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Students in Maine South guitar classes play rock concerts.

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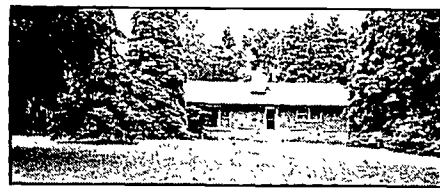
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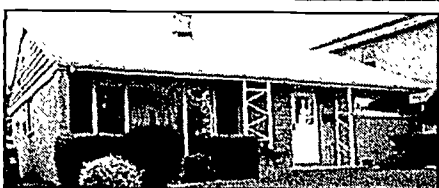
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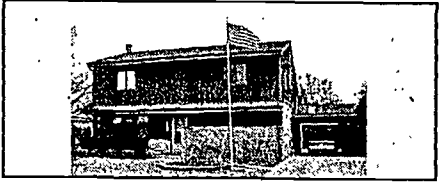
**PRICE SLASHED TO SELL!**  
 Morton Grove...Fabulous updated & expanded brick & cedar 3+ br Cape Cod! Large living rm w/built-ins, formal dining rm + gourmet kit. Huge 24' master br w/double closet. Full finished bsmt w/rec rm, 4th br, laundry/utility, overhead sewers & outside exit. Huge lot w/cedar fenced, cement & paver brick side drive, heated gar w/11' ceiling + 2 patios. Ask.....\$274,000



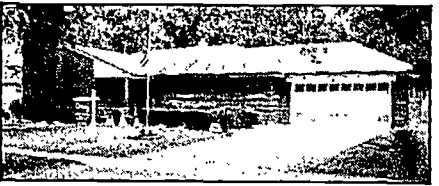
**YOUR SEARCH IS OVER!**  
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**AN AMAZING VALUE AT \$89,900!!**  
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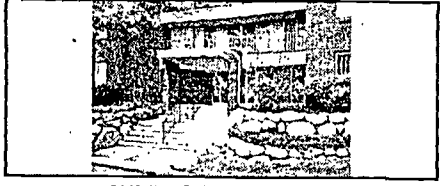
**NEED MORE SPACE??**  
 Morton Grove...Tons of space in this huge updated 5 br-3 bath Tri-level! Eat-in kitchen with oak cabinets. Lower level family rm w/fireplace & oak wet bar. Master br with full master bath. Huge 2 car heated garage with loft storage & high door + carport. Large 70' lot, fenced yard w/cement patio. Located near shopping, transportation, schools, park, etc.....\$370's



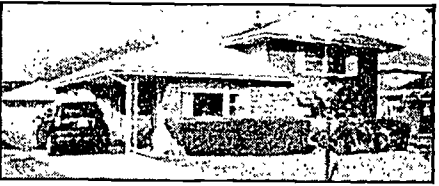
**MOVE RIGHT IN & ENJOY!**  
 Morton Grove...90' LOT! Super sprawling 7 rm solid brick Ranch in superb location! New carpeting in living rm with fireplace & separate formal dining rm. Freshly painted & new fixtures. Oak floors in brs. Screened in porch with fireplace. Full walk out bsmt w/rec rm + large cedar closet. 2 car attached garage. Excellent Potential, Value & Location! See today!.....\$348,900



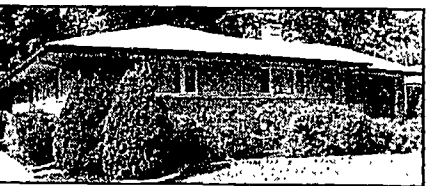
**LOW PRICE TO PAY!**  
 Evanston...Don't miss this quality built 6 rm brick Ranch located on quiet cul-de-sac! Living rm/dining rm combination. Sunny eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, full bsmt awaits your finishing touches! Updates include electric, furnace & central air replaced two years ago. Roof replaced 5 years ago. Located only one block from Shopping Center! Ask \$239,000



**SUPER SHARP CONDO!**  
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**ONE OF OUR BEST OFFERINGS!**  
 Morton Grove...Best Location! Superb quality built 3 br-2 bath brick Bi-level. Oak floors in living rm/dining rm & brs. Large eat-in kitchen, 22' lower level family rm + powder rm, wet bar + whirlpool tub in adjacent room. Convenient to Nelson School. 2 car detached garage w/concrete side drive. Nice yard with patio. Only 4 Blocks to Oriole Pool! Priced to sell!.....\$340's



**MORE FOR YOUR MONEY!**  
 Des Plaines... Adorable brick & limestone stone Ranch on manicured Lot! Spacious living rm & dining rm "L" overlooks yard w/sliding doors to patio & garden. Eat-in kit w/updated floor & cabinets. 3 brs w/huge closets & hardwood flrs. Master br w/full bath. Full bsmt w/overhead sewers. Updated windows + new '09 Furnace. Att gar w/storage & mudrm.....\$240's



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 6630 WALKER - \$129,000 - Super end unit Condo with new carpet & decor-2 brs & 2 baths-Balcony  
 6020 LINCOLN - \$149,000 - Mint 2 br-condo-Metra Train & bus at front door-Garage parking-Balcony  
 6640 WALKER - \$149,900 - Spacious 5th floor Penthouse Condo-2 brs & 2 baths-Near shops & transportation!  
 5501 LINCOLN - \$185,000 - Deluxe Condo w/1 car garage-Huge dm rm-17' kitchen-Newer bath-Balcony  
 6400 CALLIE - \$179,500 - Largest 1 br Condo faces park area-Living & dining rm-Huge 10' br-Garage  
 5501 LINCOLN - \$185,000 - Deluxe Condo w/1 car garage-Huge dm rm-17' kitchen-Newer bath-Balcony  
 6211 LINCOLN - \$218,000 - 2 br-2 bath corner unit-Kid wimpy cabinets-Near Metra-in-unit laundry-In-door garage  
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 6504 MORTON - \$227,900 - Charming 3 br-2 bath Ranch-LR w/FP-Formal DR w/French doors to patio-Gar  
 6545 AUSTIN - \$250's - Quality built ranch on 75' Lot-Remodeled kit w/eating area-Updated bath-Hardwood flrs  
 6916 BELLEVILLE - \$269,900 - Quality built 3 br-2 bath Ranch-Updated kit-full finished bsmt w/rec rm-2 car gar  
 6411 LINCOLN - \$270's - Top floor 2 br-2 bath Condo facing forest preserve-Open layout-in-unit laun-2 car gar  
 9354 SHERMER - \$294,900 - Metcous 8 rm updated Bi-level-Oak

Irs-New windows,roof,furnace-Fam rm-Gar  
 6638 MAPLE - \$290's - Immaculate 7 rm brick Ranch in Golf Dist 67'-Eat-in kit w/walpaper cabinets-rec rm-2 car gar  
 9225 MARION - \$299,000 - Charming Cape Cod on double lot-4 brs & 2 1/2 baths-Sep dining rm-Family rm-2 car gar  
 6641 PALMA - \$299,000 - "Bartlett Estates" 6 rm Ranch on 1/4 acre lot-Kit w/bk bar-Family rm-Attached garage  
 5901 CAROL - \$309,500 - Charming brick Bungalow-Hardwood flrs-Main floor family rm-Finished 2 car garage  
 8300 CALLIE - \$319,900 - Loads of upgrades-2 br-2 baths-City views-Kid w/Grants, 42' cabs & SS appls-in-unit laun  
 5825 WARREN - \$341,000 - Quality built 3 br-1 1/2 bath Split-level-Heated flrs-Family rm-Patio-Gar-Near Hites 1/2  
 6828 MAJOR - \$347,000 - Value in the Land-99' x 124' Lot-East Morton Grove Location-7 rm Ranch w/updates  
 5419 KEENEY - \$349's - Superior Ranch on 60' Lot-Man fr lam rm w/FP-Full br bsmt w/rec rm & 4th br-2 1/2 car gar  
 7225 LYONS - \$359,000 - Huge 9 rm Split-level w/in-unit laundry + rec rm-Oak flrs-Formal dining rm-Att gar  
 6169 MAYFAIR - \$359,000 - Fabulous 3 br-2 1/2 bath Townhouse w/FP-Full br bsmt w/rec rm & 4th br-2 1/2 car gar  
 6544 LILLIBET - \$369,900 - 4 brs-3 1/2 bath Bi-level-3 family rms-Updated kitchen-79' lot-3 car w/whirlpool-Gar  
 9500 OVEPRILL - \$475,000 - Custom built brick Bi-level on 100' x 137' Lot-Metallic kit-HW flrs-Fam rm-4 car gar  
 9424 SHERMER - \$449,000 - Brand New Construction-10 rm Colonial-Fam rm + rec rm-Superior Craftsman-2 car gar  
 7644 ARCADIA - \$549,900 - Magnificent 12 rm brick Colonial-2 story foyer-Kit w/SS appls-New HW flrs-Beautiful 2 BRN CT - \$370,900 - Grand center entry 11 rm Colonial-Beautiful 6 1/2 brs & 3 1/2 bath-Fam rm + Rec rm-2 car gar  
 9227 OIA LN - \$589,000 - "Morton Woods" 4 brs-2 1/2 bath Colonial-Main fr lam rm-Gourmet kit-Full in bsmt w/rec

**SKOKIE**  
 2008 ORION - \$164,500 - "Dakota Terrace" 5 rm Condo-Across from library&downtown-Master br w/bk Gar  
 9003 LAMON - \$199,000 - Beautiful Rehabbed 2 br Condo 2006-Hardwood flrs-Kit w/42' cabs&SS appls-Parking  
 4647 BRUCCHE - \$200,000 - Across from Emily Oaks Nature Center-3 br Brick Townhome-Highly w/fin-Family rm  
 8200 LINCOLN - \$209,900 - Priced to Sell 4 rm Condo built 2005-10' kitchen bar-Family rm-Attached garage  
 Huge balcony with nice view-Freshly painted-Gar  
 9725 WOODS - \$269,000 - Beautiful "Olivetti" Condo w/wlery amenity-Wood floors throughout-Granite kit-Garage  
 4214 ENFIELD - \$315,900 - "Deveshire" brick Bi-level-3 brs-1 1/2 baths-Fam rm-Large kitchen-Fenced yard-Garage  
 9419 KILMARA - \$389,000 - Total Rehabbed 3 br Ranch-Granite-Perceles-Mantle-Soled Oak-Everything New Gar  
 7914 CRAWFORD - \$425,000 - Well-maintained 3 br-2 bath Bi-level on double lot-Fam rm w/FP-Hardwood flrs-Gar  
 5300 GALLITZ - \$540's - One of a kind Tudor style Colonial w/center turret-1/3 acre lot-Lv w/FP-Sep DR-Main fr lam rm-Bsmt-Gar

**EVANSTON**  
 2140 WINCHESTER - \$439,900 - Amazing "Ducktown" 6 rm Townhome-Hv flrs-Kit w/42' marble cabs-2 c car  
 6229 KEELER - \$449,900 - Sauganash Park Location-3 br-2 bath Bungalow-Lv rm w/bay window-Main fr lam rm  
 6554 RASCHER - \$840,000 - Rarely available 6 unit building-2/3 brs-42 brs-11 br units-Call for more information

**DES PLAINES**  
 2205 DOUGLASS - \$250's - 9 rm Ranch on huge 72' x 151' Lot-Main floor family rm-Value is in the Land-Garage  
 740 HAMBURY - \$335,000 - Built 2006! Immaculate 7 rm Townhome-Gorgeous kit w/SS appls-Fireplace-2 car gar

**GLENVIEW**  
 4000 THURMVERA - \$129,900 - Fab clubhouse-Top floor TruMvera Condo-Updated kitchen-Balcony-Garage  
 701 FORUM SD - \$138,000 - Many updates in this 5 rm Condo-Newer SS appliances-Granite-Garage parking  
 4000 THURMVERA - \$144,900 - 2 br-2 bath with extra large terrace-Sep dm rm-Meas br w/full bath-Garage parking  
 241 BLENDLE - \$249,000 - 36147x16x111 Lot-Cul-de sac Location-Area of high-end construction-Call for info  
 307 MONTGOMERY - \$390's - Rambling bk Ranch on huge 80' lot-FP-Hardwood flrs-Sep dm rm-3 brs-Att garage

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
 940 AUGUSTA WY - \$529,000 - "Legacy Club" 5 rm Condo-Located on Golf Course-Updated appls/Upgrades!

**LINCOLNSHIRE**  
 3 COURT OF FOX RIVER - \$520's - Utopia in this wooded waterfront

# Local News

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THIS WEEK: NEW CARPENTER PRINCIPAL STARTS JULY 1 | SCHOOLS: GUITAR STUDENTS ROCK MAINE SOUTH | COMMUNITY: BLOG USED TO LEARN LANGUAGE | CRIME: SHERIFF ON GANG WATCH IN MAINE TOWNSHIP

## Niles bank robbery suspect arrested in Oklahoma

A 37-year-old Chicago man wanted for the violent armed robbery of Niles bank last week has been arrested in Oklahoma. About 2:20 p.m. on May 10, a man walked into the U.S. Bank branch at 8500 W. Dempster Ave. in Niles and ordered customers and employees to the ground. Witnesses said he brandished a gun that they described as a sub-machine gun type weapon and he pointed it directly at customers and employees, according to a federal criminal complaint. The man jumped on the teller counter and struck a teller in the face, the complaint said. The teller reached into two separate drawers and removed cash from them. A bank audit showed the suspect got away with \$2,051. The teller was later taken to a hospital for treatment.

The robber then began to leave, but met two customers near the front door. He ordered them to the ground and shoved one of them, an elderly woman. As she fell, the robber stripped a gold necklace, which had her name inscribed, from her neck and took it with him. The robber, according to a witness outside, ran to a nearby McDonald's parking lot and got into the driver's side of a van that had the words "Dish Network" on its side, the complaint stated.

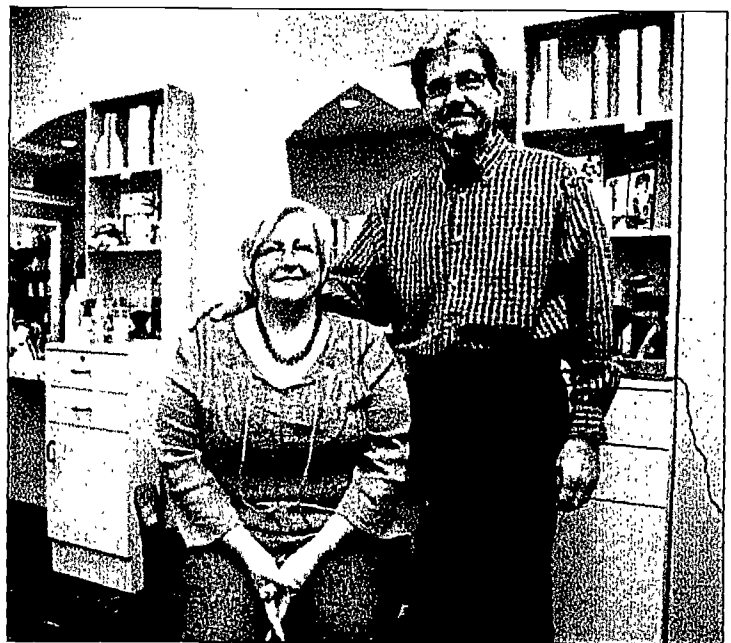
A review of the Secretary of State's database showed the van was a 2009 Chevrolet registered to Dish Network at 2100 E. Golf Road in Rolling Meadows. The FBI found it was checked out by a Dish Network employee, Abdouramane S. Pare, on May 10. GPS records showed the van was in the area near the bank and McDonald's around the time of the bank robbery, according to the complaint. Based on information provided to the FBI, Pare was believed to be in Bethany, Okla., a release from the FBI said. At noon Monday, he was arrested without incident at an apartment there by FBI agents and Bethany police.

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## OAK MILL MALL Salon to donate shorn locks for Gulf cleanup

Sandy Marchisotta at United Hair Lines, 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave., inside Oak Mill Mall, saw information about hair being used to clean up the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and decided to help. "It's pretty devastating to see all those wildlife dying," she said. "I never knew hair could do so many good things. Clients are very excited and very happy." Marchisotta will be donating hair from her customers to help in the Gulf oil cleanup. The hair reportedly is used to help soak up oil. *- By Alex McLeese*



United Hair Lines owners Sandy and Jack Marchisotta at their salon in Oak Mill Mall in Niles. The salon will donate hair to help in the Gulf oil cleanup; the hair will be used to assist in soaking up oil. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

## DISTRICT 64 New Carpenter School principal starts July 1

School board OKs \$500K Strategic Plan

By ALEX MCLEESE  
 Contributor  
 The Park Ridge-Niles District 64 Board of Education appointed a new principal for Carpenter School and adopted its five-year Strategic Plan on May 10. Marcy Canel will begin her term as principal July 1, replacing JoAnn Fletcher. Canel now serves as cluster administrator for special education in Evanston/Skokie District 65. In the past she has been assistant director of special education in Crystal Lake District 47 and principal of two therapeutic day school programs at Victor C. Neumann in Chicago. Canel said she is excited about her new position. "It was very clear to me when I was interviewed what a fine school district this is," she said. "I hope to make a collaborative, communicative environment that educates all children." Board members and administrators said Canel's experience makes her a good fit for the district. "Her background in special education gives her unique experience that will help her as we go down the path of the Strategic Plan and differentiate students," said board member Eric Uhlig. "It will be important as we try to encourage teachers to look at students individually." Superintendent Sally Pryor pointed to another part of Canel's resume. "Her service on Evanston's Strategic Planning Committee also gives her a clear understanding of the type of activities we will be undertaking to implement our new Strategic Plan here in District 64," she said. In other business on May 10 the board approved specific details of the district's Strategic Plan, the result of months of effort. At the April board meeting, members had raised concerns about the number of teacher release days needed to implement the first year of the plan, and about the large expenditures on technology infrastructure proposed for the first year. On May 10, Pryor responded to both concerns. *Principal, PAGE 5*

## RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER Dentist's computer monitor extracted by phony physicians

Two men posing as doctors reportedly stole a computer monitor shortly before 11 p.m. May 8 from a dentist's office at Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 W. Talcott. According to police reports from Chicago's Jefferson Park (16th) District, investigators said the dentist's office door was pried open and a computer printer was found left on the floor. Another worker reported seeing two men in surgical garb carrying a computer monitor as they walked toward an exit a short time later, police said.

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Mariana Burgos, RN, BSN from Resurrection Medical Center, takes a blood-pressure reading from Resurrection student Melissa Gaseor. (Photo courtesy of Resurrection College Prep High School)

RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

# Wellness Week celebrated

Resurrection College Prep High School celebrated Wellness Week from May 3-7.

Physical-education faculty incorporated health-care speakers and related wellness activities throughout the school. Each day during lunch periods health-care professionals were available in the cafeteria with information on various topics, including heart health, high blood pressure, diabetes, stress management, physical therapy, nutrition and hydration, women's health and healthy lifestyle choices.

Information was posted for the entrée each day. In addition healthier options were offered, including pizza with low-fat cheese, baked chicken, sweet-potato fries, turkey burgers and veggie burgers. Nutritional posters were displayed showing portion sizes, fast-food nutritional content, the importance of breakfast and how to get more liquids and water into a daily diet.

In the corridor outside of the school gymnasium was a "Healthy Heart Wall" for students, staff and faculty to post heart-healthy pledges. On May 3 and during the entire week students were encouraged to make a pledge to stay heart healthy and post their pledge on the wall outside the gym. During lunch periods Resurrection Medical Center nurse educators Cindy Brennan and Ginny Logan were available in the cafeteria and calculated body mass index and body fat analysis for students, staff and faculty, and provided information about maintaining a healthy BMI.

They also took blood-pressure readings and provided information about diabetes and behavioral-health issues, including depression, bullying and substance abuse. On May 5, RMC sports-medicine and family-medicine Dr. Poonam Thaker provided information regarding sports medicine and sports injury prevention. Also, RMC nurse educators Mariana Burgos and Sandy Hoelzel provided information on heart disease and stroke awareness, which coordinated with May as Stroke Awareness Month.

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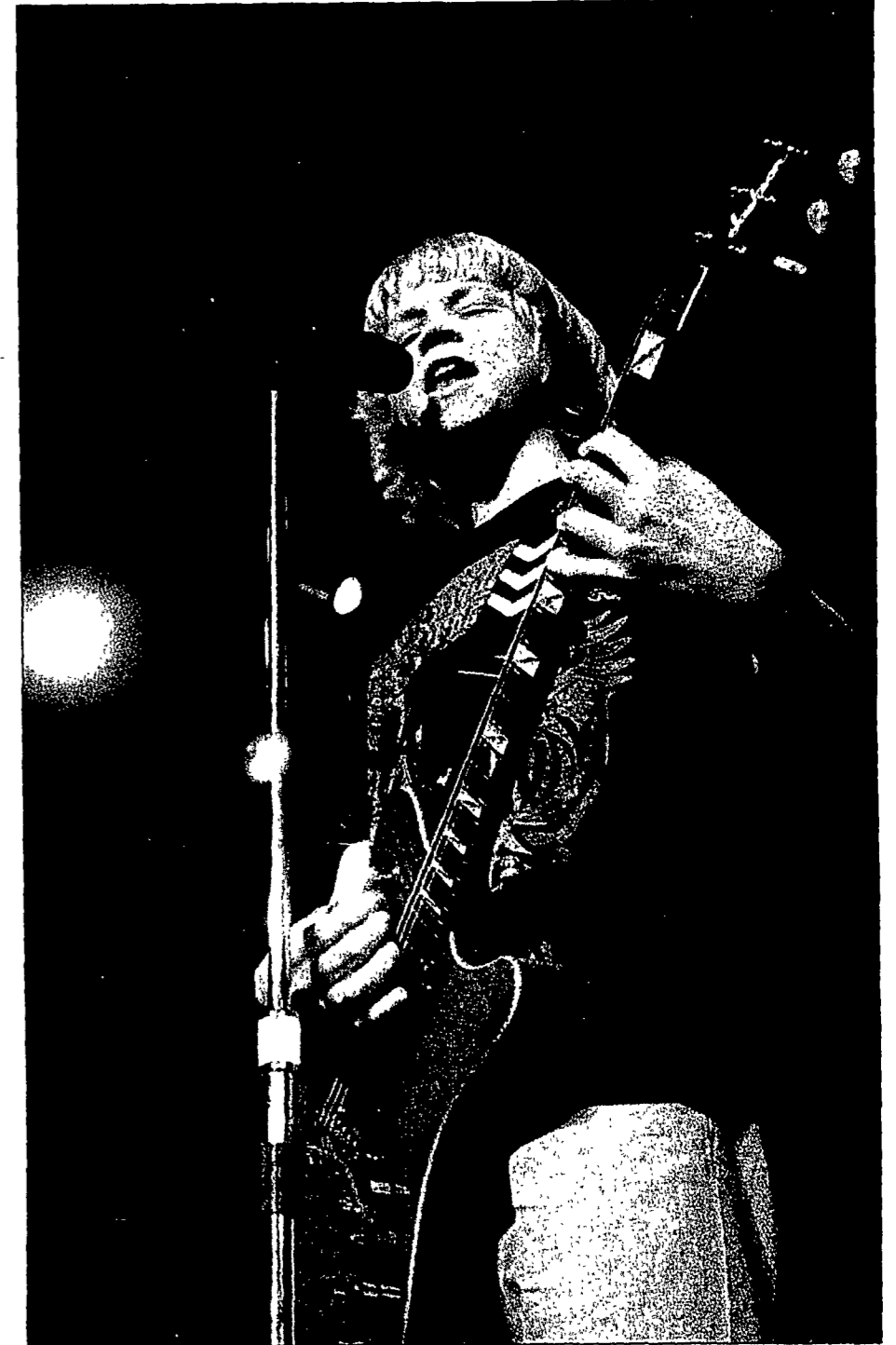
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Maine South freshman Adam Kopplin works the solo to Metallica's "Hit the Lights" during Maine South's South Fest on May 11. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)



Maine South freshman Soren Ramsey plays rhythm guitar and belts out the vocals to Metallica's "Hit the Lights" during Maine South's South Fest on May 11. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

# Riffology 101

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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From Metallica to Michael Jackson, Maine South High School Guitar Studies students rocked out by playing some of their favorite electric guitar riffs during two concerts May 11 and 12.

The Rock 'n Roll Guitar Concerts featured students from all seven of Maine South's guitar classes. Performing in small groups the students showed off their skills on classic rock anthems like Black Sabbath's "Iron Man," "Layla" by Derek and the Dominos, and The Who's "Baba O'Riley." They also performed modern rock numbers like "Smooth Criminal" by Michael Jackson, "Good Riddance" by Green Day and Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer."

Michael Boyle, director of Guitar Studies at Maine South, said the concerts are a "source of pride" for the students who get to vote on which songs they will perform.

"It's something I know our students look forward to every year," Boyle said. "I like the fact that every single kid gets to participate. It's something I know they feel proud of at the end of the show."

Teachers who helped prepare the students for the concert included Boyle, Joel Matter, Frank Massi, Robert Calhoon and Jason Dutmers.

Students enrolled in Guitar Studies classes also perform during an annual winter show as well, where acoustic arrangements are generally featured.

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## Principal

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She said that the administration had been able to cut the amount of teacher release time required, saving \$30,000. She retained a proposal to budget a large amount for technology infrastructure, but gave the board more flexibility by proposing to wait to spend that money until another

board vote in January. Instead of drawing solely on Strategic Plan funds for the technology upgrade she proposed using some funds from the standard technology budget and earmarking a \$250,000 private donation for the project.

The board approved the updated plan, which calls for \$195,000 in spending on the Strategic Plan during the next school year, plus the technology-department funds and the private dona-

tion, for a total of nearly \$500,000.

Board members said they were pleased by the revisions.

"It's an excellent approach. They realized there could be savings in the time teachers were taken out of the classroom," said board member Genie Taddeo. "It's a conservative approach. It's a lot to do at once, and we're doing it gradually, which the board is grateful for."

## Wellness

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readings of Resurrection College Prep High School students, staff and faculty and explained to students the results of their blood-pressure readings.

An obstacle course was set up in the gym May 6, and physical-education classes participated in the obstacle-course challenge.

On May 7, massage therapist Christine Blakemore provided chair massages for Resurrection staff and faculty, and RMC diabetic nurse specialist Roxanne Finegan and Resurrection College Prep High School Athletic Trainer Rashina Bowden were available in the cafeteria providing information about diabetes and injury prevention.

Wellness Week is celebrated each year at Resurrection in keeping with the

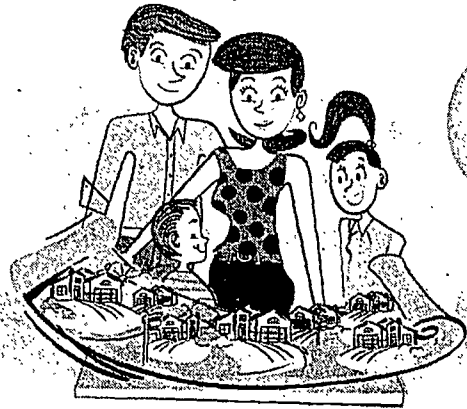
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Tolu Johnson uses a fire hose with help from Niles Explorer Aaron Ambroziak during the Kids Fair on May 2 at Maine East High School. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

## MAINE EAST

# Health, safety made fun at fair

A Kids Fair, aimed at providing children and their parents with tips about health and safety, was held May 2 at Maine East High School in Park Ridge.

The fair, presented by Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital, the Park Ridge Police and Fire de-

partments and other local organizations, featured CPR awareness, infant- and child-car-seat checks, a fire safety smoke house, a Flight for Life helicopter; DUI simulation, a bicycle obstacle course, fire- and train-safety tips, Internet- and phone-safety tips and a "slide the

fire pole" activity presented by the Niles Fire Department.

A number of booths providing health-and-safety information were also featured, and child-fingerprinting kits and Red Cross disaster Go Kits were distributed.

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# Former school official charged with misconduct

By NICK KATZ  
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A former director of fiscal services for the Niles Township District for Special Education 807 has been charged with making more than \$30,000 in unauthorized charges on a school district credit card.

Robert T. Baldwin, 67, of 206 Country Club Drive, Prospect Heights, is charged

with official misconduct in connection with incidents that occurred prior to his retirement in September 2008. He was arrested May 3 on a warrant issued April 30.

Morton Grove police said bond for Baldwin was set at \$50,000. He is to appear in court Friday.

Tarin Kendrick, NTDSE director, said Monday she could not comment on a pending court case.

Baldwin was among four people arrested and charged in separate financial crimes investigations this month in what Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez called a "crackdown on public corruption."

The four, she said, are the first to be targeted and arrested in "Operation Cookie Jar," an ongoing investigative operation targeting public or government employ-

ees accused of theft or other financial crimes.

Baldwin, who served as director of fiscal services from August 2001 until his retirement in 2008, is charged with using a district-issued credit card to make unauthorized purchases totaling \$30,481.04. Police said the charges were made over a three-year period between June 2005 and July 2008.

Police said Baldwin told

investigators during questioning last year that he had "made some errors" and that "he was going through a rough period" during his employment at the NTDSE.

Police said he also told officers that he was broke, addicted to Ambien and that he never intended to steal from the school district, according to Morton Grove police documents of the investigation.

According to records of the year-long investigation, school district officials knew Baldwin had used the credit card for personal expenses, but at the time he left they did not know the extent of its use.

The documents say that Baldwin was questioned about the charges at a school board meeting Sept. 15, 2008 and at that time he admitted using the card. He resigned following that meeting, police said.

According to police, the extent of Baldwin's use of the school Visa card was discovered during an audit Kendrick ordered after she took over the job as director of the special education district.

Kendrick was named as acting director in July 2007, a post that was made permanent in March 2008.

Kendrick told police that she found a suspicious charge on the card in May 2008 and brought it to the attention of the school board. Shortly after that the district hired the accounting firm of Evans, Marshall and Pease, PC to audit the credit card records, according to police reports.

After the results of the audit were given to the district in December 2008 the assistant state's attorney Robert Riley sent a letter to Baldwin informing him of the findings of the audit, according to police reports. As of January, when Kendrick went to police, Baldwin had not responded, police said.

In January 2009, Morton Grove police took the information to the Cook County State's Attorney's Financial Crimes/Public Corruption

unit and were told that more information was needed before any charges could be filed.

Commander Mike Fujara said Friday that police, armed with the records and the audit, worked on the case during 2009, interviewing witnesses and examining paperwork.

At a meeting in February of last year, police said, detectives learned that Baldwin had paid back about \$9,700.

At that time Kendrick also told investigators that she did not allow employees to use the school district credit card for personal purchases, but that it had been done prior to her arrival.

Police said that interviews with other staff members showed that Baldwin had used the card previously for personal expenses. Several times, police said, he had attached checks to monthly statements in payment for those charges.

Amy Kruppe, who served as director prior to Kendrick, told police last year that although there was no policy allowing the personal use of the school credit card, it was done in practice.

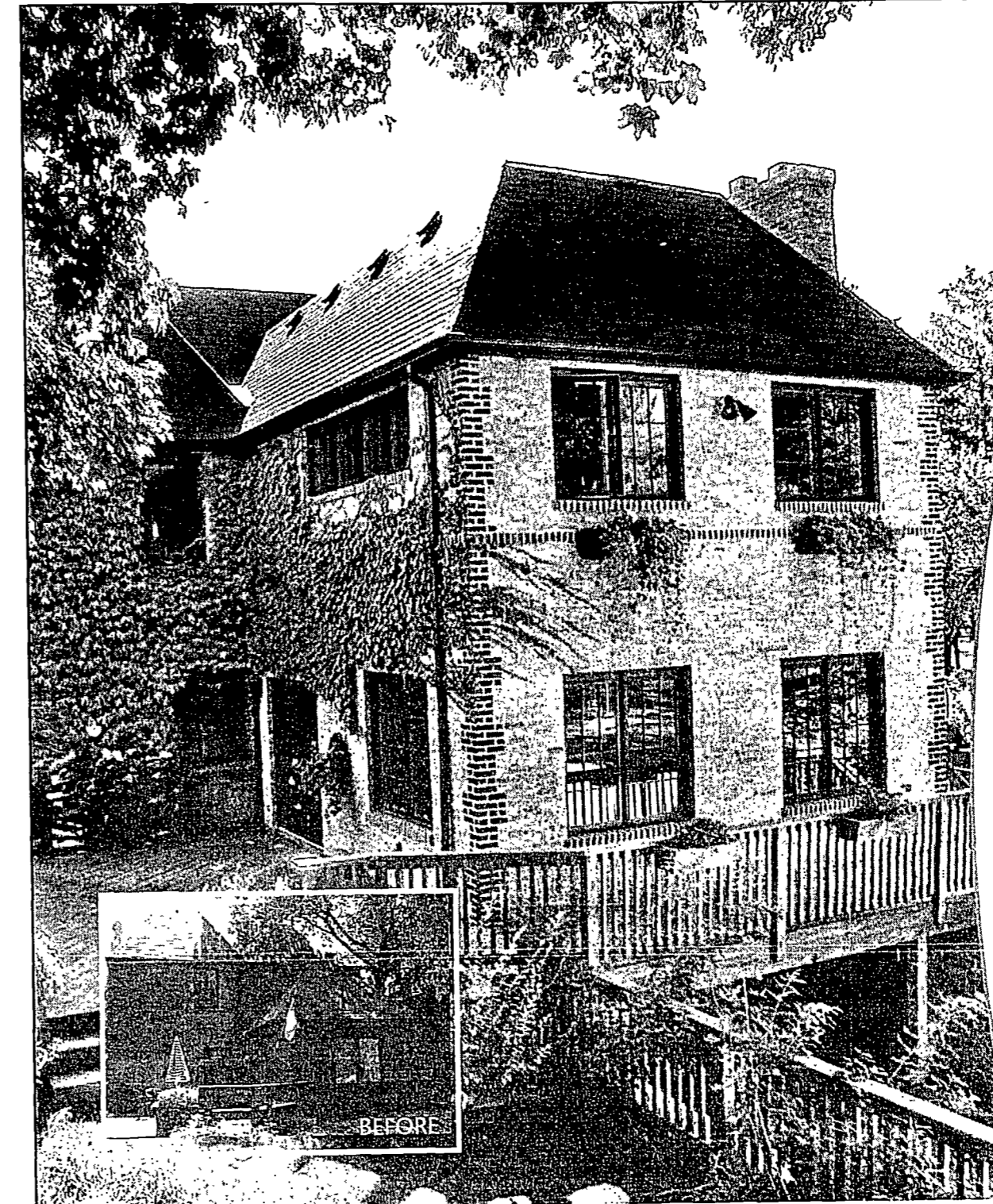
According to investigation records, officers first interviewed Baldwin in January 2009. At that time, police said, Baldwin admitted to having used the card in the past.

