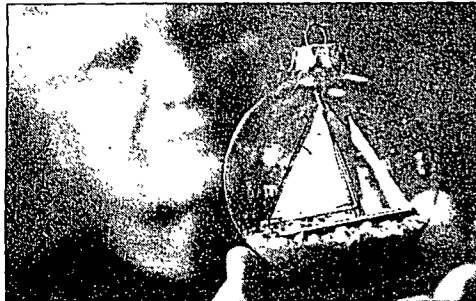
Alpigianis, owner of Kappy's in Morton Grove, has said all the charges against him were downgraded to misdemeanors years ago and has hired an attorney to prove it. He is also seeking a pardon from the governor's office.

Attempts to reach Alpigianis for comment were unsuccessful.

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# Maritime in a bottle

## Small ships shaped inside glass is veteran craftsman's specialty



Jim Kingston, of Park Ridge, on Aug. 14 holds a model boat he made inside a glass Christmas ornament. Kingston has an extensive collection of ships in bottles he made by hand. (C. Jason Brown/For Pioneer Press)



Jim Kingston, of Park Ridge, demonstrates how a finished model boat is inserted into a bottle Aug. 14 at the Park Ridge library. Kingston has an extensive collection of ships in bottle he made by hand. (C. Jason Brown/For Pioneer Press)

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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You may not be able to save time in a bottle — as the song goes — but with some hard work and patience, you can put a model ship in one.

Jim Kingston knows all about the art of ships in bottles. The Park Ridge resident has been creating them for the past 30 years, ever since he picked up a kit at Hill's Hobby Shop. Since then he's made dozens of pieces entirely from scratch, all the ships replicas of actual sailing vessels, from Hawaiian canoes to Spanish treasure galleons. "I'm probably the only one who goes into a liquor store to look at the bottles," Kingston joked during a recent presentation at Park

Ridge Public Library hosted by the city's Historical Society. "And I have purchased liquor just to buy the bottles."

The largest ship-in-a-bottle Kingston created was a Great Lakes schooner inside a Hinekley and Schmidt water-cooler jug that was presented to Roosevelt Elementary School as a gift many years ago. His smallest piece was created with a round, plastic ornament about the size of an apple, purchased from a craft store, while his most complex ship was a seven-mast schooner, which Kingston said took more than 50 hours to complete.

The trick of getting the model ship into a bottle requires that the ship be perfectly flat, but small enough in width to fit through the

opening of the bottle. Sliding the model through is a slow process, said Kingston, who uses a flattened coat hanger to do it. Once inside, a piece of thread, connected to the ship's sails, is pulled, opening up the sails. "It's really quite simple, but it does take a lot of time and patience," Kingston admitted.

The hardest part is fitting the ship through the bottle's

neck, Kingston said. He recalled cracking one of his larger ships this way, but he didn't abandon the project or start over.

"Now I call it my 'shipwreck in a bottle,'" he said.

Kingston uses stationery paper for the sails, soft pine wood for the boat, regular sewing thread to hold the sails to the boat, model paint and some very sticky glue and putty to hold things to-

gether. Although Kingston creates his own designs, he recommends purchasing a ship-in-a-bottle kit at a hobby shop as a way to get started in the craft.

The earliest ships-in-bottles were made during the 1800s, often by sailors looking to fill their downtime while on whaling voyages, Kingston said. Very few from that time period exist today, but those that do can

be found in maritime museums, particularly in New England, he added.

Making model ships is an art that is almost as old as sailing itself, Kingston said.

"People have been making ship models for centuries," he said. "In fact, there was a ship model in King Tut's tomb. That boat was supposed to carry him on to the afterlife."

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# Pay late tickets, dodge fines

By TONY BERTUCA  
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The village of Niles is offering amnesty for parking scofflaws in an attempt to collect at least a portion of \$1.2 million in outstanding fines.

Officials said anyone who pays their fines between the past Tuesday and Oct. 31 will only have to cough up 50 percent of what they actually owe the village in order to get a clean slate.

"It seemed kind of silly to leave that money out there," said Village Manager George Van Geem. "Before we start towing cars, we would like to give our residents a chance to settle up."

"But if they choose to press their luck, they may see a boot on their ear."

Van Geem said the village offered a similar amnesty program in 2006 when outstanding fines again exceed-

ed \$1 million. The 2006 amnesty succeeded in bringing in \$30,000 of the outstanding fines.

Village officials said most of the fines accumulated over time in penalties for unpaid tickets and that most of those tickets went to individuals who live outside Niles, making it difficult to collect.

The village also does not offer violators the option to

pay online, which might contribute to the number of outstanding fines.

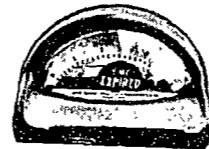
Village Attorney Joe Annunzio said one violator owed the village \$15,000, an amount that would be almost impossible to collect because the person is already in foreclosure at the moment.

Trustee Joe LoVerde said

it might be worth considering hiring a special attorney to focus on collecting the fines rather than relying on collection agencies, as the village currently does.

The collection rate using a village attorney is higher than when using collection agencies, Annunzio said.

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Anyone with outstanding parking tickets in the village of Niles will be allowed to pay only 50 percent of their total fines between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 to get a clean slate.

# Vehicles now may be booted after five tickets

By TONY BERTUCA  
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The village of Niles is reducing the number of unpaid parking tickets required to get a car towed or booted by the police to five from 10.

The village is now trying to collect \$1.2 million in unpaid parking tickets and officials heralded the new ordinance as a step in the right direction.

Residents will receive notice before their cars are towed or booted and will be asked to appear at an adjudication hearing, something Trustee Joe LoVerde said defeated the purpose of a program designed to make scofflaws pay up.

"We're talking about serious money here," he said. "How does someone have the right to be told, 'We're going to you.' They might move their ear."

Despite those concerns, LoVerde joined his fellow trustees in unanimously ap-

proving the new ordinance at the Aug. 25 meeting of the Village Board.

Before the new ordinance, Niles police had the ability to tow or boot cars after 10 unpaid tickets were incurred, but were instructed not to do so by former mayor Nicholas Blase.

"Under the former administration the direction from the executive was do not do it," Village Manager George Van Geem said.

Trustees Kim Biederman and Louella Preston said they were unaware police were not towing or booting cars even though they had been authorized to do so by a village ordinance.

Mayor Robert Callero said the new ordinance would be enforced and have stricter regulations. "We are going to put teeth into it," he said.

After the board unanimously approved the ordinance, Callero directed Chief Dean Strzlecki to be make sure it was enforced.

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# Jeans, plaids, graphic T's top shopping lists

By STEPHANIE KOHL  
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In addition to pens and notebooks, students heading back to school are also buying jeans, plaids and graphic T-shirts as part of their school supplies.

Teen girls are filling their back-to-school wardrobes with colored skinny and distressed denim jeans that can be mixed and matched with a basic T-shirt or a sundress and cardigan. Teen boys are also choosing slim fit denim and graphic T-shirts as well as hoodies and skate shoes, said David Hacker, vice president of trend and color for Kohl's Department Stores.

To spice up a wardrobe, prints, especially plaids, are big for back-to-school, Hacker added. Shoppers at Westfield Hawthorn Mall in Vernon Hills found themselves on the prowl for skinny jeans, funky skirts, printed and graphic T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Eighth-grader Caitlyn Keefe, shopping last month with her mother and grandmother, had skinny jeans and graphic T-shirts among her must-have items.

"It makes your first impression," Keefe said of the clothes students wear to school, adding that she wants her clothes to project that she is a fun person.

To accessorize, statement necklaces and earrings are suggested by Forever 21's Linda Chang, senior manager of marketing.

"But remember, one statement piece per outfit," Chang warned.

As the weather gets colder, students will also begin to layer more with outerwear. Chang said lots of leather biker jackets, parkas and jean jackets will be added to outfits as temperatures cool.

While Keefe had an armful of bags, her mom Kim Keefe said

because of the economy, the family would likely cut back their back-to-school shopping by a couple hundred dollars between their two children.

"This season is all about purchasing those few versatile core essentials to pair with items already found in any student's closet to create top-trend back-to-school looks," Hacker said. "A stylish hoodie easily updates a basic tee, while a great pair of boots can work with a skirt or over-

skinny denim to create a variety of looks. Accessories are another affordable way to easily incorporate trends."

Tammy Toren, co-owner of Plato's Closet stores in Skokie, Lincoln Park and Schaumburg, said her stores sell gently used, in-style name brand clothes for girls and boys ages 13 to 26. Toren said she buys a lot of Abercrombie and Fitch, Hollister, American Eagle, Pac Sun and Buckle items which they then resell for up to 70 percent off retail prices.

In addition to skinny jeans, Toren has seen a high demand for colored Nikes and Converse gym shoes, anything patterned in terms of girls' tops, boyfriend blazers and cardigans and short leather jackets.

"People are coming in, and this back-to-school season started at the end of July, and they are spending about \$3 less per transaction," Toren said.

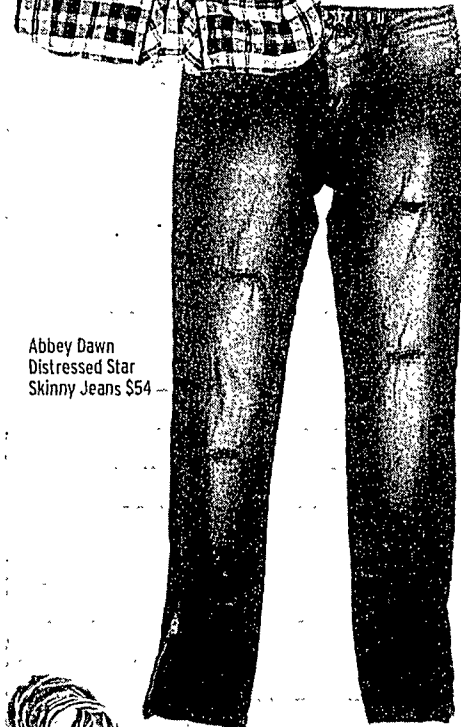
Hacker also stressed that spending a lot of money isn't necessary to look great.

"Remember that fashion is all about feeling good in what you wear," Hacker said. "From a great fitting pair of jeans, to a comfortable flat boot, when fashion fits, you feel confident, which is the key to looking great in any style."

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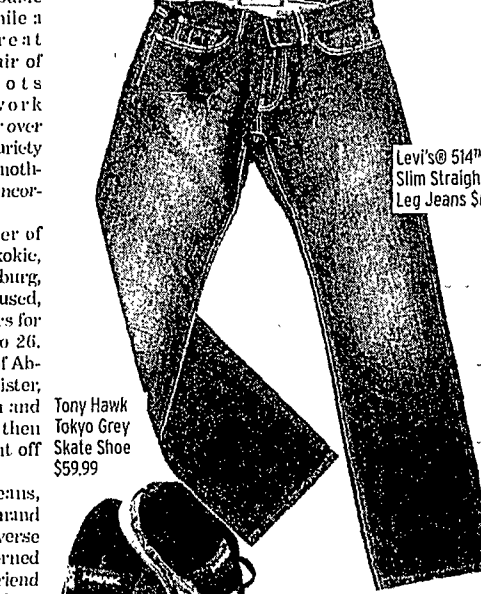


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Chef Peter Vlahakis folds egg whites into sauteed vegetables for the Eileen Omelet. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

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# It's big, it's white, it's 250 calories

By IRV LEAVITT  
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A day without sunshine. A martini without an olive. A cat without a purr.

An omelet without an egg yolk.

Georgie V's Pancake House & More, 1189 Church St., Northbrook, has taken leaving that key ingredient out to an extreme, with Eileen's Omelet, a massive nine-egg-white meal.

The 10-by-8-by-3-inch omelet was named for a diminutive Highland Park woman named Eileen Benin, who told owner George Vlahakos six years ago that his mortal omellets of three or four egg whites weren't nearly big enough.

"I was the first to say I wanted it like a flying saucer," said Benin.

Now every day, usually on her way to or from volunteering at Northbrook's Glenkirk, she heads to the bustling restaurant and plunks down \$11.55, and her giant namesake omelet lands in front of her like the saucer in "Independence Day" that ate New York.

No butter, no cheese, just the whites, a couple of cups of tomatoes, mushrooms and spinach, and a little salt she sprinkles on herself.

And she tucks it away in less time than it takes to cook it.

"I tell the story, and people think I'm crazy," Vlahakos

said. "They think she's a great big woman. But she's like a bird. They don't believe a woman like that could eat that."

But Benin once polished off one. Then ordered and finished another.

"I was hungry," she slugged.

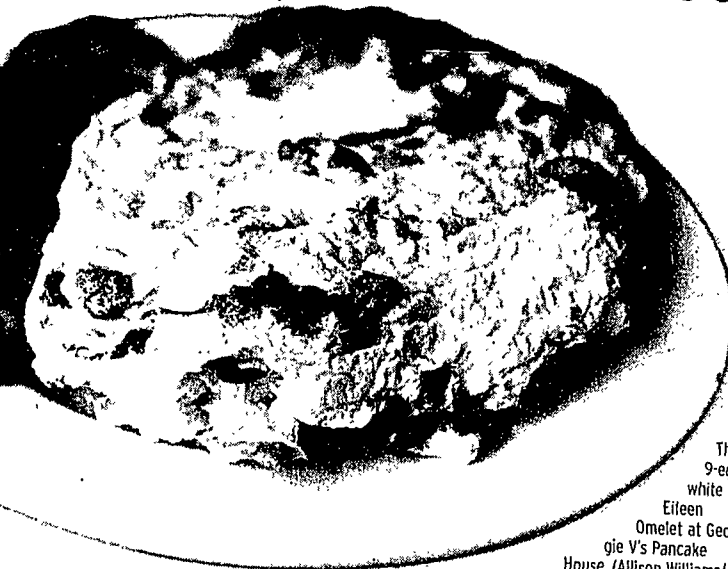
She has never watched the process that culminates in the giant omelet.

It's a doozy.

First, bulk egg white is ladled about a third of the way up two 30-ounce steel milkshake cups.

"We use about 300 pounds (of egg white) a week," Chef Peter Vlahakos, George's son, said. "Egg white omelets have become one of our specialties now."

He hooks the cups onto the Multimixer, which whips the



The 9-egg white Eileen Omelet at Georgie V's Pancake House. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

## MEGA BITES EATIN' BIG IN THE 'BURBS

translucent goo until it's stiff and white.

Then he pours out one of the cans onto the vegetables, in the same 10-inch pan he sauteed them in. He folds the gleaming white mass a couple of times, then shoves the pan into the slot of a salamander mini-oven for about five minutes.

He takes it out and pours the other can of whites on top, and folds it all over again, making something that looks like a lemon meringue pie without the lemon part. At 6 inches high, it's too big to load back into the salamander. So into the convection oven it goes for another couple of minutes.

It comes out a bit deflated and slightly browned, but pretty much the whitest thing this side of Pat Boone.

Without cheese, an Eileen tastes like whatever's in it, and nothing more. My cup of

coffee had more flavor.

As I went to work on the omelet, I stole longing glances at other people's plates, which had nice fattening things like sausages, waffles and egg yolks on them.

Georgie V's sells an enormous, gooey apple pancake. I could have been eating that instead of a moist pillow, and that would have been a good story, too.

No matter how much omelet I ate, there seemed to be more waiting, silently taunting like Ahab's white whale. "You really should have gotten some cheese in it," said Benin, watching me labor over the Great White from across the table.

George Vlahakos brought me a little cup of feta cheese to give the last of the giant egg monster more character. That helped, and inspired.

If I ever eat another one, I'll ask them to fold about

half a pound of feta into it, and a couple of handfuls of hot peppers.

Some gyros on the side might be nice, too. And hash browns. Maybe some biscuits warmed up with a ladle of sausage gravy.

Now that's breakfast.

But it would likely cause a scene in Georgie V's, where they sell 30 or 40 Eileen's

omelets a week as north suburbia's biggest dietetic feast.

It's actually the second biggest. While Eileen's omelet can contain anywhere from eight to 10 egg whites — they don't measure — George V's also sells Amy's Omelet, which has a couple more egg whites in it. They have to cook it in a bigger pan.

It's named after Amy Friedman, a Deerfield physical therapist/personal trainer who hasn't had time lately to come in much, after the birth last year of her third child.

Amy's Omelet comes with artichokes and, like the other massive egg dish, a choice of more pedestrian vegetables and cheese, if desired.

But Friedman, 37, never asks for cheese. She doesn't even use salt.

Whenever she's served anything, "It better have no taste," she said.

If it did, that might mean something evil like butter got in.

She still needs something big and low-fat to fuel her workouts, which start at 90 minutes and go up from there. And at 17 calories per egg white, her giant, vegetable-packed omelet gives her what she needs for an hour or two of pumping iron.

"I inhale it," she said. She wouldn't bother going to a restaurant for a modest omelet.

"Only three egg whites?" she asked. "I would be starving."



Eileen Benin's namesake omelet is about 240 cubic inches of 250 calories. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

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## Durbin advocates change in health care at Maywood forum

By DEBORAH BAYLISS  
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Sitting next to U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin on Monday, Brent Houston told how his mother died of ovarian cancer.

The condition, Houston said, went undetected due to a gap in her health insurance coverage.

"My mom died at age 55 with a broken spirit," he said, describing his mother's despair over the \$100,000 in hospital bills she struggled to pay down.

"I do not think this is the America our forefathers had in mind," Houston said. "We need the peace of mind my mom wasn't afforded. I'm just one person who witnessed my mother die with fear in her eyes from all that she had lost."

Houston, 34, of Chicago, is a member of the grassroots organization Campaign for Better Health Care. He was invited to share his story with Durbin during Monday's forum at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood.

Durbin said stories about individuals needing health-care coverage are many and that it is a challenge for employers as well as employees.

"Inadequate policies are a major expense of our nation," said Durbin, who organized the forum in anticipation of the upcoming Congressional debate over health-care reform.

"We cannot brag that we have the best health-care system in the world," Durbin said. "People come here from all over the world for care, but yet we have a system that does not meet our basic needs."