He also told them that he had written postdated checks to the district to repay a portion of the money, but that the checks would not clear.

Police said that among the charges Baldwin made on the school credit card were 12 payments for his family's cell phone bills.

Baldwin was released following that interview, but at the time, according to police investigation records, told officers "I feel horrible about this whole thing. If I have to go to court for what I did, then I accept that."

Baldwin did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.



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# Immigrant moms use blog to learn language

By MIKE ISAACS  
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"As a mother, it hurts me a lot to think that lots of children go to bed hungry," writes the blogger.

"In Pakistan, I always gave (extra food) to needy people and food never got wasted. But here in U.S. I don't have access to needy people and freshly prepared home meals go in the garbage."

This lament comes not from just any blogger but from a local immigrant who at one time was challenged by English. The blog site, "Mom From Another Country," features the writings of a handful of mothers who have assimilated into the United States.

Sponsored by the Niles Township English Language Learner Parent Center, the blog bills itself as "immigrant moms (who) share their stories, their ideas and hopes."

And it's an ideal project for the successful center, now in its second year and already having provided resources for dozens of parents from other countries who live in Niles Township.

The brainchild of volunteer Kim Moldofsky, the blog project provides multiple benefits. It helps parents with English literacy, it teaches them new technologies, it improves their social skills and it has inspired them to sponsor a much-needed food drive this month for the Niles Township Food Pantry. (See adjoining article).

"I'm a blogger, and I think there's a lot of power in women sharing their voices on-line and sharing their stories," said Moldofsky, a Morton Grove resident. "So I thought it would be an exciting project to take a group of women who were working on their English language literacy skills and be able to share their experiences as immigrant moth-



Sumaiya Mian and Elena Sayed add keywords to their blog under the direction of ELL Parent Center volunteer Kim Moldofsky in Skokie. (Shauna Bittle/for STM)

ers."

The idea was immediately well-received by ELL Niles Township Parent Center Director Corrie Wallace. Wallace has encouraged volunteers to participate in activities of interest to them ever since the center opened in 2008.

"When Kim told me about this, we were trying to figure out how to attract people," she said. "A couple of people who were at a high level in English skills could no longer take the classes being offered here, but I knew they wanted to continue in some way."

Wallace made a list of such people and added others she thought would be ideal. The group began with 10 to a dozen immigrant

mothers but worked its way down to a more manageable four or five.

You can meet them online at [www.momfromanothercountry.blogspot.com](http://www.momfromanothercountry.blogspot.com). They use only one name — either first names or pseudonyms — when they post their writings, most of which have recently addressed poverty and hunger to connect to the upcoming food drive.

Pakistani immigrant Guloon has three children who attend township schools. Baran, also from Pakistan, is a mother of four children. An immigrant from Hong Kong, Osmanthis has two children. Russian immigrant Elena has three children. Vinous, a Haitian immigrant, has a

daughter.

The blogging moms came to the ELL Center last week, receiving more tutelage from Moldofsky. They are able to post from home or at the center, located in the same building as Skokie School District 68 offices.

Moldofsky also recently donated several flip cameras to the group and one to the ELL Center. The cameras will provide the women an opportunity to film and post video for their blog entries. Moldofsky said that some of the women recently contributed to a special You Tube Mother's Day video that will be embedded in the blog this week.

A recent trip to the Skokie Public Library opened the group's eyes even wider to

the technology possibilities of blogging.

ELL Center blogger Heidi, who asked that her last name not be used, was among the first parents to take English literacy classes at the center. Remembering her, Wallace put her on the list of "potentials" when the blog program first got off the ground.

"As soon as I heard about it, I thought it was really exciting," Heidi said. "Now that I've done it for awhile, it's improved my writing skills and I learned a new technology. I learned how to upload pictures and to link things."

The bloggers are united in being immigrants in Skokie, but their individual circumstances differ. Some

have been in this country for months. Others, like Heidi, have been here for more than 10 years.

Their children vary in age and mostly attend different schools. Heidi, who came from Hong Kong, has two children ages 9 and 11 who attend Devonshire School.

Neelam Khan, an immigrant from Pakistan, has children ages 17, 15 and 12. Like Heidi, she has been in the United States for many years — five years in Chicago and the last 10 years in Skokie.

Khan and her friend, Sumaiya, also a Pakistani immigrant, first came to the center to improve their English literacy skills so they are better prepared to take classes at Oakton Com-

munity College.

The new blog project though perfectly meshed with why they were at the ELL Parent Center in the first place.

"The experience of blogging is very nice because I never knew how to do this before," said Khan. "It's improved my writing, I can definitely say that."

So can Sumaiya, who asked that her last name not be used. The mother of four children who attend Skokie Morton Grove District 69 schools, Sumaiya has seen her skills significantly progress over the years.

"When I came here 10 years ago, I couldn't even understand an American accent," she recounted. "Even though we do learn English in Pakistan, it's with a Pakistani accent so it's different. I couldn't understand anybody at first."

Elena Sayad from St. Petersburg, Russia, is the newest immigrant to the United States among the blogging moms. She has been here for only about six months.

But since coming to the United States, she has made a new life for her and her family with two children attending District 68 schools while a third child is still in Russia.

"I think the center and the blog have helped so many moms from other countries," she said. "I think other mothers in the same situation can relate to this blog. It's very important to have this kind of communication."

The bloggers' gushing testimonials are not unusual when it comes to the relatively new parent center.

The ELL Parent Center in short time has become an integral venue for the township's rising ethnically-diverse population. From the start, Wallace created a friendly setting where new and innovative ideas were welcomed.

Moldofsky is one of at least 20 volunteers at the ELL Center, a number that always seems to be growing.

She first came to the cen-



ELL Parent Center director Corrie Wallace (clockwise from back left) Sumaiya Mian, Neelam Khan, Heidi Yeung, Kim Moldofsky and Elena Sayed are contributors to the ELL Center blog. Moldofsky has been teaching blogging and internet skills as a volunteer at the center. (Shauna Bittle/for STM)

ter not to volunteer but to donate some tapes. Never having been there before, Moldofsky had only heard about the center from her children who attend Parkview School in Morton Grove.

Wallace graciously accepted the donation but also mentioned that if she ever had any ideas for volunteering, to let her know.

And she did. An adult bat mitzvah student, Moldofsky decided that she should have a mitzvah project — a good deed to help other people. And teaching to blog at the center was the perfect one.

"That's how I justified making time," she said. "It became a mitzvah for me. I just think blogging can be a powerful medium for women who might not otherwise have a public voice."

Those who have responded to the new blog would agree.

## Blogging moms set drive for food pantry

By MIKE ISAACS  
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The bloggers who contribute to "Moms From Another Country" want to do more than just write about the growing need for food.

Located in their own back yard, the Niles Township Food Pantry has seen a major increase in demand since the economy has fallen on such hard times. These bloggers are determined to help answer the call.

The bloggers, mothers attending the The Niles Township English Language Learner Parent Center, sponsored a food drive

from May 10-15 to benefit the pantry.

The ELL Parent Center, which was to be one of the drop-off sites, is located at 9440 Kenton Ave., Skokie.

"People can always come to the ELL Center to donate, which is great because people then can see the ELL Center," Moldofsky said.

The pantry was looking for canned turkey, canned tuna, salmon, chicken and other non-perishable foods. Further updates on the food drive can be found on the blog at [www.momfromanothercountry.blogspot.com](http://www.momfromanothercountry.blogspot.com).

The ELL Parent Center sponsors the blog as a way

to sharpen the literacy skills of immigrant mothers in the township. Moldofsky came up with the idea and successfully pitched it to ELL Parent Center Director Corrie Wallace.

She also came up with the idea for a food drive. Moldofsky works with ConAgra Foods, which is sponsoring a major child hunger initiative.

"I wanted to support the effort with some kind of project locally," she said.

The food drive also gave the blogger moms a subject into which they could sink their teeth. They have repeatedly written about hunger and poverty with

heartfelt passion on their blog.

"Hunger is a very emotional topic," said Neelam Khan, one of the blogging moms.

"I already wrote about how 17 million people in the United States are below the poverty line and 12 million are children. It's very astonishing to know that in a country as big as America, that many people are living under the poverty line. It's very surprising."

For more information about the Niles Township ELL Parent Center or the food drive, call the center at (847) 568-7611.

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### MAINE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

# No new threats after locker room message

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Security was increased around Maine East High School in Park Ridge following the discovery of graffiti perceived to be a possible threat.

In a message to parents May 7, Maine East Principal Steven Isoye wrote that the phrase "5/13 Boom!" was found written in the boys locker room by a faculty member earlier in the day. The Dean's Office and the Park Ridge Police De-

partment were informed and an increased police presence was in place at the school during the weekend into the school week, Isoye said.

Last week there were no reports of additional threats, said Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen.

Police consider the message to be a "low-level threat," Jogmen said. That means police action will be limited "barring any additional factors to substantiate or provide credibility toward (the threat)," he said. "Obviously if we find any-

thing else that substantiates or make it more credible we will increase our response," Jogmen added.

In his message to parents Isoye said, "While we consider this to be a low level threat, we will continue to address incidents such as these with the seriousness and conscientiousness that they deserve."

Anyone with information should contact the school, (847) 825-4484, or the Park Ridge Police Department, (847) 318-5252.

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### MAINE TOWNSHIP

# Sheriff's Department on lookout for gang activity

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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With spring comes warmer temperatures, longer days and, for the Cook County Sheriff's Department, the potential for increases in gang recruitment in unincorporated Maine Township.

Sheriff's Police are again working with the Park Ridge Police Department to take a "proactive approach" against gang activity near Maine East High School, said Deputy Cmdr. Anthony Brzezniak of the Cook County Sheriff's Department. "If we don't come down hard right now it will just escalate into the summer," he said.

Officers are conducting foot patrols before and after school in the areas of Dee Road and Dempster and Robin Drive and Dempster as a way to demonstrate a police presence and provide students with a "safe pas-

sage" when they are walking home through these neighborhoods, Brzezniak explained.

"We're trying to have a visual presence because we have had gang activity and recruitment in the area," he said. Fights have been reported as well, he said, but many students are often reluctant to report incidents to police if gang members are involved, he said.

Even though Dee Road and Robin Drive are in unincorporated Maine Township and not part of the Park Ridge Police Department's jurisdiction, officers do assist Cook County in conducting patrols through the area when Maine East students are leaving school in the afternoon. Park Ridge Police say the patrols are meant to act as a deterrent to gang activity and the congregating of gang members.

"The more visible we are, the less gutsy they get," said Park Ridge Police Sgt. Eric

Hilderbrant who has conducted Maine Township patrols. Park Ridge's main concern is heading off any potential violence against Maine East High School students, he said.

"Our goal is that none of these kids get hurt," he said. Park Ridge and Cook County have also conducted open air roll calls at Maine East to demonstrate a police presence.

"Our presence has definitely made an impact on the area," Brzezniak said.

Though Maine Township has not experienced violent gang-related incidents lately, a 16-year-old Maine East student with reported gang affiliations died in December outside the nearby Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles after authorities said he was run over by 16-year-old Francisco Moran of Glenview, also an alleged gang member. He was charged as an adult with first-degree murder.

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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.

DRUGS

Brandon Vyse, 31, of 879 Trace, Buffalo Grove, was

BATTERY

charged May 12 with felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a narcotic instrument. He allegedly was found with plastic baggies of suspected cocaine. His court date was Tuesday.

BATTERY

Abella Edelstein, 61, of

9530 Lamon, Skokie, was charged May 13 with battery. She allegedly slapped another woman in the face. Her court date is June 9.

Braulio Sosa, 37, of 1938 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, was charged May 12 with battery. He allegedly struck the windshield of another person's car. His court date is June 9.

THEFT

Jin Bae of 9818 N. Biancom Terrace, Niles, was charged May 10 with retail theft. He allegedly stole \$41.58 in food from Meijer, 9000 W. Golf Road. His court date is June 23.

Chisley Haynes of 345 W. Onwensia, Lake Forest, was charged May 8 with retail

theft. She allegedly stole \$1,431.55 in clothing and jewelry from Kohl's, 590 Golf Mill Center. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Tuesday.

Theresa Lambert of 1905 Deer Path, Waukesha, Wisconsin, was charged May 10 with retail theft. She allegedly stole \$148.49 in chil-

dren's clothing and a hair curler from the Sears at 400 Golf Mill Center. Her court date is June 21.

Amber Travis of 2735 W. Estes Ave., Chicago, was charged May 8 with retail theft. She allegedly stole \$121.24 in clothing and perfume from Walmart, 5630 Touhy Ave. Her court date is June 21.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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GLENVIEW

- 10407 Dearlove Road Apt 5, Darek Maciasz to Gwendolyn Crockran, \$85,000, Apr. 20
1108 Castilian Court Apt 124, Fannie Mae to Tony S Hwang Ashley Hwang, \$105,000, Apr. 19
1228 Depot St. Apt 1b, Robert Utter to George K Pinos Dean G Pinos, \$290,000, Apr. 20
1412 Plymouth Lane, Parkway Bank & Trust Co Ttee to Andrew Torre Lisa M Torre, \$375,000, Apr.

- 21 1441 Huntington Drive, Marlene Seper Werderich to Matt Holmes Maria E Nichols, \$370,000, Apr. 16
1600 Pleasant Lane, Jp Morgan Chase Bank to Richard S Winer Rachel B Winer, \$1,355,000, Apr. 16
1711 Wildwood Court, Bauer Trust to Mark Green Karen Fiore Green, \$1,100,000, Apr. 15
2116 Linneman St., Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee to Kimberly Connelly Alfred O Lopez, \$212,500, Apr. 16
246 Nora Ave., Citi Property Holdings Inc to Aristotle Spyridis, \$230,000, Apr. 21
2715 Independence Ave., George Leondis to Mark Hettinger

- Toni S Hettinger, \$400,000, Apr. 15
3350 Bellwood Lane, Green Trust to Gregory P Green Mary Valerie Chiong, \$177,500, Apr. 16
3702 Capri Court, Tcf National Bank to Sandra Norman, \$225,000, Apr. 15
4104 Cove Lane Unit 1d, Ana Castellanos to Hee Hyun Cho Park Sangil Cho, \$135,000, Apr. 15
4297 Linden Tree Lane, Olga Shapiro to Caritas Yoon Daniel Yoon, \$450,000, Apr. 19
607 Quincy Bridge Lane Apt 302, Fannie Mae to Evgueni I Guenkov, \$87,000, Apr. 15
MORTON GROVE
104 Prairie Court, Lennar Chica-

- go Inc to Jeffrey Svaldi, \$316,000, Apr. 15
5506 Lincoln Ave. Unit 519, Sandra Ratnow to Angela T Cassarta, \$75,000, Apr. 19
5547 Theobald Road, Thomas G Kozlowski to Matthew T Abraham, \$409,000, Apr. 15
8630 Waukegan Road Unit 414, Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee to Aaron P Altonaga, \$111,000, Apr. 19
9225 Nagle Ave., Hosler Trust to Richard G Zimny Vicky Zimny, \$350,000, Apr. 16
NILES
7546 W Howard St., Robert C Groebner Jr to Eddy Lindt, \$355,000, Apr. 19

- 8051 N Octavia Ave., Makela Trust to Zbigniew A Trzcinski Janina Trzcinska, \$255,000, Apr. 19
8234 N Caldwell Ave., Us Bank Na Trustee to Umnat Apiratanapimochai, \$174,000, Apr. 15
8817 N Grand St., Hsbc Mortgage Services Inc to Satish Patel Asmita S Patel, \$113,000, Apr. 21
NORRIDGE
4413 N Overhill Ave., Peters Trust to John W Klemundt Melissa A Klemundt, \$253,000, Apr. 15
PARK RIDGE
100 N Chester Ave., Jp Morgan Chase Bank to Jason Groszek Laura Groszek, \$497,500, Apr. 21
1223 Potter Road, Michael T

- Szoke to Bernadette Archibald, \$13,500, Apr. 19
1223 Potter Road, Charles J Szoke to Bernadette Archibald, \$13,500, Apr. 19
1223 Potter Road, Peter S Szoke to Bernadette Archibald, \$13,500, Apr. 19
1223 Potter Road, Jo Ellen Patterson to Bernadette Archibald, \$13,500, Apr. 19
1223 Potter Road, Szoke Trust to Bernadette Archibald, \$162,000, Apr. 19
1529 E Marcus Court, Mb802 Llc to Astrit Mehmeti, \$560,000, Apr. 20
1829 S Fairview Ave., South Fairview Llc to Thomas Oneill Jr, \$249,000, Apr. 16

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**GUEST ESSAY**

## 'Live Your Life Well' this month

Thrive Counseling Center is pleased to recognize the 61st annual May is Mental Health Month. Mental Health America — a leading nonprofit advocate for mental wellness — created this special month in 1949 as a vehicle for advocacy and awareness.

"Live Your Life Well" is the theme for this year's May is Mental Health Month. Mental Health America recently launched the "Live Your Life Well" public education campaign.

At the heart of the campaign is the free Web site, [www.LiveYourLifeWell.org](http://www.LiveYourLifeWell.org). The site provides 10 evidence-based tools that help counterbalance the negative effects of stress. These tools are derived from decades of behavioral and medical research with thousands of individuals.

"The site provides extensive information on these 10 tools that can help you relax, grow and flourish:

- **Connect with others.** Research suggests that people who feel connected are happier and healthier — and may even live longer.

- **Stay positive.** People who regularly focus on the positive in their lives are less upset by painful memories.

- **Get physically active.** Exercise relieves tense muscles, improves mood and sleep and increases

energy and strength.

- **Help others.** Research suggests that those who consistently help other people experience less depression, greater calm and fewer pains.

- **Get Enough Rest.** People who don't get enough sleep face a number of possible health risks, including weight gain, decreased memory, impaired driving and heart problems.

- **Create joy and satisfaction.** Positive emotions can boost a person's ability to bounce back from stress.

- **Eat well.** Eating healthy food and regular meals can increase energy, lower the risk of developing certain diseases and influence mood.

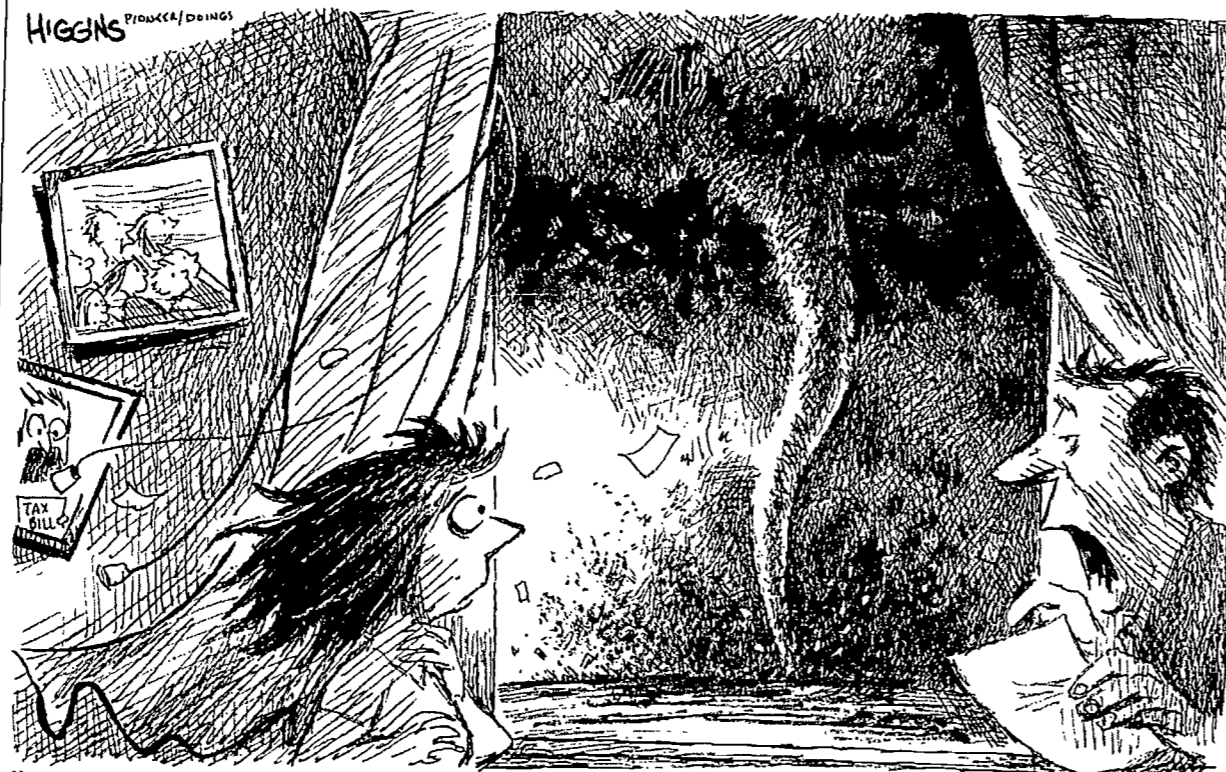
■ **Take care of your spirit.** People who have strong spiritual lives may be healthier and live longer. Spirituality seems to cut the stress that can contribute to disease.

■ **Deal better with hard times.** People who get support, problem-solve or focus on the positives in their lives are likely to handle tough times better.

■ **Get professional help if you need it.** If the problems in life are stopping a person from functioning well or feeling good, professional help can make a big difference.

To learn more about these tools and the national campaign, go to [www.LiveYourLifeWell.org](http://www.LiveYourLifeWell.org) or call Thrive at (708) 383-7500, Ext. 319 for a hard copy.

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## Men can be so 'purse'-snickety



**CHERYL O'DONOVAN**

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Purse: (1) "Money paid out to racehorse owners." (2) A reward paid out to a ship's crew for capturing an enemy vessel. (3) A pouch-like thing a woman lugs and forages ... such as myself, for tickets that burrow their way to the bottom.

Sweating, I stand outside the doors of a darkened

theater. My husband complains: "The movie started five minutes ago." My older son grumbles he's starving and could spear a mammoth. The youngest squirms and needs a restroom.

Just when I think I've nabbed the elusive tickets and almost shout "Eureka!" I pull up a 2000 voter card, complete with hanging chad.

Some refer to a purse as a "handbag." But that ended when boy scouts were pummeled by hard-of-hearing women who thought they said "old bag."

The earliest purse was spotted in Egyptian hieroglyphics, courtesy of DSN, Dynasty Shopping Network, and promoted "rich

Corinthian leather! Ships down the Nile free!" When Cleopatra fled Alexandria, she yelled at Mark Antony that she forgot her purse. (She had to put her asps into something.) Antony would hold Cleo's purse. Not so with my husband, not even if my hair was on fire and I staggered under 70 pounds of groceries. The only way he'd hold my purse is if I took the remote and the O-Ke-Doke as hostage.

This refusal to carry anything vaguely feminine is embedded into the XY gene. For example, my son is studying "Romeo and Juliet" in high school literature. They are acting scenes in class. He grabs a

brown hoodie. "Here." I give him a black mesh tote. "Carry your Friar Tuck outfit in this." "Friar Laurence."

"OK, OK. So I get my friars mixed up." My son balks. "That looks girly."

I blink. Hmm. The tote does have a feminine vibe. But it's black. Plain. My son regards it as he might a leech.

Hours later, I ransack the house for something un-girly, and find a horn of plenty from our 1998 Thanksgiving. Ah. Carries plastic fruit or a hoodie. Done.

Besides. In a pinch, the thing can double as a hat. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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**Benefits**  
**The anticipated launch** of Promise of Park Ridge 2010 - "Two by Two," featuring pairs of decorated fiberglass animal figures - is planned for May 21 at a reception hosted from 5-10 p.m. in Amphora (in the Shops of Uptown), 2 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Admission is \$40, which includes a trolley tour to see the public art display, plus appetizers, savories and desserts from All on the Road Catering, tasting menus from restaurants, private shopping and tours of luxury model homes above the Shops of Uptown complex. The display, located in three local parks, is sponsored by Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care and by the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District. Proceeds from the event and figure sponsorship will benefit the not-for-profit hospice's area outreach programs. For those interested in still participating as sponsors, a series of smaller fiberglass fish are still available for purchase and decorating. These can be displayed in business and store windows. For event information and registration, contact Jackie Devitt at (847) 292-2355 or online at

www.RainbowHospice.org.  
**The Men and Women's Association** of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital will host its annual Golf Outing June 8 at White Deer Run Golf Club, Vernon Hills. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with registration, followed by an 11 a.m. buffet lunch and 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. A cocktail hour and silent auction will be held at 5 p.m. with food stations, an evening program and special drawing scheduled from 6-7:30 p.m. The entry fee, which includes lunch, dinner, green fees and cocktails, is \$275 per golfer or \$1,000 for a foursome. Dinner-only tickets (\$50 per guest) also are available. Proceeds from the outing will benefit children receiving care at Lutheran General Children's Hospital and other special hospital programs. Online registration is available at [www.advocatehealth.com/LGHgolf](http://www.advocatehealth.com/LGHgolf). Reservation deadline is June 1. To learn more about opportunities to support the golf outing through hole or tournament sponsorships, drawing and silent auction donations, contact AlMee Madden at (847) 723-8518.  
**The Sanfilippo Estate** in Barrington Hills will open its private doors to the public for the annual Hearts for Homeless Families "The 8th Wonder of the World Tour" dinner and auction on May 22. Attendees will see an 1881 Grant steam locomotive, an 1890 European Eden Palais carousel, the world's largest theatre organ with 8,000 pipes, antique music, arcade, and gambling machines, Tiffany lamps, an ice cream parlor, 200 music boxes, phonographs, 65 coin operated pianos,

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and a street clock that stands 20 feet tall. Cost of a ticket, which includes tour, valet parking, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, elegant dinner, and auctions emceed by award-winning WGN radio host Garry Meier, is \$160 per person (\$70 tax deductible). The event benefits Catholic Charities Northwest Regional Services and the New Hope Apartments Program, an innovative supportive housing program designed to help end the cycle of homelessness for local families. Visit [www.catholic-charities.net/hearts](http://www.catholic-charities.net/hearts) or call (847) 376-2118 to purchase tickets.

**Center of Concern**

**The Center of Concern**, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays (every week) - Employment counseling, by appointment.  
 Saturday, May 22 - Legal counseling, by appointment.  
 Saturday, May 22 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed)  
 Note: May 29 to 31 - Closed for Memorial Day.

**The Center of Concern** invites local businesses to support the Center of Concern by sponsoring its 17th annual Miniature Golf Outing on June 15 in Des Plaines. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$100 for one of the course's 18 holes to \$500 for the picnic tent. Sponsorship benefits include signs at the event and an acknowledgment in the center's quarterly newsletter and annual report. The

miniature golf benefit, which includes a picnic dinner, will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. June 15 at Mountain View Adventure Golf, 510 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines. This Des Plaines Park District facility is west of Wolf Road. The rain date is June 16. Call (847) 823-0453.  
**Center counselors** also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption.

**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.

**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.-4:30 p.m.

**Chamber**

**Hosted by the Niles Chamber** of Commerce and Industry, the Niles Area Community Showcase will feature a business-to-consumer expo at Golf Mill Shopping Center and programs presented by the Niles Public Library. Activities will take place from noon to 5 p.m. May 21 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 22. Residents are encouraged to visit Golf Mill Shopping Center for entertainment, prizes and giveaways. The event offers a first-hand look at local businesses offering new products, great deals on services, and seasonal specials. Entertainment includes: Friday - 1 p.m.: Sark Antaramian, "The History of Music in Chicago 1920-1970," lecture and concert from saxophone player Sark Antaramian, joined by Eddie Shum, jazz accordion player. The two will take you back to the nights you remember with rock, waltz, swing, ballads, and ethnic selections. 3 p.m.: Jason Huneke, "Not just a Comedian and Not just a Juggler: Saturday - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Niles Public Library has invited authors to share their thoughts on *The Maltese Falcon*. Authors include Luisa Beuhler, Laura Caldwell, Thomas Frisbie, Robert Goldsborough, Bryan Gruley, David Heinzmann, Libby Hellman, and John Presta. Authors' books will be available for purchase and signing. This is the closing event of The Big Read - the Niles Library's celebration of the

grand adventure to be had through reading. Visit [www.nileschamber.com](http://www.nileschamber.com) or call (847) 268-8180.

**The Maine Township Food Pantry** is in desperate need of nonperishable items, including: canned vegetables, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, hamburger/chicken helper, cookies, crackers, spaghetti, rice and snack bars. Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Niles Chamber of Commerce office, 8060 W. Oakton St., inside the North Side Community Bank building.

**Civic**

**On Memorial Day**, Monday, May 31, at 11 a.m., members of the Niles VFW Post No. 7712 and the Village of Niles will conduct a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Waterfall, located at the southwest corner of Touhy and Milwaukee avenues, in remembrance of those who have died in the nation's service. Village officials will be present; the public is invited.

**Classes**

**The National Alliance on Mental Illness**, Cook County North Suburban Chapter, will offer the Family-to-Family Education Program, a 12-week course for families of persons diagnosed with serious mental illness. The classes start from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 15 through Aug. 31, at the Knox Center, 9701 Knox Ave., on the west side of the Skokie Hospital campus. This course is free and is taught by trained family members who have lived the experience. Course topics include the major mental illnesses, treatments

and medications, services available, communication and coping strategies. Families gain information, insight, understanding, and support. Classes fill up quickly. Call NAML (847) 716-2252, to register.  
**Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc.**, is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at [dking9@yahoo.com](mailto:dking9@yahoo.com) or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

**Clubs**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712** meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Catwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays from 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, e-mail [jamesbond54762@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesbond54762@yahoo.com) or call (847) 470-9890.  
**The Korean War Veterans Association**, Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Hennmuller, (773) 774-9671.  
**I Chiacchieroni** Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. The next meeting will be June 10. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: [ichiacchieroni@yahoo.com](mailto:ichiacchieroni@yahoo.com).

**Join the Catholic Women's Bowling League** for Ladies Night Out at Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Drozd at (224) 628-4009 or [d.drozd@comcast.net](mailto:d.drozd@comcast.net).

**The Knights of Columbus** (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.  
**Niles Chapter Toastmasters** meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

**Community**

**Fez Film Fest** (free digital media festival) will be held from May 20 to 23 at Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago. Contest categories include Cell Phone Art, Digit-portrait (Flip camera portrait of oneself), Tone Poem (original music video) and Circus Vision Challenge (children 14 and under embark on scavenger hunt to gather list of visual ingredients on hospital grounds, 90-second videos). Participants will learn confidence in handling digital cameras, cell phones and computers, while having fun learning how to visually tell their stories and portray their communities. Learn more at [www.pahnation.org](http://www.pahnation.org) or call (773) 385-5461. This event is presented by Christopher R. Coppola, PAH Nation and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

**The Polish National Alliance** plans a Polish American Day at the Six Flag Great America Theme Park in Gurnee on June 5. The park will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Polish Dancers will be performing during the day (performance times will be posted at the park). Tickets are \$26 per person; children ages 2 and under are free. The ticket price includes entrance to the Hurricane Harbor Water Park. Also, the Polish National Alliance invites Sox Fans to join along with the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons and Polish Women's Alliance for Polish-American Night at U.S. Cellular Field (Sox Park) on July 6 starting at 7:10 p.m. (Chicago White Sox vs. the Los Angeles Angels). Price of tickets for the lower box seats is \$2150. Tickets may be purchased from the Polish National Alliance (1-800-621-3723, ext. 316); Polish Roman Catholic Union (1-800-772-8632, ext. 2601); Polish Falcons of America (1-574-289-2140); or the Polish Women's Alliance (1-888-522-1898, ext. 1208).  
**On May 27**, Chicago Cub Sean Marshall will be at Meijer's, 9000 W. Golf Road. He will be preparing the summer favorite, brat burgers, with personal chef and culinary advisor, Sue Dow, whose TV show will be airing on PBS later this year.  
**WGN's Morning News "Around Town"** featured reporter Ana Belaval will read selections from Curious George to visitors at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Miller Family Youth Exhibition, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, at 2:30 p.m. May 23. The reading will be followed by Curious George crafts and activities. This program complements the Museum's temporary exhibition, "The WarTime Escape: Margaret & H.A. Rey's Journey from France." Seating is limited; call (847) 967-4889.  
**South Park Church**, 1330 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, is hosting a Duo Piano Concert at 8 p.m. May 21. The concert features Alan Tripp and Scott Griffin, classically trained young concert pianists who will include a variety of classical, jazz and sacred music, plus their Victor Borge-esque comedy routine, on piano, organ and keyboard, exhibiting a versatility that appeals to all ages. Tripp will also share his story involving Tourette's Syndrome. A free-will offering will be taken. Visit [www.southparkchurch.org](http://www.southparkchurch.org) or call (847) 825-5507.  
**Friends of the Chicago River** will host a Chicago River Wilderness Canoe Trip from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 10. Paddle the boundary between Lake and Cook counties. Experienced guides will guide participants through the mild bends and brambles on the North Branch from the Skokie Lagoon in Glencoe through the wild woods of Blue Star Memorial Woods, Harms Woods, and Miami Woods, as the river heads south toward Chicago. View wildlife like black-crowned night herons, great blue herons, and snapping turtles. Paddling instruction, transportation and equipment provided. Meet at Chicago River just east of Dempster Street and Lehigh Avenue, Morton Grove. Cost is \$45. Call (312) 939-0490, Ext. 15, to register.  
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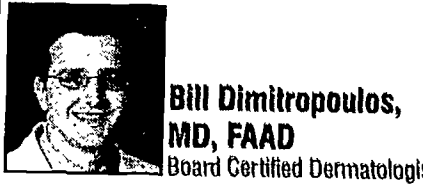
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cumbia and even belly dancing to target glutes, legs, arms, abs and the most important muscle, the heart.

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minute session is \$30, members or \$35, nonmembers.

### Fundraisers

**Join District 64** families between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. May 22 at Lisa's Homemade Italian Ice, 10 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, and owner Lisa Ross will donate 25 percent of proceeds to the Elementary Learning Foundation. Shoppers can purchase Italian ice, gourmet popcorn, smoothies, shakes - all homemade - and candy at the store. Simply mention the District 64 ELF at the register. E-mail marciderick@yahoo.com.

**Tee off** for the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago's annual Golf Outing from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 2 at Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, 1 Pete Dye Drive, Lemont. Proceeds support the Adolescent Mental Health Awareness in Education Program, which provides education through a curriculum for physical education and JROTC students, educators and parents. Registration (and continued sale of raffle tickets) is set to start at 11 a.m. with a barbecue lunch to follow at 12:45 p.m. and a free Putting Contest Practice Range. Shotgun Start in Scramble Format starts at 1 p.m. Cocktail reception follows at 5:30 p.m. with a super buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Also, awards presentations, raffle drawings with a grand prize raffle, door prizes, a silent auction and a Hole in One Extravaganza Highlights Scramble Tournament. Prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to Pin, as well as team prizes. Admission is \$150 per golfer or \$15 per person for the reception/dinner only. Call (312) 781-7780, to register for the Golf

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outing or visit online www.MentalHealthChicago.org.

**Little City Foundation** will hold its Used Book Sale June 4-13 at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie. The outdoor sale typically draws over 8,000 shoppers with more than 200,000 gently used books in 70 subject categories. In addition to bargain books, the Little City Used Book Sale also has an extensive collection of CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, comic books and collectors books. For book sale hours, visit www.littlecity.org/booksale. All proceeds benefit the adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Little City Foundation.

**Like New Auto Spa, Inc.**, 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed, or buys a gift card from the company - and also asks for the Lutheran General discount - will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AiMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.like-newautospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the homepage with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

**The Knights of Columbus** Council 4338 is conducting a Wheelchairs for the Needy campaign. The public is invited to help others by providing donations for a wheelchair. For as little as \$75, the needy can gain their mobility with a new wheelchair. Donations may be sent to: Wheelchairs for Needy, c/o KC Council 4338, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

### Health

**Pediatric developmental screenings** offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

**A local dialysis clinic**, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new pilot-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

**Resurrection Medical Center**, 7435 West Jalcott Ave., Chicago, will offer the following health programs. Advance registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available. **American Red Cross** First Aid for

Kids Children in kindergarten through fourth grade learn how to recognize an emergency, how to get help and what to do until help arrives. Offered from 6-7:30 p.m. May 20 in the Blessed Alice Room C, ground floor, Entrance B, across from the fitness center. Free yoga class for parents held concurrently. Fee: \$10

**Senior Health, Fitness and Safety** Awareness Fair, 9-11 a.m. May 26, is a morning of free screening and wellness education. Activities include: Cardiovascular risk and stroke assessment, body fat analysis, blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screening (finger stick-fasting is recommended), flexibility and strength measurements. Nutrition, health and wellness materials as well as prizes and refreshments provided.

**Ongoing programs - Moms In Motion:** Prenatal and postpartum moms are invited to participate in this land/water exercise program offered Mondays and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Club Res Fitness Center. Fee: \$5/class. Call 773-990-5600 for more information. **Yoga:** All levels are welcome. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at Resurrection Medical Center. Fee: \$8/class or \$75 for a 10 class punch card. Call the Health Management Department at 773-792-5022 for details.

**Senior Advocate** of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m.-noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital), No

appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.

### Historical Society

**The Niles Historical Society** has planned a fun, informative program to follow the recent Great Lakes bal-ladeer, Lee Murdock, at 2 p.m. May 23 at the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles' own Ralph Friese will bring the history, little known facts and stories of the Des Plaines River. The program is planned for the family. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted. Call (847) 390-0160.

### Library

**Niles Public Library**, 6960 W. Oak-ton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs un-less indicated otherwise.

**Summer Reading Club** volunteer orientation for students entering seventh grade and up will be held at 7 p.m. May 26 or 10:30 a.m. May 29.

**Summer Reading Club:** June 4 to July 30: games prizes and fun programs to keep kids motivated during the summer.

**Youth programs** on a drop-in basis - **Knights of Niles Chess Club** for kindergartners-eighth graders meets 3:45-4:45 p.m. May 21. Learn and improve chess skills, followed by open play; all levels of experience welcome.

**Computer classes** - Learn about Facebook and set up an account, if desired (bring e-mail account informa-

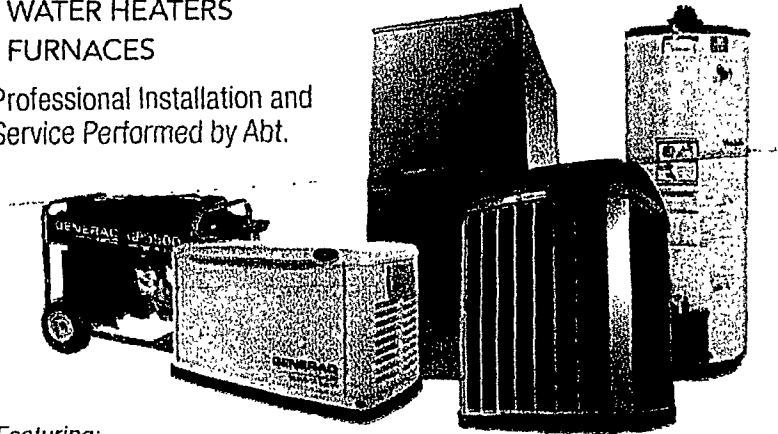
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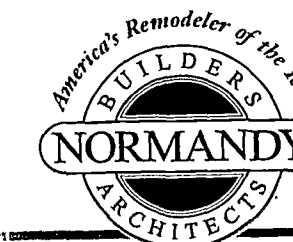
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## 4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

**1. Family program,** "Stories by Margret and H.A. Rey," will be presented at 2:30 p.m. May 23 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. WGN's Morning News reporter Ana Belaval will read selections from *Curious George*. Free with museum admission of \$8; \$5 for children ages 5-12. Call (847) 967-4889 or visit [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org).

**2. "The Next Generation of Artists,"** a showcase of up-and-coming artists in the Chicago area, 8 p.m. May 21 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. The show features vocalists, instrumentalists, spoken word poets, comedians and more. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokiethatre.com](http://www.skokiethatre.com).

**3. "Baby Face"** will be shown as part of Forbidden Cinema: The Pre-Code Hollywood Series at 7 p.m. May 20 at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The series is hosted by film historian Matthew C. Hoffman. Call (847) 825-3123 or visit [www.parkridgelibrary.org](http://www.parkridgelibrary.org).

**4. Skokie Festival of Cultures,** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 22-23 at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. The festival includes more than 30 cultural booths, ethnic music and dance, food, arts and crafts, international children's games, and a merchandise marketplace. Visit [www.SkokieCultureFest.org](http://www.SkokieCultureFest.org) or call (847) 674-1500.

# Bailiwick Chicago shows off love for Broadway

**'Show Us Your Love'** 7:30 p.m. May 23 at Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. (847) 677-7761, [www.skokiethatre.com](http://www.skokiethatre.com) or [www.bailiwickchicago.com](http://www.bailiwickchicago.com).

By SARA BURROWS Contributor

When Bailiwick Chicago takes to the stage of the Skokie Theatre on May 23, boredom will not be on the program.

"Show Us Your Love" is a whirlwind song and dance revue offering a taste of 10 Broadway shows. "You'll see one scene, and a few minutes later, you'll be into another play," said Brittany Townsley, one of 10 performers and three guest artists in the show.

Having spent much of her childhood in Deerfield, Townsley said "it's a perfect show for the Chicago area," where if you don't like the weather, folks tell you to wait a minute. This kaleidoscopic look at drama and comedy celebrates love and relationships, Broadway style.

"All of the numbers are killer songs," said Julie Burt Nichols, a Morton Grove resident and producer of the revue.

The idea is to give audiences a taste of each show in hopes that they'll want to see the whole show. Each selection is from a show Bailiwick Chicago is considering for a future production. Among the candidates are "Sunday in the Park with George," "Hair," "Floyd Collins," "Pippin," "Barnum" and "Summer of '42."

Some are well-known, others not. So, Nichols explained, "This is kind of a five-minute synopsis of what each show is about."

Following the performance, the audience will be given ballots to vote for the shows they liked best.



A selection from "Barnum," a musical based on the life of showman P.T. Barnum, is one of the pieces that Bailiwick Chicago will perform in their Skokie Theatre show May 23.

Nichols said the concept was inspired by popular TV shows like "American Idol" and "Dancing with the Stars."

"You know, the kind of TV that says, 'Here's the talent. You tell us what you like,'" she said. "We want to bring that kind of experience to our audience."

"Show Us Your Love" premiered and had an extended run earlier this year in an Andersonville cabaret space.

On the much larger Skokie stage, said Nichols, "It will be more of a concert-style show."

Music will be live courtesy of a three-man orchestra, and each number comes complete with acting, dancing, costumes and props.

Townsley said she'd vote for "Hair." Her favorite among the numbers she performs is a sweet love song, "Frank Mills," from the

1968 rock musical. It's about a girl coming of age in the '60s who is not entirely sure about a boy she's met and likes.

"I put a nice little story about her in my head, and I really believe it when I sing," Townsley said. She also believes that the sensibility of "Hair," with its concern for the rights and wrongs of war, social justice and environmental issues, would be a good fit for today.

"It's fun to jog people's memories," she said.

For Nichols, who grew up in Skokie, just performing in this classic theater will bring back plenty of memories.

"I used to go to the movies there when it was a second-run movie house," she said. "It was cheap then — \$1.50."

She's still proud of and thankful for the arts education she got at Niles North High School.

"That's really where I got my start in theater," she said.

Nichols is also pleased to be introducing Bailiwick Chicago to a wider audience. The company, which began its life in 2009, drew inspiration and a number of members from the original Bailiwick Repertory, which officially dissolved that same year.

"We loved the spirit of that theater, its thrust and drive, and really wanted to keep it going," she said.

So far, said Nichols, the young Bailiwick Chicago is thriving. "Show Us Your Love" received favorable reviews during its Chicago run.

"That kind of lit a fire under us," she said. "We began to think, 'We can do this.' I'd say we hit the ground running."

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DVD COLUMN

# 'Dear John,' 'Gamera' on DVD

By **BRUCE INGRAM**  
Film Critic

### NEW THIS WEEK

**DEAR JOHN**  
★ ★ 1/2

Director Lasse Hallstrom ("Chocolat," "The Hoax") brings a bit of initial dramatic heft and credibility to this tragic-romance from novelist Nicholas Sparks ("The Notebook") about the long-distance letter-writing relationship between a soldier on an extended tour of duty and his hometown honey (Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried), but their postal passions become wearisome pretty quickly. A large part of the problem is that Tatum and Seyfried don't seem to have the slightest genuine erotic connection to each other. Which makes it appear that their characters are merely going through the motions, as if karmically compelled to undergo romantic misery. The always reliable Richard Jenkins ("The Visitor") ups the emotional angst as Tatum's coin-collecting autistic dad. Rated PG-13 for some sensuality and violence.

**GAMERA, THE GIANT MONSTER: SPECIAL EDITION**  
★ ★ ★

You should know right away how you feel about giant rampaging Japanese turtle monsters, so there's little point in discussing the dramatic pros and cons of this 1965 initial offering in the popular "Gamera" keiju eiga ("giant monster") series, one of the many rubber monstrosities that attempted to jump on Godzilla's bandwagon. You're either prepared to love this or you're not. The good news here is that this Shout! Factory release approaches its subject with the same sort of care and respect that the Criterion Collection lavishes on



Amanda Seyfried stars in "Dear John."

Ingmar Bergman. The old rampaging terrapin has rarely looked as good as it does in this crisp widescreen black and white HD transfer. And, best of all, this is the original Japanese film, not the cheesy, dubbed English-language version. If you're a kid from the '60s who's inclined to be nostalgic, or if you just get a kick out of the idea of an oversized turtle (a flying, fire-breathing oversized turtle) leveling Tokyo, this can't be beat. And the bonus feature publicity gallery is a blast. No MPAA rating.

### RECENT RELEASES

**EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES**  
★ ★ 1/2

Based on a non-fiction book about the struggle of two parents to save two of their children born with a fatal neuromuscular condition, "Extraordinary" teams earnest, nice-guy businessman dad Brendan Fraser with gruff medical researcher Harrison Ford in a race to develop a treatment. Much of what's most interesting about this medical/family/inspirational drama has to do with the examination of the odd couple's business travails after forming a biochemical company — and the

complexities (moral and otherwise) of the pharmaceutical industry. Rated PG for thematic material, language and a mild suggestive moment.

**INVICTUS**  
★ ★ 1/2

An inspirational story that falls short on artistic inspiration. Morgan Freeman stars as the recently elected South African President Nelson Mandela, who enlists the aid of the white captain (Matt Damon) of the national rugby team in an attempt to inspire his dangerously racially divided country with an unlikely attempt to win the World Cup. Director Clint Eastwood's observation of events from a middle distance, with cool detachment and restraint, consistently undercuts emotional involvement. Rated PG-13 for brief strong language.

**BIGGER AND BLACKER: DAVID CROSS**

Two standup shows from the actor/writer/comedian, taped at Boston's Wilbur Theater. (Sub Pop Records)

**I KNOW WHAT I SAW**

An assortment of credible witnesses, including

airline pilots, Air Force generals, astronauts and FAA officials, share experiences and observations about UFOs. (A&E Home Entertainment)

**MY DOG: AN UNCONDITIONAL LOVE STORY**

Celebs, including Glenn Close, Richard Gere, Edie Falco, Isaac Mizrahi, Lynn Redgrave and Edward Albee, share stories about their canine buddies. Twenty percent of profits will be donated to non-profit animal charities. (Docurama Films)

**THE VIRGINIAN: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON**

A 10-disc collector's set featuring the first 30 episodes of the 1962 TV Western, each restored and remastered. Extras include new interviews with the cast. (Timeless Media Group)

**WORDS OF ADVICE: WILLIAM S. BURROUGHS ON THE ROAD**

Never-before-seen footage of the counter-cultural literary icon ("Naked Lunch") making personal appearances during a 1988 tour of Scandinavia. Extras include one nearly complete reading in Copenhagen. (Microcinema International)

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# Chamber Orchestra celebrates Bulgarian culture

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra Celebration of Bulgarian Culture at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr, Chicago. Free parking in lot F. \$25; free for children 12 and younger. www.americanmusicfestivals.com or (224) 456-2399.

By **DOROTHY ANDRIES**  
Contributor



Bulgarian pianist Victoria Vassilenko.

Philip Simmons, founder and conductor of the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, is flying in from Hawaii to conduct a concert at Northeastern Illinois University celebrating Bulgarian culture in Chicago. The maestro, who still maintains a residence in Wilmette, moved to the big island of Hawaii nine months ago when his wife accepted a job there with the Parker School. "This is my fifth trip back," he said.

The Hawaiian move is easy to understand, but how did Simmons connect with Bulgaria, a European Union republic of about seven million people in the Balkans?

"It goes back to 2001," he explained. "My first project with Bulgaria was part of the visit of my American Music Festivals to Eastern Europe that year. I conducted the Razgrad Philharmonic from Bulgaria in a program of American and Bulgarian music in Moscow and Prague. We did Gershwin's 'An American in Paris' and 'Rhapsody in Blue' with Christo Rachev as our soloist."

Rachev was a past winner of the Dimitar Nenov International Piano Competition, which was no longer being held. "Nenov is one Bulgaria's greatest composers," Simmons continued, "and I thought the competition should be reinstated, so my American Music Festivals started to work with the Philharmonic and the City of Razgrad to get it going again."

Finally in October 2008, Simmons went to Bul-

garia as part of the international jury for the competition. The winner was 17-year-old pianist Victoria Vassilenko from Sofia. "She is already the leading Bulgarian pianist of her generation," Simmons said, "and I think she has the potential to become an international star."

Vassilenko will be the featured soloist in the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra concert Sunday, playing the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 under the baton of Simmons. The program will also include music by Nenov, arranged by Simmons.

After intermission, the Bulgarian Dance Ensemble HORO will perform, led by its artistic directors and choreographers Irina and Todor Gochev. Also playing will be the Bulgarian Folk Orchestra Kolorit with soloist Temenushka Zhekovai. The afternoon will feature a pictorial expression of the Slavonic alphabet, by Bulgarian children in Chicago.

The event is co-presented by American Musical Festivals and the Bulgarian American Heritage Center, founded in 2007 and based in suburban Chicago. Participating organizations include the Bulgarian Consulate in Chicago, the Village of



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#### SUMMER CONCERTS

Arlington Park, 2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights. Visit [www.arlington-park.com](http://www.arlington-park.com). Miller Lite Party in the Park on Fridays features live music, plus food and beverage specials. First race and first song each week is at 3 p.m.  
May 28: Thunder Road (classic rock).  
June 4: Rico (Latin-flavored rock).  
June 11: Hey Jimmy (classic rock).  
June 18: Murley Shertz (rock).  
June 25: Acoustic Sideshow (acoustic).  
July 2: Dave Tamkin & Company (acoustic).  
July 9: Final Say (rock).  
July 16: Red Pop Fury (pop).  
July 23: BBI (rock).  
July 30: Battle of the Bands. Aug. 6: 61 Beale Street (southern rock).  
Aug. 13: Battle of the Bands winner. Aug. 20: Maggie Speaks

(rock). Aug. 27: Soda (classic rock).  
Sept. 3: Local Favorite (classic rock).  
with 2 p.m. start time. Miller Lite Saturday Taste of Summer features live music by local bands plus food and beverage specials. First race and first song each week is at 1 p.m., unless noted otherwise.  
May 29: Girl Next Door (rock).  
June 5, 12:15 p.m.: DuPage (rock).  
June 19: Professor John (New Orleans soul).  
July 3, 4 p.m.: Hi Infidelity (rock).  
July 10: Petty Cash (Tom Petty/Johnny Cash tribute).  
July 17, 12:15 p.m.: Mr. Slate (classic rock).  
July 24: Tin Horse (southern rock).  
Aug. 14: North Branch (classic rock).  
Aug. 21, 12:15 p.m.: 7th Heaven (classic rock).  
Sept. 4: Four Man Band (classic rock).  
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June 27: Evanston Symphony Orchestra, directed by Lawrence Eckerling, presents Strauss' "Tales from Vienna Woods," selections from "My Fair Lady," Duke Ellington's "Take the 'A' Train," and a medley of seven famous symphony finales, mixing Schubert, Brahms, Dvorak, Mahler, Beethoven's 9th Symphony and Sousa's "Washington Post March." The performance will take place next to Zara and Anthropologie in the North Plaza near Crate & Barrel and L.L. Bean. In the event of rain, the concert will be

held at 6:30 p.m. June 29. July 11: Evanston Symphony Dixieland Band. The performance will be held underneath the professional building archway, rain or shine. July 18: Momentum Band, performing today's hits. The performance will be held underneath the professional building archway, rain or shine.

#### STAGE

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www.aredorchidtheatre.org. "Aftermath," presented by Signal Ensemble Theatre through June 6 on the West Stage at the Raven Theatre Complex, 6157 N. Clark St., Chicago. Spanning the years 1966-69, "Aftermath," a drama with the actors playing live music, maps the rise and fall of Brian Jones, founder and original leader of The Rolling Stones. Curtain at 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$20 for senior citizens and students. Special gala performance and reception on May 21. \$40. Call (847) 217-0691 or visit www.tutato.com. "Billy Elliot," through Oct. 24 at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph, Chicago. Tickets: \$30-\$100. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.BroadwayInChicago.com. "Body Awareness," through June 27 at Profiles Theatre, 4147 N. Broadway, Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$30-\$35. Call (773) 549-1815 or visit www.profiles theatre.org. "Baal," by Bertolt Brecht, presented by TUTA Theatre Chicago May 20-June

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23 at the James Downing Theatre, in the John Waldron Art Center at Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20-\$15 for senior citizens and students; \$13 per person for groups of 10 or more. For information, call (224) 72-JDOWN or visit www.JamesDowningTheatre.typepad.com. "Charley's Sonata," through May 23 at La Costa Theatre, 3931 N. Elston, Chicago. \$20, with student, senior, and group discounts available. Visit www.lacosta theatre.com. "Cirque Dreams Illumination, June 2-6 at the Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., Chicago. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; 2 and

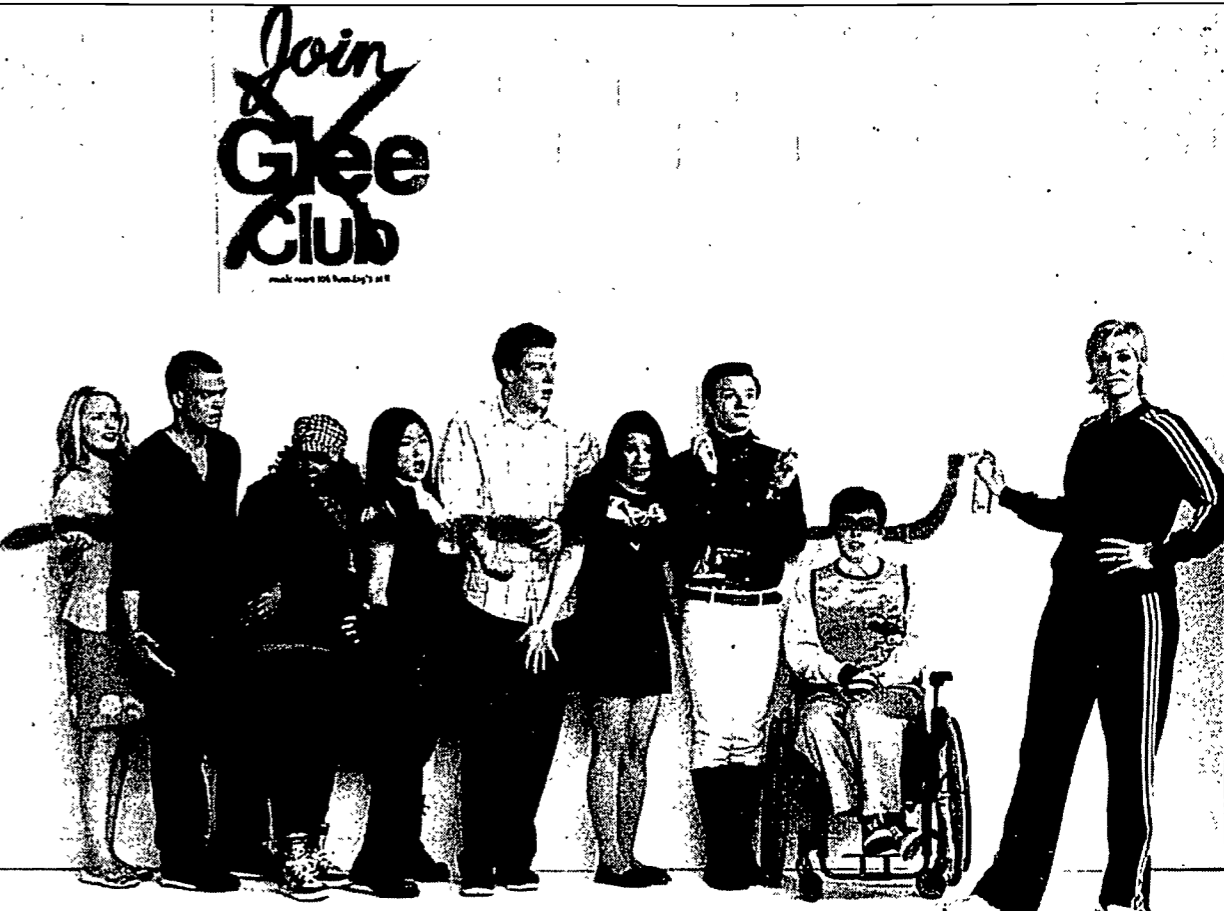
7:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday; and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday. \$25-\$75. For tickets, call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.BroadwayInChicago.com. For information, visit www.CirqueProductions.com. "Cougar! The Musical," at 10:30 p.m. May 22 at the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln, Chicago. Tickets: \$15-\$10 for students. Call (773) 404-7336 or visit www.greenhousetheater.org. "Days of Late," presented by SINNERMAN Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. May 20-22 at the Viaduct Theatre, 3111 N. Western Ave., Chicago. Features adult language and sexual content. Tickets: \$15-\$20. Call (773) 296-6024 or visit www.viaduct theatre.com. "Do I Hear A Waltz?" will be presented

by L2P Productions through May 30 at Cutting Hall, 150 E. Wood St., Palatine. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. No performance May 28. Tickets: \$16 in advance. \$19 at the door. Call (847) 202-5222 or visit www.palatineparks.org. "The Drowsy Chaperone," through June 27 at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. The performance schedule is 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$35-\$48, plus tax and handling fees. \$5 discount for students and seniors for Wednesday and Sunday matinees. (847) 634-0200 or www.marriotttheatre.com. "40 Whicks," June 4-July 23 at The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway, Chicago. The dark comedy about the Borden family uses the infamous murder and Lizzie's trial to explore the public's fascination with death and violence. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays. Tickets: \$15, \$10 for previews on June 4 and 11. Visit www.theannoyance.com or call (773) 561-4665. "Hephaestus: A Greek Mythology Circus Tale," presented by Lookingglass Theatre Company through June 6 at the Goodman Theatre's Owen Bruner Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn, Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$75. Call (312) 443-3800 or visit www.lookingglass theatre.org. "The Hiding Place," through May 23 at Provision Theater Company, 1001 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. During the World War II Nazi invasion of Holland, the ten Boom family joins the underground resistance to help save Jewish families, but when they are arrested and imprisoned in concentration camps themselves, they're left with nothing to cling to but their faith. Tickets: \$25-\$28. Visit www.provisiontheater.org. "Hunting and Gathering," presented by Theatre Seven of Chicago May 21-June 27 at Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. A post-show discussion with the playwright follows the June 12 performance. Tickets: \$15-\$24. Call (773) 404-7336 or visit www.theatreseven.org. "Jacob and Jack," through June 20 at the Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. Fridays; 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Added matinees at 2 p.m. Wednesdays, June 9 and 16. Tickets: \$20-\$48; \$20-\$37 for previews, through May 23. Call (773) 871-3000 or visit www.victorygardens.org. "Jade Heart," through May 30 at Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$30. Call (312) 633-0630 or visit www.chicagodramatists.org. "Killer Joe," presented by Profiles Theatre through June 6 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago. When the Smith family, a greedy, vindictive clan of Texans, hatches a plan to murder their estranged matriarch to cash in on her in-

surance policy, they hire Killer Joe Cooper, a full-time cop and part-time contract killer. Once he steps into their trailer, their simple plan quickly spirals out of control. Curtain at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. The production contains graphic violence, nudity and strong adult content; no one under 17 will be admitted. Tickets: \$35 for Thursdays, \$40 for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Call (312) 988-9000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. "Little Shop of Horrors," June 3-July 11 at La Costa Theatre, 3931 Elston Ave., Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays \$25. Call (866) 468-3401 or visit www.lacosta theatre.com. "Low Down Dirty Blues," May 27-July 3 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. When the crowd goes home for the night, the real show begins at a blues bar, where musicians gather after hours to swap stories and songs. Curtain times are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (except June 1, 8, 22); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except June 6, when it will begin at 6 p.m., and June 20). Tickets: \$39-\$54, young adult tickets (ages 25 and under) are \$10. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org. "Mid-Life The Crisis Musical," through June 19 at the Metropolis Performing Arts Center, 111 West Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Tickets: \$27-\$43. Visit www.MetropolisArts.com or call (847) 577-2121. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 8 p.m. May 21-22 and May 27-29 and 2 p.m. May 23 and 30 at Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Post-show discussions with the cast will be held after the May 23 matinee and the May 27 evening performance. Tickets: \$25-\$22 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu. "Million Dollar Quartet," a new musical inspired by the 1956 recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley, through Sept. 5 at the Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$20-\$64.50. Call (773) 935-6100 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. "My Brother's Keeper (The Story of the Nicholas Brothers)," through May 30 at the Black Ensemble Theater, 4520 N. Beacon St., Chicago. Performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. \$45. Discounts are available for students, seniors and groups. Call (773) 769-4451 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. "Neverwhere," through June 20 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. When Richard Mayhew stops to care for an injured girl on the street he is drawn into a nightmare shadow world beneath the city of London. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 4 p.m. Sundays. \$30; \$25 senior citizens; \$15 students. For tickets, call (773) 761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com. "Not Wanted on the Voyage," 8 p.m. July 15-17, 22-24, 29-31 and Aug. 5-6, 2

p.m. July 18, 25 and Aug. 1, 7-8 in Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Secrets lie just beneath the surface in a darkly funny, modern re-imagining of the Great Flood. Tickets: \$10-\$40. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu. "Nonsense," presented by The Saint Sebastian Players through May 23 at St. Bonaventure, 1625 W. Diversey, Chicago. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for students; \$7 for senior citizens and children younger than 12. Group rates available. Call (773) 404-7922 or visit www.saintsebastianplayers.org. Preview of the 2010 Summer Music Theatre Festival at Northwestern University, 5 p.m. June 10 at Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The event includes a sneak preview of songs from festival productions, including the musical "Not Wanted on the Voyage" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Light refreshments will be served starting at 4:30 p.m. Free, but reservations are required. Call (847) 491-7282. "Six Dead Queens and an Inflatable Henry" will be presented by the Women of Piccolo Theatre through June 5 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston, with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$20 seniors; \$15 students. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com. Silk Road Theatre Project's Al Kasida Staged Reading Series presents Welko Lin's "100 Days" at 7:30 p.m. June 12 The Historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 W. Washington St., Chicago. The staged reading will be followed by a question and answer session with the playwright. Free, but reservations strongly recommended. Call (312) 857-1234, ext. 201, or visit www.srt.org. "A Streetcar Named Desire," through July 11 at Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m. June 9 and 30 only. No performances on July 4 or 6 p.m. performances on June 13 or July 11. Pre-show lectures on May 23 and June 6; post-show discussions on June 16 and 22. Tickets: \$40-\$65. Call (847) 242-6000 or visit www.writers theatre.org. "Suicide, Incorporated," June 10-July 25 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$45-\$30; \$15 for previews, June 11-13. Special "Come Closer" performance at 2:30 p.m. July 18, with performance immediately followed by a reception and panel discussion with the cast. \$50. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org. "The 39 Steps," through May 30 at Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., Chicago. The award-winning show features four actors who breathlessly attempt to reenact all of the characters, locations and famous scenes in Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 film thriller. Tickets: \$20-\$72. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.BroadwayInChicago.com. "Tobacco Road," presented by American Blues Theater May 21-June 20 in

Victory Gardens' Richard Christiansen Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$32-\$40; \$20 for previews, May 21-23. Call (773) 871-3000 or visit www.victorygardens.org. "The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet," presented by Two Pence Shakespeare July 22-Aug. 21 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Two Pence Shakespeare's inaugural production is set in Italy between the two world wars, exploring the realities of life after combat. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Tickets: \$20 (half-price rush tickets available at the door); \$15 for seniors; \$10 for veterans, students and industry members. Pay-what-you-can for previews, July 15-17. For tickets, call (312) 488-1128 or visit www.brownpapertickets.com. For information, visit www.twopeceshakespeare.org. "The Yeoman of the Guard," by Gilbert and Sullivan, presented by Light Opera Works June 4-13 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. Performances at 2 p.m. June 4, 6 and 13; and 8 p.m. June 5, 11-12. Colonel Fairfax is to be executed in the Tower of London on false charges of witchcraft. In order to keep his estate out of the hands of his betrayer, a wedding is hastily arranged for the condemned man. But when he escapes the headsman's block, Fairfax finds the bonds of wedlock stronger than his prison bars. Tickets: \$92, \$77, \$68 and \$48 for the main floor; \$77, \$68, \$48 and \$32 for the balcony. Half-price for ages 21 and younger. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.lightoperaworks.com. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m. July 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 and Aug. 5-6; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 3, 10, 17, 31; 2 p.m. July 11, 18, 24-25 and Aug. 1 and 8; and 10 a.m. Aug. 7 in Northwestern University's Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$10-\$40. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.