Durbin acknowledged the emotionally charged town hall meetings that have brought out proponents and opponents on the issue.

"It's a cultural as much as a political challenge," Durbin said.

Durbin said reform measures should maintain what

is good about the current system, deal with medical "predispositions," and put a bigger focus on prevention and wellness.

"I'm not sure we can pass this legislation. We have 59 Democratic senators with the loss of Sen. Ted Kennedy," Durbin explained. "We need 60 for big controversial issues but we're trying to work with three Republican senators to get this done. If we don't do it, our current system is unsustainable."

Gelse Tkalee of Riverside wrote a letter to Durbin's Washington D.C. office last week explaining why the nation needs health-care reform. She said her family faces losing everything they've achieved financially as they deal with their 6-year-old son's mounting medical bills.

"We find ourselves undermining our own health. My son was diagnosed July 2008 with giant neuropathy," Tkalee said. "My son requires occupational and physical therapy and the cost is \$3,000 per discipline and our insurance won't cover more than the contract allows. Last year we paid \$17,000 out-of-pocket."

Loyola emergency room physician Dr. Mark Cichon expressed concern about maintaining fee-for-service coverage under new reforms. Physicians also pushed for electronic medical records.

Durbin asked Cichon about the cost of emergency room care visits.

"Nationally, emergency room care is cost-efficient," Cichon said. "The problem comes when we don't have the next step such as pharmaceuticals."

Dr. Aaron Michelfelder, a Loyola family physician, said he sees the effects of health-care system everyday, "in terms of people choosing between care, rent and the car note."

"We have so many uninsured people with little to no options."

Michelfelder called for incentives to attract more medical students into the primary care field. He explained that primary care pays less and medical students therefore go into the higher paying areas of medicine so they can pay off their medical school debt.

"It's a serious issue," Michelfelder said. "We need debt repayment help as well as scholarships."

"We see a real need for change in health care. We see a lot of people at our clinic who have jobs and no insurance."

Durbin said the issue of "public option coverage" has been controversial because private plans fear they won't be able to compete with the cheaper federally supported plan.

"Republicans think it's a way to eliminate other plans and just have the federal plan — that (misinformation) part of the public outrage," Durbin explained.

The senator said they backed away from the end-of-life measure of reform.

"We were scared away because of the controversy," Durbin said. "It was meant to be counseling with a physician on the end of life but somehow became a 'death squad.' It went to an extreme that became embarrassing. Politicians were scared away by some areas and this was one of them."

"That 47 million people are uninsured is unacceptable. Everybody with health insurance are subsidizing those who are uninsured," Durbin said.

Asked what he would take away from the forum, Durbin said, "I think this was what we needed, a good, positive constructive conversation. Health care is currently too expensive."

There were reports of protesters somewhere on the medical center grounds, but there were no disruption of the panel discussion.

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# New recorder is prize for patience



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: I called Panasonic customer service to get help because my DVD recorder was not working. The person was very helpful and had me do several different steps. After several tries nothing seemed to work, so they directed me to send the unit to their repair center.

I sent the recorder on March 2. On March 7, I received a work order with four options. I checked the one that stated the unit is covered by a Panasonic Customer Care plan. I included the plan number and faxed

the form to them.

In mid-May, after I inquired about my recorder, I was told they were waiting for parts.

Then on June 11, I received a call informing me that the parts were no longer available. However, Panasonic was willing to replace my recorder with a different model.

On June 25, the story changed again. I was told Panasonic would pay half, and it would cost me \$70 because the recorder is out of warranty. I told them I had a Customer Care plan. They said they would look into it and call me back.

In mid-July, I got a letter asking whether I wanted to proceed with the replacement, and if so, to provide payment.

What is the purpose of spending \$49.95 on a service contract when they won't honor the plan? First they offer to replace the unit and now they want me to pay \$70.

It is not my fault they can't get the parts.  
Linda Pulver

Dear Linda: This discrepancy over your service contract expiration date had Team Fixer mystified, so we contacted Panasonic.

You told us you'd gotten the recorder at Christmas 2007 and it started acting up in December 2008 — right around the time the manufacturer's warranty was due to expire. You had an extended service contract, though.

But there apparently was some confusion over the start and end dates. You told us the plan was supposed to kick in last December and last until this coming December, while Panasonic's record showed the plan not taking effect until this coming December.

We got in touch with Panasonic p.r. guy Chris De Maria, who quickly escalated your case. Panasonic agreed to replace the recorder for

free. We never did get to the bottom of the extended warranty dates mix-up, but De Maria said your complaint was "too small of a thing to quibble over."

Dear Fixer: My daughter recently almost lost her job as a waitress because of a group of patrons who left her a Visa check card with a grand total of 27 cents on it.

I don't know if customers think they are only cheating the restaurant, but they should know that the wait staff either makes up the lost amount or gets written up and possibly loses their job. How anyone could even enjoy a meal knowing what they are about to do is beyond me.

I know there are more important things going on in the world. I'm just a father looking out for his daughter and anyone else in this line of work.

Jon W. Soltys

Dear Jon: Of all the comments and letters we

received after this year's "obnoxious customers" feature in which workers and business owners got to vent, yours stood out. The Fixer agrees; it's pretty heartless to enjoy a restaurant meal all the while knowing you're about to skip out on the bill.

For those who missed this year's feature, the columns and reader comments are online at [www.suntimes.com/news/zimmermann/index.html](http://www.suntimes.com/news/zimmermann/index.html).

These past few weeks while shopping and dining, The Fixer has made a point to smile more, act friendly and never use a cell phone in line — and the reaction from the employees has been uniformly positive. Don't forget, dear readers: The people who ring up the purchases, cook or serve the food, clean up the bathrooms and straighten up the shop are human beings just like you.

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— Thanks to contributor Mike Nolan.

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## DES PLAINES POLICE

# Four suspected in string of suburban burglaries

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Four young men arrested Aug. 11 by Des Plaines police are suspected of committing at least 10 burglaries in Park Ridge, in addition to similar crimes in neighboring suburbs.

Alejandro Martinez, 18, of 8824 Robin Drive, unincorporated Maine Township; Daniel Ramirez, 19, of 9390 Bay Colony Drive, unincorporated Maine Township; Mario Sandoval, 22, of 1983 W. Bireh St., Des Plaines; and a 16-year-old Des Plaines boy are suspects in five vehicle break-ins and five residential burglaries that occurred in Park Ridge between May and August, said Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen. At press time no charges had

yet been filed against the men in connection with the Park Ridge incidents.

Des Plaines police said the men have also been connected to burglaries reported in Des Plaines, unincorporated Maine Township, Niles, Morton Grove and Lincolnwood.

Des Plaines Deputy Police Chief Rich Rozkuszka said officers arrested Martinez after he attempted to flee from a vehicle that had just been reported stolen from a home on the 1700 block of Howard Street. During interviews with investigators Martinez allegedly admitted to committing other burglaries, as well, and the other three men allegedly involved with him were identified. Rozkuszka said that the subjects would enter homes by pushing out win-

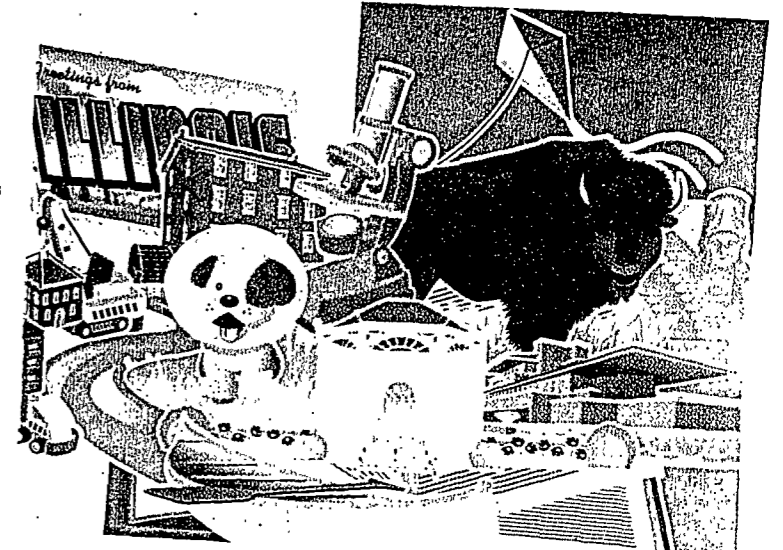
dow screens when residents were sleeping. They would then remove items from the home, including TVs, computers, wallets and car keys, using the keys to steal the vehicle belonging to the residents, Rozkuszka said.

Des Plaines police charged all four subjects with felony residential burglary in connection with the Howard Street burglary. Martinez and Ramirez were also charged with theft of a motor vehicle and Ramirez was charged with resisting arrest.

Rozkuszka said the four are part of a larger burglary crew.

"The people that they were affiliated with had been arrested on previous occasions, in other communities," he said.

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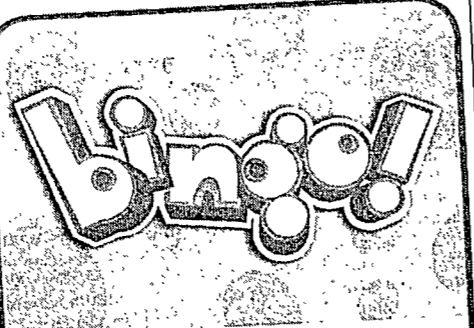
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**Accident sends three to hospital**

By **TONY BERTUCA**  
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An elderly Chicago man has been cited for failing to yield and failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident Aug. 19 after a Cadillac struck his Toyota Camry at the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Kirk Street in Niles.

The resulting accident

sent three people to the hospital complaining of pain, but no injuries have been reported.

"The driver of the at-fault vehicle was a 78-year-old from Chicago," said Sgt. Tom Davis, of the Niles Police Department. "He was driving a 1993 Toyota Camry eastbound on Kirk Street and failed to yield to southbound

Harlem traffic and was struck by a Cadillac driven by a 38-year-old man from Streamwood."

Davis said the Toyota continued after being struck and ended up on the lawn of a home on the 7800 block of North Harlem Avenue. While no damage was reported to the property, the driver had to be extricated from the car due to

damage on his side of the vehicle.

"The Toyota's driver and his 75-year-old wife were transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for complaint of pain," Davis said. "The driver of the Cadillac was transported to Resurrection Hospital for complaint of pain."

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**POLICE CHECKPOINTS**

**Cops to target drunk drivers on Labor Day**

By **TONY BERTUCA**  
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The Niles Police Department has announced it will crack down on motor-vehicle violations during the wee hours of Labor Day.

In conjunction with Illinois State Police, Niles officers will man checkpoints

from 10 p.m. Sunday until 4 a.m. Monday and will be on the lookout for drunk driving and seat-belt violations.

The hours between midnight and 3 a.m. are the deadliest on Illinois roads, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Data also shows that time

frame has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement in crashes and the lowest percentage of occupant-restraint use, according to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration.

"The numbers do not lie," said Sgt. Ron Brandt. "The nighttime is the wrong time

for motor vehicle fatalities, so we will be stepping up our late-night enforcement efforts, making sure impaired drivers are off the road and motorists are buckled up.

"When you are out, we are out."

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**EDISON PARK**

**Suspect sought in abduction attempts**

Park Ridge-Niles issued an alert to parents Monday after officials were informed of two possible abduction attempts in Chicago's Edison Park community.

The incidents occurred shortly after 6 p.m. on Aug. 27 and Friday on the 6900 block of North Olcott Avenue and on the 7100 block

of North Odell Avenue, according to Chicago police. Both locations are west of the intersection of Touhy and Harlem avenues.

In both incidents, a man driving a green minivan approached a boy on a bicycle and asked the boy to get inside his vehicle, police said. Both victims refused and

rode away. The driver, described as a white male, reportedly made no attempt to grab or pursue the boys, and drove away.

Both boys were leaving a nearby football practice when the alleged abduction attempts occurred, police said.

The green minivan in-

involved was also reported to have gray front and rear bumpers, an insignia of the word "Grand" on the back door, a bug deflector mounted on the hood and a partial license plate starting with "T87."

Anyone with information is asked to call Area 5 detectives, (312) 746-8282.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

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

**BURGLARY**

A car was burglarized Aug. 27 on the 8600 block of West Dempster Street. A GPS of unknown value was reported stolen.

**DUI**

Alejandro Landi, 22, of 8307 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, was charged with

A GPS valued at \$200 was reported stolen.

A car was burglarized Aug. 23 on the 9000 block of Joey Drive. A laptop computer valued at \$2,000 and two earrings valued at \$100 were reported stolen.

A business was burglarized Aug. 24 on the 9100 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. A laptop and digital camera of unknown value were reported stolen.

**THEFT**

Amanda Hunt, 19, of 1633 W. North Shore Ave., Chica-

go, was charged with retail theft Aug. 27 on the 9400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Oct. 13.

Nikola Kosanovic, 21, of 4247 N. Overhill Ave., Northridge, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Aug. 25 on the 8100 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$3,000 bond and is due in court Oct. 13.

Amanda Hunt, 19, of 1633 W. North Shore Ave., Chica-

go, was charged with retail theft Aug. 23 after she allegedly stole \$963 of merchandise from a grocery store on the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue. She was released on \$25,000 bond and was due in court Aug. 26.

An iPhone valued at \$600 was stolen Aug. 26 after an unknown male offender removed it from a display case in a store on the 9400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. Police said the offender replaced the stolen phone with a nonfunctional replica after taking it.

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# FOIA opens public business to all people

Gov. Pat Quinn and the Illinois legislature last month revised the Freedom of Information Act, effective Jan. 1, 2010.

The most sweeping change grants the Attorney General's Office oversight to settle differences between governmental bodies and those seeking information. The updated law also calls for stiffer penalties for government's noncompliance and shortens the time for a required response.

In all, the FOIA changes mean Illinois residents will have more access to how their government works, more teeth in their appeals when government refuses to give up that information and, hopefully, a more open and transparent government.

To those of us in the information gathering and government watchdog business, strengthening FOIA makes perfect sense.

Residents and reporters rely on the FOIA to provide details that the public has a right to know. But it's also used to uncover misdeeds, schemes and corruption. The strengthened law will make it easier and faster for all of us to secure information.

Here are a few examples of how Pioneer Press Newspapers have relied on FOIA for information that was not otherwise available to the public:

In 2003, after 70 Hillside elementary school students were sent to the hospital, we filed a FOIA request with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. We learned that a nearby asphalt

plant had a 20-year history of emitting noxious fumes. The report prompted the attorney general to shut down the plant pending an investigation.

In 2005, an on-duty Niles police officer was killed in a crash while responding to a call. A FOI of the police report showed that the officer had not been wearing a seat belt, causing him to be thrown through the side window of the car.

Lake County Clerk Willard Helander was arrested in 2005 for speeding in Mundelein, but using an FOI request, we discovered the clerk had two prior speeding tickets, three other traffic-related offenses including a four-car crash in which Helander was cited for failure to reduce speed, but the case was dismissed.

In January, FOI requests in Oak Park revealed that a software contractor had been paid \$280,000 (while village employees were being laid off) to solve an ongoing problem with a budgetary management program. The Village Board had approved only \$75,000 for the contract.

Newspapers, however, aren't the only entities that take advantage of sunshine laws. Private citizens and groups in Evanston have filed FOI requests against the city and Evanston-Skokokie School District 65 in their efforts to learn the truth about development project negotiations and educational policy decision making procedures.

But government isn't always accommodating

when it comes to releasing information even with a formal FOI request.

Numerous government entities throughout the suburbs refuse to release budgets, plans and reports even though the documents are reviewed and discussed during public meetings. The only way to obtain these reports is through FOIA — not exactly the spirit of good government.

Not all government officials are happy with the new law. The added requirements may prove to be a burden on a government's manpower and copying/paper costs.

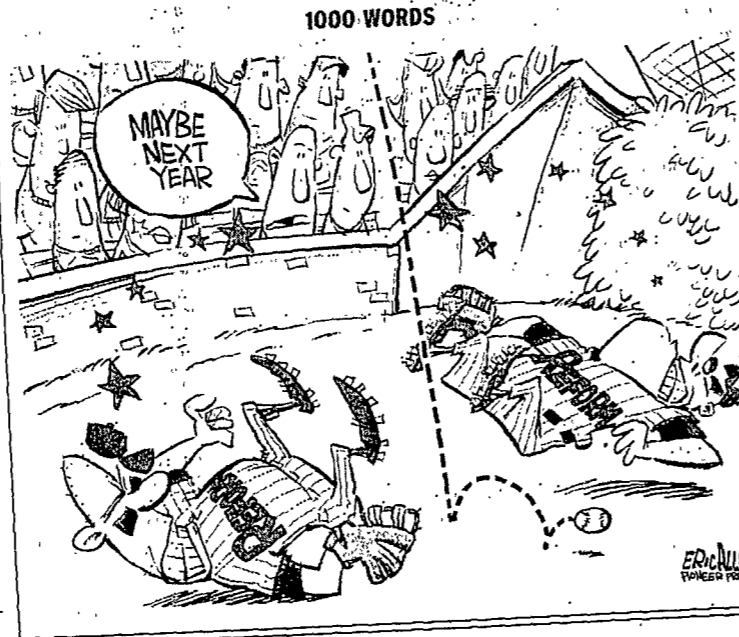
And some individuals have abused the system, requesting information that is not easily attained, taxing the resources of the agency. The Act offers governments one way to handle the costs of providing the information requested — charging a predetermined fee unless the requester can convince the public body that the request is in the public interest and will not be used for commercial benefit. Newspapers are specifically exempt from the latter.

But the law makes it pretty clear FOI requests are not to be ignored.

Governments and agencies financed through taxpayer funds should make their business available for public inspection. When they don't, the public has a right to that information by filing an FOI request.

The new improvements to FOIA will go a long way toward making that happen, and in a more timely fashion.

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## The paper lode



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

### VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

Every school year, the backpacks that accompany my children home contain a tsunami of paper.