"Glee! Live in Concert!" takes place at 7:30 p.m. May 25 and 26 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. The concert will star the cast of the "Glee" TV show - Lea Michele, Cory Monteith, Amber Riley, Chris Colfer, Kevin McHale, Jenna Ushkowitz, Mark Salling, Dianna Agron, Naya Rivera, Heather Morris, Harry Shum Jr. and Dijon Talton. Tickets cost \$39.50-\$89.50. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (800) 745-3000.

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**Cahn Auditorium** at Northwestern University, 650 Emerson, Evanston. Informatics: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 491-4500. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. May 21, 7:30 p.m. and May 23, 3 p.m.: John Corigliano Festival spring opera, "The Ghosts of Versailles," suggested by the Beaumarchais play "The Guilty Mother." Performed in English with English super-titles. \$18/\$15/\$8.

Cantate, conducted by Benjamin Rivera, presents "Cantate Domino" (Sing to the Lord) at 8 p.m. May 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 616 Lake, Evanston. The concert of sacred a cappella choral music includes works for double choir by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Schutz and Rossi, and other favorites by Grieg, Sweelinck, Palestrina, Lotti and Rutter. Tickets are \$15 and are available at [www.cantatechicago.org](http://www.cantatechicago.org) or at the door. For information, call (773) 252-4613.

Chicago Chamber Musicians. (312) 225-5226. [www.chicagochambermusic.org](http://www.chicagochambermusic.org). Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus,

50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$20-\$40; \$10 for students. June 6: Celebration of Robert Schumann's 200th birthday. The program includes Schumann's Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Johannes Brahms's Trio in A minor, and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 3 in C-sharp Major.

**Chicago Cultural Center**, Preston Brad by Hall, 78 E. Washington St. (at Michigan Avenue), Chicago. June 7, 12:15-1 p.m.: The Chicago Chamber Musicians will perform works by Beethoven and Bartok at the free First Monday concert. The performance will be broadcast live over 98.7 WFMT.

**Chicago Folks Operetta** will present "Arizona Lady," the last operetta written by Hungarian composer Emmerich Kalmán, at 7:30 p.m. July 17, July 22-24 and July 29-31 and 2 p.m. July 18, July 24-25, July 31 and Aug. 1 in the North Theater at The Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. The operetta will be performed in English, fully staged with a small orchestra. Tickets: \$30; \$25 for seniors and groups of 10 or more. Visit [www.chicagofolksoperetta.org](http://www.chicagofolksoperetta.org).

**Elgin Symphony Orchestra**. All concerts except the Schaumburg series are at the Hemmens Cultural Center, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ESO box office at (847) 888-4000, online at [www.elginsymphony.org](http://www.elginsymphony.org), or by stopping by the ESO box office at 20 DuPage Court, downtown Elgin.

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**Harmony of Hearts Ensemble** will present a concert at 7 p.m. May 22 at the Jeanne Vail Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. The ensemble, a Northwestern University campus organization, teaches children with special needs how to play musical instruments. The concert will feature award-winning cellist Richard Narroway and HOHE students. Admission is free.

**Highland Park Strings**. For information, call (847) 831-3622 or visit [www.hpstrings.org](http://www.hpstrings.org). The Highland Park Strings offers family concerts as part of its "Sundays at Three" series under the baton of principal conductor Francesco Milio. Concerts are held at 3 p.m. with pre-concert conversations at 2 p.m. with Stephanie Ettelson. May 23: Concert will be held at Highland Park High School, 433 Vine Ave., Highland Park. Moscow-born pianist Elena Bakshit will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor, K. 466.

Beethoven's Fifth Symphony in C Minor and Mozart's Overture to "The Magic Flute" complete the program. Free admission.

**Jay Pritzker Pavilion** in Millennium Park, Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago. May 30, 6:30 p.m.: The Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Victor Yampolsky and featuring violinist Maria Bachmann, tenor Grant Knox and Northwestern's University Choral. The pro-

gram will include Corigliano's "The Red Violin"; Chaconne for Violin and Orchestra and Liszt's "A Faust Symphony." Admission is free.

**Lutkin Hall** at Northwestern University, 700 University Place, Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. (847) 467-4000. May 23, 3 p.m.: Women's Chorus presents choral works showcasing female voices. \$7/\$5/\$4. May 26, 7:30 p.m.: Clarinetist Antonio Saiote, a member of the Lisboa Contemporary Music Group, will perform. \$7/\$5/\$4.

**The Meadows Club**, 2950 W. Golf Road, Rolling Meadows. [www.themeadowsclub.com](http://www.themeadowsclub.com). May 21, 7 p.m.: Hindustani classical music with Smt. Ashwini Bhide Deshpande, accompanied by Smt. Seema Shirodkar, harmonium, and Shri Vishwanath Shirodkar, tabla. Tickets: \$25; \$35 includes dinner. Call (847) 566-2029 or (815) 404-3803.

The North Shore Chamber Orchestra Society, under the baton of conductor Sandra Gebram, will perform at 3 p.m. May 23 at Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. The program will include Mozart's "German Dances"; double bassist Lee John Phillip as guest soloist for Bottesini's Eley in D for Double Bass; and violinist David Yonan as soloist for Saint-Saen's Havanaise for Violin. Admission is \$10; free for those under 18 and all Northwestern University students. For information, call (847) 864-2288.

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The Orion Ensemble performs in Roosevelt University's Ganz Hall, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$25; \$22 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or [www.orionensemble.org](http://www.orionensemble.org). June 2, 7:30 p.m.: The program includes Johannes Brahms' Scherzo for Violin and Piano; Opus 8 Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano; and Clarinet Quintet, Op. 115.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. [www.pickstaiger.org](http://www.pickstaiger.org). Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. May 21, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Saxophone Ensemble in a performance of original works and transcriptions. The featured work is William Walton's "Facade: An Entertainment," featuring recitations by Northwestern theater faculty member Linda Gates of poems by Dame Edith Sitwell. \$7/\$5/\$4. May 23, 3 p.m.: Concert Band. \$7/\$5/\$4. May 23, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern's Philharmonia presents "Fate and Destiny," including Verdi's overture to the opera "La Forza del Destino," Liszt's "Les Preludes" and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor. \$7/\$5/\$4. May 25, 7:30 p.m.: University Chorale, University Chorus and University Singers present "America Sings!" \$7/\$5/\$4.

Pilgrim Chamber Players perform at the Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. Tickets: \$20; \$16 senior citizens; \$10 students. (847) 433-0972. [www.pilgrimplayers.org](http://www.pilgrimplayers.org). May 23, 3 p.m.: "Spring Serenade," featuring soprano Patrice Michaels. The program includes the late Dan Tucker's "Elegy for Unaccompanied Violin," performed by violinist Michele Leks, as well as Shostakovich's "Romances on Poems by Alexander Blok." John Corigliano's "Three Irish Folksong Settings" for flute and soprano, and Piazzolla's "Four Seasons" for piano trio.

Presbyterian Homes Westminster Place campus, Elliott Chapel, 3131 Simpson (Golf) Road, Evanston. (847) 492-2915. Gift of Music recital series - May 24, 1:30 p.m.: Free classical organ

recital by Richard Hoskins, director of music and organist at St. Chrsostom's Episcopal Church in Chicago. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Charles Villiers, Stanford, Herbert Howells, Louis Vierne and Maurice Duruflé.

Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. May 24, 6 p.m.: Antonio Saoite will lead a clarinet master class for pre-selected Bienen School of Music students. Admission is free.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokie-theatre.com](http://www.skokie-theatre.com). June 4, 8 p.m.: Pianist Oan K. Kurland and soprano Ilana Goldberg will present a recital of works by Schubert, Debussy, Danzetti, Kurt Weill and Amy Beach.

**POP/FOLK/JAZZ**

All Village Singers present "As Time Goes By," music of the '30s and '40s, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 13 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20 in advance. Call (847) 328-2358 or (847) 869-9794 or visit [www.allvillagesingers.com](http://www.allvillagesingers.com).

Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. May 24, 7:30 p.m.: Carole King and James Taylor. Troubadour Reunion Tour. \$45, \$85, \$125. Oct. 29: Shakira. \$9.50, \$39.50, \$69.50, \$99.50, \$149.50.

Blue Chicago, 536 N. Clark St. (at Ohio), Chicago. (312) 661-0100. [www.bluechicago.com](http://www.bluechicago.com). Doors open at 8 p.m.; showtime 9 p.m. Admission: \$8; \$10 on Fridays and Saturdays. Mondays: Grana' Louise & the Troublemakers. Wednesdays: J.W. Williams Blues Band with Patricia Scott. Thursdays: The Shirley Johnson Blues Band. May 21-22: Nellie "Tiger" Travis Blues Band. May 23: Big Time Sarah & the BTS Express. May 25: Lindsey Alexander Blues Band with Laretha Weathersby. May 28-29: Charlie Love Blues Band with Patricia Scott. June 1, 22: Lindsey Alexander Blues Band with Laretha Weathersby. June 4, 5: Grana' Louise & the Troublemakers. June 6, 15, 20, 27. Big Time Sarah & the BTS Express. June 8, 29: Charlie Love Blues Band with Dimetra. June 11, 12: J.W. Williams Blues Band with Patricia Scott. June 18, 19: The Shirley Johnson Blues Band. June 25, 26: Charlie Love Blues Band with Patricia Scott. Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. [www.bluesbar.com](http://www.bluesbar.com). Music from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., unless noted otherwise. May 21: Blood on the Tracks. May 22: The Mike Oangeroux Duo. 5:30-8 p.m.: Nick Moss & the Filtpops. 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. May 28: DeJa Vu. May 29: Lindsey Alexander Duo. 5-8:30 p.m.: Toronto & the Cannonball Express. 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Capathia Jenkins and Louis Rosen in Concert: "The Ache of Possibility," 8 p.m. June 25-26 and 2 p.m. June 27 at Northwestern University's Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Jenkins, a jazz and pop vocalist and Broadway musical actress, and Rosen, an award-winning songwriter, guitarist and pianist, present songs that are a blend of jazz, blues, soul, folk and pop. Tickets: \$10-\$40. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit [www.tic.northwestern.edu](http://www.tic.northwestern.edu).

Carnivale, 702 W. Fulton St., Chicago. (312) 850-5005. [www.carnivalechicago.com](http://www.carnivalechicago.com). Live Latin music and entertainment from 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesdays. No cover. May 26: Carpacha & Su Super Combo.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. [www.celticknotpub.com](http://www.celticknotpub.com). No cover unless noted otherwise. Mondays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with The Mudflapps. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session, May 29, 10 p.m.: Luke Sayers & The Last to Know. Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. [www.thechambersonline.com](http://www.thechambersonline.com). Sunday music is from 5-9 p.m.; Thursday music is from 7:30-11:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday music is from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. May 20 and 27: John Bany, Charles Braugham and Don Stille (jazz). No cover. May 21: Way Cool ('60s-'70s rock). No cover. May 22: The Meteors (oldies). \$5, May 23 and 30: Connie Marshall and Johnny Gaber (jazz, pianist and singer). No cover. May 26, 8:30-10:30 p.m.: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo. \$10. May 28: The Incognitos. \$5. May 29: The Renditions ('50s-'70s pop). \$5. Chicago Theater, 175 N. State St., Chicago. [www.thechicagotheatre.com](http://www.thechicagotheatre.com). (312) 462-6300. May 27, 8 p.m.: Diana Ross. \$45, \$60, \$75, \$100. June 2-3, 8 p.m.: Erykah Badu. "Out My Mind, Just in Time." \$49.50, \$59.50, \$69.50. June 6, 7:30 p.m.: Liza Minnelli. \$52-\$122. June 22-23, 8 p.m.: Harry Connick Jr. & Orchestra. \$40, \$60, \$79. July 15-17, 7 p.m.: Widespread Panic. \$39.50. July 23, 8 p.m.: Daryl Hall & John Oates. \$38, \$48, \$103. July 28, 7 p.m.: Keane with special guests Ingrid Michaelson and Fran Healy. \$29.50, \$39.50, \$49.50. Aug. 7, 8 p.m.: Melissa Etheridge. \$38, \$58, \$78, \$103. Aug. 21: The Black Crowes. "Say Goodnight to the Bad Guys" 2010 Tour. \$38, \$53, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Jackson Browne with David Lindley Tour. \$45, \$65, \$85.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. [www.ethicalhumanist.org](http://www.ethicalhumanist.org). June 12-Fiddle prodigy Rachel Balman in a program of bluegrass, jazz, folk and rock, following 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up, any genre, all acoustic). \$5.

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 5464 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 928-9900. [www.gibsonssteakhouse.com](http://www.gibsonssteakhouse.com). Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp Trio.

The Horner Park Jazz Band will present its Swing into Spring concert at 6:30 p.m. June 4 at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., Chicago. The family-friendly outdoor concert is free of charge. For information, call (773) 478-3499 or visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com).

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. [www.ihochare.com/montrose\\_room](http://www.ihochare.com/montrose_room). (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover, unless noted otherwise. May 21: Furious Funk. May 28: Cold Sweat Blues Band. June 4: Jim Peterik's World Stage. "Up Close and Unplugged," with special guests. \$25 in advance through Ticketmaster. \$30 at door. June 11: MOOSE, Red2Rust. June 18: Jamestown Massacre. June 25: Loosing Scarlet. Inn Cinema. July 15: Ryan Cabrera. \$15 in advance through Ticketmaster.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. [www.irish-american.org](http://www.irish-american.org). **Irish Music Concert Series** - May 28, 8 p.m.: Seneca is a band from Limerick City, Ireland, that features a blend of rock, pop, Celtic and Irish music. \$10. June 4,

8 p.m.: Rising Gael presents modern Celtic music. \$10. June 11, 8 p.m.: The Young Dubliners blend rock and Celtic influences. \$20. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - May 21: Donofinn, May 22: Joe Cullen and Friends. May 28: Seneca. \$10 cover. May 29: Tom Hughes. June 4: Celiu Mor. June 5: Donofinn. June 11: Joe McShane. June 12: Stephen's Green. June 18: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore. June 19: The Vandammes. June 25: Joe Cullen. June 26: Dooley Brothers.

The Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project: "A Celebration of Stephen Schwartz," 8 p.m. Aug. 7 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The evening celebrates the legacy of America's legendary songwriter Johnny Mercer by honoring Tony Award-winning composer Stephen Schwartz ("Wicked," "Godspell," "Pippin"). The program features performances from Schwartz's landmark shows, along with classic Mercer tunes, by Broadway star Shoshana Bean, Tony-nominated composer and lyricist Craig Carnelia. Grammy Award-nominated composer and lyricist Andrew Lipka and Grammy Award-winning Nashville singer and songwriter Lari White, as well as young songwriters from the Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project. Tickets: \$10-\$40. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit [www.tic.northwestern.edu](http://www.tic.northwestern.edu).

Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. (847) 448-8250. May 21, 1 p.m.: Fran Randall Memorial Concert, featuring a jazz/pop group from Columbia College.


Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. [www.pickstaiger.org](http://www.pickstaiger.org). May 27, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Jazz Orchestra performs big band music composed and arranged by members of Northwestern's jazz program. \$7/\$5/\$4. Q2. 1625 Hinman Ave., Evanston. [www.quincerestaurant.net](http://www.quincerestaurant.net). 02Mile live jazz performance series - artists perform sets at 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. and admission is free with a two-drink minimum. May 20: Guitarist John Moulder and bass player Kelly Silis. June 3: Brazilian jazz guitarist Paulinho Garcia and guitarist Mike Allemana. June 10: Jazz mandolin artist Don Stierberg and guitarist Andy Brown.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit [www.rosemonttheatre.com](http://www.rosemonttheatre.com). May 25-26, 7:30 p.m.: "Glee Live! In Concert!" "Glee" stars Lea Michele, Cory Monteith, Amber Riley, Chris Colfer, Kevin McHale, Jenna Ushkowitz, Mark Salling, Dianna Agron, Naya Rivera, Heather Morris, Harry Shum Jr. and Dijon Talton will perform in a musical celebration of the Golden Globe Award-winning show. \$39.50-\$89.50.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokie-theatre.com](http://www.skokie-theatre.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. May 22: "Georgia on My Mind" with Marcus Gentry. May 28, 8 p.m.: Streetdancer. May 29, 8 p.m.: Tony Bernard presents "Vegas Headliners Through the Years." May 30, 2 p.m.: Jimmy Damon sings "More Than Sinatra." \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. [www.evanstonstonspace.com](http://www.evanstonstonspace.com). (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: in advance; at the door; and reserved table seating. May 20: Suzy Boguss with Heather Lynne Horton (folk/country). \$20/\$25. May 21: Willy Porter with Justin Roth (folk/rock). \$22/\$28. May 22: Cameron McGill & What Army with The Astronomer (folk/rock). \$8/\$12. May 23, 2 p.m.: Acoustic family show featuring Five For Fighting (pop/rock). \$25. May 23: Asylum Street Spankers (roots/gospel). \$18/\$22. May 24, 7:30 p.m.: Chicago Barn Dance. \$7. May 27: Guy King's Little Big Band with Morry Sochat & the Special 20's (blues). \$10/\$15. May 28: Frank Catalano (jazz). \$12/\$15. May 29: American English (Beatles tribute). \$17/\$20. June 2, 7:30 p.m.: Darrell Scott (country). \$20/\$25. June 3: Joel Frankel with Pete Special. \$10/\$12. June 4: Iris OeMent (folk). \$25/\$30. June 5: Joe Firstman and Josh Hoge with Marianne Keith (soul). \$12/\$15. June 6: Peter Himmelman (folk/rock). \$25/\$30. June 8: Pete Francis of Dispatch (rock). \$12/\$15. June 9: Dave Spector's Adventures in Guitar with Steve Freund (blues). \$12/\$15. June 11: Landon Pigg with Maci Diaz. \$12/\$15. June 12, 7:30 p.m.: Great Lake Swimmers (indie/folk). \$12/\$15. June 12, 10 p.m.: Otis Taylor (blues). \$20/\$25. June 15: Kasier Cartel and Jeremy Messersmith (indie rock/folk). \$8/\$12. June 17: The English Beat (ska/rock). \$40/\$42. June 18: Billy Branch & the Sons of the Blues. \$15/\$20. June 20: John Doe with Jon Langford (rock). \$17/\$20. June 21: Max Weinberg Big Band, featuring Max Weinberg of the E Street Band (Big Band/rock). \$30/\$45. June 22: The Wood Brothers (Americana/rock). \$18/\$20. June 23: Bobby Long. \$12/\$15. June 25: Sonny Landreth (blues/guitar). \$25/\$30. June 26: Johnny Burns with Mississippi Flanagan (blues/American). \$15/\$20. June 27: Paula Cole (folk/rock). \$30/\$35. June 28: Tim Grimm and Krista Deter (folk). \$12/\$15. July 2: Del Morocco (rockabilly). \$10/\$15. July 7: The Unthanks (folk/roots). \$10/\$15. July 8: Shawn Phillips (folk rock). \$18/\$22. July 9: Dolly Varden with Jessica Robbins (folk rock). \$12/\$15. July 13: Benji Davis Project (ska/rock). \$10/\$12. July 15: Loudon Wainwright III (folk). \$28/\$42. July 16, 7 p.m.: Anne Heaton and Rose Polenzani (folk). \$12/\$15. July 16, 10 p.m.: Eric Lindell (blues). \$18/\$22. July 22: Nick Tremulis and Deanna Oevore (rock). \$12/\$15. July 23: New Riders of the Purple


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**STAGE**

The Marriott Theatre is seeking young African-American girls (ages 10 and under) that can sing and act for the role of Little Ti Moune in "Once On This Island." Auditions will be held from 3-5 go., PAGE B14

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p.m. May 28 at the Marriott Theatre Rehearsal Warehouse, 1342 Barclay Blvd., Buffalo Grove. For more information and to schedule an appointment, e-mail Peter.Sullivan@Marriott.com. Visit www.MarriottTheatre.com for show dates and general audition information.

Spotlighters at the Mette will hold auditions for its upcoming intergenerational salute to Irving Berlin, "Say It With Music," from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. May 29 at the Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette. Auditions are open to adults over the age of 55 and youth

over the age of 12 of all vocal ranges. Be prepared to sing any Irving Berlin song of your choice, and bring sheet music in the proper key. Performances are scheduled for July 22 and Sept. 19 at the Wilmette Theatre. Call (847) 251-1197 for an audition appointment.

The Savoyaires will hold auditions for "Annie" from 7-9:30 p.m. June 1 and 3 at West Ridge Community Center, 636 Ridge Road, Highland Park. Children ages 7 and up should plan on auditioning between 7-8 p.m.; adults ages 16 and up, between 8-9:30 p.m. Callbacks, if needed, will be from noon-4 p.m. June 6. Prepare 16 bars of a song and bring sheet music in the correct key. Be prepared to dance and do cold readings. No reservation needed. No pay. All roles available to performers ages 7 and up. Rehearsals begin

Aug. 22, with performances Oct. 15-24 at the Leisure Center in Northbrook. For information, visit www.highland-parkplayers.com.

The Savoyaires will hold auditions for Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers" from 6-9 p.m. June 13, 17 and 18 at First Congregational Church House, 1417 Hinman Ave., Evanston. Available roles: nine men, seven women, and large mixed chorus. Prepare one song in English, preferably by Gilbert & Sullivan; a second song is encouraged but not required. An accompanist will be provided. Production dates are Oct. 8-17 at Chute Auditorium in Evanston. Call (847) 830-9176 to schedule an appointment. For information, visit www.savoyaires.org.

### MUSICIANS

The Niles Township Summer Orchestra is seeking musicians (eighth grade to adult) to perform in its community orchestra. The Niles Township Summer Orchestra is a full orchestra for woodwind, brass, percussion and string musicians that plays classical, Broadway and popular music. Rehearsals are from 7-9 p.m. June 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30 in the orchestra room at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton, Skokie. Niles West orchestra director Steven Katz conducts the orchestra. There is a registration fee of \$40. For information, contact Katz at (847) 626-2629 or stekatz@niles-hs.k12.il.us.

Volunteer accompanist sought for a senior citizen performance troupe sponsored by the Skokie Park District. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons and some Thursdays at the Oakton Community Center in Skokie. Candidates should be able to read a lead sheet and transpose, and be available year-round, with time off in January and July. Sight-reading is a plus. Call (847) 998-8894.

Na Mele Aloha Hawaiian music ensemble seeks musicians who play ukulele, bass, guitar and other stringed instruments. The group is open to all ages. Rehearsals are held from 7-10 p.m. Thursdays at Oakton Community College, 1500 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call Earl Essig, (847) 272-0762, or e-mail earlessig@aol.com.

### SINGERS

Bjornson Male Chorus invites male singers to join in four-part choral singing. They rehearse at 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Park Ridge VFW Hall, Higgins Road and Canfield Avenue, September-June, and sing American and Scandinavian selections at various locations. Call (847) 741-4210 or (847) 546-2050.

Normennes Singing Society Male Chorus invites male singers to join the group in singing American and Scandinavian selections throughout the year, except for the months of July and August. Rehearsals are held at 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Estonian House in Lincolnshire. Call Thor Fjell, (630) 369-4233 or (630) 479-4233.

Skokie Concert Choir seeks male and female singers at any level of choral experience. No auditions are held. The choir performs a variety of music, from classical to Broadway, and performs two concerts annually, under the direction of conductor Michael Lewanski, and with accompanist Adri-

an Metzger. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, September through June, at Old Orchard Junior High School, 9310 Kenton Ave., Skokie. For information, visit www.skokiechoir.org or call (847) 674-3219.

### DANCERS

The Evanston Dance Ensemble will audition dancers in grades 7-12 for the 2010-11 season from 4:30-6 p.m. May 22 at Dance Center Evanston, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. The season will consist of at least one major performance series at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts, and other smaller shows throughout the year. The audition will include ballet, modern, jazz and tap sections, as well as some improvisation. Come warmed up and prepared to dance. Bring pointe shoes, if applicable. There is a \$10 registration fee. For information or to register for auditions, contact Paula Sjogerman at (847) 328-6683 or ede@dancecenter-evanston.com.

Giordano Dance School, 614 Davis St., Evanston, will hold auditions for Giordano Juniors Youth Performing Company for the 2010-11 school year at 5 p.m. May 25. Open to students ages 6-18, all levels. No previous experience required. Accepted students take required classes in all dance styles and perform dance pieces throughout the community in the spring. \$5 audition fee. Parent permission required. Call (847) 987-2937 or visit www.giordano-dance.org.

### ARTISTS

The Northbrook Public Library is seeking entries for its eighth annual international juried art exhibition, "Without a Map," to be on display Oct. 1-Nov. 15. Artists 18 years and older, working in all 2-D and 3-D art media, are invited to submit digital entries. The exhibition is limited to original art-work created within two years of the entry date. Artists should consider the theme, "Without a Map," as embodying free-spiritedness, exploration, independence and an inherent desire to attain a goal. Artwork must be viewable for all ages. Prizes include a \$2,000 purchase prize as well as numerous other prizes. Entry fee is \$35 for three submissions. Deadline for submission is May 31. For an entry form, visit www.northbrook.info/map.php or send a self-addressed stamped business size envelope to: Without a Map, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook IL 60062. For information, contact Eric Robbins at (847) 712-7074 or artshow@northbrook.info.

Arts and crafts exhibitors are sought for Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts. To be held from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 19-20 in Evanston's Main Street Station shopping district. For an application, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com.

Skokie Art Guild's 49th annual Art Fair will be held July 10-11 on the Village Green, 5211 W. Oakton, downtown Skokie, featuring fine art and offering prizes and awards. For an application or information, visit www.skokieart-guild.org or call (847) 677-8163.

Home Grown Artists is a showcase for Evanston artists at the Farmers' Market, held from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 6, at University

Place, between Railroad and Maple avenues, north of the 1800 Maple Avenue Self Park garage, Evanston. Artists will display their work on July 17 and 24; Aug. 21 and 28, and Sept. 4 and 11. In order to avoid competition with the existing artists' fairs, participation is limited to Evanston residents, employees of Evanston businesses, and participants at Evanston studios and galleries. Artists who would like to participate can find an application at www.cityofevanston.org/enjoy/home-grown\_artists. For information, call (847) 448-8138.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The Shining Lights, a professional Jewish youth entertainment group, will hold auditions for the 2010-11 season by appointment during May and early June. The group is comprised of Jewish teens, ages 11-18, who are competitively selected from the Chicago area and suburbs. Auditions are open to those currently in grades 5-11, who can sing and dance. The performance season runs from fall through spring at various locations, events and festivals throughout the greater Chicago area, including the Chicago Jewish Arts Festival and Chicago's Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance. To register and receive an audition packet, e-mail ShLight18@aol.com or call (847) 940-0455.

### BENEFITS

Bailiwick Chicago will present a benefit performance of the musical revue "Show Us Your Love" at 7:30 p.m. May 23 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. A pre-show reception will be held in the lobby at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Visit www.skokiethatre.com or call (847) 677-7761.

"Starry Starry Night," a benefit performance for Northwestern University's Dominic Missimi Fund for Music Theatre, will take place at 8 p.m. May 24 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. The gala will spotlight the talents of many artists and Northwestern alumni, including performers Gregg Edelman, star of Broadway's "City of Angels," "Wonderful Town," "1776" and "Les Miserables"; Heather Headley, a Grammy-nominated recording artist and star of Broadway's "Aida" and "The Lion King"; Brian d'Arcy James, star of Broadway's "Time Stands Still" and "Shrek"; and Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998 and star of the Broadway musical "Legally Blonde." The event is open to the public for a minimum donation to the Missimi Fund of \$100. For information, visit www.communication.northwestern.edu/missimi/.

Northeastern Illinois University will host a benefit concert to support the Nada Spasojevich Memorial Scholarship fund at 2:30 p.m. June 6 in the Fine Arts Recital Hall at NEIU, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. The fund provides scholarships for NEIU students interested in music and the performing arts. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, with discounts for students, seniors and groups of 10 or more. Call (773) 442-4216.

### BOOKS & POETRY

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glenview, (847) 835-5440 www.chicagobotanic.org. Admission is free; select event fees apply. Parking is \$20. Exhibits are on display in the Lenhardt Library, unless noted otherwise. Through Aug. 15: "Japonica: The Artistry of Japanese Rare Books." Five Japanese rare books will be featured in the exhibition, with the oldest dating back to 1684.

Little City Used Book Sale, June 4-13 at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. The sale features hundreds of thousands of gently used books in 70 subject categories, as well as CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, comic books and collectors books. Hours are 5-10 p.m. June 4; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 5; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 6; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 7-10; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 11-12; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 13. Admission is free, except on Friday, June 4, when there is a \$10 entrance fee. Proceeds benefit adults and children with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities at Little City Foundation. Visit www.littlecity.org.

### CHILD'S PLAY

CircEsteem, a nonprofit organization that teaches circus arts to children, will present "A Springlike Circus" May 21-22 in the Heller Auditorium at the Francis Parker School, 330 W. Webster, Chicago. The show, inspired by Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," will include juggling routines, clown performances, trapeze acts and feats of strength and skill. Tickets are \$11 for children, \$16 for adults, in advance; \$13/\$18 at the door. Visit www.CircEsteem.org or call (312) 731-HAHA (4242).

Creative Kids Corner, (847) 933-0672 or www.creativekidscorner.org. Registration is in progress for spring and summer classes. June 1, 2, 4 and 7, mornings and afternoons: Children 3-6 years old can participate in music, gym games and "Cooking For Life" culinary instruction. \$40 per session. Classes held at Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hubbard Road, Wilmette, June 15-July 24: Summer music and arts camp for children 2-6 years old will be held at Marie Murphy School, and will include music, art and drama. June 15-Aug. 4: Ethnic cooking classes for children ages 4-12 will be held at Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hubbard Road, Wilmette. The hands-on classes teach basic culinary principles and techniques while exploring the flavors and cultures of different countries or regions. Taught by professional culinary instructors.

Dance Center Evanston, located in Evanston Plaza, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston, (847) 328-6683, www.dancecenter-evanston.com. July 12-30, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday: Dance Performance Workshop for boys and girls ages 8-12. Participants will explore Norton Juster's novel, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, through dance, music and theater, culminating in a performance for family and friends. The camp includes two levels of dance classes and field trips to the beach, park and a professional dance or theater production

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"The Emperor's New Clothes." June 30-Aug. 29 in the Courtyard Theater at Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. Performances at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sundays. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Tickets: \$23; \$18 for ages 12 and under. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit www.chicagosakes.com.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035, www.irish-american.org. July 6-Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: "Summer in the City and in the Garden," an art program for children ages 7-15. Participants will learn artistic skills and self-expression through public murals, gardens, photography and blogging. Tuition is \$350 per child, with discounts for families, and includes art materials, field trips and snacks. Childcare is also available from 3-5 p.m. on program days, for an additional \$150. Registration is in progress.

Jodi Koplin's Jigglejammer classes, for children ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents, feature guitar, percussion instruments and puppets to introduce children to music. Ongoing classes available in Northbrook and Park Ridge. Call (847) 236-9235 or visit www.jigglejamproductions.com.

Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, (847) 832-6600, www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-noon Mondays; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Special members-only hours from 9-9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission \$7.50; \$6.50 for senior citizens.

free for children under 1. Through May 24: "Pizza: Any Way You Slice It!" The interactive exhibit, created by Omaha Children's Museum, teaches the basics of math by encouraging playful, open-ended exploration based on one of America's favorite foods. Exhibit areas encourage counting, sorting, measuring, gathering, matching, patterning, sequencing, role-playing and sharing.