Cover letters abound, including a greeting from the principal, an introduction from the PTA president, a summoning to community service from our president, and from Brangelina, a reminder that my "People" subscription is about to expire.

There are forms for insurance, school pictures and yearbooks. Homeland Security sent a form, authorizing them to continue sending us forms in the event of a nuclear fallout.

Before my eyes, forms collide and staple themselves. In a peal of evil laughter, a

booklet emerges. Dear God, no. Anything but this. One of those fund-raising packets.

Down the street live Verna and Wilhelm Smuggs, whose children have launched second careers as savvy campaign strategists. They flaunt their new bikes and Harvard scholarships, because they sold thousands of dollars worth of fund-raiser products from holiday popcorn, chocolate turtles and ShamWow pot holders.

During such fund-raisers, my children average five dollars in sales. Maybe once, they received an incentive freebie from a fund-raiser... a flimsy flashlight that fell apart the moment we tried inserting batteries.

Okay. Here's a form granting the school permission to videotape my children. I check "yes." Wait. What if their video clip ends up on "Cops"? Or worse, on Geraldo Rivera's show, where he laments my poor parenting skills?

My husband comes home. His eyes widen in horror. "Are you manufacturing confetti for some parade?"

"No," I reply. "The milk

order form and fire department evacuation form had babies."

Panicked, he yells for the kids, lecturing them in a stern voice. "For God's sake, leave your math homework with me. Put it on my chair! I'll guard it. That way, it won't land in the abyss." He shudders uncontrollably. Blinking with fright, my children gasp. "What's the abyss, Dad?"

"It's your mother's filing system for all her writing. See that mutated pile of papers? Kirby's chew toy is in there, somewhere, but he's too terrified to dig for it."

"So that's what happened to our Scholastic order forms," my oldest says.

"Innocent library books have never been seen again, after they wander too close to the abyss," my husband whispers.

From the kitchen, I roll my eyes. Pots clang as I begin to prepare dinner: "Oh, kids, your father calls my purse the abyss, too."

"No," he shakes his head. "I call that hopeless."

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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.

### Benefits

Bunco Parties to benefit the Center of Concern, a social service agency in Park Ridge, will be Sept. 11 at the South Park Recreation Center, Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue, in Park Ridge. The first party is noon to 3 p.m. for men and women; "Ladies Night" will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets for either event are \$15 and include games and prizes, choice of beef sandwich or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy, (847) 318-1008, to make a reservation.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital announces its 2009 Gala to benefit pediatric programs. "Once upon a Time" will be Sept. 26 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 per person; black tie optional. Call (847) 723-8682. Organizers hope to raise \$150,000 to benefit the Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center and the pediatric hematology/oncology programs at Lutheran General Children's Hospital.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Support groups for Alzheimer's caregivers, those suffering from grief and loss, and seniors seeking to improve their nutrition are available at the Center of Concern in Park Ridge. The center also offers affordable personal counseling to adults of all ages. Call center social worker Myrna Fogarty, (847) 823-0453. The center is at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge. The center also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, in-home health care referrals, friendly visitors for the homebound and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field.

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

Employment counseling and preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also are available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Classes

Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, is offering an adult enrichment course, "Lincoln: His Legacy, Our Story." Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo will discuss the life and times of Abraham Lincoln. The course is offered in honor of the nationwide Lincoln Bicentennial and will cover the issues of race, equality, religion and politics. The book to guide the group will be Team of Rivals by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin. The class will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29, and Oct. 13 and Oct. 27. The cost is \$50. To register call (773) 775-6616, ext. 127, or e-mail sthorpe@reshts.org.

The Jewish roots of Christianity will be the topic for a class called "Encountering Jesus and the New Testament through Jewish Eyes," taught by Justin Kron of Chosen People Ministries/Chicago Area Director and Willow Creek North Shore, Edgebrook Church, 6155 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. Will host these free classes at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Call the church office, (773) 631-1155.

### Clubs

The Twenty-first Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold an open meeting at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Lunch will be served at noon, with a meeting and program following. Senior Director of Development WINGS, Terri Channer, will speak on "WINGS, a Domestic Violence Homeless Shelter Program." Following the program,

Tumble Bees, 2-4 years - Children will be introduced to basic tumbling skills by participating in activities that teach gross motor skills and organize movement. This parent/child class includes basic introduction to the balance beam, floor and horizontal bar.

Breakfast Buddies, 3-6 years - (New) Join us for breakfast at the fitness center. In this pint-sized morning cooking class children will make and eat some of their favorite breakfast recipes, like pancakes and french toast. Class is offered one or two days a week.

Body Flex Kids, 3-6 years - Scheduled during adult Body Flex, this high-energy exercise class will get children moving and grooving. To cool down the class will end with children's yoga. The instructor will escort children to and from the Clubhouse.

Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Dr. Niles, (847) 588-8400 or www.nilesfitness.com.

Core and Strength offers total body-strength exercises using weight and the BOSU. Class includes abdominal and low-back exercises. All ability levels are welcome from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Wednesdays, through Oct. 14. The cost is \$54 for members; \$66, non-members.

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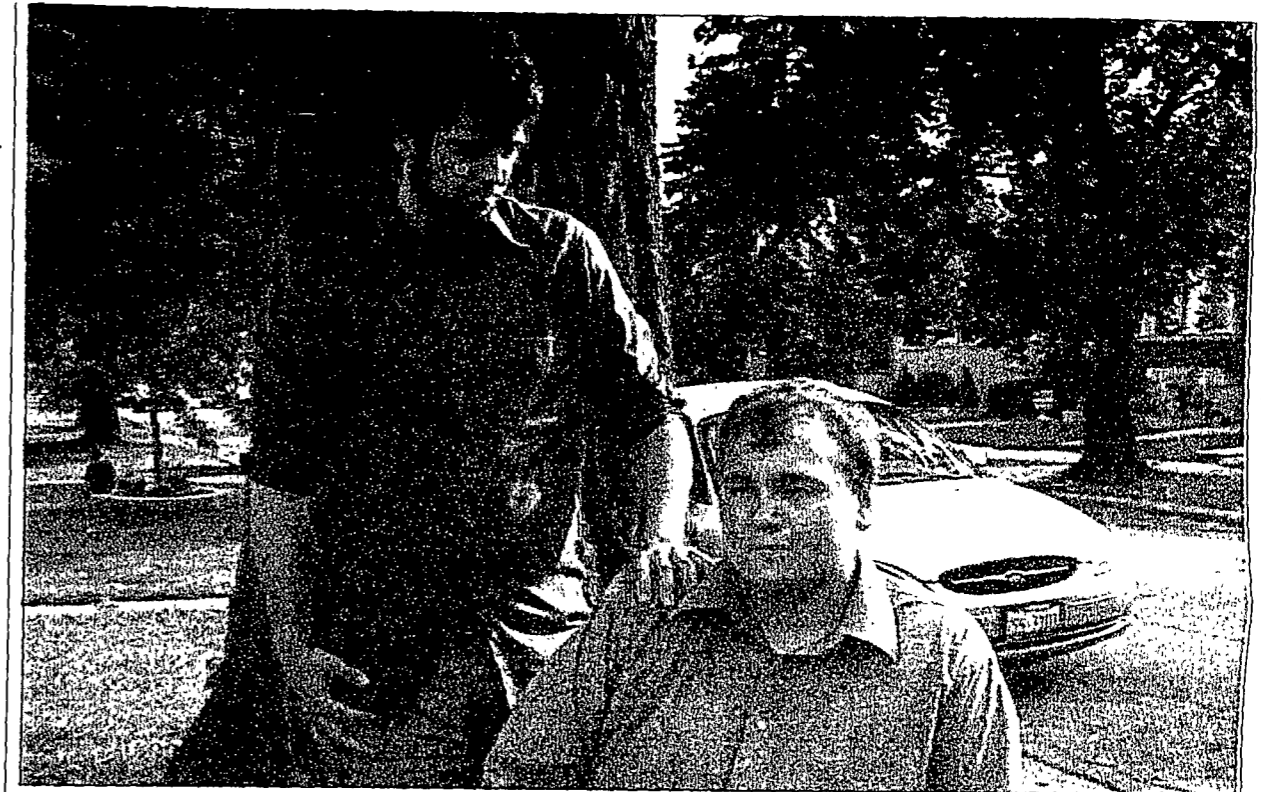
A quartet of activities for the coming week

**1. Jill & Julia Show**, featuring Jill Sobule and Julia Sweeney presenting comedy and music, 8 p.m. Sept. 5 at S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$17 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$28 for reserved table seating. (847) 492-8860 or [www.evanston-space.com](http://www.evanston-space.com).

**2. Opening reception and awards ceremony for the Senior Artists Network sculpture show**, 5-7:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. The exhibit, featuring works by Chicago and suburban artists over the age of 50, continues through Oct. 30. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call (847) 674-3806.

**3. Taste of Polonia**, Sept. 4-7 in Jefferson Park, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The festival offers Polish and American food, entertainment and live music by Sidney Polak, Szlwyry Pal Azji, Lombard, ARRA, Rick Saucedo, Steepwater Band, Kashnir, Cover Girl, Libido Funk Circus, Brit Beat, Dixie Kings and more. There will also be free cooking classes, daily fashion shows, folk dancing, a marketplace and children's activities. Hours are 5-11 p.m. Friday; noon-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and noon-10 p.m. Monday. Admission: \$3-\$6. [www.copernicusfdn.org/taeofpolonia.html](http://www.copernicusfdn.org/taeofpolonia.html).

**4. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation** presents Music of the World at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$10. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokie-theatre.com](http://www.skokie-theatre.com).



Danny Hesslau of Harwood Heights and Kevin Kaucher of Chicago in Independent Stars Playhouse's production of "Tuesdays With Morrie."

## 'Tuesdays with Morrie' set in intimate space

**'Tuesdays with Morrie'** by Independent Stars Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, Sept. 10-25 at Elmwood Park Parks and Recreation Center, 2 Conli Parkway, \$10. [www.indistars.org](http://www.indistars.org) or (708) 997-1714.

By MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

Three college students, who feel a strong connection to the play "Tuesdays with Morrie," are preparing for Independent Stars Playhouse's production of Mitch Albom's autobiographical tale. The play focuses on the journalist's reconnection with his former college professor, who has Lou Gehrig's disease. That initial visit turns into a weekly ritual that proves meaningful for both men.

Dominic Clemente Jr. of Elmwood Park, a sophomore speech and theater

major at Triton College and artistic director of Independent Stars Playhouse, directs.

### Meeting again

"It's a really heartwarming story," Clemente said. He was particularly drawn to "the relationship between Morrie and Mitch. Over the 20 years that they've known each other, they've spent 16 of them not speaking to each other. That's a very special kind of friendship to take a 16-year vacation and then pick up right where you left off."

Nineteen-year-old Danny Hesslau of Harwood Heights agreed to play the journalist Mitch because he found the play "really, really moving. I fell in love with the script right away. "This is definitely one of the most challenging plays

I've done," he added. "I can definitely relate to a lot of things that are happening." Hesslau revealed that one of his family members is currently dealing with serious health issues. "It's hard for me so I'm going to try to channel that pain into something that I can make good."

Chicagoan Kevin Kaucher, a theater major at Lewis University, plays Morrie. He described the character as "definitely a wise person. He has his opinions on things. He reasons with life and himself."

### Life thoughts

Kaucher wanted the role because "It's great to get that type of insight and get to act like you've given all this thought to life." The actor says that he also likes to "think things through.

That's probably where the similarities end."

Kaucher, who is 20, would seem an unlikely choice to play the 78-year-old Morrie. "I know that Kevin is a very disciplined actor and I knew that he could handle it," Clemente said.

Kaucher was active in theater throughout his years at St. Patrick High School. "Since I've been in college, I've done mostly tech work," Kaucher said, admitting he prefers working behind the scenes, particularly doing lighting design.

Kaucher, who has a commercial pilot's license, plans a career as an airline pilot. "My theater degree is more of a backup," he said.

Clemente selected Hesslau for the role of Mitch because "Mitch can be funny but he can also be

serious and that's Danny's own personality." Hesslau, who didn't start doing theater until his senior year at St. Patrick's High School, has performed exclusively with Independent Stars Playhouse. A secondary education major at Northeastern Illinois University, Hesslau plans to teach history unless he is able to carve a career in theater.

### Small crowd

Clemente said he is staging the show at the Elmwood Park Recreation Center in a room that will only seat about 20 people because "I wanted to keep it intimate and small. I really want the audience to connect with the characters. I want them to learn to not take relationships for granted."

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WFMT Midnight Special Folk Festival, 3-7 p.m. Sept. 20 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Artists performing include Grammy Award-winning folk, roots and country music singer Kathy Mattea, John McCulcheon, Michael Smith, Claudia Schmidt, Randall Williams, Haines & Leighton, and the Austin Lounge Lizards. Tickets are \$25 for balcony seats, \$55 for main floor seats, and \$125 premium main-floor seats with admission to a backstage VIP reception. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.

**ART GALLERIES**  
Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, (847) 491-4000. www.block-museum.northwestern.edu. Sept. 22-

Dec. 13: "Henry Moore: Elephant Skull," in the museum's Alsford Gallery. Moore may be best known for his monumental bronze sculptures, but his creative output included drawing and printmaking as well. In the 1960s the artist became intrigued by the skull of an African elephant kept in a friend's London garden, examining the object's internal and external spaces in a series of etchings printed as an album in 1970. The exhibit includes all 28 prints Moore produced for the portfolio, along with his rare original vellum cover. Sept. 25-Dec. 6: "Robert Motherwell: An Attitude Toward Reality. From the Collection of the Walker Art Center" offers an overview and introduction to the artist, spanning more than four decades of his career with more than 40 drawings, collages, prints and paintings.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Special Exhibitions Gallery, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission of \$8; \$6 for students and senior citizens; and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Through Nov. 29: "Darfur: Photojournalists Respond." Based on the book *Darfur: Twenty Years of War and Genocide in Sudan*, by Leora Kahn, the exhibition features work by photojournalists Colin Finlay, Sven Torfinn, Pep Bonet, Ron Haviv, Lynsey Addario, Chris Steele Perkins, Kadir van Lohuizen and Oliver Jobard. Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.: "Witness to Genocide: Voices of Sudanese Survivors," a panel discussion with Sudanese survivors including members of the "Lost Boys."

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, line arts coordinator, (847) 674-3806. Through Oct. 30: Senior Artists Network sculpture show, featuring works by Chicago and suburban artists over the age of 50. Opening reception and awards ceremony will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. Sept. 3.

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Admission to events is included with an entrance donation to the Mitchell Museum. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for senior citizens, students and children. Maximum admission per family is \$10. Sept. 20-Dec. 30: "7 Artists, 7 Teachings: Contemporary Great Lakes Native Art." The group exhibition explores the themes of truth, respect, love, bravery, honesty, humility and wisdom that are central to the ethos and worldview of the Anishinabe tribes of the Upper Midwest - the Chippewa (Ojibway), Ottawa and Potawatomi, also known as the Council of the Three Fires.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Summer hours through August: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Sept. 3-Oct. 16: "Gregory Orloff: Prints from the Great Depression," featuring more than 60 lithographs, woodcuts and etchings. Opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 3.

Seniors Action Service, 1123 Emerson Suite 200, Evanston. www.SeniorsActionService.org. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays through Sept. 25: "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," featuring quilts by Mary Jo Bowers of Chicago and watercolors by Marjorie Graham of Northfield.

**AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**STAGE**

Play On will hold auditions for "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," for youth in grades K-8, on Sept. 12 at Open Studio, 901 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Rehearsals will be mostly Saturday, late afternoons. Performances the week of Nov. 2. Those cast pay a \$200 fee. Call Lisa Bany-Winters for appointment at (847) 337-9614 or email info@playonitd.com.

Take Two Children's Theater will hold auditions for "Jungle Book" at 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at the North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford, Skokie. Performances will be Nov. 20-21 at the Weissbourd-Holmes Family Focus Center in Evanston. For information, call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.northshoredancecenter.com.

Open auditions for the Performing Arts at Oakton production of David Greig's "The American Pilot" will be held from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 14-15 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The director of the staged reading is seeking 10 cast members.

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## Building Knowledge into Understanding



Parents are often described as their child's first teachers. In this role, parents provide a strong educational base for their children to foster a curiosity for learning at an early age. Lillian Katz, PhD, an international leader in early childhood education and principal investigator for the Illinois Early Learning Project, recently spoke at the plenary session of the Chicagoland Project Approach Summer Institute, hosted by Kohl Children's Museum. In a conversation following her keynote address to teachers, Dr. Katz shared her thoughts on the unique role of parents in children's learning.

Learning is not limited to formal environments designed specifically for education such as schools or day cares. Neither is it limited to specific topics.

"Children learn in all environments," Dr. Katz says. "They just may not be learning what you want them to learn."

By exposing children to a variety of environments, children will have more opportunities to find something that grabs their interest.

The children's museum is a good example of an informal learning environ-

ment. Its 17 hands-on exhibits provide numerous experiences for children to explore. Each exhibit generates playful learning and draws their interest. Children who like to revisit the same exhibits or do the same activities repeatedly are indicating what interests them.

"It's important for parents to be able to note what provokes interest in their child," Dr. Katz says. "Children will get so absorbed in their interests that they don't mind routine elements of it, and don't mind repetition. They're deeply engaged."

When you see what interests your child, engage them in conversation to encourage learning.

"Some of the best learning comes from adults asking children the right questions," Dr. Katz says. "Never be phony, but ask probing questions: If we do this, then what? What might happen next? What makes you think so? Why do you think that happened?"

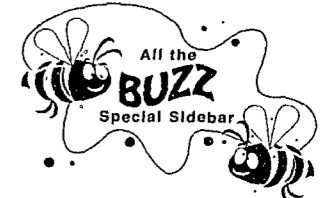
Questions should be appropriate for the child's level, and they should be designed to help the child think about what he or she is doing.