Light Opera Works offers musical theater summer workshops in Evanston for youth ages 8-15, including Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," June 21-26; "Oklahoma!," July 5-10; "The Pirates of Penzance," July 12-17; "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," July 19-24; and "Once Upon a Mattress," July 26-31. Students will sing, dance and act in preparation for performances of mini-musicals at the McGaw YMCA Children's Center Auditorium, 1420 Maple Ave., Evanston. There are no auditions for roles and every child enrolled in the workshop gets a part. Workshops meet from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Fee is \$350 per student, per workshop. Register online at www.LightOperaWorks.com or call (847) 869-6300.

Northbrook Musical Theatre for Young Audiences, Northbrook Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, (847) 291-2367, www.northbrooktheatre.org. May 22, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.: "Disney's Alice in Wonderland." Open Studio Project, 903 Sherman Ave., Evanston, (847) 475-0390, www.openstudioproject.org. June 16-July 28: Art & Adventure, for ages 2-5 years. Fee is \$25; \$15 for members. "Peter Pan" will be presented by

Emerald City Theatre Company at 3 p.m. May 22 at Oakton Community College's Performing Arts Center, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets are \$7 for general admission; \$5 for children under 12; and \$4 for groups of 15 or more. For tickets, call (847) 635-1900. Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, (847) 866-8049, www.piventheatre.org. June 21-July 30: Youth summer classes include Theatre Games and Story Theatre, grades 4-6, \$350; Improvisation and Scene Study, grades 6-8, \$350; Theatre Intensive, grades 6-8, \$600; Story Ensemble, grades 7-8, \$350; Musical Theatre and Piven Technique, grades 7-12; High School Scene Study & Story Theatre Combo, \$350; High School Scene Study Intensive, \$350; Advanced High School Performance Conservatory, \$850; Weekly Intensives for grades 7-12, including stage combat, commedia dell'arte, audition technique, puppetry and playwrighting, \$95 each; and The 35-Hour Play Experience, grades 4-8, \$350.

Skokie Children's Theater will hold auditions for "Aladdin Kids" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 2 at the North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. For information, call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.skokiechildrenstheater.com.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, www.evanstonpace.com. (847) 492-8860, May 30, 11 a.m.: Justin Roberts & the Not Ready for Naptime Players (kids' rock), \$15.

"A Summer in the Theater" will be offered by Three Cal Productions at the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation. June

14-Aug. 20. The camp, open to children and teens, includes the U.S. premiere of "Cinderella" by the British composer Ric Brunall, "Let Me Entertain You!," a celebration of Broadway classics, "Broadway Rocks!," the student-created play "Choose Your Own Fairytale Adventure," and the "Golly Gee Glee" show choir camp. Camps vary in length from one to four weeks. "Cinderella" and "Choose Your Own Fairytale Adventure" are both \$695 per camper. "Let Me Entertain You!" and "Broadway Rocks!" are both \$195 per camper. "Golly Gee Glee" is \$250 per camper. For information or to register, visit www.threecalproductions.com/education or call (312) 725-6859.

Take Two Children's Theater offers summer camps at the North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. "Aladdin Kids" Drama Camp, for ages 5-13, meets from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 14-July 28, for \$300. Dance and Drama Camp, for ages 5-13, will meet from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 2-12, for \$250. For information, call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.skokiechildrenstheater.com.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont, www.ichare.com/montrose\_room. (847) 544-5300, Saturdays, 8 p.m.: ComedySportz Theatre, presented in the Montrose Room. Open run, \$21.

10's Cabaret Theatre, 3541 N. Clark St., Chicago, www.10improv.com. Saturdays at midnight, open run: Improv troupe Blackout presents "White People." \$5. For tickets, call (773) 880-0199 or visit www.ticketweb.com.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. June 4, 8 p.m.: Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White presents his new stand-up show, "Behavioral Problems." The performance is recommended for mature audiences. \$35.75, \$45.75.

TBS Presents A Very Funny Festival: Just For Laughs - June 16, 8 p.m.: Ellen Degeneres at The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, \$58-\$123. June 16, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.: Lucha VaVoom at

www.gorillatango.com. Through May 26, 10 p.m. Wednesdays: "Happy Karaoke Fun Time," a new musical improvisation team incorporating popular karaoke music and improv. \$10.

Through May 28, 8 p.m. Fridays: Latino comedy ensemble Salsation presents "CTRL+ALT+DEPORT!" \$12.

The Heartland Café, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, (773) 465-8005. June 4, 10 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman presents a comedy performance based on her books, *Still Single* and *Still Dating*. No cover.

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Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago, \$24.50-\$49.50. June 17, 7 p.m.: Aziz Ansari at the Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago, \$36. June 18, 7 p.m.: Cedric the Entertainer at The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, \$48.50-\$68. June 18, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.: The Nasty Show, hosted by Greg Giraldo with special guest Jim Norton, at the Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago, \$36. June 18, 1 and 4 p.m., and June 19, 1 p.m.: The Not Inappropriate Show, sketch comedy for children ages 6 and up, starring Bob Odenkirk and Kate Micucci, at The Mercury Theatre, 3745 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$25. June 19, 8 p.m.: The Rescue Me Comedy Tour featuring Denis Leary, at The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, \$52.50-\$82.50. June 19, 8 p.m.: Russell Peters at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$45-\$60.

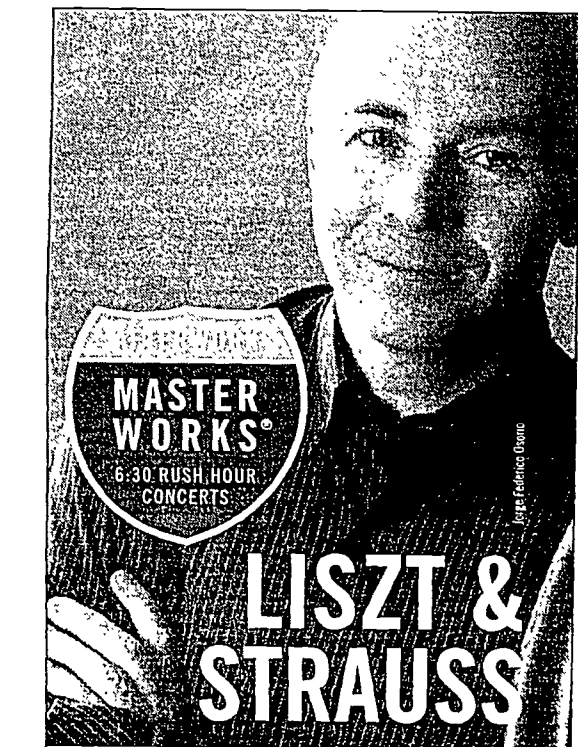
### DANCE

### PERFORMANCES

Armenian Dance Company of Chicago presents "Vank," a tribute to the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem, at 7:30 p.m. June 26 in the auditorium at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, \$30. Call (847) 322-6486 or (847) 830-3881.

The Dance Collective, under the direction of choreographer Margi Cole, presents "COLlective Notions," a concert program showcasing works created by

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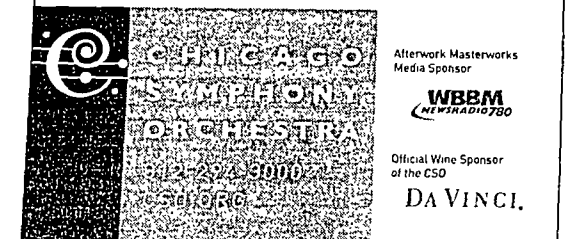


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# NU to perform works by famed American composer

**'The Ghosts of Versailles'**  
by John Corigliano  
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21 and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Northwestern University's Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston, \$18. (847) 467-4000 or www.pickstaiger.org.

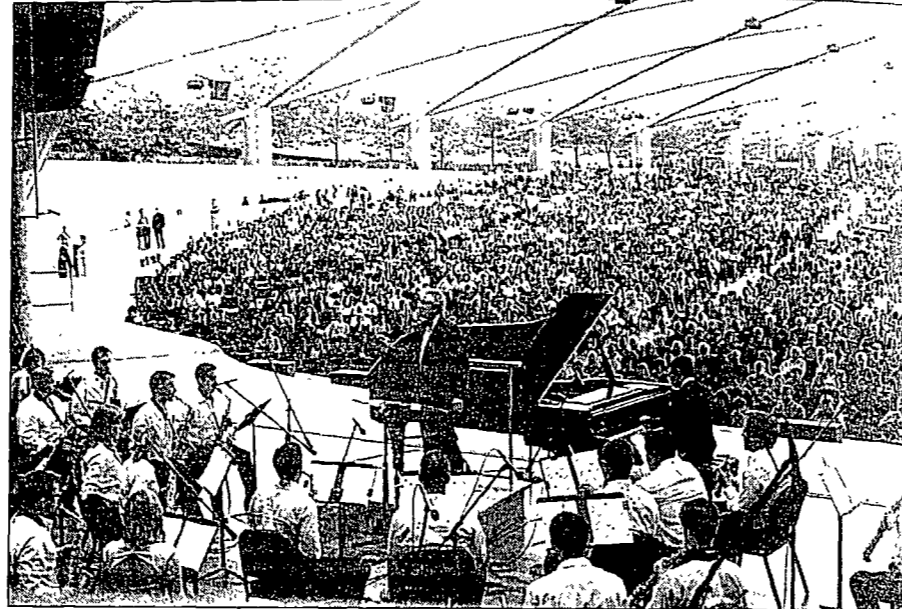
By DOROTHY ANDRIES  
Contributor

"The Ghosts of Versailles," a wacky, highly entertaining opera buffa by American composer John Corigliano, will be given two performances at Northwestern this weekend. Commissioned by New York's Metropolitan Opera, "Ghosts" was performed there in 1990 and at the Lyric Opera of Chicago in the 1995-96 season.

The Met production, however, had about 300 people on stage and an orchestra of about 100, and the Lyric's version, minus the band, had only slightly fewer. Northwestern's production includes just 40 people, according to Northwestern's Director of Opera, Jay Lesenger, who is staging the opera.

"Ghosts" is loosely based on situations and characters from the third play in Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais' Figaro trilogy, "The Guilty Mother," set 20 years after "Figaro." Part of the story, told in two acts, revolves around Beaumarchais' offer to write an opera for Marie Antoinette, in which she will escape execution at the hands of the French Revolution.

Northwestern is the first academic venue to perform the opera's revised orchestration. It was done by Corigliano himself for smaller stages and companies on modest budgets and was first performed in 2008 by the Opéra Theatre of St. Louis. "After I went to that production," Lesenger said, "I thought that we might be able to do



Northwestern University's John Corigliano Festival will conclude with a performance in Millennium Park May 30.



John Corigliano

"Ghosts" at Northwestern." The opera, with an English libretto by William M. Hoffman, will be presented with English supertitles. "We are also the first opera organization, professional or academic, to perform 'The Ghosts of Versailles' in a season that also included the other operas based on the Beaumarchais trilogy, 'The Barber of Seville' and 'The Marriage of Figaro,'" Lesenger added, obviously pleased with the season he constructed.

Conductor will be Steven Osgood, who has conducted opera at New

York City Opera, De Nederlandse Opera and was in the pit last summer for "Tosca" at the Chautauqua Institution in New York. Robert G. Hasty will serve as resident conductor. The production also features set designs by Steven Capone, costumes by Darcy Hofer and lighting designs by Lee Fiskness.

Corigliano is one of the country's best known classical composers. He has been honored with three Grammy Awards, a Pulitzer Prize, the Grawmeyer Award and an Academy Award for his score for "The Red Violin,"

as well as Musical America's first-ever "Composer of the Year" title. Librettist Hoffman wrote the 1985 Broadway play "As Is," one of the first plays to focus on AIDS, for which he won the Drama Desk and Obie awards and a Tony nomination. The production is part of Northwestern's John Corigliano Festival, which concludes at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion in downtown Chicago. Bienen School faculty member Victor Yampolsky will conduct the Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra. Guest soloists include violinist Maria Bachmann and tenor Grant Knox. Men of the Northwestern University Symphonic Choir also will be featured. The program includes Corigliano's "The Red Violin: Chaconne for Violin and Orchestra," a set of variations based on his Oscar-winning score for the 1998 film. Liszt's "A Faust Symphony" also is on the program. Admission is free. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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TDC company members, at 8 p.m. May 21-22 and 7 p.m. May 23 at Links Hall, 3435 N. Sheffield, Chicago. General admission is \$18. \$14 for students and seniors. Call (773) 281-0824 or visit www.dancecollective.com.

Dmitri Peskov Dance Theatre makes its debut performing the world premiere of Peskov's "Of Fleeting Things" at 8 p.m. June 11-12 and 7 p.m. June 13 at Links Hall, 3435 N. Sheffield, Chicago. Tickets: \$15-\$18; \$12 for students. Visit www.LinksHall.org or call (773) 281-0824.

\$5 at the door for students. For tickets, call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

### GROUPS & LESSONS

Boocoo Cultural Center and Café, 1823 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-8164. www.boocoo.org. "Milonga Cielo" Argentine tango class meets from 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, with tango parlor dancing starting at 9 p.m. Instructors Marco Mambello and Ana Savitzky specialize in teaching beginners using the classic tango salon style with elements of contemporary tango. Tango Nuevo, and also traditional and romantic Tango Milonguero. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Brian Patti Orchestra presents a 10-piece ballroom dance band from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays at Mango Mexican Restaurant, 8743 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. \$5 cover.

Chicago Dance Latin & Ballroom School, 3660 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. (773) 267-3411. www.chicagodance.com. June 12, 8:30-11 p.m.: Salsa dance party, \$15.

Dance Center Evanston, located in Evanston Plaza, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. (847) 328-6683. www.dancecenterevanston.com. Classes include ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, modern, Zumba and Ballet "Light and Easy." July 12-30, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday: Dance performance workshop for boys and girls ages 8-12. Participants will explore Norton Juster's novel, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, through dance, music and theater, culminating in a performance for family and friends. The camp

includes two levels of dance classes and field trips to the beach, park, and a professional dance or theater production.

Evanston Scottish Country Dancers meet at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln, Winnetka. Beginners welcome. No kill required, just soft shoes. Fee is \$5 at the door. For information, call instructor Frances Gillan, (847) 471-7924.

Giordano Dance School, 614 Davis St., Evanston. (847) 866-9442. www.giordanodance.org. June 1-July 1: Giordano Mini Summer Camp, for children ages 3-5, featuring a variety of dance styles and games. Attend one, two, three or four weeks. June 14-July 16: Summer dance camp for ages 6-13, with classes in jazz, hip-hop, modern dance and musical theater. Attend one, two or three weeks.

Spires Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. June 6: Music by The Music Men. June 20: Music by the Dick Elliot Band.

Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. May 24: "Hawaiian Huki Lau" with Eric Tangman and the Kammerers

Square Wheels Square Dance Club dances the fourth Saturday of each month, September through May, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road, Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with Howard and Anna Hoffman, and square dancing starts at 8 p.m. with guest callers. Refreshments served and banner available through April 24. Admission: \$6. For information, call (847) 392-5512 or (847) 253-3206. May 22: Herb Edwards.

### FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Skokie Festival of Cultures, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 22-23 at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. The festival includes more than 30 cultural booths, ethnic music and dance, a wide range of food, arts and crafts, international children's games, and a merchandise marketplace. The cultures represented at the festival will range from Hellenic to Haitian, Indonesian to Slovakian, and Japanese to Jamaican. A free shuttle will deliver attendees to the festival grounds from Oakton Community College, 7701 Lincoln Ave., from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. both days. For information, call the Skokie Park District, (847) 674-1500, or visit www.SkokieCultureFest.org. Cuneo Gardens Art Fest will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 29-30 on the grounds of the historic Cuneo Mansion, 1350 Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills. Artists will offer painting, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture, mixed media and ceramics. There will also be live entertainment, food, and art activities

for children. Admission is free. Parking is \$5 per car. Tours of the mansion are \$10 for adults; \$9 for seniors and students. For information, call (847) 726-8669 or visit www.dwevents.org.

Chicago Botanic Garden Wine Festival, noon-6 p.m. June 12-13 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Staged on the West Meadow behind Evening Island, the festival grounds are surrounded by lakes and garden vistas. More than 40 wineries, distributors and importers will offer samples of more than 250 wines from around the world. Guests can also experience a Belgian Beer Café. Chicago area chefs will conduct cooking demonstrations and wine experts will present seminars about pairing food with wine. A music stage will feature jazz, blues and light rock performances. There will also be food from local restaurants available for purchase. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door for Garden members; \$35 at the door for nonmembers. Tickets include a souvenir wine glass, 10 tasting tickets, wine tasters' program guide and access to all demonstrations, seminars and musical entertainment. Designated drivers are admitted for \$10, including two non-alcoholic drink tickets, program guide and access to all demonstrations, seminars and musical entertainment. Visitors under 21 are admitted free, when accompanied by an adult. Additional tasting tickets, 10 for \$5, can be purchased onsite. Parking is \$20 per car; free for Garden members. The Chicago Botanic Garden Trolley will operate between the gar-

den and the Glencoe Metra station during event hours. Roundtrip tickets are \$2; garden members and children 5 and under ride free. For information, call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org/winefestival. Greater Chicago Jewish Folk Arts Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 13 at St. Paul Woods, Lincoln Avenue and Lehigh, Morton Grove, featuring three stages with music, dance and storytelling, a family stage, a kosher food fair, an art fair and more. Free admission. Visit www.jewishfestival.net. Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 19-20 in Evanston's Main Street Station shopping district, featuring offerings by artists, craftspeople and antique dealers, food from 30 restaurateurs, entertainment on three stages, and more. Visit www.custerfair.com. Ethnic Arts Festival, noon-7 p.m. July 17-18 in Dawes Park, Sheridan Road and Church Street, Evanston. Featuring song, dance, spoken word, visual arts and cuisine of countries spanning the globe, as well as live entertainment and interactive workshops. Admission is free. Call (847) 448-8260 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/ethnic. Lakeshore Arts Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 7-8 in Dawes Park, Sheridan Road and Church Street, Evanston. Featuring work by more than 120 juried artists, live music, art auction, food and a children's craft tent. Admission is free. Call (847) 448-8260 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakeshore.

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# Kids performing songs from original musicals

By MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

The Company is coming to the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., 5-6 p.m. Friday, May 28, and that means a great time for families. "It's a bright and talented group that has an exciting sense of music," said Matt Boresi, program director of the Music Institute of Chicago's Musical Theatre Program, of the group's 7th- to 10th-grade members. They will perform selections from original musicals created for them by Mike O'Mara, music director of the Musical Theatre Program (music), and Boresi (lyrics).

The shows include, "Ma Liang's Paintbrush," based on an ancient Chinese fable; Allison Wonderland, an adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland," in which Alice travels to our world; and "WOOT!" about teens and the Internet. Boresi described the selections as "bright, energized songs with some fascinating themes." Without preaching, they address such issues as fitting in and bullying.

"We customize the shows to the kids," Boresi said. "We write to their talents."



Teens from The Company, a performing group from the Music Institute of Chicago, are doing a musical review that will include songs from "Ma Liang's Paintbrush" and other original shows that they have performed. (Photo by Mike Canale)

The kids really love the program. They're learning fundamentals of singing, acting and dancing. They're also getting a bird's eye view of how new musicals are created."

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or visit [www.webrary.org](http://www.webrary.org).

### Really young Steinway pro

Emily Bear is only 8 years old but the child prodigy has played piano at the White House, on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and with the Rockford Symphony. She will dazzle audiences during a Young Steinway Concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at Skokie Public

Library, 5215 Oakton St. Maine South High School senior Ryan Murphy, a talented, prize-winning violinist who has soloed with the Oak Park/River Forest Symphony Orchestra, will also perform.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or visit [www.skokie.lib.il.us](http://www.skokie.lib.il.us).

### Toy-cation

Your child's favorite stuffed animal will have adventures at the Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Kids are invited to bring their fluffy friend for a story-time, then tuck them in for

the night. The next day, they can pick up their pet between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and see photos of the overnight activities.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or visit [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

### Hoppy times in N'awlins

A classic tale takes a New Orleans twist in "The Princess and the Frog." Families can watch the animated film for free, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. A snack will be served.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or visit [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

### International experiences

The many cultures that call Skokie home will showcase their arts, foods and merchandise at the 20th Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures, Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23, at Oakton Park, Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard. A children's area will feature hands-on exhibits and craft projects.

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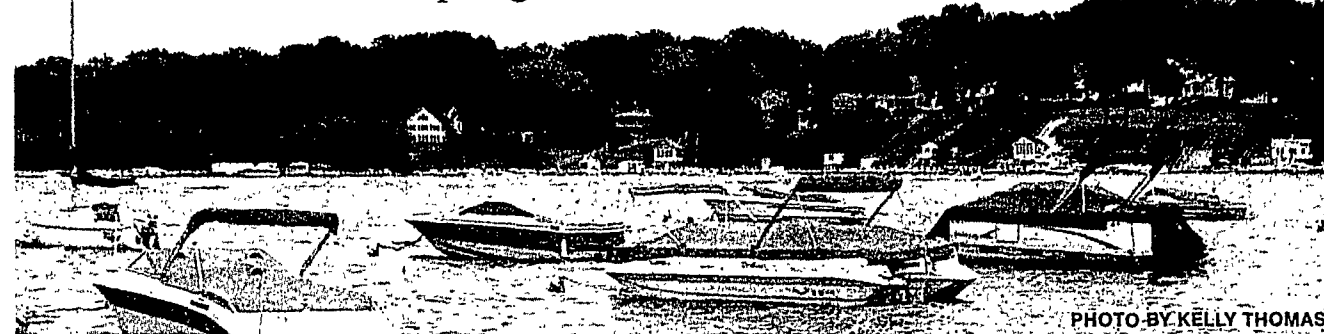


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# Eco Fair 360

## Changing the world through a community celebration

By Tracy Evans  
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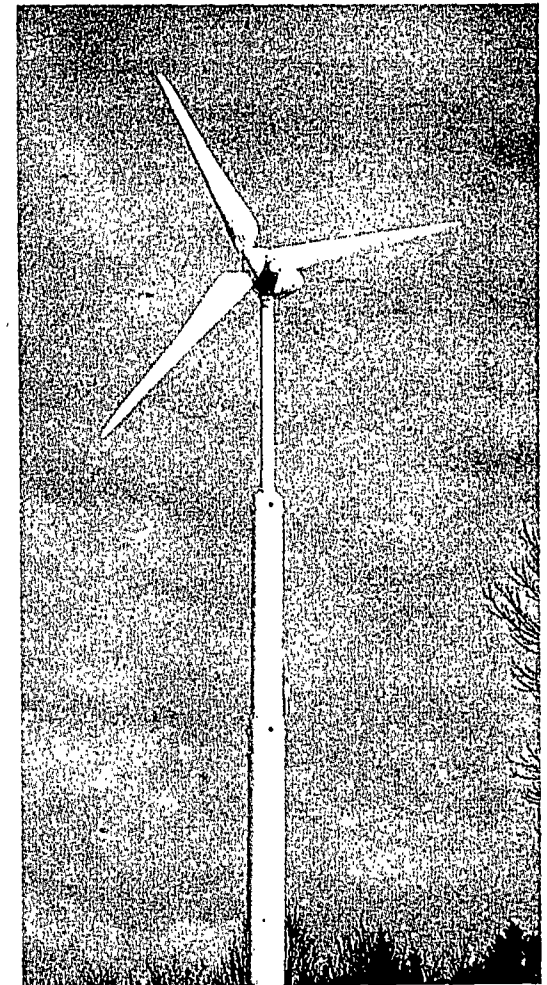
Summer festivals are all about enjoying the sunshine and blooming landscape of the great outdoors, but this year, one local fair is looking to keep it that way for generations to come. For visitors of EcoFair360, the path to a greener tomorrow begins at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. The fair makes its debut the weekend of July 16-18. It is produced by Delavan, Wisconsin's Eco-Vision Sustainable Learning Center, a startup nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging green entrepreneurship and awareness in the Midwest.

"There is a wealth of green knowledge already present in this community, but no sense of a green community" explains event coordinator and partner of Eco-Vision SLC, Catherine McQueen. "Our personal motivation is to help to create a community that is interested in building a sustainable future. We wanted to offer a platform for ideas to be shared and prosper."

The event encourages visitors of all ages and levels of green knowledge to explore and engage in questioning and learning about caring for the environment through everyday living. Exhibitors will have use of the fairgrounds' buildings, tents and, of course, the shade of oak trees to host themed workshops and interactive displays, not to mention themed pavilions for natural health and an organic food court.

Workshop tents will offer visitors information on everything from green composting to organic backyard gardening. Homeowners can learn how to convert a gasoline car to electric and can take away important lessons on how to conduct a home energy audit. The festival also aims to inspire small businesses in the Midwest to embrace the importance of fair trade practices and to learn about supporting government policies that create new jobs in green energy and manufacturing.

"We are going to offer over 150 hour-long sessions on as many green subjects as possible. The fact that this wealth of information is all in one spot and available to every guest will be the most memorable attraction of the fair," says McQueen of the weekend's goal of creating an educating community. "It sets the imagination on fire when so many fascinating teachers are in one place giving happily of their time. There will be something for everyone to learn, and it will be in an atmosphere of relaxation and fun."



a wind turbine and what solar power systems look like up close.

As the festival name implies, step outside and look around. When you seek out a greener lifestyle, the answers to a cleaner, greener tomorrow are all around us.

# RED, WHITE & CRUISE

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# Take a tour of Black Point Estate

By Tracy Evans  
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Centuries ago, one of Lake Geneva's oldest lakefront estate was built as the summer home for Conrad Seipp, a wealthy Chicago brew master from Germany. When Black Point Estate was built in 1888, the home was without electricity or plumbing. Water was sourced from the lake itself, and winter's ice was stored in an insulated refrigeration room for use in summer cooking. While a lavish example of antiques sourced from the Columbian Exposition, German Mettlach pottery steins and one of the Midwest's largest collections of Victorian furniture remains, the secluded lifestyle of the original residents is a history lesson in itself. Thirteen bedrooms hosted guests, who, without roads leading to the 100-foot high bluff, had no choice but to spend a night or two. The property was once home to a farm, an extensive garden and orchard. The Seipp

family was its own sustainable producers of food. Throughout the four generations of ownership, much of the property appears the same.

"They truly treasured the family history," says Gwen Tveter, docent and secretary of the board of Black Point Historic Preserve. "Take the glazed tile mosaics on the four fireplaces: its unimaginable how well maintained they are."

The four-story home, listed among the National Historic Register, was acquired by the state as a museum in 2005. Visible from many spots along the lake, it features a picturesque tower. Black Point Estate is now valued at \$35,000 per square foot. This summer, celebrate the splendor of the property once again by arriving the old fashioned way: by boat. Lake Geneva Cruise Lines offers a transportation and tour package between May and October. Call (262) 248-6206 for public tour information and reservations.



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# Hometown Dream

## Chef Troy Strand opens The Grist Mill

By Tracy Evans  
Special to Pioneer Press

At the age of 20, most young adults are just beginning to explore their professional paths, but for Troy Strand, his dream seems to be unfolding before his eyes. As the owner and chef of The Grist Mill, the latest addition to the East Troy dining scene, Strand brings to the table a respect for his community well beyond his years.

### AT HOME IN THE KITCHEN

Standing in his newly opened restaurant, Strand speaks about his menu and kitchen with the familiarity and ease of an industry veteran. He's developed an East Troy expertise. He began washing dishes at age 12 and managing restaurants by 17. As he transitioned between no less than six local restaurants, Strand lent continuity and time-tested knowledge to new menus and kitchen prep. On nights off, he still supports the competition that shaped him.

"I eat locally; I know most of the staff because I've worked with a lot of them," admits Strand, who logged hours at Estella's, Blue Sky, Boneyard Pub and Grill, among others.

After graduating high school, Strand enrolled in the esteemed Culinary Institute of America in New York, where he blossomed under the challenging tutelage and variety of cuisines. Since graduating in 2009, his favorite skill remains pasta making.

Strand's career took a different direction when his grandma requested he cater a private dinner party for several of her friends. Soon Chef to Order was born, a self-run catering business that Strand used to serve both intimate dinner parties as well as graduation parties of more than 200 guests alike. While searching for kitchen space to base his catering program, Strand found an opportunity in his own backyard: the location that would become East Troy's Grist Mill Restaurant.

"My family and friends encouraged me to go after it, telling me I had the know-how, the passion to just go for it. I should do what I always wanted," recalls Strand of the motivation to create a local, affordable breakfast, lunch and dinner spot.

### LOCAL FLAVOR

Strand's new venture found inspiration in the quaint, historic charm he saw in his hometown, right down to the name. East Troy is home to several centuries-old grist mills, now quiet water wheels once used to churn grain as a significant contribution to the area's industry.

The Grist Mill showcases a menu of family favorites. Strand drew inspiration from comfort food and recipes he reaches for time and again.

The menu is sure to satisfy diverse taste buds, with brunch basics, stacked sandwiches, even nights devoted to prime rib and a fish fry. Omelets can be made to order, chicken wings feature homemade rosemary barbecue sauce and East Troy classics including the Railroad Burger that is served with peppers, garlic, cilantro, avocado and pepper jack cheese cooked into the patty.

"These are the things I like to cook at home, the things that were made for me growing up in East Troy," Strand says. "There's history in the menu."

Some might say a bit of family history is in the kitchen, too. Several items listed on the menu are a direct homage to relatives, such as Gram's Meatloaf and Banana 'Zinn'amon French toast, which uses the family's beloved banana bread recipe.

Strand seems to only prosper under the familial pride and encouragement and welcomes it even while he works.

**"My family is always stopping by, and my grandma is there almost daily," Strand says. "Sometimes she jumps in on the line and starts cooking her banana bread right beside me."**

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The last item listed on the Grist Mill's menu, devoted to the adventurous soul, was born out of the challenge selecting his daily menu.

"They can request something they like or even leave it up to us, and if we have the ingredients in house, we'll accommodate them one way or another," explains Strand, who loves the challenge of serving a customer that puts trust in his team.

This type of personalized service extends to his expanding catering business. Now with a

full kitchen and an additional private party room at the Grist Mill, Strand's Chef to Order business has been booming. Clients can select items from the restaurant menu or simply design their own party offerings all within their desired budget.

Strand admits living his dream is truly rewarding and a bit surreal at times.

"To serve family and friends here in the town where I grew up is phenomenal. A lot of them are shocked that I've achieved this at such a young age," he beams. "I wish I could give them free food all the time, but you know, I do have to run a business."

For a young chef serving his hometown with pride, the satisfaction must be priceless.

The Grist Mill is located at 2763B Main St. in East Troy, Wisconsin. For additional information, please call (262) 684-5138.



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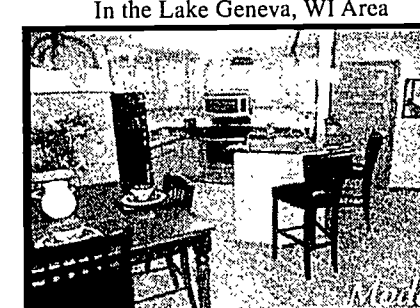
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BY JOHN STEIN  
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The FX is like a Kevlar vest (only with cooled seats) with layers of outstanding materials and equipment making the whole SUV greater than the sum of its parts. The Infiniti FX35 features a V-6 engine, while the FX50 boasts a bold V-8. All-wheel drive is optional on the base model and standard on the FX50.

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tuned driving. From its exterior looks, like its sloping roofline, it's easy to see that this vehicle is not about hauling or plentiful interior spaces – it's about looking and feeling great zipping around town in style.

On the outside FX's design cues are exaggerated to the fullest extent of fashion. From its low-slung grille and pit-bull stance to the bulging fenders and chiseled headlights, the little details

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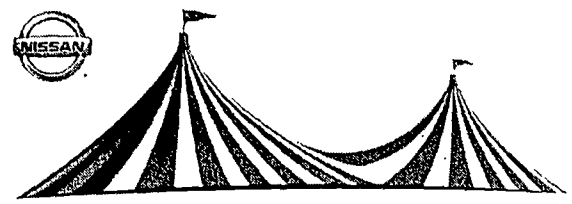
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## Whiz-bang technology makes FX35 a winner

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of FX's design make one statement: "Get in."

Base priced at \$43,850, the FX35's price tag can easily climb with Infiniti's "grouped" package option approach. The FX has a wonderful standard list of equipment, but you find that the option packages have lots of extra toys and gimmicks and must-haves packaged together that may be tough to say no to. My FX added a deluxe touring package (\$2,650), premium package (\$2,000) and navigation package (\$2,800).

My FX35 tester featured a brilliant Blue Slate hue featuring Scratch Shield self-healing paint. Yep, it does exactly what it states - through chemistry and sunshine, scratches of minimal effect disappear.