"Share and demonstrate the disposition to wonder," Dr. Katz says. "Questions should be open-ended for children to express their knowledge and allow their caregiver to assess their understanding."

Avoid questions that can be answered with a yes or no or a simple fact (Do you see the butterflies? What color is the butterfly?) and replace them with ones that elicit a more thoughtful response (What does it look like the butterflies are doing? Why do you think they are such pretty colors?).

Dr. Katz acknowledges the critical difference between what a child knows and what a child understands.

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#### Spotlight on Learning

In this and upcoming issues of *Learning to Grow*, we'll show how elements are built into each exhibit to encourage learning at multiple age levels. Below are activities in the *Play Library* exhibit that promote learning at each age level.

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- look at pictures in books
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- begin to recognize letters, words and pictures in books
- sort books by category on shelves
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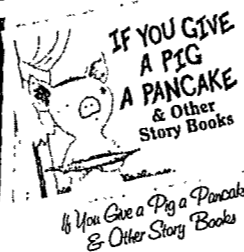
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#### MUSICIANS

The Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra will hold auditions for the 2009-10 season during the first week of September. The SVSO is a 65-plus piece community orchestra of amateurs and semi-professionals with selected professional support. The orchestra presents four to five concerts per year of demanding standard orchestral repertoire at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Rehearsals are held from 7:30-10 p.m. Thursdays, September through May, at the center, with additional Monday rehearsals the week of a concert. The orchestra has openings for principal cello, principal bass, second trumpet, second oboe, third oboe/English horn, third bassoon/contrabassoon, fourth horn and percussion. There are also openings for positions in all string sections. Previous orchestral experience is preferred. For audition repertoire and to schedule an audition time, contact Leslie Brodie at (847) 679-9501, ext.

3014, or lbrodie@svso.org.  
Six Piano Ensemble will hold auditions from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 14 and 16 in Room 1360 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Music is provided. Candidates also may perform a prepared selection. Founded in 1980 by Glenna Sprague, professor and coordinator of music, the ensemble has appeared at many prestigious venues over the past three decades. For details, contact Sprague at (847) 635-1905 or gspague@oakton.edu.  
The Evanston Symphony Orchestra will hold auditions for trumpet and assistant principal French horn in early September. Those interested should contact Cathy Carr at cathy.carr@carconsulting.net. The orchestra will also hold auditions for string positions in early September, particularly looking for string bass. Interested parties should contact Paula Fischer at pmemm@comcast.net.  
Northwestern University will hold auditions for a boy soprano (major role) and children to sing in the children's choir for its fall production of Leonard Bernstein's Mass. Auditions will be held from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 8-9 in the Bergen rehearsal room at Northwestern University's Theatre Interpretation Center, 1949 Campus Drive. Evanston. Boy sopranos and members of the children's choir should be 8-13 years old. They should bring their own audition piece with piano accompaniment. It may be a religious selection or a piece from a musical or opera. To make an audition appointment, call (847) 491-3232. The

musical work, originally commissioned for the opening of the John Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., features a large symphony orchestra, massed choir, 25 soloists, children's choir, ballet company and marching band. The boy soprano appears throughout the work, often with the central character, the Celebrant. The children's choir performs six numbers in the 90-minute piece. Performance dates are Nov. 12-15 in Cahn Auditorium on the Northwestern campus. Rehearsals begin Oct. 1.  
North Shore Choral Society, a 120-voice volunteer chorus performing for more than 70 years, will present three concerts during its 2009-10 season. Chorus auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston. To make an appointment, contact Len Barker at (847) 272-2351 or lenbarker@aol.com. Rehearsals are held from 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays at Trinity Lutheran Church. For information, visit www.northshorechoral.org.  
Park Ridge Chorale begins rehearsals for its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge. The concert will be presented Dec. 12. Auditions will be held Sept. 14, 21 and 28, or by appointment. Call Kyle Cartwright, (847) 825-5499, for information.  
Music Institute of Chicago will hold youth choir auditions from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 16 at its Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. For more information, call Tim Mah, (847) 905-1500, ext. 101.

#### DANCERS

The 29th annual Carey Rose Winski Dance Scholarship Competition will be held Oct. 4 in the Lou Conte Dance Studio, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, 1147 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. The competition is open to male and female dancers age 13-18. Scholarships totaling \$1,500 are awarded to the winners for further dance training. Competitors participate in a one-hour classical warm-up class and perform two three-minute solos, one in classical ballet (en pointe for girls) and one in any eclectic style, including jazz, modern and character. No tap. For an application and rules, write to: Carey Rose Winski Memorial Foundation Inc., 69 Woodley Road, Winnetka IL 60093.  
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#### BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie, (847) 676-2230 Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. Jon Katz will discuss and sign his latest book, *Soul of a Dog, Chicago Public Library, Rogers Park Branch, 6907 N. Clark St., Chicago, (312) 744-0156. Sept. 12, 3-4 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman will read from and discuss her books, *Still Single and Still Dating*. Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035 www.irish-american.org. Sept. 20, 2 p.m.: Kathleen M. Flanagan will discuss and sign her book, *Steps in Time: The History of Irish Dance in Chicago*. There will also be a post-signing reception featuring performances by a variety of the Chicago area's schools of music and dance. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., (847) 965-4220. Sept. 4 and Oct. 2, 4-5 p.m.: Drama Club, for ages 6-12. Sept. 11, 4 p.m.: Screening of "Disney Nature: Earth," Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Crazy Saturday drop-in craft program, Sept. 13, 2 p.m.: Hogwash! Tall Tales Children's Theater, featuring storytelling, drama, music and art. Sept. 18, 4-5 p.m.: Creative Writing Club for children age 8 or older. Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.: Teddy & Friends Hootenanny with musician Karen Jordan. Sept. 26 and Oct. 24, 10 a.m.: Wee Read Lapsit Program, for children ages 0-24 months. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Fall youth programs, 1:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for children. All tickets available at the door only. Oct. 3 and 31: "Believe in Yourself: The Journey to Your Dreams," with Victor Pacini. Oct. 10 and Nov. 7: "The Artist Within Us: Creating a Masterpiece of Kindness & Respect," with Victor Pacini. Oct. 17 and Nov. 14: "One Song We Are Like Different Instruments. But When We Play Together, We Play One Song," with Victor Pacini. Oct. 24 and Nov. 21: "Super Power Music: A Journey of Uplifting Melodies," with Victor Pacini.*

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Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300, www.centreast.org Oct. 24, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.: "If You Give a Pig a Pancake and Other Story Books" \$18.  
Disney On Ice presents "100 Years of Magic" Sept. 8-13 at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. The 5 p.m. show on Sunday is a Spanish performance. Tickets are \$12, \$19 and \$24, with a limited number of V.I.P. (\$45 weekday and \$50 weekend) and front row (\$55 weekday and \$70 weekend) seats available. All opening night tickets are \$11, excluding V.I.P. and front row seats. For tickets, call (800) 745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. For show information, call (312) 455-4500 or visit

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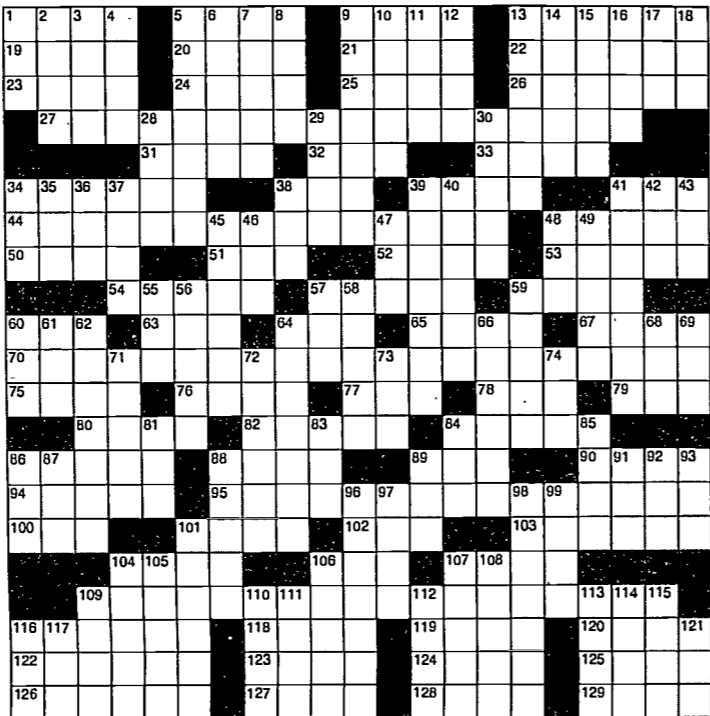
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  - 13 Dirty
  - 19 118 Across-mistress
  - 20 Way off base?
  - 21 Director Kazan
  - 22 Agenda item
  - 23 Emcee's site
  - 24 Melodious McEntire
  - 25 Monastery dweller
  - 26 Kindle
  - 27 He became a Realtor because...
  - 31 Form a cylinder
  - 32 Broad st.
  - 33 Savage sorts
  - 34 Alarm
  - 36 It may be strapless
  - 39 Emulates Simon
  - 41 Hibiscus garland
  - 44 She became a pharmacist because...
  - 48 —squash
  - 50 Tropical tree
- DOWN**
- 118 Horde of humpbacks
  - 101 Not that
  - 102 Oil apparatus
  - 103 Least light-hearted
  - 104 Wet blanket
  - 106 Address abbr.
  - 107 —vu
  - 109 He became an electrician because...
  - 116 —out (aided)
  - 118 Hammett hound
  - 119 Small businessman?
  - 120 Vociferate
  - 122 Elevated machines?
  - 123 Author Uris
  - 124 —She "Sweet" (27 song)
  - 125 Cooper's tool
  - 126 Size up
  - 127 Drops the ball
  - 128 Family members.
  - 129 Part of Q.E.D.
  - 1 Clause connector
  - 2 Wordy Webster
- 3 Part of HOMES**
- 4 Cleanses
  - 5 Excuses
  - 6 Tom of "Baretta"
  - 7 Computer language
  - 8 Thin strip
  - 9 Dislodgment
  - 10 Isolated
  - 11 Ho Chi —
  - 12 Literary pen name
  - 13 Post
  - 14 Senator Hatch
  - 15 Jeremy of "Waterland"
  - 16 Praise
  - 17 USNA grad
  - 18 HST's successor
  - 28 Schipa solo
  - 29 Writer
  - 30 With diffidence
  - 34 "For shame!"
  - 35 Palindromic cry
  - 36 "Fantasia" frame
  - 37 Nab a gnat
  - 38 Plead
  - 39 Exercise expert
  - 40 Cashew kin
  - 41 Couldn't stand
- 42 Directional suffix**
- 43 Calligraphy supply
  - 45 Highest point
  - 46 Pantyhose problem
  - 47 Soup
  - 48 Gibbon or gorilla
  - 49 Vulgar
  - 55 Comic Southern
  - 56 Woodworking tool
  - 57 From — Z
  - 58 Boxing blows
  - 59 Neutral tone
  - 60 "Quiet!"
  - 61 TV's — "Haw"
  - 62 Bestowed
  - 64 Reference volumes
  - 66 "— of Love" ('84 smash)
  - 68 Grand — Opry
  - 69 Mistaken
  - 71 Historian Durant
  - 72 Oracle site
  - 73 "— had lit"
  - 74 Rock's — at Work
  - 81 —kwon do
  - 83 Neighbor of Ger.
  - 84 Dejected
  - 85 Soybean product
- 86 Traveler's aid**
- 87 Maestro de Waart
  - 88 Grate stuff
  - 89 Ryan or Foster
  - 91 Knot lit!
  - 92 — and
  - 93 NCO
  - 96 Dondi and Annie
  - 97 "Ars longa, — brevis"
  - 98 Protests
  - 99 "There oughta be —!"
  - 101 Exchanges
  - 104 Contradict
  - 105 61 host
  - 106 Play boy?
  - 107 D.D. Emmett
  - 108 Happening
  - 109 They're sometimes hugged?
  - 110 Auction
  - 111 —friendly
  - 112 Act like an antelope
  - 113 Basra's locale
  - 114 Pianist Lupu
  - 115 Signor Ferrari
  - 116 Hard word
  - 117 Oerter and Unsers
  - 121 TV's "Father —"



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Answers: Inside today's classified section

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of Sept. 7 - Sept. 13

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Changing your mind doesn't come easily for Lambs, who place a high value on commitment. But new facts could emerge that might persuade you to rethink your situation.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** This is a good time to put that fine Bovine's eye for beauty to work in redecorating your home or workplace. And don't forget to indulge yourself in some personal time as well.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your sense of loyalty to someone who asks for your help is commendable. But make sure there are no information gaps that should be filled in before you move too far too quickly.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Don't let difficult people raise the Crab's ire levels this week. Avoid them if you can. If not, resist telling them off, even if you think they deserve it. Things improve by week's end.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Your suspicions about a colleague might be on the mark. But you also could be misreading the signals you believe

you're getting. Do some discreet checking before jumping to conclusions.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Take some time out from your many tasks and see if someone might be trying to reach out to you. You could be surprised to learn who it is and why you might want to reciprocate.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You still might want to do more investigating before taking on a new commitment. Later would not be the time to try to fill in any crucial gaps in what you need to know about it.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A new opportunity should be carefully studied. It might offer some of the things you've been looking for. Or it could contain new possibilities you never considered. Check it out.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You might have to work harder this week to get people to listen to what you have to say. But if you stay with it, you could start to get

your message out to many by the week's end.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Although family matters again take up a big chunk of the Goat's time, the week also offers a chance to explore a new career move you'd been contemplating for a while.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Applying your practicality (what does it offer me?) and your creativity (how can I improve on it?) could provide sound reasons for seriously considering that new offer.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The single set will find that keeping their romantic aspirations on high gives Cupid a better target to aim at. Paired Pisces will find that this week helps reinforce their relationships.

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Irmgard Walther (nee Grasser), age 77, of Skokie, passed away Friday, August 28, 2009 with her family by her side, at the home of her daughter in Shorewood. Born July 30, 1932 in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Katharina and Wilhelm Grasser. Her strength and beauty will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Noelle and Joseph Viola of Shorewood; and several cousins in Europe. Memorial Services for Irmgard Walther will be Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Companion Animal Memorial Fund, 2001 S. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana, IL 61802 or Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431 would be appreciated. Friends will be received Saturday from noon until time of services at 2:00 p.m. at: FRED C. DAMES FUNERAL HOME, 3200 Black at Essington Rds., Joliet. For information: (815) 741-5500 www.freddames.com  
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**Stefo, Thomas Michael**  
Thomas Michael Stefo, 51 of Harvest, died Monday August 24, 2009 at Huntsville Hospital. He is preceded in death by his father, John Stefo. He is survived by his wife, Karyn Jo Stefo; his children, Brad Stefo, Justin Stefo, Rebecca Stefo, Taylor Stefo, and Erica Stefo; his brothers, Jim Stefo, Jack Stefo and Andy Stefo, his mother, Ruth Stefo, and one grandson, Dominic Stefo. Services were held Thursday, August 27, 2009 at Madison Chapel Funeral Home. You may sign the online registry at www.madisonchapelfuneralhome.com.  
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### XC70

#### autoREVIEW

### Can't beat versatility, safety of Volvo XC70

BY IRA SIEGEL

SearchChicago Autos Correspondent

Volvo's XC70 is proof that a wagon can be a fun, safe, comfortable and a likable alternative to an SUV or crossover.

I know there are many who prefer an SUV or crossover to a wagon, but I think the XC70 is worth a serious look.

The XC70 is a formidable wagon with luxurious amenities, comfortably supportive seats, loads of safety features, a versatile cabin and all-weather capability thanks to a standard all-wheel-drive system.

Visibility with XC70 is good because it sits a bit higher than a typical wagon, giving the driver a nice view of the road. Plus, wagons like the XC70 feature plenty of glass and that provides a good all-around view for backing in and out of parking spaces.

The XC70 went through a major redesign last year and now Volvo has upped the ante with a new turbocharged T6 model for 2009. There are a few other revisions, too, such as making Bluetooth connectivity standard.

For 2009, there are two trim levels: XC70 3.2 (\$37,250) and XC70 T6 (\$39,500). The XC70 3.2 features a 3.2-liter inline six-cylinder engine good for 235 horsepower.

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#### autoSPECS

##### 2009 VOLVO XC70 T6

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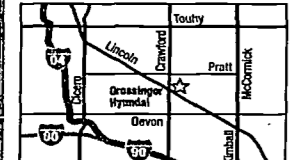
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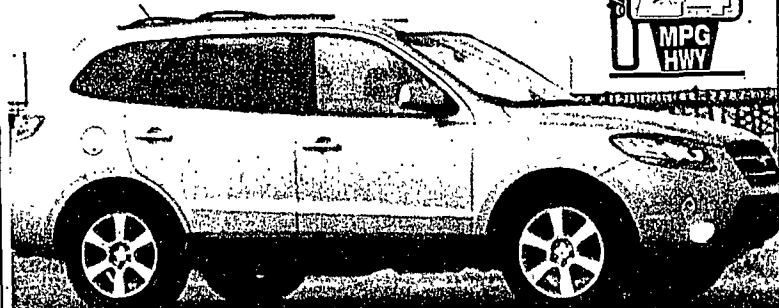


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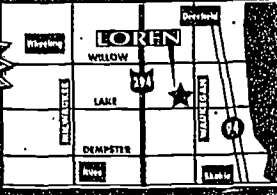
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## Comfy XC70 is good for long hauls

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The XC70 T6 boosts the fun factor with a turbocharged 3.0-liter inline six that makes 281 horsepower.

The engines in both XC70 models are mounted transversely and mate to a smooth-shifting six-speed automatic transmission with manual shift capabilities.

Also, both XC70 models feature a remarkable AWD system that normally sends power to the front wheels until there's a loss of traction. The system operates seamlessly and delivers excellent four-weather traction.

The engine in my 2009 Volvo XC70 T6 was athletic and responsive. It had good acceleration off the line and for passing. And as expected, traction was awesome.

The only fly in the ointment was XC70's disappointing fuel economy. My XC70 T6 tester was rated at just 15/22 mpg city/highway and that's about what you'd expect from an SUV.

However, XC70's ride is much more carlike than any SUV. Plus, there's an incredible amount of safety features offered in XC70. Standard safety features include dynamic stability and traction control, anti-lock brakes, side impact airbags, inflatable curtain airbags, head restraints for all seats and whiplash protection system (WHIPS).

Available safety features include a collision avoidance package that features collision warning with auto brake, driver alert control and lane departure warning. A blind spot information system (\$695) is also available.

One of my favorite options (\$495) is the personal car communicator. The PCC is an advanced remote control that combines keyless drive with two-way communication with your Volvo.

The PCC automatically unlocks the car

upon your arrival and can warn you if an intruder is hiding inside your vehicle thanks to a heartbeat sensor inside the car.

I also like the optional 650-watt, 12-speaker Dynaudio system. This system delivers phenomenal sound clarity and enhances the overall driving experience.



## Goodyear celebrates 111 years of innovation

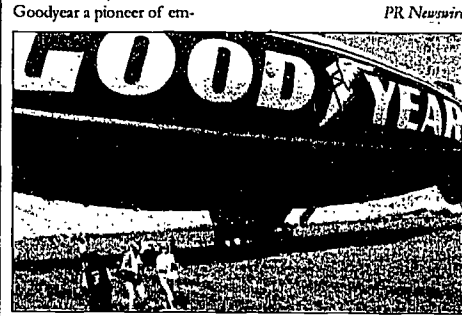
AKRON, Ohio - To celebrate the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.'s 111th anniversary - it was founded Aug. 29, 1898 by Frank Seiberling in Akron - the company is sharing its most significant moments in history with "Goodyear's top 111 innovations, inspirations and historic firsts."

The list reflects Goodyear's pioneering spirit of innovation throughout the years.

"Innovation is what has made Goodyear what it is today," said Jean-Claude Kihn, Goodyear's senior vice president and chief technical officer. "Not only is innovation an important part of our past, but it's even more so our goal for the future."

Some of the company's 111 most memorable contributions include:

- 1901:** Goodyear adopts the wingfoot trademark, saying it will help Goodyear circle the Earth.
- 1908:** Goodyear develops the all-weather tread design. The diamond-shaped studded pattern would be used for more than 40 years with only minor modifications.
- 1918:** The Wingfoot Express makes the first cross-country trucking journey from Boston to San Francisco, demonstrating the toughness and reliability of Goodyear tires. It was also the first truck to feature a sleeper cab.
- 1920:** Goodyear Hall (a center containing an auditorium, classrooms, recreational facilities and the state's largest gymnasium at the time) is constructed in Akron. A dream of future CEO P.W. Littlefield, the center made Goodyear a pioneer of employee wellness and education.
- 1925:** Goodyear's first commercial blimp, the Pilgrim, debuts. The airship is 50,000 cubic feet and is the first nonrigid craft to use helium.
- 1947:** Goodyear establishes one of the earliest industrial programs to encourage protection of the environment, the Goodyear Conservation Awards, recognizing resource management. In 1973, Keep America Beautiful Inc. would select Goodyear's environmental improvement program as the nation's best.
- 1963:** The Orange Bowl becomes the first live sporting event to be nationally broadcast to television from a Goodyear blimp.
- 1970:** Goodyear tires land on the moon as part of the Apollo 14 mission.
- 1977:** Goodyear introduces the Tempo, the first tire designed for year-round use in all climates. The Tempo would become the most successful tire in company history, selling 3.5 million in the first year.
- 1991:** Goodyear launches the Aquatred, which would become the most award-winning tire in industry history. With its unique, deep-groove aquachannel, the tire set new standards for wet traction.
- 2009:** Goodyear Assurance Fuel Max tires help save consumers gas money by reducing rolling resistance.



The Goodyear Blimp landed in Monee back in 2007. Photo: Mary Compton/STNG

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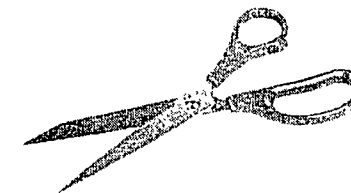
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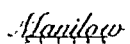
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## Welcome from WBDC co-presidents

It is our pleasure to invite you and your colleagues to the 23rd Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference and Women's Business & Buyers Mart, the oldest conference and business opportunities fair for women in business in the country and the premier event for women business owners in the Midwest. This year's conference will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at Chicago's Navy Pier.

Due to our nation's current economic state, many companies' sales and profits are down significantly. Cash flow is very tight, the bills are piling up and there is fear and concern about how to navigate in this economy. This year's event offers women business owners solutions to the current problems they are facing and the opportunity to increase the profitability of their businesses by building relationships with corporate and government buyers, business experts and other women business owners.

Federal stimulus programs are designed to jumpstart the nation's ailing economy. But here in Chicago, the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games are a potential multi-billion dollar stimulus for Chicago area businesses including a large percentage of committed funds for women and minority-owned businesses—10 percent of all contracts to women business enterprises. We back the bid and hope you will as well.

Please visit our conference Web site ([www.wbdc.org](http://www.wbdc.org)) to register online for the event and for updates as we get closer to September 16.

We encourage you to attend this year's event and participate in the opportunities that our staff and sponsors have made available to you. We are also incredibly honored that Penny Pritzker will be joining us as this year's keynote speaker, and our wonderful Ellen Gordon, CEO of Tootsie Roll, will present at our Women's Forum Breakfast. We hope you will join us at this momentous event!



— S. Carol Dongal (left) and Hedy M. Ratner (right)  
co-founders and co-presidents, Women's Business Development Center

## Schedule of Events Wednesday, September 16, 2009

- 7:15 a.m. Registration Opens (outside Festival Hall B)
- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. 23rd Annual Women's Forum Breakfast  
Featuring Moderator *Terry Savage* (Grand Ballroom)
- 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. Women's Business & Buyers Mart (Festival Hall B)
- 9:45 – 11:45 a.m. From Dream to Reality: Launching Your Own Business  
Workshop for start-ups (Breakout Rooms 201-203)
- 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. Corporate Connections (Festival Hall B)  
*\*By appointment only*
- Noon – 1:45 p.m. 23rd Annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon  
Keynote presentation by *Penny S. Pritzker* (Grand Ballroom)
- 1:45 – 5:00 p.m. Women's Business & Buyers Mart (Festival Hall B)
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ask the Experts: Solutions for Your Business  
For business owners of all levels (Breakout Rooms 204 - 205)
- 2:15 – 5:00 p.m. Corporate Connections (Festival Hall B)  
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- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Get Down to Business Networking Reception (Lakeview Terrace)

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**Maureen Beal**  
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## Penny S. Pritzker to deliver Hall of Fame keynote address

Wednesday, September 16, 2009  
Noon, Navy Pier, Grand Ballroom



Penny S. Pritzker, an innovative business builder, civic leader and philanthropist, will deliver the keynote address at the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon at the 23rd Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference at Chicago's Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., on Wednesday, September 16, at noon. Pritzker is the chair of four corporations: TransUnion, Classic Residence by Hyatt, The Parking Spot and Pritzker Realty.

Pritzker describes her management approach as recruiting the right people, building teams and working with them to develop strategy, make capital investment decisions and address significant issues.

Pritzker serves on the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board that formulates and evaluates economic policy for President Obama and Vice President Biden, and she was national finance chair of the Barack Obama for President campaign and co-chair of the 2009 presidential inaugural committee.

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# Women's Forum Breakfast

Wednesday  
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elists through another lively, candid discussion about the ups and downs of entrepreneurship. Forum panelists will share their personal stories of success, the greatest challenges they have faced and offer advice for overcoming those challenges.



**Julie Cyra**  
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Chef, Author, Nutritionist and Entrepreneur  
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**Ellen R. Gordon**  
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Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc.

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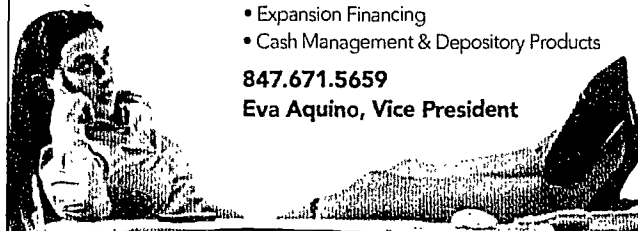
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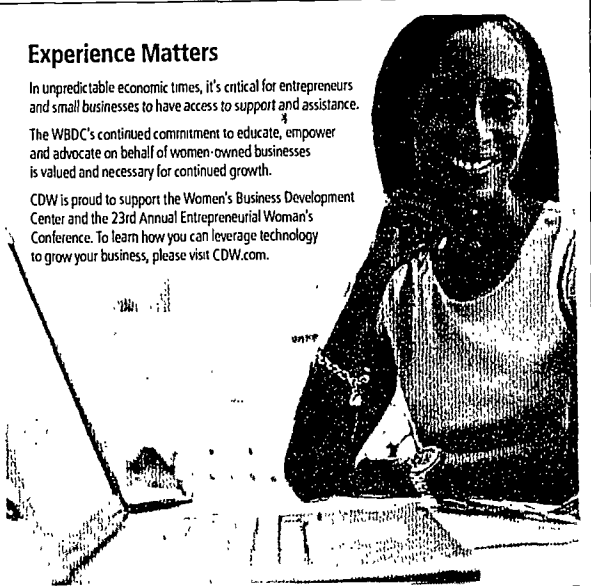
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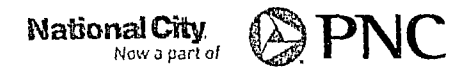
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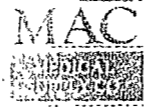
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Holstein's strong dedication to give back to her community and her passion for empowering children has also led to the development of the company's Pretzel Power program where students learn about entrepreneurship and securing their own futures. In addition, Kim and Scott's Green Team works behind the scenes to ensure that its suppliers and subcontractors are working together to make the world environmentally friendly.



2009 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year - WBE Success

**Sharon Castillo**

Principal  
SB Services, Inc.

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Castillo serves on the Board of Directors for the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), participates on WBENC's Supply Chain Committee and has published numerous articles on benchmarking and business process improvement in various industry publications.



2009 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year - Rising Star

**Kali Evans-Raoul**

Founder and President  
The Image Studios

With more than 25 years in the personal care product and service industry, and experience in both creating and running a business, Kali Evans-Raoul founded The Image Studios in 2000 as part of a commitment to helping others understand, define and present their own message. She works with both companies and individual clients.

With The Image Studios, Evans-Raoul created a business model that provides the tools and process to help individuals move out of the shadows and be seen and heard.

Evans-Raoul, who holds a chemical engineering degree from Carnegie Mellon University, has worked in research and development, marketing and consumer education for a range of companies, including Soft Sheen (L'Oréal), Kraft Foods and the boutique hair care and beauty company Dudley Products. While in undergrad, Evans-Raoul helped finance her education by setting up and managing an investor-backed beauty salon in Pittsburgh. She also worked as a consultant in the development of cosmetic lines.



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In 2000, Healey was appointed to serve as one of 18 members of Mayor Daley's Zoning Reform Commission, which was charged with overhauling and simplifying Chicago's complex zoning code. In 2002, she was appointed vice chair of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Board of Commissioners to advise the CHA on the implementation of the groundbreaking Plan for Transformation for Chicago's public-housing residents.



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Stern manages non-for-profit board relationships and employee engagement programs and is responsible for Microsoft's thought leadership programs on innovation, responsible business leadership and broad education outreach for 18 states.

Stern has nearly 30 years of senior sales and marketing experience. Her community endeavors have included serving as chair of the board of Lumity, as well as a board member of the Women's Business Development Center, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Technology Foundation, the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois and the Chicago Workforce Board.

**Fernando J. Hernandez**  
Supplier Diversity Director

Fernando J. Hernandez serves as supplier diversity director for Microsoft Corporation. He drives company strategies to achieve its \$1 billion supplier diversity objective. He is responsible for championing Microsoft's supplier diversity outreach efforts and serves as the leader of the corporation's national team of supplier diversity professionals.

Before joining Microsoft, Hernandez served as senior vice president of multicultural and diversity strategy for Washington Mutual Bank where he established, developed and implemented comprehensive multicultural marketing strategic plans. He was responsible for translating and transforming the multicultural markets objectives into profitable initiatives.



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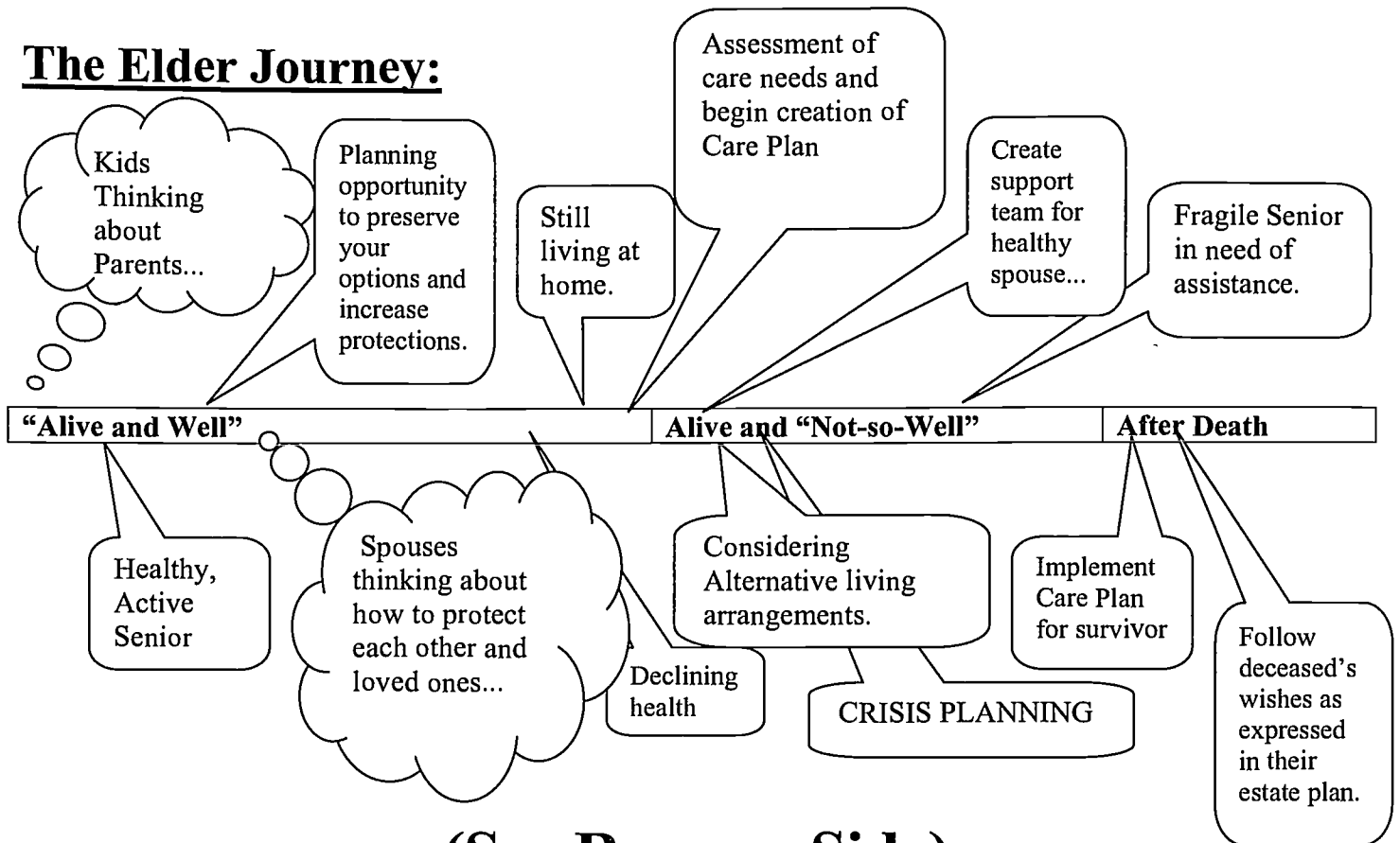


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# MBA PROGRAMS MEET VARIETY OF NEEDS

So, you've decided that an MBA is crucial to your career trajectory. Let's start by looking at a brief overview of your choices.

- **Full-time MBA** programs typically run two years but are sometimes condensed to 12 or 16 months.
- **Part-time MBA programs** typically take three or more years to complete. Classes meet in the evenings to allow students to work full time.
- **Executive MBA (EMBA)** programs are often open only to applicants with at least eight years of professional experience. EMBA programs generally meet on weekends to accommodate students' busy work schedules.
- **Certificate programs** provide training in an area of specialization. A graduate certificate is not an MBA, but it does confer expertise in important business fields and

can therefore be quite valuable.

- **Global MBA programs** for executives typically run between one and two years, drawing on middle- and upper-level managers from all over the world.
- **Online MBA programs** are best for professionals looking to earn their MBAs on a personalized schedule to be followed from home.

As you decide among these alternatives, consider four major factors: admissions requirements, the amount of time you're willing to commit, cost and your career goals.

**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS: ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?**

The amount of work experience required varies greatly between programs. There are some full-time programs (like those offered as part of a five-year BA/MBA degree program) that require

little or no work experience. Most full-time programs, however, require at least three years of post-undergraduate professional experience. Likewise, part-time programs typically prefer three years of work experience, although they will admit students with less. EMBA candidates, on the other hand, often need at least eight years of professional experience at the management level. Certificate programs typically have the least stringent admissions requirements; work experience is rarely required.

You may be tempted to fast-track your career by entering an MBA program directly after college. This suits some, but many find the experience disappointing because they lack the practical knowledge necessary to apply what they learn in the classroom. In addition, they can contribute little to classroom discussion.

**TIME COMMITMENT: ARE WE THERE YET?**

If you want the degree as soon as possible, you should consider enrolling in a full-time program. Some deliver the degree in as little as 12 months. Part-time programs often require three or four years, although students with undergraduate degrees in business can sometimes place out of certain coursework.