Part of the touring package is the addition of 20-inch aluminum-alloy rims. These give an already-athletic exterior statement the proverbial grand slam. The FX feels planted to the ground all the time, sometimes maybe a little too planted with some stiff characteristics lending some fun to the driving but adding some soreness to the back side after long periods in the car. That's an easy tradeoff for this FX fan.

Inside the FX, you are pampered with high-tech gadgetry, refined leather, wood and metal surfaces and a quiet cabin that only occasionally suggests the power that belies its shell. This is not a big cabin, but it is a classy and cozy surrounding worthy of luxury status.

I found the well-bolstered seats to be comfortable for both front and rear passengers. Head and legroom is good in front while rear legroom can feel cramped for taller occupants. Rear seats fold 60/40 with little space behind the second row for storage.

FX's standard features impress and include dual-zone automatic temperature control, a Bose Premium Audio system with six-CD changer and a rearview monitor, XM satellite radio and a 2.0-gigabyte Music Box hard drive.

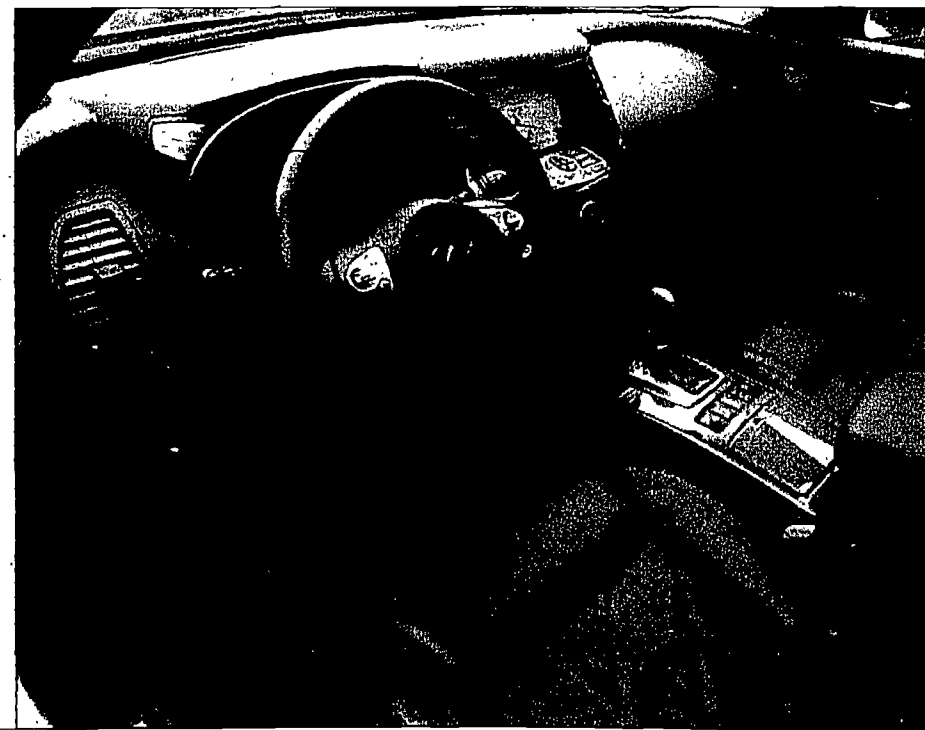
My tester featured a mobile entertainment system with a DVD player and ceiling-mounted,

flip-down 9-inch color screen. A \$1,600 option, the DVD system requires the addition of the technology package, which costs \$2,800. Like I said earlier, it's hard to pull out these features from the packages. My solution: It's all good; check all the boxes and enjoy - your kids surely will.

The FX35 offers a 303-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 engine while the FX50 delivers a 390-horsepower 5.0-liter V-8. Both engines are paired with a seven-speed automatic transmission. Rear-wheel-drive FX35 gets 16/23 mpg city/highway while the optional all-wheel-drive model gets 16/21 mpg. This is better than average for this class.

Overall, performance characteristics for the FX35 are outstanding. It gives you a high view of the road, as opposed to a standard sedan, and it nails sport-sedan handling as well as any BMW SUV.

Safety features for the FX are at the top of the class. Even with its high base price, I believe the FX is still a great value in its class. The FX comes with a high level of standard features. Notable items like the self-repairing paint, amazing nav system and the overhead view from the backup camera do nothing but emphasize the technical wherewithal of the FX. This is one SUV I'd put my own money down to drive.



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## Bredemann Chevy goes to bat for youth baseball and softball

Bredemann Chevrolet is investing in Park Ridge youth through a partnership with Park Ridge Baseball/Softball Inc. Bredemann Chevrolet, which has supported youth baseball in the community for more than 50 years, is providing baseball equipment, instructional clinics, a monetary donation and an opportunity to raise an additional \$10,000 in funds through a Chevy vehicle giveaway-fundraiser. The effort by Bredemann Chevrolet is part of the national Chevy Youth Baseball initiative.

"Chevrolet has a long history with baseball at the national level. We wanted to bring that excitement and commitment to youth baseball in the communities where our customers and their families live," said John Bredemann, the dealership's vice president. "Youth baseball has always played an important role in Park Ridge, so we are thrilled to support our kids in a meaningful way."

In addition, Bredemann Chevrolet will make a one-time monetary donation to Park Ridge Baseball/Softball Inc. The league also will have an opportunity to raise additional funds as part of a Chevy Youth Baseball Fundraiser. Sponsored leagues across the country will each receive 2,000 fundraiser entry tickets to distribute for a suggested donation, and the league will keep 100 percent of proceeds raised. Nationally, raffle donors will be eligible to win one of five Chevy Equinox or Chevy Malibu vehicles (up to \$30,000 in value); in each participating market there will be a secondary prize of a home entertainment center valued at \$1,000.

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Bredemann Chevrolet is located at 1401 W. Dempster, Park Ridge. For information, call (847) 655-1485 or visit [www.bredemann.com](http://www.bredemann.com).

### Correction



Gas mileage figures for the Suzuki Kizashi SLS were incorrect in the May 15/16 edition of SearchChicago - Autos. The Suzuki Kizashi SLS all-wheel-drive continuously variable transmission fuel economy figures are 22 city/29 highway. The SLS front-wheel-drive manual figures are 20 city/29 highway.

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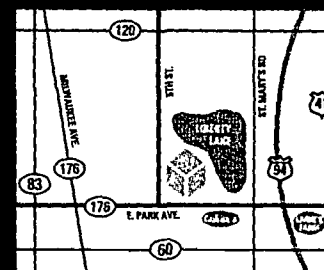


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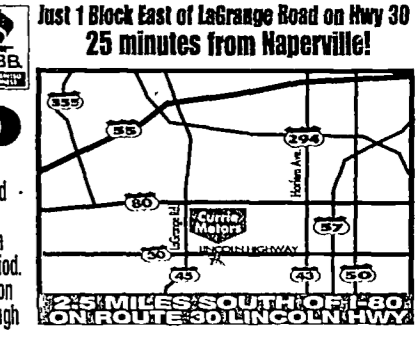
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### Prices reduced up to 30 percent at The Atwater

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During May and June, New England Builders is offering significant incentives on their impressive waterfront one- and two-bedroom condos priced featuring spectacular Lake Michigan views.

Take advantage of \$30,000 in savings by purchasing a one-bedroom, one-bath condo now available for \$169,900, while the one-bedroom-plus-den unit is offered at \$198,900. Prices have been reduced up to 30 percent on all remaining homes.

"With interest rates at a historic low and builders offering huge incentives, now is a great time to make your purchase," said Executive Vice President Chris Rintz.

In addition to substantial savings, New England Builders is offering a variety of special incentives.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime with below market 30-year fixed rate financing, interest rates as low as 2.5 percent, and down payments at an unprecedented 3.5 percent," added Rintz.

"Imagine stepping out on your private balcony and enjoying breathtaking views of Lake Michigan," said Rintz.

The Atwater offers something for everyone, with current floor plans having 757 to 1,836 square feet of living space. Homeowners have a variety of choices, from one-bedroom one-bath homes, to two bed-



Cape Cod shingle-style architecture graces the 40-unit Atwater at Gaslight Pointe, a condominium community within walking distance of downtown Racine.

rooms plus den and 2½ baths. All remaining residences are waiting for selections and can be completed in six to eight weeks, just in time for a fabulous summer on Lake Michigan.

With driving time only one hour from Chicago, many buyers have chosen The Atwater as a vacation

getaway retreat or year-round residence. Life at The Atwater doesn't get any better when entertainment opportunities abound this spring and summer in downtown Racine. Music fills the air with live noon-time concerts and summer nights at Mammert Square, while the cultural scene brings a diverse palette

of gallery openings and opportunities to meet the artists.

From an architectural perspective, the innovative condominium building reflects Racine's historic waterfront landmarks with their New England shingle-style architecture. Crowned

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# C.A. Development ushers in new era with Smart Choice homes

Now that the worst of the housing crisis is over, C.A. Development is focused on building its new series of Smart Choice single-family homes, energy- and life-style-efficient homes for the new decade.

"We're still here and still building," said developer Paul Bertsche of C.A. Development, a veteran home-building firm that has built hundreds of new homes in Chicago's Old Irving Park, Edgewater, West Bucktown, Edgebrook and Forest Glen neighborhoods during the past 15 years.

"We have survived the housing crisis," Bertsche said. "We have changed to meet market conditions. C.A. Development has fine-tuned its products, offering new, more efficient housing designs and major price revisions that allow us to offer new-construction homes with a full warranty at pricing competitive with less energy-efficient existing housing."

After building several hundred single-family homes and town homes over the years, C.A. Development today continues to offer buyers a choice of three home finish levels — Silver, Gold and Platinum — on its existing series of homes.

"In addition, we have introduced our new line of Smart Choice Homes, which are truly energy and space efficient, at our Edgebrook Glen and Mayfair Crossing communities," Bertsche said.

The three Smart Choice homes are among nine models now open for viewing at the two Northwest Side communities.

For the month of May, C.A. Development has launched its "MAY-zing Savings Sale," which offers additional savings of 25 percent to more than 40 percent on already reduced prices on all nine of the existing single-family homes available for immediate delivery at Edgebrook Glen and Mayfair Crossing.

"Along with revising the pricing on several home models scheduled to be built, we have taken additional discounts on some of the existing inventory, including two fully decorated model homes and several of

our new Smart Choice energy-efficient and space-efficient homes," Bertsche said.

"However, our big promotion for May is a Call-to-Action incentive whereby the first buyer of an existing inventory home will receive an additional \$70,000 discount," Bertsche said. "The next purchaser will pocket a \$60,000 discount and a third buyer will receive a \$50,000 discount."

This deal will continue until a sixth buyer purchases a home. Thereafter, all subsequent buyers will receive at least an additional \$25,000 discount, Bertsche said.

The total savings generated in the MAY-zing Savings Sale can be as much as \$480,000 savings on the 3,000-square-foot Oak model, a six-bedroom, 4½-bath home at Edgebrook Glen. This is a savings of 42 percent off the original offering price of \$1.15 million.

C.A. Development's three new Smart Choice homes — the Hickory, the Linden and the Cherry, priced from \$399,000 — were "created with more energy-efficient systems and materials and designs that are thoughtful and flexible, providing the room count and lifestyle of homes with much greater square footage," Bertsche said.

These innovations result in very attractive pricing, a lower cost of ownership and maintenance, and a higher level of owner satisfaction. Although they feature many of the same luxury appointments as C.A. Development's Platinum Series homes — including granite, marble, stainless-steel appliances and hardwood floors — "these Smart Choice residences were also designed with sensitivity to current market conditions and priced from \$399,000 to be available with conventional loans for the best possible rates," Bertsche said.

Showcasing three to five bedrooms and attached two-car garages, these homes all feature high-efficiency heat and air conditioning systems with zoned dampers for multilevel comfort as well as energy-saving high-efficiency hot water heaters. They also feature 50 percent



The Linden is one of the Smart Choice energy-efficient homes available at C.A. Development's Edgebrook Glen community on the Northwest Side.



C.A. Development's Mayfair Crossing showcases the Smart Choice Hickory as a furnished model.

higher levels of wall insulation, 25 percent higher levels of ceiling insulation, low-E windows with argon gas, advanced-war-

ranted waterproofing for the fully finished lower levels, fiberglass-faced exterior sheathing with moisture barriers and

Energy Star appliances, among their many other appointments. So far, 23 homes have been built at Edgebrook Glen, a se-

cluded enclave abutting the Indian Woods Forest Preserve on Chicago's Northwest Side. All home sites are a minimum of 45 feet wide. The development features more than two acres of private landscaped common area with a fitness trail and a circular tiered limestone arena for a gathering or performance area.

Mayfair Crossing is within walking distance to the Mayfair Metra station and shopping at the Marketplace at Six Corners in Old Irving Park.

In addition to new revised pricing that reflects the current market, a \$50,000 discount on existing completed homes is available on most of the inventory of nine immediate-delivery luxury homes at Edgebrook Glen and Mayfair Crossing. The Edgebrook Glen sales center and models at 6200 W. Armstrong Ave. are open noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

The Mayfair Crossing sales center, 4225 N. Kilpatrick, is open from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. Visit [www.cadevelopment.com](http://www.cadevelopment.com) or call Barbara O'Connor of Koenig & Stry GMA Real Estate at 773-491-5631.

# Rock Creek's second model completed at Henning Estates

Following on the heels of two contracts signed after the opening of its first decorated model in November 2009, Rock Creek Homes has announced the completion of yet another professionally decorated ranch model at Henning Estates.

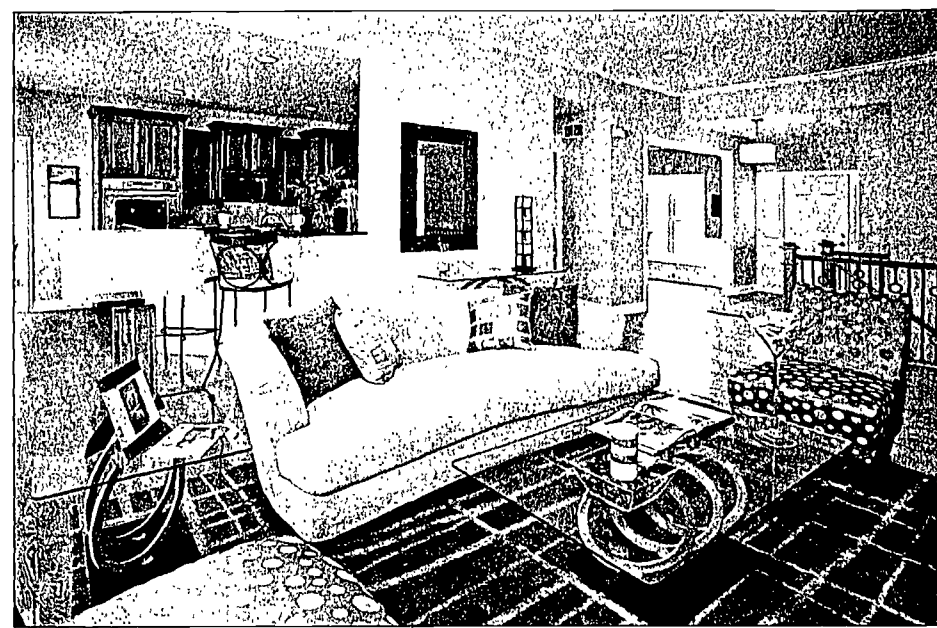
Located in a peaceful country setting just west of Huntley, Rock Creek's mid-priced, semi-custom ranch homes are priced from the high \$200,000s (including homesite) and provide 1,800 to 2,260 square feet of stair-free living space. Rock Creek's homes will be set on third-acre homesites that open to woods, tall grass prairies, or ponds/wetlands. For maximum privacy and environmental conservation, none of the homesites will back to another homesite.

Rock Creek's decorated NewCastle model is a 1,803 square-foot, ranch home with optional three-car garage. With a base price of \$347,900, this new cedar-sided model with masonry accents is open for

## Visit this community

Henning Estates is on Church Road, ¼ mile east of Route 20 and 2 miles north of the I-90 Tollway. To set up an appointment to view the community or meet with Rock Creek Homes, call 847-338-3821 or visit the Web site at [www.henningestates.com](http://www.henningestates.com) or [www.rockcreekhomes.com](http://www.rockcreekhomes.com).

careful inspection. Families who wish to take advantage of the federal government's housing stimulus program, which expires May 1, may also purchase this model for quick occupancy. The savings through the federal economic stimulus program for first-time buyers is \$8,000 and for everyone else a maximum of \$6,500. The stunning NewCastle floor



The main living area of the NewCastle creates the impression that this 1,803 square-foot home is much larger than it really is. Because of clever architectural details like the 12-foot volume ceilings in the family room and the elimination of unnecessary walls between the kitchen, dinette and family room, the feeling of spaciousness is emphasized significantly. With a base price of \$347,900, this new cedar-sided model with masonry accents is perfect for families.

plan is designed to be attractive to a wide range of homeowner lifestyles. For empty-nesters, the floor plan eliminates the need to climb stairs and the dining room at the front of the

home can be dressed up with dual French doors. The main living area of the NewCastle creates the impression that this 1,803 square-foot home is much larger than it really

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walls between the kitchen, dinette and family room, the feeling of spaciousness is emphasized significantly.

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# Tax credit gone, but spring home-buying deals still offered

If you missed out on taking advantage of Uncle Sam's tax-credit incentives, there still are some spring housing deals available to help Chicago-area home and condo buyers save significant cash. Some Realtors and developers are providing their own buyer stimulus programs by offering thousands of dollars in special closeout-price reductions, closing credits, attractive low-down payment Federal Housing Administration-insured financing and other incentives.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage agents are asking home sellers to offer a credit at closing of 3 percent of the purchase price up to \$8,000 to buyers who sign a sales contract between now and July 31. There is now deadline for the closing and no income requirements.

Down town condo buyers who purchase a high-rise residence at 200 North Dearborn Private Residences can pocket price savings of 40 percent between now and July 19th on the building's remaining 119 units, according to American Invco, the firm converting the 47-story rental tower to condominium ownership.

Convertible junior one-bedrooms now start at \$172,300, down from \$287,200. One-bedroom units start at \$190,069, down from \$340,200. The prices of two-bedroom, two-bath layouts now start at \$294,000, down from \$490,000. Call 312-558-1200, or visit [www.200NDearborn.com](http://www.200NDearborn.com).

C.A. Development, a major Chicago home builder, is hosting an "a-MAY-zing Savings



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Here are other programs available through Illinois and Chicago this spring to help cash-strapped home buyers:

■ **Home Start Loan Program:** This Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) program offers military veterans and first-time home buyers a low interest rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage. The

plan also offers a 10-year, zero percent, non-amortizing, forgivable loan of 3 percent of the purchase price, or up to \$6,000, to help with a down payment.

Also, qualified first-time home buyers who haven't owned a home in three years can apply for mortgage credit certificates through IHDA. The certificates give a dollar-for-dollar reduction in annual federal income taxes equal to 20 percent of the interest paid on their mortgage, or up to \$2,000 annually. However, participants cannot simultaneously participate in both Home Start programs. For more information and a list of participating lenders, visit [www.ihda.org](http://www.ihda.org).

■ **Chicago's Home Purchase Assistance Program:** This city of Chicago plan offers down-payment and closing-cost assistance, ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000, depending on household income. For more information, visit the link [www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/providers/afford\\_hous/svcs/home\\_purchase\\_assistance\\_program.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/providers/afford_hous/svcs/home_purchase_assistance_program.html).

■ **Neighborhood Housing Services:** This organization offers home purchase and purchase-rehab loans. Various Neighborhood Stabilization Programs also continue, enabling consumers to buy renovated foreclosed homes in certain communities. Visit [www.nhscicago.org](http://www.nhscicago.org).

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Industry experts answer your questions

## Maintenance-free community means less work, less cost, more free time

Q. What are the advantages of a new, maintenance-free community?

A: There are several. Let's start with new construction. Many people are attracted to new construction. One key factor is the client's ability to select individual preferences through finish choices. In many cases, this is the client's best opportunity to create an interior that is unique to their needs and personality. Being the first to use all the fixtures, appliances and finishes is truly a satisfying experience. There is also the knowledge that every component of the home is at the beginning of its useful life and, in many cases, carries a warranty.

The new home will not need maintenance or attention for some time. Conversely, older homes always require monthly and annual maintenance from Day One of ownership. It is also uncommon for warranties to exist for older, resale houses.

Maintenance-free living usually means living in a community of attached or detached homes where a Homeowners Association has been established. The homeowners each pay a fee, monthly or annually, which is typically collected by a professional management company. The money is pooled and budgeted so that services can be



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contracted for the benefit of the whole community. These services often include lawn care, snow removal, common area upkeep to open spaces and walking paths, and at times security services such as guarded entry gates.

In addition, larger ticket items that may not occur for some time, such as roof replacement, exterior brickwork, painting, and driveway resurfacing, all will need maintenance at some point. These items would typically be funded by budgeting a portion of each homeowner's monthly fee into a reserve account. When services are contracted in groups, it means a lower cost per home for the respective service. This is a major benefit for individuals who want to budget for these items. In contrast, living outside a maintenance-free community

## Send your questions

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can mean higher total costs to the homeowner because they are not sharing costs under a larger contract. Service providers like the efficiencies of contracting services for many homes at one location. In this busy world, many choose to spend free time enjoying hobbies, outings with family and friends and less time on mowing lawns, shoveling snow, or worrying about exterior upkeep. To summarize, new, maintenance-free living is appealing to a much larger audience than ever before.

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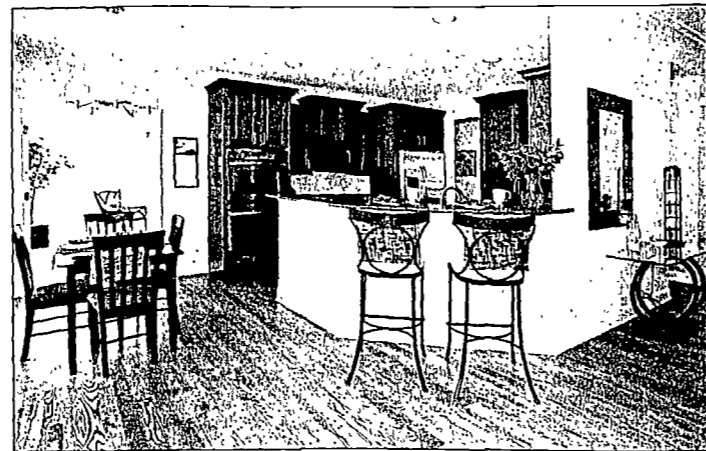
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**NewCastle**  
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The luxurious master bedroom suite's dimensions of 13-by-16 feet offers more than enough room for a king size bed and an assortment of dressers and night stands. For convenience the room has access to a private bath (with soaking tub and separate shower) and a huge walk-in closet. Also included in the standard NewCastle is furniture-quality cabinetry with crown molding, central air-conditioning, appliance package (stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal and microwave), and full basement.

Rock Creek Development offers homebuyers the opportunity to select a home from its library of ranch floor plans and then customize them to meet their lifestyles. All homes feature a full basement, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, vaulted ceilings, energy efficient furnace and air conditioning, insulated windows, finished insulated garages, staggered maple cabinets, ceramic floor tile in baths, luxury master baths, and landscaped yards. Optional amenities such as stone hearth fireplaces, walk-out basements, skylights, and additional bedroom options are also available. Homesites and homes in Hen-

ning Estates are "Right Sized" for families looking for a smaller home-site to maintain and a more space efficient home. Henning Estates features 103 homesites that average a third of an acre, 80 percent of which are suitable for the construction of a home on a walk-out or look-out basement. As a result of careful planning, 100 percent of its homesites back up to open space, thus homeowners will never look out their back windows and see the back yard of another home. Of the community's 110 acres, 55 acres is devoted to open space, wetlands or ponds.



The NewCastle model at Henning Estates.

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- Barrington**  
522 Park Barrington Way: Suria, Nancy A: \$375,000
  - Buffalo Grove**  
13 Whitehall Ct: Wu, Jian: \$245,000  
26 Crestview Ter: Sarley, Marlene: \$255,000  
275 University Dr: Butler, Marlon & Sarah A: \$325,000  
523 Estato Dr: Shachtler, Benjamin N: \$265,000
  - Des Plaines**  
1020 Wicke Ave: Rothfield, Caroline: \$297,000  
1592 Ashland Ave: Nurkowski, Paul L: \$235,500
  - Evanston**  
1830 Ridge Ave 4 D: Polonsky, Abby: \$233,500  
1908 Grant St: Bachochin, Matthew & Robyn: \$618,500  
1923 Sherman Ave 2S: Chuang, Cindy & Yishan: \$206,000  
2018 Orrington Ave: Hogan, William R & Emilie A: \$677,000  
2228 Grant St: Harman, Brian Anthony & Lopez, Elizabeth V: \$370,000  
2515 Princeton Ave: Stevenson, Warwick L: \$315,000  
3316 Colfax St: Brown, Scott & Ashley: \$365,000  
410 South Blvd: Tarlock, Robert: \$215,000  
515 Main St 501: Dugan, Emily A & Joseph: \$312,500
  - Glencoe**  
515 Main St 909: Knisely, Doug: \$280,000  
601 Linden Pl 210: Sobolowski, Dorothy Jane: \$278,000  
714 Brummett St: Trussen, Sandra & Gozic, Smilja: \$340,000  
917 Forest Ave 2: Hatpin, Ryan & Wesolowski, Juliana: \$347,500
  - Glennview**  
1415 Peblecreek Dr: Lichi, Silviiu & Mirela: \$210,000  
1520 Huntington Dr: Conway, Jean L: \$340,000  
2821 Helen Dr: Gupta, Manjan & Saral, Sukumar: \$360,000  
4925 Blake Ln: Omibokun, Adebukola & Jacqueline: \$950,000  
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# Chartwell Group to auction several local properties

Chartwell Group LLC will offer a selection of commercial, residential and restaurant properties at an auction scheduled for 1:30 p.m. May 27 in the Sheraton Gateway Suites, 6501 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont.

"These bank-owned properties are in central Illinois, the Chicago area and Davenport, Iowa. All properties will be offered with published reserves up to 75 percent off appraised values. On select properties, buyers who close quickly will receive a 3 percent discount at closing.

"Auctions typically allow buyers to purchase properties for significantly less than replacement cost or recent real estate appraisals," said Jim Byczek, vice president and real estate broker for the Chartwell Group. "Banks and lenders, on the other hand, benefit because it allows them to sell property quicker than normal, thus avoiding costly overhead and other carrying costs on the property."

The majority of the residential properties are located in Lake Forest, Elgin, Kendall County, St. Charles, Cary, Fox Lake and Chicago. Restaurants are in Davenport, Iowa, and Dixon,



This Lake Forest home — along with several other residential and commercial properties — will be auctioned by Chartwell Group on May 27 at Sheraton Gateway Suites in Rosemont.

Ill., are also on the docket. In Lake Forest, a new 5,918-square-foot luxury estate in a wooded 200-acre conservation-minded community has a published reserve price of \$900,000; it was originally priced at \$2.75 million. Bidding will start at \$750,000. Located at 20458 N. Farwell Road, this

two-story custom home features a floor-to-ceiling river rock stone gallery that sets the architectural tone for the rest of the home. For a virtual tour, visit [www.obco.com/598949](http://www.obco.com/598949). In Elgin, a 13-unit apartment building near the Grand Victoria Casino is being offered for a reserve of \$275,000. The

property at 326-334 Raymond St. has 10 one-bedroom apartments, a two-bedroom unit, a three-bedroom unit and a four-bedroom apartment. Currently 62 percent occupied, an operating statement is available. Three lots near Oswego offer opportunities for builders or investors. With a reserve price of



A 13-unit apartment building near the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin is among the properties being offered, this one for a reserve of \$275,000. This property at 326-334 Raymond Street has 10 one-bedroom apartments, a two-bedroom unit, a three-bedroom unit and a four-bedroom apartment. Set within the Elgin Historic Watch District, any exterior alterations will require the city of Elgin's approval. It is currently 62 percent occupied.

\$105,000 to purchase the three lots together, the potential for a profit is strong. Each lot is approximately 1/3 of an acre and sits within the prestigious Hennebry Woods community that has homes consistently selling between \$500,000 and \$700,000. A 2 1/2-acre parcel of property in Fox Lake is available for a reserve of \$80,000. This parcel is located at 17 Forest Ave. near East School Street.

In St. Charles, Chartwell Group is auctioning a 1.72-acre lot that abuts the golf course at Royal Hawk Country Club. Surrounded by homes valued from \$650,000 to \$2.5 million, this lot overlooks the 10th tee of a private country club. Its published reserve is \$125,000. Other home sites up for auction include a heavily wooded 2.11-acre lot in the Oakwood

Turn to CHARTWELL, 7

# Here are some top tile trends for renovations

Slow economic recovery or not, you may be ready to renovate. Maybe you just can't live with your ugly, old energy-inefficient kitchen anymore. And stepping into your bathroom makes you feel like you walked through a time warp.

More Americans will continue to choose remodeling the homes they're already in over moving into new construction in 2010, real estate experts predict. In fact, the National Association of Home Builders foresees "leisure growth" for the renovation industry in the coming year, according to the association's National Outlook report. And kitchens and bathrooms continue to top the list of the rooms both current homeowners and potential buyers most want to update.

When renovating your home for the long run, it makes sense to choose materials that offer outstanding design flexibility, affordability, durability and eco-friendliness. Ceramic tile continues to be a favorite choice of savvy designers, builders and homeowners seeking those qualities for home renovations.

So what are the hot trends in ceramic tile for 2010? The Ceramic Tile Manufacturers Association of Spain, which represents Tile of Spain branded manufacturers, offers insight into what's new and hot in this timeless building material.

**Green is still great:** Homeowners continue to demand more eco-friendly, sustainable building practices and materials for both renovations and new construction. Ceramic tile meets

the demand for green renovation materials, with eco-friendly qualities such as improved production methods to be more environmentally responsible, ceramic tile that aids in heat retention, tile that is naturally resistant to bacteria, tile that does not require cleaning with harsh chemicals or solvents, so fewer toxic elements are flushed into the ecosystem, and tile that doesn't release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or other gases into your home's atmosphere.

**Slim is in:** Tile is getting thinner. You can now buy ceramic tile in thicknesses of just 3, 4, 5 and 6 millimeters. Slimmer tile means it's easier to handle, cut and lay, so installation is faster. And you can apply it directly over old tile, eliminating the hassle of removing old tile and reducing the construction waste sent to landfills. Plus, because the tile is lighter and thinner, it works well for walls and other vertical applications.

Additionally, a slim tile means green building benefits such as maximum energy savings, and a decrease in the amount of raw materials used and carbon dioxide emitted during manufacturing. Lighter weight also means less environmental impact during shipping, and less adhesive mortar is required to lay the tile.

**The best form of flattery:** Advances in digital printing technology allow ceramic tile to imitate almost any finish. You can now find ceramic tile that mimics the look of some of the most popular types of stone and wood

flooring, including marble, slate, granite, classic parquet, exotic woods and even distressed, reclaimed and weathered planks. When it comes to renovating a kitchen or bath, ceramic tile is a great way to get the look of stone or wood without the expense and inconveniences of special maintenance.

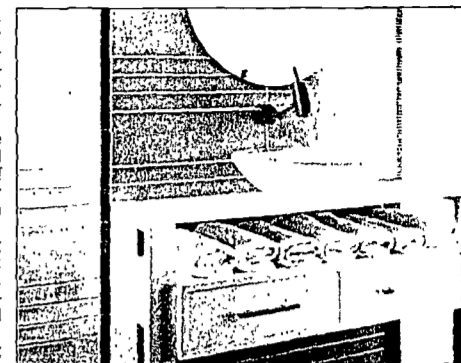
Imagine the look of wood in high-traffic, high-humidity areas without the risk of warping, scratching or staining. Wood and water don't mix well, so until the advent of wood-look ceramic tile, renovating homeowners had to forego the warmth and beauty of wood in areas where the material might be exposed to water, including kitchens, baths and pool surrounds.

Bright on color, big on texture: ARAcontant

Glossy tiles, with surfaces that feature both gloss and matte patterns, are enjoying new interest from designers and homeowners. Metallic patinas are also prized. As more Americans strive to shed recession blues, bright colors are on the rise. Pantone just announced that turquoise is the color of the year. Whether it's the color of the day or the year, you can find it in tile.

If you want a more soothing sensation from your tile, you can create calming effects with polychrome color combinations of cream, gray, white and camel.

For more ideas on renovating with ceramic tile, visit [www.spaintiles.info](http://www.spaintiles.info).



Metallic patinas mean bright colors are on the rise. Pantone just announced that turquoise is the color of the year. And thinner tiles make them more usable for vertical surfaces. ARAcontant PHOTOS

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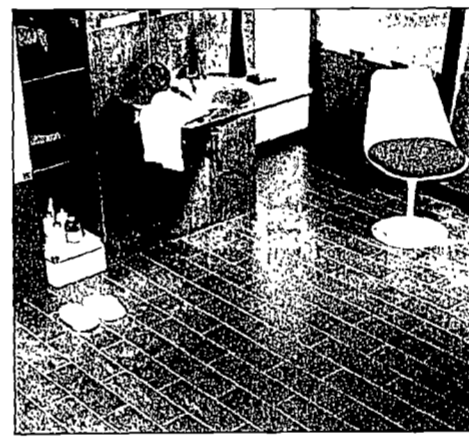
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Hills subdivision of Cary (\$30,000 published reserve) and a 25-foot-by-161-foot Chicago lot at 5306 S. Indiana in the Washington Park neighborhood (\$10,000 published reserve).