EMBA programs generally take two years to complete. Between work and school obligations, EMBA students are extremely time consuming; prepare to forfeit nearly all of your free time if you pursue this option.

If you're looking for a quick fix, a certificate program may be the way to go. At Wharton, for example, certificate programs consist of four to six courses that students typically complete over two semesters.

**COST: WHO PAYS?**

Graduate degrees aren't cheap. Some scholarship money is available for full-time MBA students, but awards tend to be less generous than at the undergraduate level.

In many cases, students enrolled in part-time, EMBA and certificate programs receive partial or full reimbursement from their employers. There's a catch, of course—most reimbursement programs require recipients to remain with the employer for a number of years after earning their degree. And if your employer has no reimbursement program, you will foot the bill.

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If you want to improve your position with your current

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If, however, you are looking to start a new career or find a new job, a full-time program is probably your best bet. A part-time program will slow your progress, and one of the main incentives to study part-time—employer reimbursement—probably won't be available. You should also avoid distance learning programs if possible; you'll want to be on campus to network with professors and fellow students.

Source: Princeton Review



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# CAMPUS NEWS

## NEWS AND NOTES OF INTEREST FROM SCHOOLS FEATURED IN THIS SECTION

**Benedictine University:** The new Business with Science Applications major in the Undergraduate Business Department provides students with the theoretical and practical background needed to tap into growth in technology-based businesses.

"Students who choose to become business with science applications majors at Benedictine will receive a thorough exposure to business and science principles and how they are applied to technology-based businesses important to growing our national and global economy," said Deborah Hackman, Ph.D., program director.

Students in this major will select one track from four high-growth technology areas - biotechnology, informatics, environment or pharmaceuticals/albied health - and take track-specific courses along with business and science core courses.

In addition, new specialization courses have been developed to capture the management needs of emerging technology-based businesses covering topics such as intellectual property protection, innovation and product development, ethics and quality, and project team development.

For more information about the program, contact the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300 or visit [www.ben.edu](http://www.ben.edu).

**College of Office Technology:** This career-oriented school on the West Side of Chicago offers education in technical programs. Students can study computer operations, computer network technology, medical assisting, phlebotomy or medical office administration. Call (773) 278-0042 for information or visit [www.cot.edu](http://www.cot.edu).

**Indiana University Northwest:** Two new degrees will be offered by IUNW - a Master of Science in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.

Although the degrees are new, the programs they represent have been offered at IU Northwest for years. Until now, anthropology students were only able to earn an associate of arts degree in anthropology or a bachelor's degree in sociology with an anthropology concentration.

Similarly, study in educational leadership was already offered through the Educational Leadership Program, which offers a series of classes to prepare students for the Student Leadership Licensure Assessment.

But educational leadership students who also wanted to earn a master's degree had to pursue either the elementary-education or secondary-education graduate programs while taking an additional 27 credit hours in the leadership program. The new master's degree streamlines the process for students who wish to focus specifically on the leadership track.

For more information, call (888) 968-7486 or visit [www.iun.edu](http://www.iun.edu).

**Brown Mackie College:** The Rantecville-based university is expanding its Master of Science in Information Security program to include a completely online program. IU has offered an MSIS since 2005 in a traditional classroom setting and it continues to provide a blended format of online classes and classroom courses.

"Information security professionals are a part of the first line of defense for any organization: government, nonprofit or for profit. The information security field is challenging and changes constantly with the emergence of new threats and vulnerabilities daily," said Faizal Abdullah, academic program director for the program.

Professionals with a master's degree in information security use their knowledge and skills to protect and secure information systems.

"The MSIS is designed for IT professionals interested in identifying, managing and directing who are responsible for defining, auditing or examining IT security policies and procedures.

For more information contact Michele King, director of admissions for the Lewis University Graduate School of Management, at (815) 836-5384 or [kingmi@lewisu.edu](mailto:kingmi@lewisu.edu).

**Robert Morris University:** Beginning with this month's fall quarter, new and continuing students in the Marris Graduate School of Management will receive the latest version of iPod touch - or "iTouch," the personal digital assistant (pda) from Apple.

The iTouch includes—and has the potential to include—all the applications of an iPhone, without the cell phone. It will come with a number of specific applications that relate directly to courses in the Marris Graduate School of Management, such as finance, which will be used in finance courses; Simple Mind, an app that facilitates brainstorming sessions and will be particularly useful in student team projects; Nest Egg, which deals with hypothetical situations for

personal financial strategizing; and additional newspaper/business subscriptions.

Students will own the device outright and may download additional applications, podcasts, music or media. The only requirement is that the primary use of the device is connected to coursework and communication among students and faculty. Students will be able to access the Internet and the course management system to check grades. E-mail and text messages will also enable students to stay in contact with faculty and classmates.

Michael P. Vulliamy, president of RMU, remarked that the Morris Graduate School of Management prepares students for the professional world by ensuring that they are exposed to the latest technology.

National-Louis University: Known as a teacher's school, NLU also offers management and business degrees and degrees in arts and sciences

along with master and doctoral degree programs.

Public policy is one of NLU's graduate programs. In the words of Mansa Buseagla, here's what she's gained with her public policy master degree:

"I volunteered for the American Red Cross and sometimes I get a call at 2 a.m. to come out to the scene of a house fire. And I do what I can to help a family that's just lost everything. And when I look at their faces, I wish I could do more. So maybe that's why I decided to get a master's degree in public policy," she wrote.

"I work full-time and sometimes balancing it all gets pretty overwhelming," she continued. "But I got a graduate degree in public policy at NLU because it's time my generation stepped up to the plate. It's time to find real solutions in big problems."

For more information, call (888) 658-8632 or visit <http://nlu.nl.edu>.

University of St. Francis: As a way to support U.S. troops, USF has an agreement with Veterans Affairs to participate in the Yellow Ribbon GI Bill program as well as other GI Bill programs. The eligible programs are:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33 of title 38, U.S. Code
- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Chapter 30 of title 38, U.S. Code
- Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S. Code
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# PREPARATION CLASSES CAN GIVE STUDENTS AN EDGE ON GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ADMISSION TEST



BY ERIKA ENIGK

Applying for a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program can be daunting under any circumstances, and with the added element of the admissions test required for some programs, the process can be very stressful.

But with help from the experts, Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) preparation can lead to higher scores and a smoother transition back into the classroom.

Michael LaRocco, professor and dean of the College of Business and Health Administration at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, said he encourages all of his students to take study courses when preparing for a standardized test.

"It's an important part of your future," he said.

While test scores are only one element of an applicant's portfolio — some schools may even waive the GMAT requirement for someone with years of work experience —

scoring high on the GMAT can only help one's chances of getting into his or her chosen school, LaRocco said.

"We don't use just the test score to get in. I try to look at the whole person," he said. "But you should do what you can to stack the cards in your favor."

Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago offers a class to help students do just that. Offered four times per year, the course consists of eight Saturday sessions — three weeks dedicated to verbal, four weeks dedicated to math and one final test. Priced at \$445 for Northeastern students and alumni and \$575 for others, the course is one of the least expensive in the area, according to Nauzet Balsara, who has taught the course for several years. Students who are military veterans may be able to receive financial aid that covers the cost.

Students should have a basic knowledge of the course material, as the class is meant as a refresher course; it's not one

for first-time learners, Balsara said. Students must also be willing to invest about 10 hours outside of class each week to get the most out of the course.

"I give a lot of homework assignments," Balsara said.

Many students find courses by private firms to be useful as well. Veritas Prep, based in Malibu, Calif., offers three options for those preparing for the GMAT. The most economical option is Veritas Prep On Demand, which costs \$850 and gives students access to lessons on the Internet to review at their own pace. The Virtual Veritas Prep, which costs \$1,200, is also an online course but with an added interactive element. The class meets at pre-designated times, two times per week, and students can ask questions of the instructor via a microphone supplied by the company. The full course, which costs \$1,600, consists of 42 hours of live class time over the course of seven weeks.

Anyone taking the live class receives six months of access

to the on-demand course, and all students have access to a homework hotline and online message board.

The full, live course is the most popular, said Scott Shrum, director of MBA admissions research. Most students will get more out of a live course, as they are more likely to actively participate, he said.

"We believe that more classroom time means better preparation," he said.

All of the Veritas courses for GMAT preparation start with the basics but quickly build from there.

"We don't want to leave anybody behind, but we really want them to hit the ground running," Shrum said.

The curriculum, which was revamped just this past February, is based on the knowledge students will need for the test, rather than test-taking tricks.

"We don't believe in teaching tips, shortcuts and tricks," Shrum said. "We'd rather take the time to teach you what you need to know."

While the Northeastern course is also based in knowledge, it also includes a few shortcuts as well as time management strategies to give students more tools on test day. "I teach my own shortcut math techniques, because calculators are not allowed on the GMAT," Balsara said. "I go over the strategy, plus the basics."

Part of the strategy is in knowing when to take the class, he said. He recommends that his students take his class three months before taking the

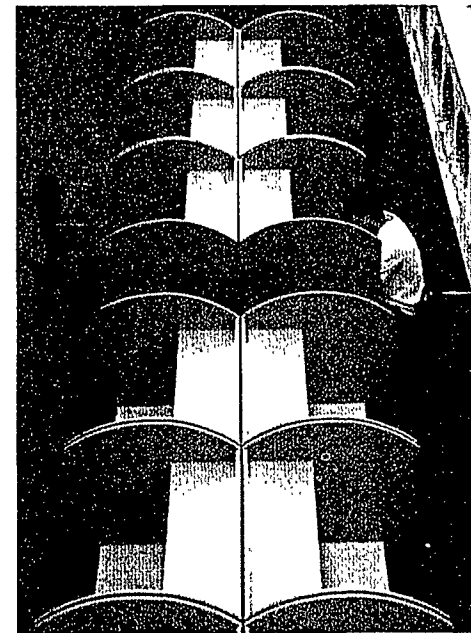
GMAT, allowing two months to complete the course and one more for individual prep time. Classes can fill up fast, so signing up well in advance of the start date is recommended.

Test preparation courses vary greatly when it comes to price, length, materials and content, and students should make sure a course is what they are looking for before signing up, LaRocco said. He recommends speaking with friends or co-workers who have taken GMAT preparation courses and getting their recommendations.

Courses can be expensive, but students should see them

as an investment, Shrum said. Most people take the GMAT at least twice, and it costs \$250 every time. Making sure to prepare before the first go-round can save some headaches — and another test fee. Veritas students who do not do as well on the test as they had hoped have the option of repeating the course for free.

"We really stress to take the test when you're ready," he said. "We don't want you to step into that room until you're ready."



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## DON'T BUY INTO THESE GMAT MYTHS

**MYTH #1: YOU NEED A GMAT SCORE OF 700+ TO BE A COMPETITIVE APPLICANT.**

**FACT:** GMAT scores range from 200 to 800. Only 7 percent of all GMAT takers score 700 or higher. Two-thirds of test takers score between 400 and 600. While some schools report an average GMAT score of around 700, it's important to remember that this is just the mean. A sizeable proportion of the class also scored below 700. And even if you are among the 7 percent who break the 700-mark, your acceptance is not guaranteed—remember, your GMAT score is just one of the factors that admissions committees look at.

**MYTH #2: THE GMAT TESTS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BUSINESS PRINCIPLES.**

**FACT:** The GMAT tests



your basic quantitative and verbal abilities as well as your analytical writing skills. It contains no specific business principles except, perhaps, as scenarios for problem solving or as reading comprehension passages.

**MYTH #3: THE GMAT TESTS COMPLEX MATH CONCEPTS.**

**FACT:** Math on the GMAT appears difficult because of the manner in which concepts are presented, not because of the concepts themselves. You won't see any calculus or trigonometry on the GMAT—only tests basic math that you learned in the seventh or

eighth grade. There is also a section of data sufficiency problems that present you with statements and ask you if you have sufficient data to solve the problem.

**MYTH #4: ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE GMAT COUNT EQUALLY TOWARD YOUR SCORE.**

**FACT:** The GMAT is a computer-adaptive test. This means that unlike paper-and-pencil standardized tests that begin with an easy question and then get progressively tougher, the GMAT always begins with a question of moderate difficulty. If you get it right, the computer gives you a slightly harder question. If you get it wrong, you'll receive a slightly easier question. Therefore, questions at the beginning of each section have a greater impact on your score.

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

**Benedictine University [inset]:** BU has several upcoming visit events. Preferred visit days take place Oct. 12 and Nov. 11. The fall open house runs noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 25. An adult and graduate student open house runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 7. The business school has an open house Nov. 15 and there is a science open house Nov. 21. BU is at 5700 College Rd., Lisle; call (630) 829-6300 to arrange a personal visit or visit [www.ben.edu](http://www.ben.edu).

**Brown Mackie College:** The South Bend, Ind., school recently relocated. To celebrate the move the school is hosting a grand opening Sept. 10 and 12 at 3454 Douglas Rd. The Sept.

12 event doubles as an open house. For more information, call (574) 237-0774 or visit [www.brownmackie.edu](http://www.brownmackie.edu).

**College of Office Technology:** This school offers several technical programs at 1520 W. Division in Chicago. Call (773) 278-0042 for information about campus visit opportunities or visit [www.cot.edu](http://www.cot.edu).

**Indiana University Northwest:** Regularly scheduled walking tours take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. Friday. Students also can schedule individual tours. The school is at 3400 Broadway in Gary. Call (888) 968-7486 or visit [www.iun.edu](http://www.iun.edu).

**Lewis University:** The next campus visit days are Oct. 12, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. LU now offers online 24/7 information sessions for prospective MBA candidates; visit <http://www.lewisu.edu/academic/mba/onlineinfoessionMBA.html>. For more admissions information, call (815) 838-

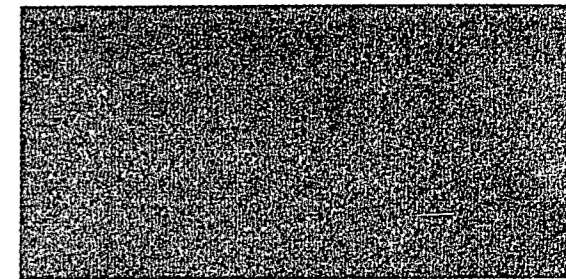
5250. LU is at 1 University Pkwy., Romeoville; visit [www.lewisu.edu](http://www.lewisu.edu).

**MBA Tour:** Designed for students pursuing a Master of Business degree, the tour brings business schools to the students. It stops in Chicago from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Swissotel, 323 E. Wacker, Chicago. Cost is \$5 if you register online or \$10 at the door. For more information, call (978) 451-4200 or visit [www.thembatour.com](http://www.thembatour.com).

**Robert Morris University:** RMU hosts an instant admissions open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at all locations (see the Web site for locations). Students also can arrange personal visits from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday or 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; call (800) 762-5960 or visit [www.robertmorris.edu](http://www.robertmorris.edu).

**National-Louis University:** NLU offers a daylong open house the first Tuesday of each month at all five of its Chicago area campuses (see the Web site for locations). The next First Tuesday is 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 6. For more information, call (888) 658-8632 or visit <http://nlun.edu>.

**University of St. Francis:** A graduate school open house runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 8. USF also offers an adult student open house from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 8, a campus visit day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 3 and a campus preview day takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 12. USF is at 500 Wilcox St. in Joliet. Call (800) 735-7500 or visit [www.stfrancis.edu/openhouse](http://www.stfrancis.edu/openhouse).



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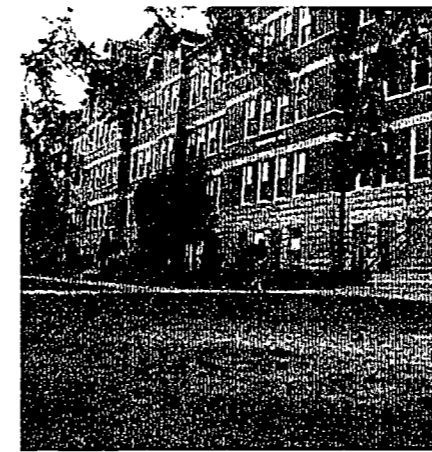
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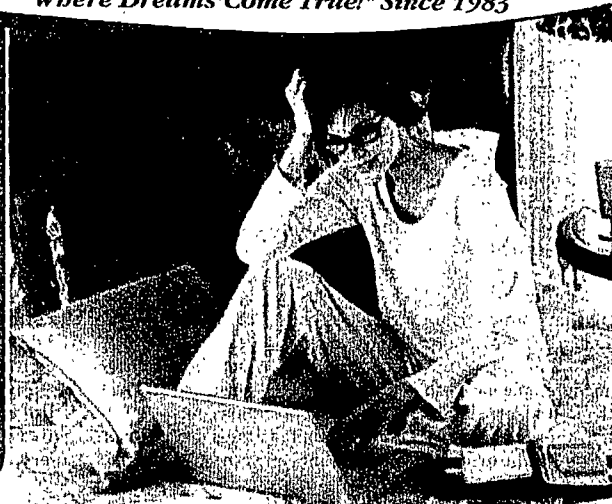
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Americans widely revere Abraham Lincoln as one of the nation's greatest presidents, but how often do Americans consider Lincoln as an international figure, in his own time or now?

Americans also are intrigued by the Underground Railroad, which, during that same period, was a route from slavery to freedom for many. But how many people have had the chance to learn details of the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement from some of the nation's leading authorities on those subjects?

Maine East High School history teachers Debra Spiegel and Ron Thomas will bring to their classrooms in the fall enhanced expertise on these subjects, as each attended a prestigious and authoritative Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History seminar this summer, according to a news release. All costs of attendance were covered by

### MAINE EAST

Gilder Lehrman, and no District 207 funds were needed for their travel or participation.

Spiegel learned the extent of Lincoln's international stature by immersing herself in a four-day Global Lincoln conference at the University of Oxford. Spiegel was among only 20 teachers chosen to participate in the event, which featured Lincoln scholars from around the world and focused on how those outside the United States perceived Lincoln, both when he was president and today, some 150 years later.

Spiegel's group devoted a large block of time to turning scholars' views of Lincoln into ideas for lesson plans. One angle that Spiegel expects to emphasize with students is the way in which Lincoln's views changed over time. "Lincoln is a person who changed his ideas and perspectives a lot, who viewed slavery and African-American rights quite differently by the end of the Civil War than he did at the beginning,"

Spiegel, who teaches juniors U.S. History, Advanced Placement U.S. History and transitional U.S. History — also plans to show students political cartoons from around the globe featuring Lincoln. That, she expects, will prompt discussion of how the nation's 16th president was viewed differently by different countries.

And for anyone who might find it odd that a British university would host a conference on Lincoln, Spiegel points out that the British watched Lincoln closely, in part because British industry relied heavily on cotton from the U.S. South and initially sympathized to a degree with the Confederacy.

Thomas, meanwhile, dug into the details of the Underground Railroad and the abolitionist movement during a week-long seminar at Yale University. As one of about two-dozen participants selected to participate, he heard from James Oliver Horton and



**Class assignment** Heading back Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 elementary school students on Aug. 18 learned their teacher and classroom assignments. Class lists were posted at Field School's entrance doors at 9 a.m. Incoming first-grader Bridie And her mom, Brigud Stonebridge, look at the classes. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

Lois E. Horton, professors and leading authorities on slavery and the resistance movement. He delved into participants saw an actor perform a one-man play portraying abolitionist John Brown.

"One presenter's words really stuck with me in terms of his advice that you get to know whoever

you're getting ready to study," Thomas said. "He said you should try to help your students have a personal connection with them, to feel like you know these people even though they were people of the 19th century. You can't do it for all people you cover, but we should push for our students to feel like they know people like Abraham

Lincoln or Frederick Douglass or Andrew Jackson."

Thomas — who teaches AP U.S. History, U.S. History and the History of Ethnic Chicago — also said the conference reinforced for him of the importance of studying primary documents to help students focus on any particular time period that they are examining.

### RESURRECTION

Junior high students are invited to attend Resurrection College Prep High School's Junior High Fine Arts Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 19. Junior high students can come and experience Resurrection High School's Fine Arts Program in action. Students will be able to choose workshops featuring art, dance, drama and music (vocal or instrumental). Other than instrumental music, students need no background in the arts to join in. Attendance at the workshop is designed to spark an interest in the arts and allow students' imaginations to soar as they learn about expressing themselves

through the arts. The fee for this event is \$25, which will include a showcase performance, workshops and refreshments, as well as a souvenir T-shirt. Registration must be received by Sept. 14 and can be done either at Resurrection High School or by mail. Questions can be directed to the Main Office, (773) 775-6616, ext. 110. Mail or drop off the registration form (available at Res at www.reshs.org) and the \$25 fee to: Fine Arts Workshop, Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL 60631.

Resurrection High School faculty and staff were recognized for their many years of service during a June 1 luncheon at the

### SCHOOL DIGEST

school. School guidance counselor **Joan Campeotto** was honored upon her retirement for 35 years of service to Resurrection High School. During her long career Campeotto assisted several generations of young women through high school and the college application process, sometimes providing guidance to the daughters of former students. **Nineteen other faculty and staff members** were recognized for their years of continuous service. For 30 years of service: **Kathy Foszcz**, Fine Arts Department chair; **Mary Jane Kowalski**, foreign language

teacher; and **Aurella Skiba**, mathematics teacher. For 25 years of service: **Tamara Bernardin**, Dean of Students; **Caryl King**, accounting office; **Achamma Koshy**, science teacher; and **Steve Sutter**, head of maintenance. For 20 years of service: **Edward Finch**, religious studies chair; **Barbara Etkorn**, mathematics teacher; **Patricia Lawrence**, Guidance Department chair; and **John Lizak**, maintenance. For 15 years of service: **Leslie Coakley**, foreign language teacher; **Susan Ortega**, food service. For five years of service: **Diane DiSandro**, hall monitor; **Dawn Granadon**,

administrative assistant; **Paula Hardt**, food service; **Debbie Hess**, hall monitor; **Dawn Konow**, Science Department chair; and **Joe Miller**, science department teacher. The Resurrection High School community also bid farewell to Records Office staff member **Barbara Gilfoy** on her retirement from Resurrection following 26 years of service. For more information about Resurrection, call (773) 775-6616, ext. 129, or go to www.reshs.org. Resurrection High School is a Catholic, College Preparatory High School for young women, at 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago.

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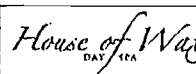
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**Our Lady of Ransom Parish** in Niles is selling Entertainment 2010 Books, \$20. The book offers a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts also cover travel, car rentals, movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. Proceeds benefit the parish. To order a book call Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

**Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Gala of the Arts, which supports the agency's extensive Emergency Assistance program serving people in crisis, features an evening dedicated to the "Spirit of America" with a live performance of great American song and dance and visual art beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at Navy Pier's Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while viewing artwork for purchase and bidding and an array of silent-auction items. Guests will then enjoy dinner followed by a program of song and dance numbers. Works of 15 Chicago-area artists covering multimedia will be highlighted. Original jewelry will also be available for purchase. In addition, several guests of Catholic Charities' Tuesday Night Suppers participating in the "Visions of My Life" photography project will display their photographs illustrating life on the streets of the city through their eyes. Tickets are \$250 each. Black tie is optional. Contact Elizabeth Atchason, (312) 655-7912, or at eatchason@catholiccharities.net. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.galaofthearts.com or www.catholicchanties.net/galaofthearts.

## Health

**Resurrection Medical Center**, 7435 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, offers the following health programs. Advance registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free parking.

**Freedom From Smoking** - American Lung Association Smoking Cessation Program. A step-by-step approach to unlearn the automatic be-

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**Coping Well with Chronic Conditions Series** - Stephan Romm, Psy.D., will teach some of the basic, practical skills and attitudes needed to become an active self-manager of your chronic illness in order to live a life of purpose and quality. This is a four-part series held 7-8 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month starting Sept. 8. The class is free.

**Childhood Immunizations: What Parents Need to Know** - Do vaccinations cause autism? Join Pediatrician Jonathan Powell, M.D., as he discusses what you need to know when deciding to immunize your child from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 10. The class is free.

**Parent and Tot Water Class** - This is an eight-week class for a parent or guardian to come with their child to focus on having fun in the water and educating adults on how to work with their child in a pool environment. An adult must accompany each child and assist the child in the pool under the guidance of the instructor. All children must wear a light-fitting plastic swim diaper during all classes. Ages for "tots" are 6 months to 2 years old. Consent must be filled out the first day of class. Classes are Fridays beginning Sept. 11. Level 1 is from 9-9:30 a.m.; Level 2, from 10-10:30 a.m. The fee is \$65.

**American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Class** - Children age 11 or older learn how to handle emergencies, prevent accidents and care for children while baby-sitting from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12. The fee is \$70.

**Are You Ready for Another Chicago Winter?** - Family physician Florence Huang, M.D., Resurrection Medical Network, will discuss ways for you to prepare yourself for the health challenges of winter from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 15. The class is free.

**American Red Cross Basic Aid Training** - Children 8 to 14 years old learn emergency-response skills for various situations from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 17. The fee is \$10. Parents can attend a free yoga class concurrently. Women's Health and Fitness Day - Women of all ages can learn more about breast cancer, self breast exams and various other screenings. The day includes giveaways and raffle prizes from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 30. Admission is free.

**Advocate Lutheran General Fitness Center** is offering an exercise program designed specifically for people with arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program uses gentle activities to help increase joint flexibility and range of motion and to help maintain muscle

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## Maine Township

Space reservations are being accepted with receipt of payment for the annual Community Garage Sale & Craft Fair to be held rain or shine from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 3 on the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. The event will include the popular craft fair at the same time. People may reserve an 8' by 16-foot space to sell their own treasures at either event. Spaces are \$20 each for the garage sale or craft fair, and table rentals are available for \$10. Residents can also make a donation of cash or merchandise to the Garage Sale. Donations will not be accepted until Sept. 28. Donated merchandise will be sold by Township staff to help raise funds. Maine Township will not accept donations of clothes, large and/or heavy furniture, firearms, explosives or any type of weapons. Donations of the following are especially sought: small working electronics, children's games, children's furniture and accessories, garden tools and small hand tools. Garage sale proceeds will benefit the summer camp program coordinated by the township's MaineStay Division, which serves disadvantaged children ages 8-13, to participate in cultural and recreational experiences. Craft fair proceeds will help buy food to stock the Emergency Food Pantry run by the township. Payment and registration deadline is Sept. 28. Donation checks should be made payable to: "Maine Township Adventure Camp" or "Maine Township Food Pantry." There are no refunds on spaces purchased. For more information on donations or obtaining a space, call Marie Worobec, (847) 297-2510, ext. 270, or go to www.maintownship.com.

## Parenting

**Advocate Lutheran General Hospital** and the American Red Cross offer an Infant/Child CPR Course, teaching participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children. It also includes information on how to prevent injuries to infants and children at home and in play areas. The next courses will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 12 and Sept. 20 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. The fee is \$50. Call 1-800-323-8622 or go to www.advocatehealth.com to register. The code for this class is 8C16.

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## NILES

**Niles Park District** is still taking registration for fall Dance classes. Classes include Budding Ballerinas for ages 2-3, Pre-Ballet for ages 3-5, Ballet & Tap for ages 4-9, Jazz for ages 6-12, and Hip Hop for ages 6-12. Classes for adults are also available. Call (847) 967-6633.

**Boys and Girls Youth Dodgeball League** for fourth through eighth-graders offers fun, safe, competitive and exciting games. Each team will play 10 matches plus playoffs; team jerseys are supplied. Sign up as a team or an individual. Grades 4-6 session runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 17 to Nov. 5; Grades 7 and 8 session runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 15 to Nov. 3. The fee is \$44 for residents; \$55, nonresidents. There are also adult leagues. Call (847) 967-1529.

**Niles Park District** is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

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**Niles Park District Pioneer Park** has an 18 hole mini-golf course and seven batting cages and a concession stand. Parties and fundraisers are also available. Pioneer Park is located at 7135 N. Harlem Ave. Summer hours are 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The popular "Family Fun Nights" continue every Friday night; the \$7 per person fee includes one round of mini-golf, one batting cage token and dinner for each family member. Call (847) 583-2746.

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**Niles Park District Bright Beginnings** Preschool registration is conducted for the 2009-10 school year. Both 3- and 4-year-old programs are offered. There are a variety of class times and locations from which to choose. Registration will be accepted at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until all classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633.

## GOLF MAINE

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5. Glenbrook North (1-0)

**VOLLEYBALL**

1. Glenbrook South
2. Evanston
3. New Trier
4. Loyola
5. Regina Dominican

**SOCCER**

1. New Trier
2. Maine South
3. Niles West
4. Notre Dame
5. Loyola

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

**FOOTBALL**

**Michael Hirsch, Glenbrook South** Senior fullback rushed 25 times for a career-high 201 and scored three TDs in the team's 38-14 win over Minooka.

**BOYS GOLF**

**Quinlan Prchal, Glenbrook South** Sophomore shot a 2-over-par 74 to win the Titans Invitational Aug. 25 at Bull Valley in Woodstock.

**SOCCER**

**Kris Dudek, Maine South** Scored two goals in the last 19 minutes to help the Hawks tie Schaumburg 4-4 Saturday.

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Ellen Chapman, Glenbrook South** Titans junior showed she's quickly adapting to her new position as outside hitter, hammering a career-high 17 kills to lead the Titans past York Tuesday.

**TENNIS**

**Aiana Peters, New Trier** Trevians' top singles player captured three consecutive straight-set matches over opponents from Whitney Young, Loyola and Glenbrook North before falling in two taut matches to Barrington's Zoe Kasuriak.

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Maine East tailback Nathan Cameau heads upfield for yardage during Friday's win over Schurz. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

# It's history: Demons end streak

By **MATT HARNES**  
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**FOOTBALL-** One of the state's longest losing streaks came to an end Friday, and Maine East finally can close that chapter of its history.

"It was very important to come out and win this first game of the season," said sophomore quarterback Andrew Lee of the 19-9 victory over Schurz that snapped the 39-game losing streak. "I feel great for the seniors on the team."

Perhaps nobody was happier than Alex Bojic. The senior lineman celebrated his 17th birthday with a party like none other, and he promised the victory started a new era.

"This (win over Schurz) is only the beginning for us," he said. "Now, there's nothing holding us back."

"It would be great (to beat Ridgewood) and be 2-0. We just have to practice hard all

week and then go out and play hard."

East's 39-game losing streak started in Week 7 of the 2004 season with a 36-13 defeat to Highland Park and ranked as the eighth-longest losing streak in IHSA history.

Coach Gabe Corey, who is in his second stretch in charge of the football program, said words can't explain the feeling.

"What a huge weight off their shoulders," he said. "Total joy. A lot of walls came down."

East scored on its first possession on Xavier Levy's 34-yard run, and Nathan Cameau added two TD dashes to put the Demons ahead 19-0 after the first quarter.

The Demons had at least three other opportunities to increase their advantage, but stalled each time near the red zone.

"We shot ourselves in the foot a couple of times,"

Corey said. "After watching the film, we know there are a ton of things we can get better at."

A Schurz safety in the first half left the score 19-2 at the break, and the visitors tacked on a TD in the third quarter.

Despite not scoring in the final two quarters, Corey still was impressed by the way the Demons protected their lead.

"We got kind of lulled out there after taking the lead," he said. "This was something new for these kids, and they didn't know how to put it away. We also had some problems with some of our guys cramping up."

Both Lee and Cameau struggled with Friday's humidity. Cameau missed most of the second half with extreme cramping, but the senior still finished with 103 yards on the ground.

"We had too many players going both ways, and I

think we just got tired," Lee said.

Corey gave the rookie quarterback a passing grade in his first start under center. The coach said Lee stayed within the game plan and managed his talents well.

"A solid game," Corey said. "He had complete poise and didn't overplay his position. He didn't force anything. I had no doubts about him, and he sure did answer the bell."

East will go for its second win a row on the road against Ridgewood. The last time the Demons won back-to-back games was to start the 2004 season, when they beat Schurz and Round Lake.

"I told them to enjoy this win and to come back this week ready to get back to business," Corey said. "It's nice we don't have to worry about that losing streak anymore. We can now concen-

**GAME BALLS**

Maine East 19, Schurz 9

**Star Performances**

**Nathan Cameau:** despite missing most of second half with cramps, rushed for 103 yards on 15 carries.

**Andrew Lee:** rookie QB handled the pressure of first start and smartly directed offense.

**Alex Bojic:** senior birthday boy receives best present with team's first win since 2004.

**GAME DAY**

Week 2 matchup

**Who:** Maine East (1-0) at Ridgewood (0-1)

**When:** 7 p.m., Friday

**Where:** 7500 W. Montrose Avenue

**What to look for:** After last week's win, Demons must control their emotions because on paper Ridgewood looks like another beatable team. But quarterback Mario Kulyowski has ability to move team down the field with his arm.

trate on football and winning some games."

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## SCHEDULES

## TODAY

**Girls volleyball:** Ridgewood vs. Taft, 4:30 p.m.; Niles West at Maine East, 6 p.m.  
**Boys soccer:** Taft at Niles West, 5 p.m.; Ridgewood at St. Patrick, 4:30 p.m.; Notre Dame at Maine East invite, TBA  
**Girls golf:** Hersey at Resurrection, 4 p.m.  
**Boys golf:** Maine East vs. Guerin, Northridge, 3:45 p.m.; Maine South at Glenbrook South, 4 p.m.  
**Girls tennis:** Trinity at Resurrection, 4:15 p.m.; Leyden at Maine East, 4:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

**Football:** Taft vs. Gage Park at Winemac Stadium, 3:30 p.m.; New Trier at St. Patrick, 8 p.m.; Fenwick at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.; Maine East at Ridgewood, 7 p.m.; Wheaton-Warrenville South at Maine South, 7 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball:** Resurrection, Maine South at Conant-Fremd invite, 5 p.m.  
**Girls swimming:** Regina at Maine East, 5 p.m.  
**Girls golf:** Maine West at Maine South, 4 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**Cross country:** Resurrection, Maine East at Fenton invite, 9 a.m.; St. Patrick, Notre Dame at Marrison Academy, 10 a.m.; Maine South (boys) at Lyons, 8 a.m.  
**Girls volleyball:** Resurrection, Maine South at Conant-Fremd invite, 9 a.m.  
**Boys golf:** St. Patrick, Notre Dame, Maine East at Fenton invite, 6:15 a.m.  
**Boys soccer:** St. Patrick invite, TBA; Maine East at York invite, 8 a.m.  
**Girls tennis:** Maine South at Warren invite, 9 a.m.