If Chicago is where you want to be, but an empty lot is not your cup of tea, then a pair of two-bedroom, one-bath condominiums at 3616 Wilson Ave. might be of interest. Offered for reserve prices are \$20,000

and \$30,000. Commercial or retail opportunities include former restaurants at 628 Palmyra in Dixon (\$95,000 published reserve), zoned C-3, and 1225 E. Kimberly Rd. in Davenport (\$450,000 published reserve), zoned C-2.

For brochures, terms of sale and more information about the auction, contact Bud Blinick at 847-929-9254 (blinick@chartwellgroup.com) or Jim Byczek at 847-929-9253 (jbyczek@chartwellgroup.com). Information also can be found at [www.chartwellgroup.com](http://www.chartwellgroup.com).

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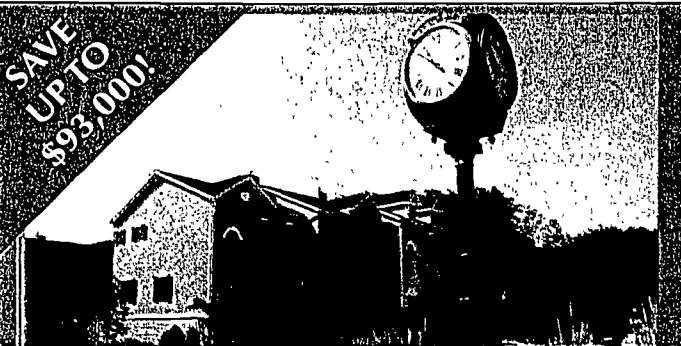
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**ON SITE INSPECTIONS: May 17 & 24 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON**  
 Appraised Value: \$890,000  
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PARCEL 4: 628 Palmyra, Dixon, IL - Former Brown Shingle Restaurant, 5,490 SF Non-operating restaurant. Free-standing building, on 2.12 acres. Zoned C-3. Located in close proximity to I-88 from the south and I-39 to the east.

**ON SITE INSPECTIONS: May 17 & 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**  
 Appraised Value: \$250,000  
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 PARCEL 10: 3614-3616 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, IL. Two - 2 bedroom 1 bath condos.

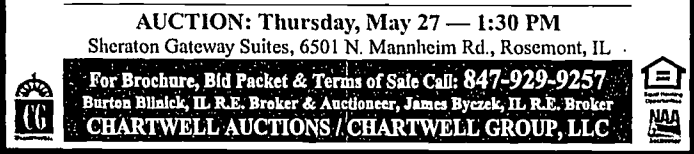
**ON SITE INSPECTIONS: May 16 & 23 from 12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM**  
 Previously Listed at \$65,000  
 Published Reserve Price: \$20,000 - \$30,000

PARCEL 1: 26458 Farwell, Lake Forest, IL. Single Family Estate. Located in prestigious Deer Path Farms, a 200-acre development with just 41 homesites, this newly constructed Lake Forest luxury home is 1/4 mile west of I-94 just north of Towline Rd. (Rt. 60). The home's stunning design blends in with its unspoiled surroundings and offers breathtaking views of one of the nation's largest and best preserved native areas. The estate features oak hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, 5 bedrooms (first floor master suite), 6 baths, huge gourmet kitchen, stone fireplace, 3-car garage with radiant heat, snow melt system, screened porch, decks, full basement with 10' ceiling, & much more.

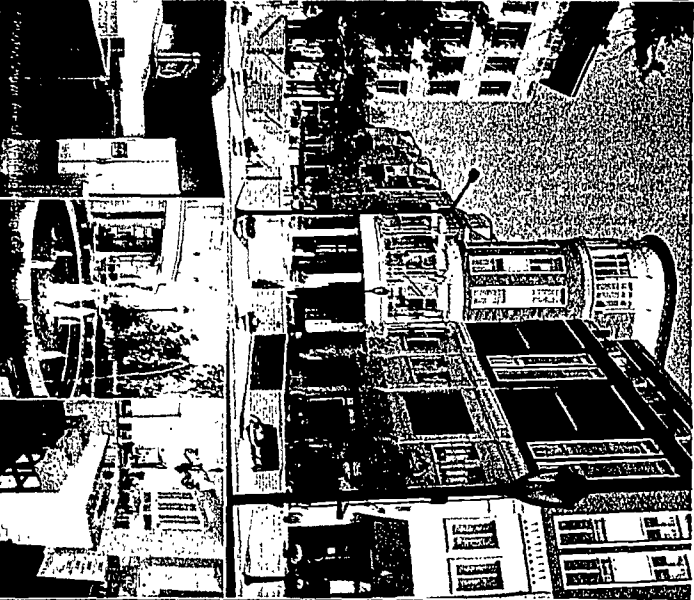
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 310 Bishop Ct: Nolan, David & Nicola A: \$875,000

**Kenilworth**  
 621 Briar St: Hawley, Bradford & Frantsova Hawley, Julie: \$838,000

**Lincolnwood**  
 7019 N Tripp Ave: Luciana, Karen: \$240,000  
 7358 N Kenneth Ave: Kim, Chan: \$225,000

**Morton Grove**  
 5728 Keeney St: Ullah, Asif H: \$278,000  
 7605 Beckwith Rd: Cabatlin, Marzeny C: \$271,000

**Mount Prospect**  
 1823 W Catalpa Ln: Cannizzaro, Angelo A: \$289,500  
 211 S Walker Ln: Parvanova, Dimitrina: \$217,000  
 401 S See Gwin Ave: Krawonich, Matthew E & Broeren, Mary: \$311,000  
 421 N Emerson St: Latreau, William A & Loren J: \$290,000  
 808 S See Gwin Ave: Mastropolo, Michele & Agnes: \$294,000  
 9 N Owen St: Schenkemeyer, Kurt: \$320,000

**Niles**  
 7649 N Oleander Ave: Baranski, Daniel: \$200,000  
 8017 N Odell Ave: Foley, Bryan A & Willer, Danielle M: \$250,000  
 8400 N Osceola Ave: Bertucci Jr, Joseph S & Bertucci, Joanna L: \$272,000

**Norridge**  
 4349 N Oleander Ave: Muszynski, Krystyna S: \$231,000

**Northbrook**  
 1733 Dundee Rd: Mcgee, Brian & Saliszewski, Angela: \$230,000  
 200 Summerfield Rd: Vido, Allan W: \$225,000  
 2408 Walters Ave: Chacon, Ruben D & Ruiz, Cristobal: \$745,000  
 2545 Salseda Dr: Ilvovsky, Vera: \$380,000  
 4061 Bordeaux Dr: Nicoli, Derek J & Audrey K: \$552,000  
 701 Helen Dr: Chadha, Vinay & Madhuri: \$420,000

**Northfield**  
 615 Thornwood Ln: Duffy, John & Cristin K: \$900,000

**Oak Park**  
 1013 S Euclid Ave: Hershberger, Richard & Blumett, Jennifer: \$635,000  
 1013 S Euclid Ave: Pych, Daniel J & Kyra L: \$250,000  
 1116 S Oak Park Ave: Porter, Daryl A & Holly L: \$265,000  
 1127 S Humphrey Ave: Rosenblum, Joshua & Gabrielle: \$355,000  
 1135 Schneider Ave 2B: Clouse, Barbara L: \$220,000  
 1192 Clarence Ave 2: Peralta, Charlotte Walker: \$381,000  
 1145 S East Ave: Haught, Steven M & Stoner, Robert L: \$375,000  
 1234 Belleforte Ave: Coptan, Chad A & Bianchi, Nadia R: \$255,000  
 50 Lake St: Mitchell, Matthew & Lisa M: \$200,000  
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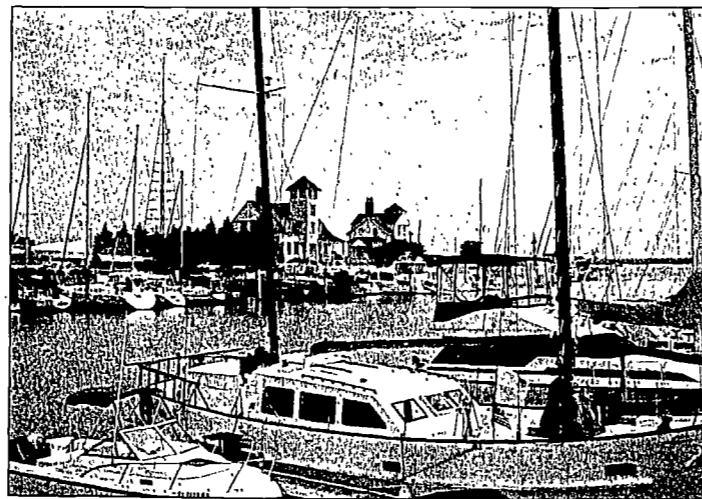


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BELLE PLAINE COMMONS

**Pet-friendly attitude attracts buyers**

Pet lovers who are 55 and older are finding that a condo at Belle Plaine Commons in Chicago's North Center neighborhood is a perfect fit for residents who are downsizing and streamlining their lifestyles.

"Selling a single-family home or two-flat and living a maintenance-free lifestyle is part of the attraction for many 55-or-better buyers at Belle Plaine Commons at 2335 W. Belle Plaine," said Rena Appel, development coordinator for North Center Associates LLC, the developer.

Part of the attraction is living near lavishly landscaped green space, fountains, tree-lined streets and a dog park, which make Belle Plaine Commons an ideal place for pet lovers embarking on a new lifestyle," Appel said.

Residents appreciate the benefits of living in a pet-friendly and maintenance-free setting at Belle Plaine Commons, with prices starting at just \$194,990.

Belle Plaine Commons residents and dog lovers Terrie Matthes and Carole Schmitz have two golden retrievers they acquired from a pet rescue. They welcomed Annie and Ivan about four years ago, and Ivan joined the family about eight weeks ago.

"Both Ivan and Annie just love the dog park at Belle Plaine Commons," Matthes said. "It's a nice, gated dog park so they can run around and meet other canine friends. I usually bring a book and they run and do their thing."

Matthes and Schmitz sold their single-family home that was just a few blocks away from Belle Plaine Commons.

"We have always had two dogs and when we saw that our dogs would be welcomed at Belle Plaine Commons, this was a big selling point for us," Matthes said.

Jim Bott and Amy, his 11-year-old Jack Russell terrier, were the first residents to move into Belle Plaine Commons in May 2008.

"I lived in the neighborhood for 19 years and my house was just about a block and a half away on Oakley Street," Bott said. "I owned a two-flat, but the house was more than 100 years old and it showed its age. I saw there were these new condos going up at Belle Plaine Commons and decided to buy one."

In addition to the dog park, there are plenty of places to walk a dog around the development.

"This was a major consideration for me when I was looking at condominiums, too," Bott said. "I would think: 'Where will I walk Amy?'"

Josie McDonald and her 2-year-old poodle, Puddin', have been living at Belle Plaine Commons for almost a year.

"We used to live in Ravenswood Manor in a two-flat," she said. "I lived there for 38 years. It was just too much for me."

"I have made a lot of friends here at Belle Plaine Commons and Puddin' just loves the dog park," McDonald added.



Jim Bott and Amy, his 11-year-old Jack Russell terrier, were the first residents to move into Belle Plaine Commons in May 2008. Bott said the community's outdoor spaces and dog park factored into his decision to buy. DEBART MEDIA PHOTOS BY AIMEE DEBART



Josie McDonald and Puddin' really enjoy the dog park at Belle Plaine Commons.

"Sometimes I am ready to go back inside and he will still run around in the dog park and hang out with his loggie friends, especially Amy."

Cat lover Jean Petersen lives at Belle Plaine Commons with Jasper, her 7-year-old kitty. Petersen moved into her condominium at Belle Plaine Commons in June 2008.

"I had a big house that was just way too big for one person after my husband had passed," she said. "There was just too much yard, too much cleaning, and way too much snow at that house. Then I saw the sign for Belle Plaine Commons and it was just three miles from my old neighborhood. I just love it here."

According to Petersen, Jasper thinks Belle Plaine Commons is the cat's meow.

"He just loves condo living. Jasper likes to look out the window with the north and west views, and he enjoys sunning himself in the windows."

Resident Martha Lopez has two parakeets named Vickie and Sunny who keep her com-

pany at Belle Plaine Commons. She got the birds a few years back when her husband passed away. The birds live in their cage and sometimes Martha will put them out on the patio so they can look around outside and talk to other birds in the neighborhood.

"Belle Plaine Commons is in a nice neighborhood. Retail shopping is not far away, and my doctor is right here, too," Lopez said. "There is also a nice park with a fountain. It's a good place for us old folks so we can talk and catch up. I have a lot of friends here at Belle Plaine Commons."

The 92-unit Belle Plaine Commons community anchors the five-acre North Center Senior Campus, bounded by Irving Park Road, Western Avenue, Oakley Avenue and Belle Plaine Avenue in the heart of the North Center neighborhood. The development overlooks a tranquil half-acre park and an elegant smaller, quarter-acre park.

While sales at Belle Plaine Commons are nearing the 90 percent mark, there still is a selection of one-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den and two-bedroom residences available.

Prices at the 92-unit building range from \$194,990 to \$212,990 for one-bedroom condominiums with 848 to 900 square feet of living space, \$204,990 to \$249,990 for one-bedroom-plus-den condominiums with 1044 to 1,011 square feet of living space, and \$249,990 to \$298,990 for two-bedroom condominiums with 1,134 to 1,155 square feet of living space.

"At these prices, this is a rare opportunity that won't last," said July Westerberg, sales manager for Garrison Partners Ltd., the exclusive sales and marketing agent.

One member of the household has to be at least 55 years of age, but the other member may be as young as 48 years.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

**A small project can refresh a room's look**

In today's challenging economy, you're taking a look at how you spend your hard-earned dollars. And while you may not have the necessary budget to tackle a major home improvement project, there are many homeowners who are choosing a more strategic approach to remodeling: refreshing rooms and undertaking small projects one at a time.

This new methodology toward the do-it-yourself (DIY) movement is something that is quickly growing, goes beyond quick fixes and simple decor updates and actually involves a completely new mindset. This concept is so relevant, in fact, that the researchers at Moen, one of the top faucet brands in North America, have identified it as a home improvement trend: "remodel-lite."

"In essence, the remodel-lite consumer is one who wishes to refresh a room with only a few items, and with a minimal investment," said Jack Sivak, director of market research and insights, Moen. "But at the same time, they still have the mindset of a remodeler. They want their home improvement project to make a significant impact on their home, in terms of both style and functionality. And now, more than ever before, trusted brands are at the utmost importance to homeowners."



The perfect remodeling project is one that includes items that you see and touch multiple times every day, such as a kitchen faucet. When selecting a new faucet, look for a high-arc style with pull-down functionality. Some models have the added benefit of saving water. Pictured is the Moen Anabelle Eco-Performance faucet.

consumer" is an individual with an average household income of less than \$100,000, and an average home value of more than \$230,000. More than 40 percent of remodel-lite consumers are Baby Boomers and 55 percent are married. Nearly 70 percent have lived in their homes for less than 10 years

and almost 80 percent will complete the home improvement project themselves.

"In conducting our research, the characteristic comments we heard from remodel-lite consumers included phrases such as, 'I just retouched the paint to make the house look newer and fresher,' and 'I bought paint, hardware, a new faucet and towels. This time it will be more cohesive. Re-use, re-use, recycle is my new mantra,'" said Sivak.

For homeowners seeking to incorporate the remodel-lite approach into their next home improvement project, Sivak offers the following tips:

■ **The everyday touch.** Rather than spend your hard-earned dollars on a vase or piece of artwork that you only use at the holidays, invest in items that you see and touch on a daily basis. The perfect example is a kitchen faucet. It's something you use multiple times every day, and can truly be the ideal finishing touch to a remodel-lite kitchen project.

Most kitchens have a basic faucet, but as the focal point and most-used item in the kitchen, updating this misty can create a functional and fashionable change that everyone will notice. When selecting a new kitchen faucet, look for a high-arc style with pull-down functionality. Some models also save water because of their designs.

■ **Accessorize.** Take a page from the fashion industry and realize the power of accessorizing. You can easily transform the look of any room with a few key pieces. But in this economy, choose items that can multitask to make the most of your investment. Examples include an ottoman that doubles as storage and/or seating, or a flip-top sofa table that can open up to be used as a buffet or desk.

■ **Day-by-day, one step at a time.** Don't overwhelm yourself by trying to tackle a number of complicated projects all at once. Rather, select one primary project — even if it's complex — and divide it into smaller jobs. Start by looking at the rooms you use the most, typically the kitchen, master bathroom and master bedroom.

In the bedroom, the perfect remodel-lite project, which you'll be able to enjoy every day, is a do-it-yourself closet organization system. A system composed of wire rack shelving is available in a variety of sizes and depths, and can be arranged to accommodate a number of accessories, from tie racks to shoe trays.

■ **Begin to dream again.** Just because you might be short on funds doesn't mean you have to be short on inspiration. In these trying times, it's OK to continue to have pie-in-the-sky home improvement dreams ... but also un-

derstand that even small projects and purchases can help you slowly inch toward your goals.

With just a few updates around the house, you can quickly move from survival to revival. And if you simply don't have the budget to begin even a small project, surround yourself with things that reflect your personality or people close to you — photographs of family trips, family heirlooms and souvenirs can help you reminisce about special days — and realize that they could be just around the corner.

■ **Make a style statement.** Finally, don't neglect your sense of style while you're watching your budget. You can simply dress up the basics with your personal flair by adding a stunning statement piece. And many times, you don't even need a tall box. Just try a new area rug, a piece of inexpensive artwork or a collage of family portraits.

"Whereas some home improvement trends come and go quickly, we feel the remodel-lite trend has staying power, especially while we ride out these times of economic uncertainty," said Sivak. "And when the recession is over, the lessons learned while incorporating a remodel-lite concept into your everyday life will still have a great deal of value."

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Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Ave., Evanston. [www.jrc-evanston.org](http://www.jrc-evanston.org). June 2, 7 p.m.: First Wednesday Israeli Movie Night, featuring "Kochavim Shel Shlomi" (2003). June 16, 7:30 p.m.: "Delicious Peace Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean," a movie about an interfaith fair trade coffee cooperative in rural Uganda. \$10; \$5 for children under 12. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. [www.parkridgeilibrary.org](http://www.parkridgeilibrary.org). Forbidden Cinema: The Pre-Code Hollywood Series—Films are shown at 7 p.m. Thursdays, hosted by film historian

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### LECTURES

Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. [www.evanstonartcenter.org](http://www.evanstonartcenter.org). (847) 475-5300. June 4, 5 p.m.: Arny Nadler will be giving an informal talk, "Public Art: The Meeting Point Between Concept and Completion." He will begin installation of "Grosse Pointe Confluence," the new sculpture on the grounds at the EAC, on June 1.

### ORGANIZATIONS

The American Jewish Artists Club is now accepting applications for new artist members. The club exhibits widely in the Chicago area in museums, public venues and institutions, synagogues and community centers. Members also participate in salon discussions and art critiques, plein air painting sessions, and other activities. For information, visit [www.american-jewishartistsclub.org](http://www.american-jewishartistsclub.org).

Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines. New members are welcome. For information, call Margaret Newman, (847) 924-8952, or visit [www.dpag.org](http://www.dpag.org).

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43 will meet at 7:30 p.m. May 21 in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Rafael Benatar, a magician from Spain, will perform and explain his tricks. \$15 guest fee. For information, contact Robert K. Miller at (847) 272-3850 or [miracles@mag-icmiller.com](mailto:miracles@mag-icmiller.com).

Northern Illinois Stereo Camera Club meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. The group is devoted to preserving and promoting all aspects of three-dimensional art and photography. Call T.J. Adamczyk, (773) 631-7068, or Tom Stremiau, (773) 761-0795.

Park Ridge Art League meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the South Park Fieldhouse, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Guest fee is \$3. Call Dorothy DuSold, (847) 825-3505.

Skokie Art Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. For more information, visit [www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org). May 25, 7 p.m.: Robert Pinhasik—Working with Acrylics. June 22, 6:30 p.m.: Gay Riseborough—members critique and presentation of SAG's Student Excellence in Art Awards.

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### WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Art Encounter, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 328-9222. [www.artencounter.org](http://www.artencounter.org). June 1-29, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays: "How to Talk About Contemporary Art." \$175; \$250 with C.P.D. U. teaching credits. Some scholarships available.

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The Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College announces the following summer classes: Giants of American Musical Theatre. Part I (MUS C69-92) examines the contributions of Bob Fosse, Leonard Bernstein, and Karol and Ebb to the musical landscape. Eight-week course meets from 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Mondays, starting June 7, at the Glencoe Park District, 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe. Course fee is \$114. George and Ira: The Gershwins (MUS B44-91) examines the lives and careers of the popular musical collaborators. Four-week course meets from 10:10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, starting June 8, at Classic Residence by Hyatt, 2500 Indigo Lane, Glenview. Course fee is \$60. Porch Swing Reading—More Cozies (HUM B13-92) helps students create a summer reading list of books from various genres. Four-week course meets from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting June 8, at Covenant Village, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook. Course fee is \$60. Call (847) 635-1414 or visit [www.oakton.edu/emeritus](http://www.oakton.edu/emeritus).

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Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit [www.oakton.edu/emeritus](http://www.oakton.edu/emeritus). June 1-29, 10 a.m. Tuesdays: Southern Ingenuity in Life and the Arts looks at influential southerners of the 20th century. The series begins with Tennessee Williams, and continues with Eudora Welty, Woody Guthrie, Truman Capote and James Earl Jones. \$15 per lecture, or \$50 for the entire series. Open Studio Project, 903 Sherman Ave., Evanston. (847) 475-0390. [www.openstudioproject.org](http://www.openstudioproject.org). May 22, 1-4 p.m.: Introduction to the Open Studio Project Process, combining uninhibited art-making with writing and reflection. No prior art or writing experience required. \$55 for members; \$65 for non-members. June 1-July 16: Adult art class, "Connecting with the Creative Process." No prior art or writing experience necessary. \$165 nonmembers; \$155 members.

Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 866-8049. [www.piventheatre.org](http://www.piventheatre.org). May 22-23, noon-4 p.m.: Stage Combat Weekend Workshop with R&O Choreography. \$125. June 22-Aug. 10, 7 p.m. Tuesdays: Piven Technique for the Actor: Chicago Playwrights Scene Study. \$250. June 22-Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Improvisation, Games & Risk Taking. \$250. June 23-Aug. 11, 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Directing Lab. \$250. June 24-Aug. 12, 7 p.m. Thursdays: Games, Story & Scene. \$250. June 26-27, 1-5 p.m.: Audition Technique Weekend Workshop with Erica Daniels of Steppenwolf. \$130. RHINO/the Poetry Forum invites all poets to its Poetry Workshop & Peer Exchange, to be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. May 23 in Room 108 at the Evanston Public Library, Church and Orrington streets. Attendees bring 15 copies of a poem to be critiqued, and participate in a discussion of poetry and poetics. The session will be led by Katia Mitova, former editor of a Bulgarian literary quarterly, correspondent for Radio Free Europe, poetry translator, and author of a poetry collection. *The Human Shell*. No registration is required. \$5-\$10 donation.

Simply Chicago Art, 1318 Oakton St., Evanston. (847) 738-0716. [www.simplychicagoart.com](http://www.simplychicagoart.com). June 11, 6-8:30 p.m.: Basics of Lampworking, a workshop on glass bead-making. \$65.

ET CETERA

Celebration of Bulgarian Culture will be held at 3 p.m. May 23 in the Northwestern Illinois University Auditorium, 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago. The program will begin with the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, Philip Simmons, conductor, performing the American premier of Dimitri Nenov's "Miniatures," arranged for orchestra, and Beethoven's Piano Concerto #3 with Bulgarian pianist Victoria Vassilenko. The afternoon will also feature the dance ensemble Horo, and the Bulgarian Folk Orchestra, Kolorit, with soloist Temenuшка Zhekova. Tickets are \$25; free for children 12 and under. For information, call (224) 456-2399 or visit [www.americanmusicfestivals.com](http://www.americanmusicfestivals.com).

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Craft Hobby Association's Craft SuperShow will be held from noon-8 p.m. July 30 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 31 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Featuring exhibitors showcasing and selling craft products and supplies, workshops, and hands-on make-n-take projects. Admission: \$15; \$20 for a two-day

ticket. Visit www.craftsupershow.com. "It Starts With the Arts," sponsored by the Kalo Foundation, presents tributes to Park Ridge artists, performers, architects, designers, authors, composers and playwrights, through May 22. Most events will be held at the Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., one block south of the Park Ridge train station. With only a few exceptions, admission to the events and ongoing exhibits is free. However, advance reservations are requested for all programs, by visiting www.kalofoundation.org. Lunch program guests are invited to bring their own lunches and eat during the talks: All on the Road Catering on Main Street will offer ready-to-go lunches. May 20: At noon, architectural historian Vince Michael will discuss the

Park Ridge homes designed by noted architects R. Harold Zook and Barry Byrne. This will be followed by a presentation on the Park Ridge homes designed by architect Bruce Goff, presented by retired Park Ridge planning director Randy Derifield. Karen Larsen will present a program on "Writing Your Family History." At 7:30 p.m., Anne Lunde, area historian and former Herald-Advocate editor, will discuss how to research the history of your home. May 21: At noon, Ed McCabe from Kalo and the Park Ridge Heritage Committee will discuss the artistic career of designer-sculptor Alfonso Jannelli. At 7:30 p.m. the Park Ridge Art League will present a program on caricaturing by Katherine Hilden. May 22: Programming at the Nonprofit Center will

salute several local Park Ridge authors. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., meet children's writer Beverly Patt; Cheryl Hagedorn, author of *Murder at the Park Ridge Senior Center*, and mystery writer Jack Fredrickson. Also available that afternoon will be a new two-hour narrated history tour of Historic Park Ridge. Fees are \$22-\$25. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.com. May 21, 8 p.m.: "The Next Generation of Artists," a showcase of up-and-coming artists in the Chicago area, hosted by Amina Bennett & Friends. The show features vocalists, instrumentalists, spoken word poets, comedians and more.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.illhoocaustmuseum.org. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: \$8; \$5 for children ages 5-12; \$6 for students ages 12-22 and senior citizens. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through June 20: "The Wartime Escape: Margaret and H.A. Rey's Journey from France." More than three generations of Americans have grown up reading the stories about an irrepressible little brown monkey known as Curious George. But few people know about the incredible journey

made by his creators, Margret and H.A. Rey, to escape the Nazi invasion of Paris at the start of World War II. Based in part on the 2005 book *The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey*, written by Louise Borden and illustrated by Allan Drummond, the exhibition features 27 framed art prints by Drummond and supplemental archival images. May 23, 2:30 p.m.: Family program, "Stories by Margret and H.A. Rey." WGN's Morning News "Around Town" featured reporter Ana Belaval will read selections from *Curious George* to museum visitors. The reading will be followed by Curious George crafts and activities. The program is free with museum admission, but reservations are required.

MOVIE REVIEW

Shrek's midlife crisis

By BRUCE INGRAM  
Film Critic



SHREK FOREVER AFTER

It may not be entirely wonderful — this effort to enliven the billion-dollar "Shrek" franchise by siphoning off the plot of "It's a Wonderful Life" — but it's far better than the last "Shrek" and it'll do nicely until the next one comes along. Which might be never if you believe the hype about "Forever After" being the final film from Far Far Away land.

But don't believe it. Especially if you and all your friends and your 37 combined children and all the millions of folks like you and their umpteen million kids buy tickets.

"Forever After" begins with the lovable ogre (Mike Myers) settled down into tame domestic life, complete with all its vexations — and pining for the simpler, good-old-days when he was universally feared and perfectly content. After a meltdown at a birthday party for his three little children, where he behaved, well, like an ogre, Shrek wanders through the woods, muttering about his wife, Fiona (Cameron Diaz), his annoying friends and neighbors and his generally unenviable state as a "Jolly green joke." In short, Shrek doesn't appreciate his wonderful life and is badly in need of a moral.

Fortunately for all of us, there's an evil little dwarf (Shrek calls him a curly-toed weirdo) named Rumpelstiltskin (nicely performed by Dreamworks Animation story editor Walt Dohrn) lurking in the woods who's prepared to give it to him. Rumpel, who turns out to be a magical curly-toed weirdo, sympathizes with Shrek, suggests that all he needs is a little vacation and promises to give him a day of the way

things used to be in exchange for some random day he has no further use for. But when Shrek signs Rumpel's contract (this guy kills you with the fine print), it turns out the day Shrek had in mind was the day Shrek was born. With that gone, Shrek is effectively removed from the picture, clearing the way for an entirely different sort of Far Far Away, with Rumpel as dictator, ruling over a wasted, desolate, decidedly unhappy land with an army of witches to do his dirty work. And the day Shrek has traded for turns out to be no fun whatsoever.

For him, that is. For us, it's a pretty good deal.

In his animation debut, director Mike Mitchell ("Sky High," "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo") keeps things moving at a rapid pace, aided by plenty of action as Shrek eventually winds up battling Rumpel and his witch army with the aid of an underground resistance army of ogres. With a few essentially unnecessary 3D effects adding a bit of oomph here and there. But the best thing he brings with him is a return to the level of humor that so enlivened "Shrek" and "Shrek 2," but was almost entirely absent in "Shrek the Third." "Forever After" has all the laughs you could ask for, most of them having the rare quality of appealing to kids and

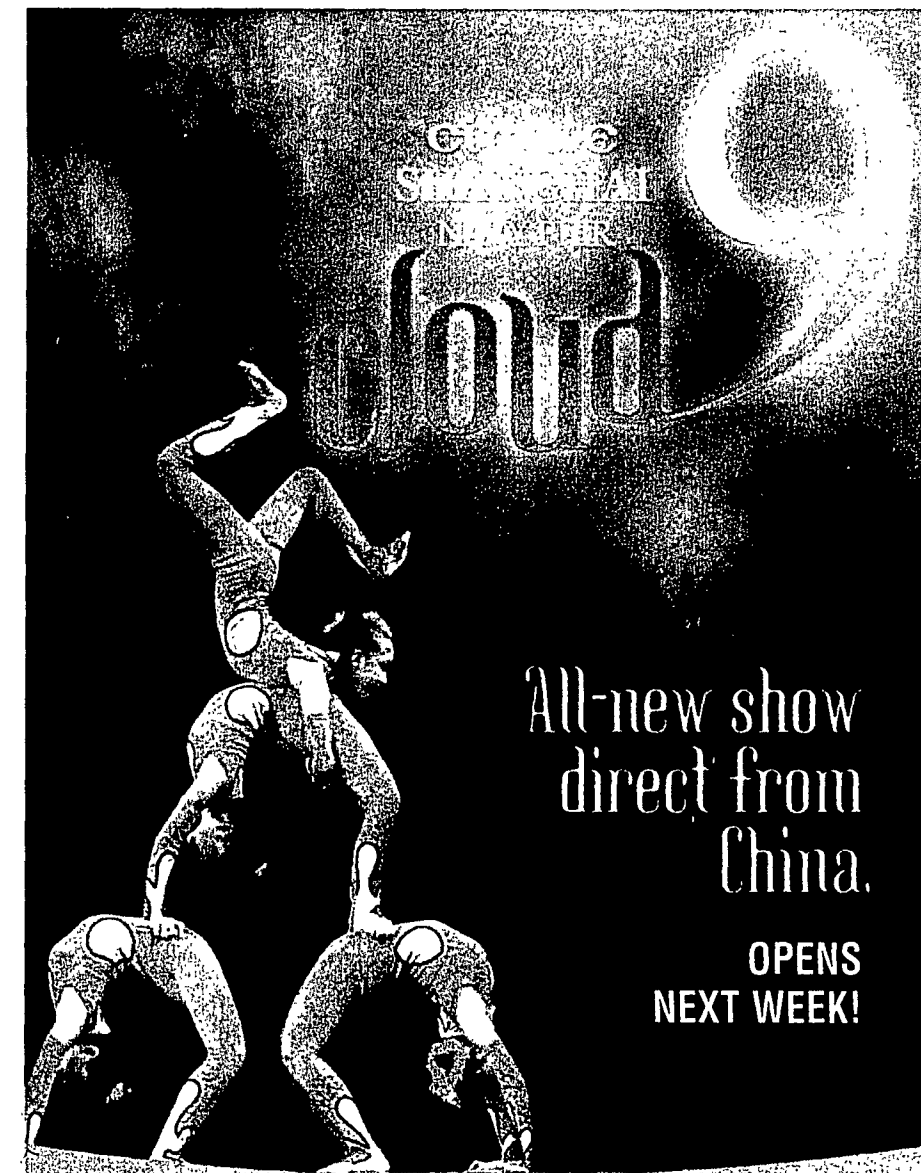
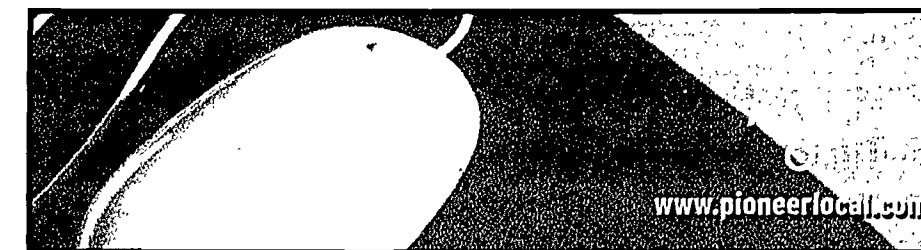
adults equally. And they have that nice, off-handed quality that has distinguished the humor in the "Shrek" series from the beginning. And it has no shortage of the sort of inspired sight gags that made the first two installments such a pleasure. (Rumpel, for example, has a wig for every occasion and his "angry wig" is definitely worth seeing.)