## MONDAY

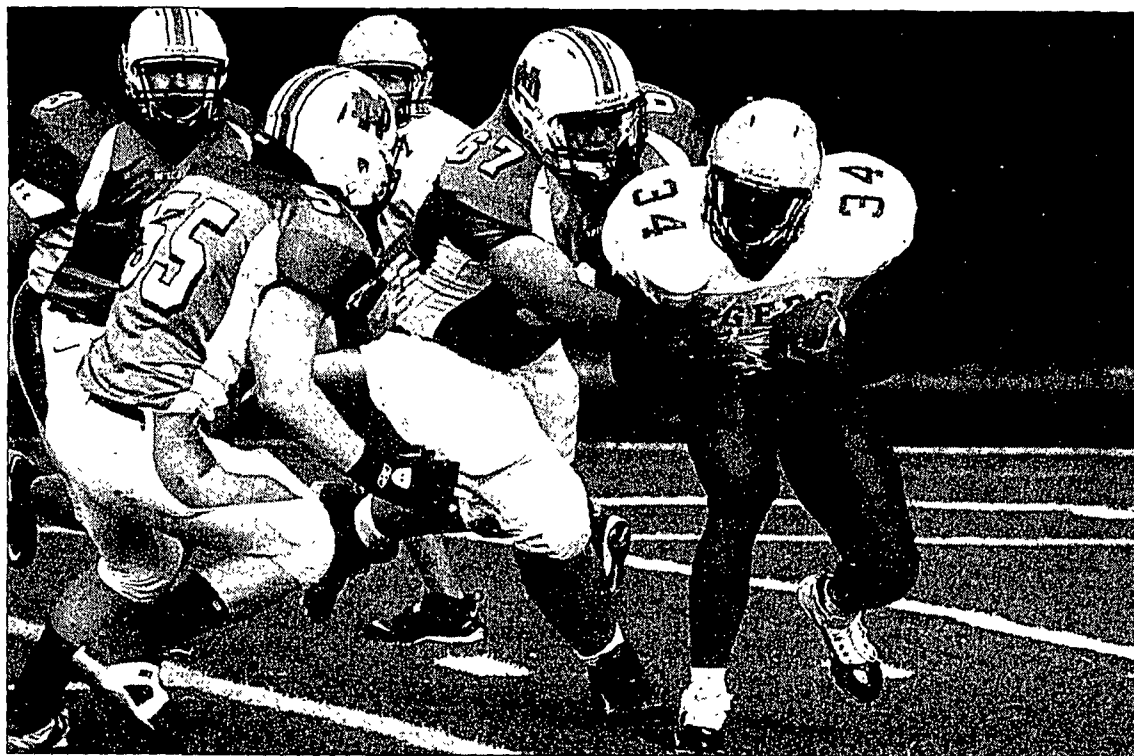
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## TUESDAY

**Cross country:** Taft, Resurrection, Maine South at Niles West invite  
**Girls tennis:** Resurrection at Regina, 4:30 p.m.  
**Boys golf:** Joliet Catholic at St. Patrick, 3:30 p.m.; Nazareth at Notre Dame, 3:30 p.m.; Ridgewood at Maine East, 4 p.m.; Maine South at Inverness invite, 3 p.m.  
**Boys soccer:** Lake Forest Academy at St. Patrick, 4:30 p.m.; Maine East at Waukegan, 4:45 p.m.  
**Girls swimming:** Maine East at Fenton, 5 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

**Girls volleyball:** Lake View at Taft, 4 p.m.; Resurrection at De La Salle, 6 p.m.; Addison Trail at Maine East, 6 p.m.; Maine South at Glenbrook South, 6 p.m.  
**Boys soccer:** Taft at South Elgin, 6:30 p.m.  
**Cross country:** Resurrection at St. Viator, 4:30 p.m.; St. Patrick, Notre Dame at St. Viator invite, 9:30 a.m.  
**Girls tennis:** Niles West at Resurrection, 4:30 p.m.  
**Boys golf:** St. Patrick at St. Joseph, 3:30 p.m.  
**Girls golf:** Maine South at Glenbrook South, 4 p.m.



Notre Dame defensive lineman Larry Travers (67) leads the charge to smother Sullivan running back Johnathon Gaines during Saturday's season opener at Niles North. (Eric Davis/For STNG)

# Sullivan no match for Dons

By DAN SHALIN  
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**FOOTBALL** - Watching the teams warm up before Saturday evening's game between Notre Dame High and Sullivan, fans could surmise that they probably were not about to witness, "The Game of the Century."

Notre Dame's 60 players stood in a big circle, taking up nearly half of the field, while the 17 Sullivan Tigers were down at the other end in a little cluster. The first few minutes of the game quickly confirmed what most people already knew: The Sullivan 17 would be no match for Dons.

ND scored on three of its first four plays from scrimmage, started working in the subs quickly and cruised to a 43-6 win in a contest played at Niles North because Notre Dame's new turf was not yet ready.

After the game, ND players and coaches seemed to have the same reaction: Most wished they had played a better opponent but knew the game gave everyone a dress rehearsal of sorts ahead of

a schedule that will get very tough very quickly.

"It gave us a chance to make sure we got all of our assignments done and make sure things were good going into next week for Fenwick," said ND senior running back Julian Burgos, who rushed for touchdowns of 20 and 21 yards on his first two carries and finished with 88 yards on five carries.

ND head coach Mike Hennessey was glad he was able to give everybody quality playing time. He also was not about to apologize for any victory on an unforgiving schedule that includes the likes of Fenwick, Marian Catholic, St. Patrick, Carmel, Nazareth and Joliet Catholic.

"It was nice just to get things going. You might get one game like that a year," Hennessey said. "We were able to get all of our kids in, which is a good thing. We're happy to get one in the bank. Every one you can get early helps at the end. We saw some good things, some nice team speed displayed out there by our running backs. The offensive line and defense did a good job out-

side of one play. There were some good things, but we know the road ahead is going to be tough."

Starting quarterback Drew Diaz and junior back-up Tim Whalen both saw time with the first-string offensive line, and both were productive. Diaz hit senior receiver Tim Hirseh for a 17-yard score on the team's first offensive play.

Whalen, a lanky 6-foot-4, led a 60-yard scoring drive in the first half and an 80-yard march in the second half. The first was capped off on a six-yard TD run by Clifton Frye, while the second culminated in a Mike Resurrection two-yard plunge.

ND's defense is somewhat inexperienced, but played solid except for surrendering a 75-yard touchdown early in the second quarter. Defensive highlights included senior defensive end Larry Travers (6-6, 320) standing up a ballcarrier at the line of scrimmage — and linebacker Jeremy Burgos' blocked punt, which senior defensive end Anthony Jahns recovered in the end zone for a touchdown.

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## GAME BALLS

NOTRE DAME 43, SULLIVAN 6

## STAR PERFORMANCES

**Julian Burgos:** Carried 5 times for 88 yards, scoring touchdowns of 20 and 21 yards on his first two touches.

**Anthony Jahns:** Senior defensive end recovered a Jeremy Burgos-blocked punt in the end zone for a touchdown.

**Larry Travers:** Enormous senior defensive lineman dominated in the trenches. Highlight was standing up a Sullivan ball carrier at the line of scrimmage.

**Sam Retzky:** Sophomore kicker converted 5-of-6 PATs, blasted several long kickoffs and had a 60-yard punt that was downed at the 2.

## GAME DAY

WEEK 2 MATCHUP

**What:** Fenwick (1-0) at Notre Dame (1-0)

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday

**Where:** Notre Dame HS, 7655 W. Dempster Ave., Niles

**What to look for:** Both teams are coming off impressive victories. The Friars blanked Rock Island 32-0 on the road. ND head coach Mike Hennessey describes Fenwick as "a mirror-image" of his own team in terms of schemes; but with a little more size. Fenwick's offense is led by quarterback Joe Romano. Fans can expect the first game on ND's new turf field to be a shootout.

# Panganiban makes mark on East roster

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**GIRLS TENNIS**— Samantha Panganiban came into the summer hoping to gain a spot — any spot — in the lineup.

The Maine East junior played JV a year ago, and John Sehwan was so impressed by Panganiban's progress that the coach slotted her at singles behind ace Christy Manaois.

Panganiban proved she belongs on varsity after earning a 6-3, 6-3 win in the Aug. 25 opener against Elk Grove.

"She improved dramatically," Sehwan said. "She probably moved up 10 or 12 spots over the summer. She's become more consistent everywhere. She always had good quickness, but now she's much steadier."

With Panganiban's help, the Demons beat the Grenadiers 4-3. East's match against Fenton on Aug. 27 was rained out and will be made up Monday.

"It's always nice to get off to a good start," said Sehwan, who lost eight starters from last season. "We were pleased to come out with a victory."

Manaois lived up to her top billing with a 6-1, 6-1 decision. The No. 3 doubles team of Monika Dzierzanowski and Aimee Sweet won 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (11-9), and the No.

4 doubles team of Anna Pamula and Angela Lewosz prevailed 7-5, 7-5.

The victory by the No. 3 team was a good surprise for Sehwan, who paired the two for the first time this season.

"There's always that unpredictability until you get several matches under your belt," he said. "That was a key win for them to give them confidence."

Dzierzanowski played singles on varsity last year, while Sweet handled doubles on JV. A combination of Panganiban's rise and the new format of three singles and four doubles pushed Dzierzanowski to doubles.

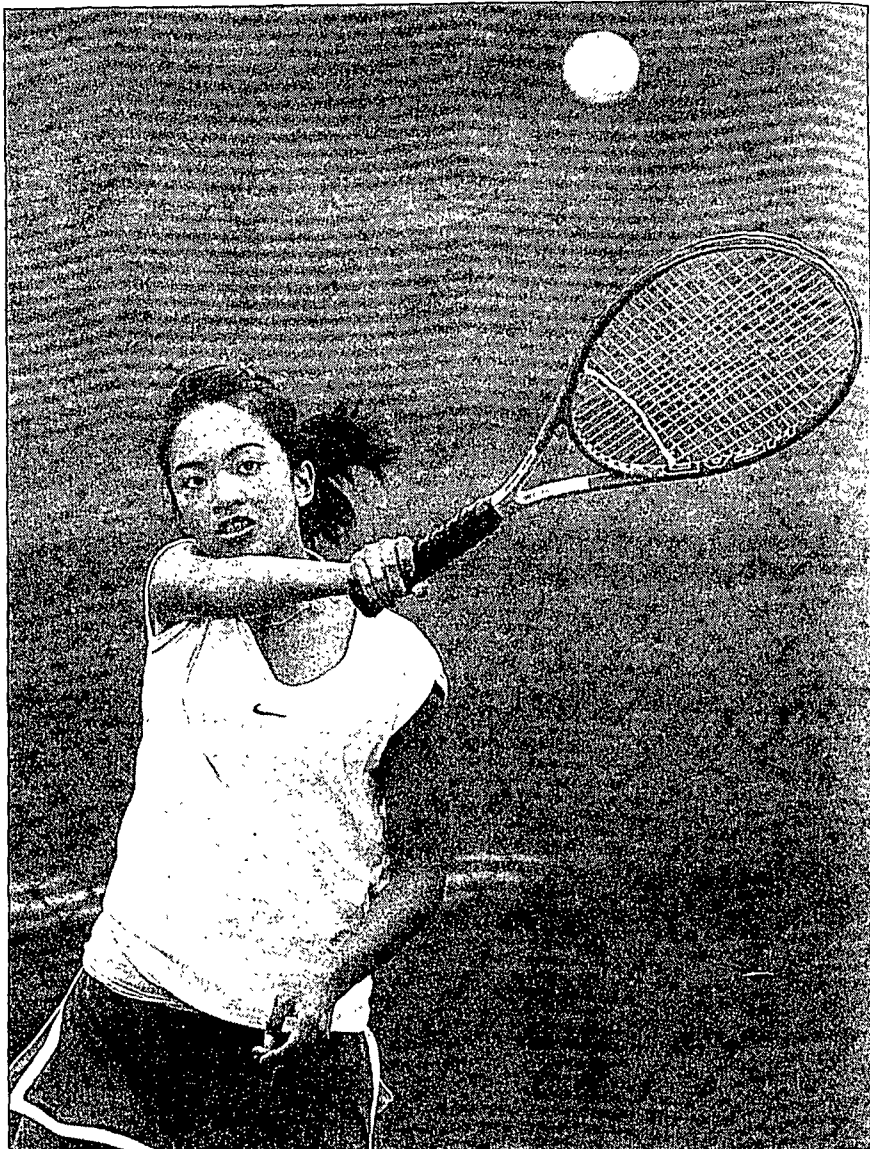
"It's been a nice combination," Sehwan said. "Monika's been a steady influence on Aimee."

"Especially in doubles, you look for those intangibles."

Annie Lee, bothered by leg cramps, lost a three-setter at No. 3 singles. The No. 1 doubles team of Michelle Mathew and Michelle Pehress and No. 2 tandem of Nina Zakharia and Breanna Colorina also dropped their matches.

East hosts Leyden on today before taking some time off. Sehwan expects practice to be filled with competition for spots.

"I tell the girls every week that they will have to earn their positions," he said. "Any player can challenge for any position. There could be some shifts up or down."



Maine East's Christy Manaois, who competed at sectionals last year, is handling first singles duties for the Demons this fall. (Dave Shields/for STNG)

# Freshman Malitz contributes in East victory

By MATT HARNESS  
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**BOYS SOCCER** — Maine East's game-winning goal last week against Lakes also gave Vie DiPrizio a good look at his future.

Less than a minute after entering the game in the second half Aug. 26, freshman Tom Malitz ran down

the right side and sent a cross that Rami Dajani headed in for the 2-1 win.

"That was nice to see," said DiPrizio, whose roster features only five seniors.

The Demons trailed 1-0 after giving up an own goal. But they bounced back with two goals in the closing minutes of the match.

Petar Tijanije tied the

game off an assist from Inal Gamaonov before the freshmen connected on the winner.

Tijanije's score also was good for DiPrizio to see, considering Tijanije missed the second half of last year with a broken toe.

"We're excited to have him back," DiPrizio said. "And I am optimistic about this

team coming together. We are playing tough right now, and I think we are going to surprise some people.

"I don't think many people are counting on much out of us because we lost so many guys. But the guys are stepping up well."

East lost a 1-0 decision to Prospect on Aug. 24 in the opener. But the Demons

played the Knights, one of the MSL's top teams, close, even taking more shots.

Josh Swoboda and Erik Murillo directed the defense.

"I didn't know what to expect with it being the first game and us being young," DiPrizio said. "I knew it would be a good test. I actually am disappointed we didn't beat them."

The Demons will host a tournament this week and play Northridge today, Notre Dame on Wednesday and Riverside-Brookfield on Thursday. East has won the title two years in a row.

"We are going in thinking we are going to win it again," the coach said. "It will be interesting to see how it unfolds."

# Vikings show life after Grens' start fast

By DAN SHALIN  
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**FOOTBALL** — Niles North is expecting last year's 5-4 campaign to be a stepping stone to greater things in 2009.

While Friday night's season-opening 39-7 home loss to Elk Grove may have been the type of game the Vikings hoped was a thing of the past, head coach Scott Smith said some aspects of the contest were signs of progress.

Elk Grove went on to build an 18-0 lead by halftime.

But Smith said that at no point did the Vikings start to hang their heads. This was apparent when the team came out of the locker room and scored on its first drive of the second half.

"Not at all (did we hang our heads). That's one thing we've changed," said the fifth-year head coach Smith. "When I first got here, after (giving up) one touchdown the air went out of the bubble. But our kids had energy coming out in the second half and all the way through until we started shifting some kids."

A more recent problem for the



Vikings was the inability to stop the run.

Improving that aspect of the defense has been a focus throughout the offseason. The good news is that the Vikings prevented the Grenadiers from doing much damage at all on the ground.

"We did a great job against the run and that's what we've been

working on with our defense. We did what we intended to do," said Smith, who praised defensive linemen Ramon Bobo, Thomas Ehrlich and Kyle Hammond. "Now, we have to work on defending the pass, which we didn't think we had a problem with."

Smith and his staff had little or nothing to go on when preparing

for Elk Grove, which was playing for the first time under new coach Brian Doll, the former New Trier defensive coordinator.

Niles North running back Johnny Walker showed there is life after Terry Turner, rushing for 100 yards on 11 carries, including a 50-yard touchdown.

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Niles North running back Tony Kennedy (24) finds a gap in the Elk Grove defense during Friday's season opener. (Eric Davis/For STNG)

## GAME BALLS

ELK GROVE 39  
NILES NORTH 7

## STAR PERFORMANCES

**Johnny Walker:** The Niles North senior carried 11 times for 100 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown.

**Niles North run defense:** The Vikings defensive front, led by Ramon Bobo, Thomas Ehrlich and Kyle Hammond, prevented the Grenadiers from inflicting any significant damage on the ground

## GAME DAY

### WEEK 2 MATCHUP

**What:** Niles West (0-1) at Niles North (0-1)

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday

**Where:** Niles North, 9800 N. Larcher Ave., Skokie

**What to look for:** Both teams are coming off lopsided home defeats in their openers. Despite that, neither should have trouble getting up for the "Skokie Skirmish." Fans could only hope for a contest approaching last year's 64-63 Niles North victory. The Vikings are the more experienced squad this year and will be at home. Look for bragging rights to stay on the purple side of town.

# NW out to prove itself against cross-town foe

By MIKE CAMERON  
Contributor

**FOOTBALL**— It took 2 1/2 quarters for Niles West's new skill-position players to find their bearings in Friday's season opener.

By then, the young Wolves had committed seven

turnovers, enabling visiting Vernon Hills to race out to a 42-0 lead en route to a 42-12 victory.

"We had a lot of new guys touching the ball. We need to do a better job limiting turnovers. I liked that we were physical and kept hitting," said new head coach

and former assistant Scott Baum.

Four lost fumbles — three on kick or punt returns — plagued the hosts. An interception ended a promising short-field drive set up by Seve Loubriel's 39-yard kick return.

But the Wolves finally set-

led in and started clicking. Akeem Brackenridge broke a 68-yard kick return, and Dwight Smith converted with a four-yard TD run.

Deondre Watkins recovered a fumble. Senior quarterback Tyler Rosell ran keepers for 14 and 15 yards before hitting junior Ryan

Olen (3 catches, 39 yards) for a 20-yard touchdown.

Niles West's defense was led by two-way standouts Shawn Afryl, Watkins and Jimmy Xamples.

Watkins, a second-year mainstay at defensive end but new to running back, paced Wolves' rushers with

23 yards. A football-only athlete, the 6-foot-2 Watkins dropped weight in the off-season from 215 pounds to a chiseled 190.

"I'm playing both ways now, but I feel like I can go hard on every play. I actually feel stronger," he said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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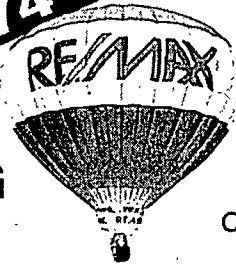
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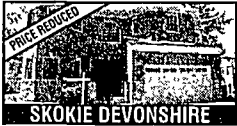
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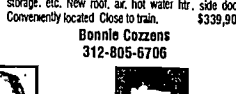
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