It might be argued that the "It's a Wonderful Life" storyline is overfamiliar and employing it is a sign of desperation, but it works well here. In fact, it's likely to have its full, potent dramatic effect on kids who have never encountered it before — particularly the disturbing bit about no longer being recognized by friends and family.

They're all here, of course. The ever-annoying Donkey (Eddie Murphy), the somewhat gone to seed Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas) and Fiona, who is now the warrior queen of the ogre resistance. But none of them know Shrek from Adam's ogre. And Shrek doesn't find that nearly as pleasant as he imagined.

All in all, this is a "Shrek" worthy of the name, satisfying as a fairy tale adventure and sophisticated enough to make fun of the same. If this does turn out to be the end, at least it will be a happy one.

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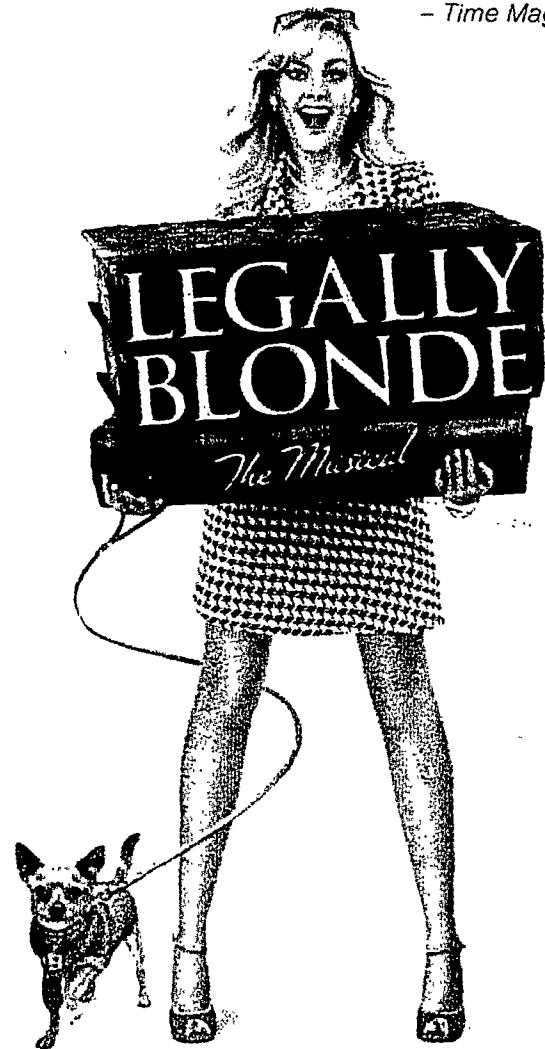
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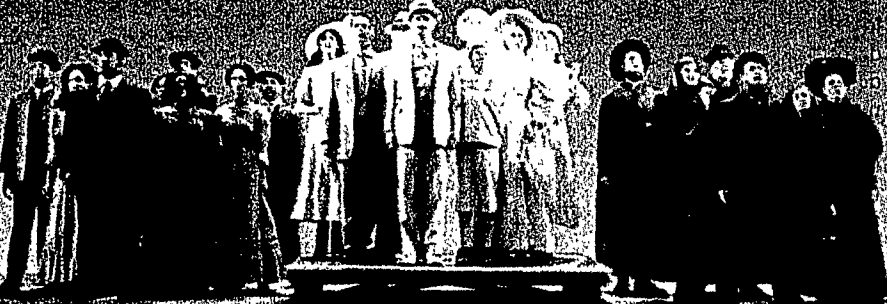
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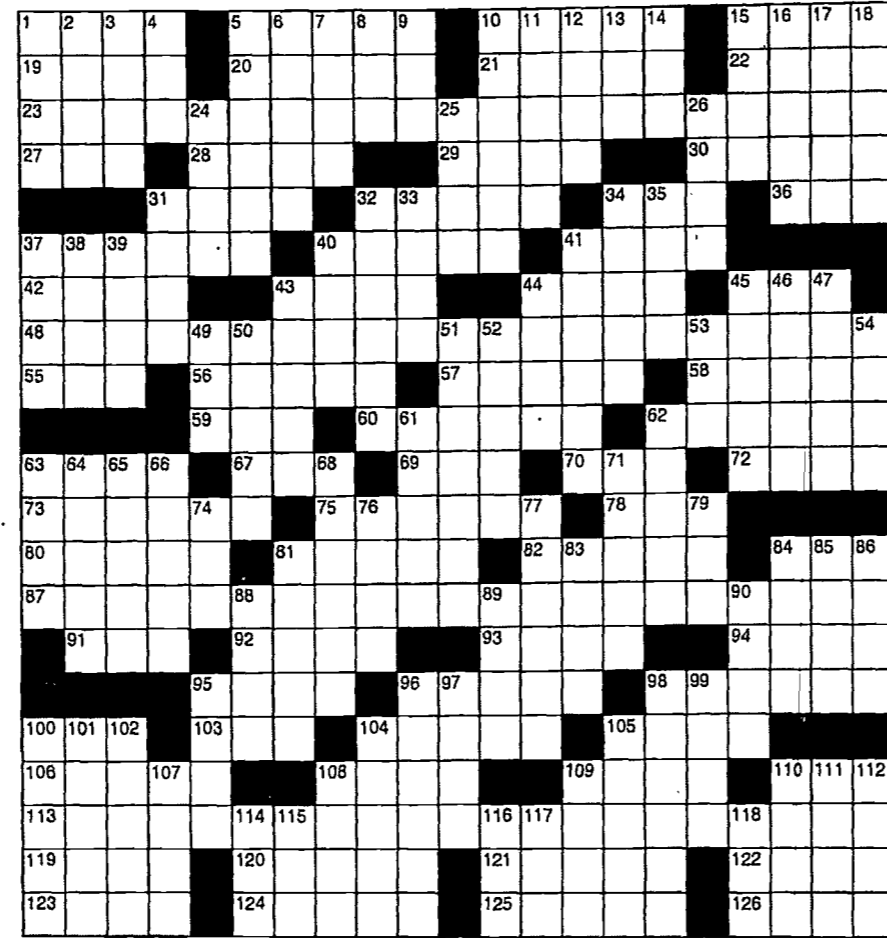
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  - 21 TV's "Full —"
  - 22 Sutherland solo
  - 23 HEAD STARTS
  - 27 Dogpatch's Daisy —
  - 28 Patriot Nathan
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  - 92 Caffeine effect
  - 93 "Trinity" author
  - 94 A speck with wings
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  - 9 Sixth sense
  - 10 Rose of —
  - 11 Actor
  - 12 Discourteous
  - 13 Take advantage of
  - 14 "Golden Girl" Arthur
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  - 24 British poi
  - 25 Raison d'—
  - 26 Sleuth Nancy
  - 31 Delivery trucks
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  - 33 Decorate glass
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  - 35 Columnist Herb
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  - 40 Brad of "The Mexican"
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  - 50 Approximate
  - 51 They're what's left
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  - 54 Sundance's sweetie
  - 61 Post or Dickinson
  - 62 Sunday supper
  - 63 Stash
  - 64 "On the Waterfront" director
  - 65 Japanese porcelain
  - 66 — firma
  - 68 Act like Vikings?
  - 71 Effluvia
  - 74 Enjoy the Alps
  - 76 Uncluttered
  - 77 A great many
  - 79 Strauss' "— Rosen--kavaler"
  - 81 On — (doing great)
  - 83 Baseball's Aparicio
  - 84 Add color
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  - 88 California resort
  - 89 A shake in the grass?
  - 90 Tal town
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  - 98 Unexpected
  - 99 Lhasa —
  - 100 Sealed
  - 101 Skirt shape
  - 102 Unadorned
  - 104 Hardy's "The — of Caster-bridge"
  - 105 Vital sign
  - 107 He's Devine
  - 108 It may be square
  - 109 See 118
  - 110 Bunch of birds
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  - 115 Barley beverage
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## HOROSCOPES

For the week of May 24 - May 30

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your Aries self-esteem level is high, as is your impatience to see more action come your way in the workplace. Good news, Lamb: It could start to happen sooner than you think.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Changing things now could upset a lot of people. But if you feel you're acting because you believe it's the right thing to do, others will understand and even come to support you.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A change of mind might not necessarily be a change of heart. You still want to go ahead with your plans, but you might see a better way to make them happen. So go for it.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** An old business dispute could re-emerge and possibly affect upcoming negotiations. Consider opening up the situation to include suggestions from others on both sides of the issue.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Some Leos and Leonas might find it somewhat difficult to get their ideas accepted or even considered. But that's only for a while. Things will soon return to the way you like them.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** The pace seems to be slowing down from the hectic on-the-job run you recently enjoyed. But be assured that you're still in the race to pick up new workplace-related goodies.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Seasonal changes create opportunities for busy Librans. However, be sure to balance your workload with your personal life so that you don't overdo it on one end or the other.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A former critic could make a surprise turnaround and become a supporter. But if your Scorpion sense suspects a questionable motive, who are the rest of us to doubt it?

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Data on a new project seems less than dependable. But it might turn out to be just the opposite. Consult with someone who knows how you might best be able to check it out.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Capricornians face many decisions this week, with the Sea Goat's kids rating high on the consideration scale, especially regarding vacations and upcoming school matters.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Showing that you care is what Aquarians do so well. It's your very special skill. And this week, you'll have several chances to show off that gift for a very special person. Good luck.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 21)** That streak of Piscean wariness should serve you well this week should you be among those who come up against a slippery character offering a fishy deal with nothing to back it up.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have an artist's sense of how to help others see, as you do, the beautiful things about the world.

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# REMEMBERING

## Remembrances

**Czerwinski, John R.**  
Age 66, devoted and loving husband of Sandra J. (nee Baron); beloved father of John M., Joseph G. (Elizabeth) and James K. (Linda) Ringelstein, Elizabeth M. (Pete) Archacki, and the late Robert A. Ringelstein; dearest son of the late Anna (nee Dalbeck) and the late John Czerwinski; loving grandpa of Nicholas, Austin, Mariel, Andrew, Nathaniel, and Olivia; fond uncle of Kent and Scott Czerwinski. Funeral Thursday, 10 a.m. from Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, to St. Francis Borgia Church, mass 11 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. He will not be forgotten, but greatly missed by all who knew him as he was always there for his family and friends. He was a great teacher of his "jack of all trades" skills. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated. Visitation Wednesday, from 3 until 9 p.m. info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.  
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**Mirusky, Mary**  
Mary Mirusky, 89, of Park Ridge; passed away May 11, 2010; She was the beloved wife of the late Frank; dear mother of Donna (Michael) Dluhy and Bill (Heidi); loving grandmother of Bryan, Matthew, Peter, Alex and Karl. Funeral Mass was Saturday, May 15 at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, Park Ridge. Interment service conducted at St. Nicholas Cemetery, Chicago. Memorials to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, 920 Granville, Park Ridge would be appreciated. Visitation was held at Nelson Funeral Home, Park Ridge. www.nelsonfunerals.com  
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**Kelly, Sharon**  
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**Steiner, Richard Emil**  
Age 74 of Floral City, FL formerly of Park Ridge, passed away May 16, 2010. Beloved husband of Sue M. (nee Ullrey); loving father of James Richard (Jessica) Steiner, Linda Sue (Ron) Moore, Jane Marie (Alan) Gryn and Karen Louise (Joe) Cangemi; devoted grandfather of six; and dear brother of Donald Lee Steiner; cherished son of the late Emil W. (Park Ridge Police Officer) and Viola Steiner. Graveside Service Saturday, May 22, 1:00 p.m. at the Town of Maine Cemetery, Touhy and Dee Road, Park Ridge. Funeral Arrangements by RYAN-PARKE FUNERAL HOME (847) 823-1171.  
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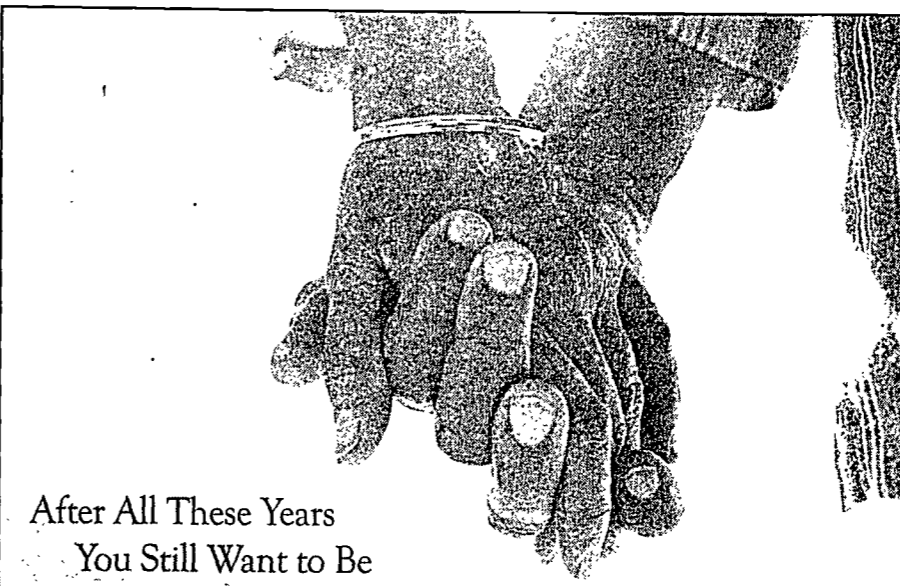
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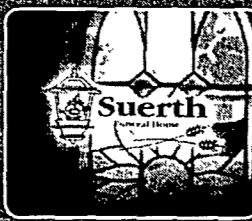


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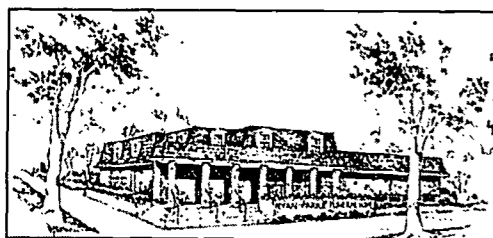
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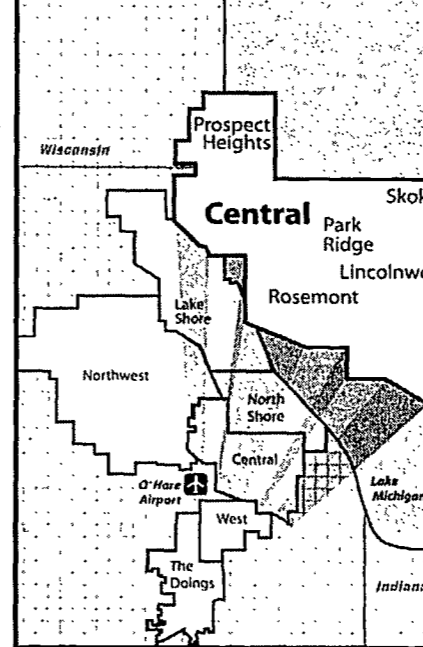
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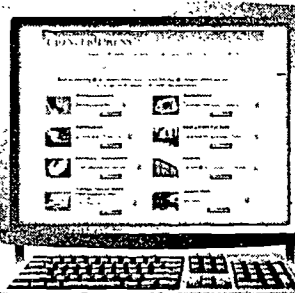
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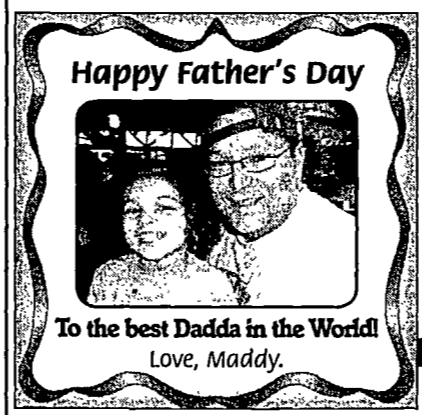
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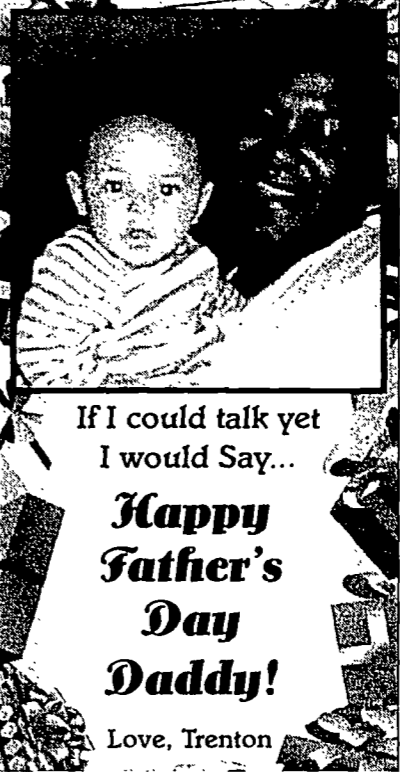


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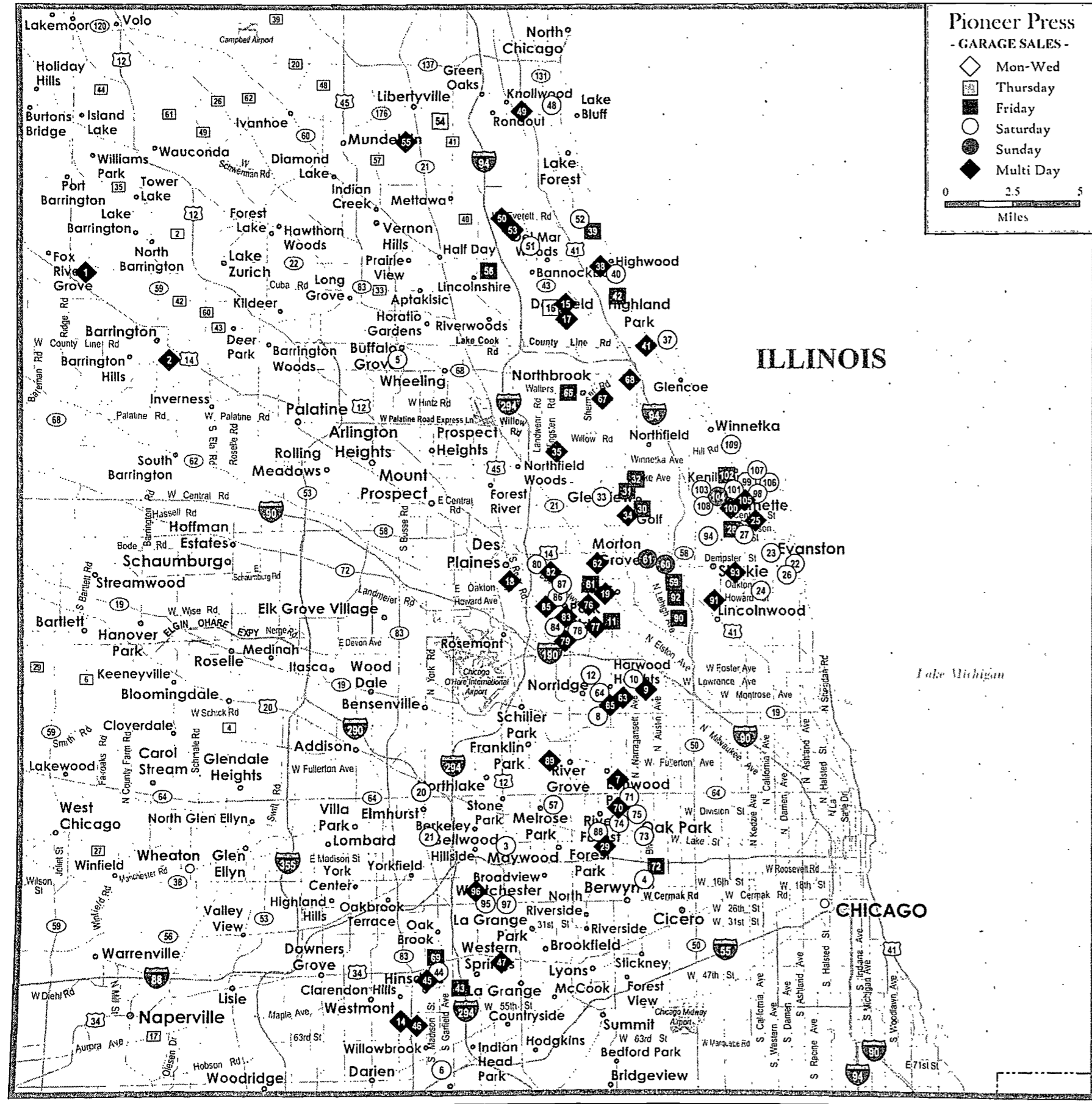




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|   | Thursday   | Friday           | Saturday          | Sunday            |
|---|------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>BARRINGTON</b>                         |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 1 22530 N. Linden Ave                     |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 2 621 South St                            |            | 10am to 3pm      | 9am to 1pm        |                   |
| <b>BELLWOOD</b>                           |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| 3 4000 St. Paul Ave                       |            |                  | 8am to 1pm        |                   |
| <b>BERWYN</b>                             |            |                  | 8am to 12pm       |                   |
| 4 1342 S Cuyler                           |            |                  |                   |                   |
| <b>BUFFALO GROVE</b>                      |            |                  | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| 5 439 Glendale Rd                         |            |                  |                   |                   |
| <b>BURR RIDGE</b>                         |            |                  | 8am to 1pm        |                   |
| 6 15W400 Harvester Dr                     |            |                  |                   |                   |
| <b>CHICAGO</b>                            |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 7 2048 N. Nordica                         |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| 8 3936 N Oriole                           |            | 9am to 5pm       | 9am to 5pm        | 9am to 4pm        |
| 9 4837 N. Mobile                          |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| 10 5000 Nashville Avenue                  |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| 11 6756 N. Oconto                         |            | 8am to 5pm       |                   |                   |
| 12 7818 W. Foster Ave                     |            |                  | 9am to 3pm        | 10am to 3pm       |
| 13 Galewood Subdivision                   |            |                  | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| <b>CLARENDON HILLS</b>                    |            |                  | 8am to 4pm        |                   |
| 14 5701 Clarendon Hills Rd                |            | 8am to 4pm       |                   |                   |
| <b>DEERFIELD</b>                          |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 15 1013 Rosemary Terrace                  |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| 16 1034 Greenwood Ave                     | 9am to 2pm | 9am to 2pm       | 9am to 2pm        | 9am to 2pm        |
| 17 838 Warrington                         |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| <b>DES PLAINES</b>                        |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 18 1555 N. Orchard                        |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        | 9am to 4pm        |
| <b>EDISON PARK</b>                        |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 19 7435 W. Howard                         |            | 9am to 3pm       | 9am to 3pm        | 9am to 3pm        |
| <b>ELMHURST</b>                           |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 20 374 Larch                              |            |                  | 8:30am to 2pm     |                   |
| 21 504 Arlington                          |            | 8am to 2pm       | 8am to 2pm        |                   |
| <b>EVANSTON</b>                           |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 22 1011 Forest Ave                        |            |                  | 9:30am to 3pm     |                   |
| 23 1318 Wesley Ave.                       |            |                  | 8am to 1pm        |                   |
| 24 1900 Brummel                           |            |                  | 8am to 1pm        |                   |
| 25 2217 Grant St.                         |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 26 717 Reba Place                         |            |                  | 9am to 3pm        |                   |
| 27 9429 Lincolnwood Dr                    |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 28 9541 Ridgeway                          |            | 9:30am to 2:30pm |                   |                   |
| <b>FOREST PARK</b>                        |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 29 329 Burkhardt Ct                       |            | 3pm to 7pm       | 9am to 2pm        |                   |
| <b>GLENVIEW</b>                           |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 30 1109 Central Road                      |            | 9am to 4pm       |                   |                   |
| 31 1118 Vernon Dr.                        |            | 9am to 4pm       |                   |                   |
| 32 1331 Sanford & 1401 RoyalOak           |            | 9am to 3pm       | 9am to 3pm        |                   |
| 33 2351 Dewes St.                         |            |                  | 8am to 12pm       |                   |
| 34 345 North Branch Rd.                   |            |                  | 10:30am to 3:30pm | 10:30am to 3:30pm |
| 35 3726 Vantage                           |            | 10am to 5pm      | 10am to 5pm       | 10am to 2pm       |
| <b>GURNEE</b>                             |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 36 Providence Oaks and Providence Village |            |                  | 8am to 4pm        |                   |
| <b>HIGHLAND PARK</b>                      |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 37 201 Elder Lane                         |            |                  | 9am to 4pm        | 12pm to 4pm       |
| 38 2484 Western Ave                       |            | 9am to 4pm       | 9am to 4pm        |                   |
| 39 597 Hyacinth place                     |            | 9am to 3pm       |                   | 9am to 3pm        |
| 40 630 Onwentsia                          |            |                  | 9am to 3pm        |                   |
| 41 825 Marion Ave                         |            | 9am to 3pm       | 10am to 7pm       |                   |
| 42 904 Deerfield Rd                       |            | 9am to 4pm       |                   |                   |
| <b>HINSDALE</b>                           |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 43 24 Sharron Court                       |            | 7:30am to 2pm    | 7:30am to 2pm     |                   |
| 44 541 N Washington                       |            |                  | 8:30am to 1pm     |                   |
| 45 547 N Vine                             |            | 9am to 1pm       | 8am to 1pm        |                   |
| 46 809 W 58th St                          |            | 9am to 3pm       | 9am to 3pm        |                   |
| <b>LAGRANGE</b>                           |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 47 89 N Edgewood                          |            | 9am to 2pm       | 9am to 2pm        |                   |
| <b>LAKE BLUFF</b>                         |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 48 302 Weatherford Ct                     |            |                  | 9am to 2pm        |                   |
| 49 701 W. Washington                      |            | 9am to 5:30am    | 9am to 3pm        |                   |
| <b>LAKE FOREST</b>                        |            |                  |                   |                   |
| 50 1590 Tallgrass Lane                    |            | 9am to 3pm       | 9am to 3pm        |                   |
| 51 901 Goldenrod Lane                     |            |                  | 9am to 2pm        |                   |
| 52 923 Timber Lane                        |            |                  | 9am to 2pm        |                   |

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|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 53 1300 Woodhill Ln            |             |             | 9am to 4pm  | 9am to 4pm  |
| <b>LIBERTYVILLE</b>            |             |             |             |             |
| 54 15521 W. Rockland Rd        | 8am to 3pm  | 8am to 3pm  | 8am to 3pm  |             |
| 55 421 Catalpa                 | 7am to 2pm  |             |             |             |
| <b>LINCOLNSHIRE</b>            |             |             |             |             |
| 56 8 Regent Lane               |             | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  | 10am to 5pm |
| <b>MELROSE PARK</b>            |             |             |             |             |
| 57 1608 N. 12th Avenue         | 9am to 4pm  | 9am to 4pm  | 9am to 4pm  |             |
| 58 923 Timber Lane             |             | 8am to 5pm  | 8am to 5pm  |             |
| <b>MORTON GROVE</b>            |             |             |             |             |
| 59 7935 Lotus Ave              |             | 8am to 2pm  | 8am to 2pm  |             |
| 60 8434 Major Ave.             |             |             | 10am to 4pm | 9am to 1pm  |
| 61 8617 Fernald Avenue         |             | 9am to 4pm  | 9am to 4pm  | 10am to 2pm |
| <b>NILES</b>                   |             |             |             |             |
| 62 8500 N Overhill             |             | 9am to 4pm  | 9am to 4pm  |             |
| <b>NORRIDGE</b>                |             |             |             |             |
| 63 4336 N. Sayre Ave           |             | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  |             |
| 64 4653 N. Oriole              |             | 9am to 3pm  | 9am to 3pm  |             |
| 65 7321 W Pensacola            |             | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  |             |
| <b>NORTHBROOK</b>              |             |             |             |             |
| 66 1363 Westwood Court         |             | 8am to 4pm  | 8am to 4pm  |             |
| 67 1479 Maple                  |             | 10am to 4pm | 10am to 4pm |             |
| 68 917 Midway Rd.              |             |             |             | 9am to 5pm  |
| <b>OAK BROOK</b>               |             |             |             |             |
| 69 606 Wood Rd                 |             | 9am to 2pm  | 9am to 2pm  |             |
| <b>OAK PARK</b>                |             |             |             |             |
| 70 1018 Division               |             | 8am to 12pm | 8am to 2pm  |             |
| 71 1047 N. Grove               |             |             | 9am to 1pm  |             |
| 72 1157 S. Lyman Ave           |             | 9am to 3pm  | 9am to 3pm  |             |
| 73 127 S Cuyler Ave            |             |             | 8am to 12pm |             |
| 74 622 Belleforte              |             |             | 9am to 2pm  |             |
| 75 941 Linden Ave.             |             |             | 9am to 4pm  |             |
| <b>PARK RIDGE</b>              |             |             |             |             |
| 76 134 Wisner & 135 Washington |             | 9am to 4pm  | 9am to 4pm  |             |
| <b>PARK RIDGE</b>              |             |             |             |             |
| 77 1005 S. Vine                |             | 9am to 2pm  | 9am to 2pm  |             |
| 78 1013 South Prospect Ave     |             |             | 9am to 3pm  |             |
| 79 1217 Bonita Dr              |             | 9am to 3pm  | 9am to 3pm  | 9am to 3pm  |
| 80 1531 Good Ave               |             |             | 9am to 4pm  |             |
| 81 200 Michael John            |             | 9am to 4pm  |             |             |
| 82 2031 Habberton              |             |             | 8am to 6pm  | 8am to 6pm  |
| 83 400 South Greenwood Ave     |             | 9am to 3pm  | 9am to 1pm  |             |
| 84 500 Greenwood               |             |             | 8am to 2pm  |             |
| 85 504 N. Hamlin Ave           |             | 8am to 4pm  | 8am to 4pm  |             |
| 86 526 N. Aldine               |             | 8am to 2pm  | 8am to 2pm  |             |
| 87 905 N. Knight               |             | 9am to 3pm  | 9am to 3pm  |             |
| <b>RIVER FOREST</b>            |             |             |             |             |
| 88 500 Ashland Avenue          |             |             | 8am to 1pm  |             |
| <b>RIVER GROVE</b>             |             |             |             |             |
| 89 2605 Elm St                 |             | 9am to 3pm  | 9am to 3pm  |             |
| <b>SKOKIE</b>                  |             |             |             |             |
| 90 5254 Farwell                |             | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  |
| 91 7400 Block of Keeler        |             | 10am to 5pm | 10am to 5pm | 10am to 5pm |
| 92 7609 Long Ave               |             | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  |
| 93 8252 Central Park           |             | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 5pm  |             |
| 94 9335 N. Kenneth Avenue      |             | 9am to 5pm  | 9am to 4pm  | 9am to 2pm  |
| <b>WESTCHESTER</b>             |             |             |             |             |
| 95 11041 Shelley Ct.           |             |             | 9am to 2pm  |             |
| 96 11047 Mandel                |             |             | 8am to 4pm  | 8am to 4pm  |
| 97 2200 S. Mannheim Rd         |             |             | 9am to 12pm |             |
| <b>WILMETTE</b>                |             |             |             |             |
| 98 1014 Greenleaf              |             |             | 9am to 3pm  |             |
| 99 1332 Forest                 |             |             | 8am to 1pm  |             |
| 100 1739 Washington            |             |             |             |             |
| 101 1760 Washington Ave        |             |             | 9am to 3pm  |             |
| 102 1948 Elmwood Ave           |             | 9am to 2pm  | 9am to 11am |             |
| 103 2719 Allison Lane          |             |             | 9am to Noon |             |
| 104 436 Highcrest Dr           |             |             |             | 10am to 4pm |
| 105 629 Prairie                |             |             |             |             |
| 106 901 Central                | 8:30am to ? |             | 8:30am to ? |             |
| 107 912 12th Street            |             |             | 8am to 1pm  |             |
| <b>WIMETTE</b>                 |             |             |             |             |
| 108 415 Wilshire Dr.           |             |             | 8am to 1pm  |             |
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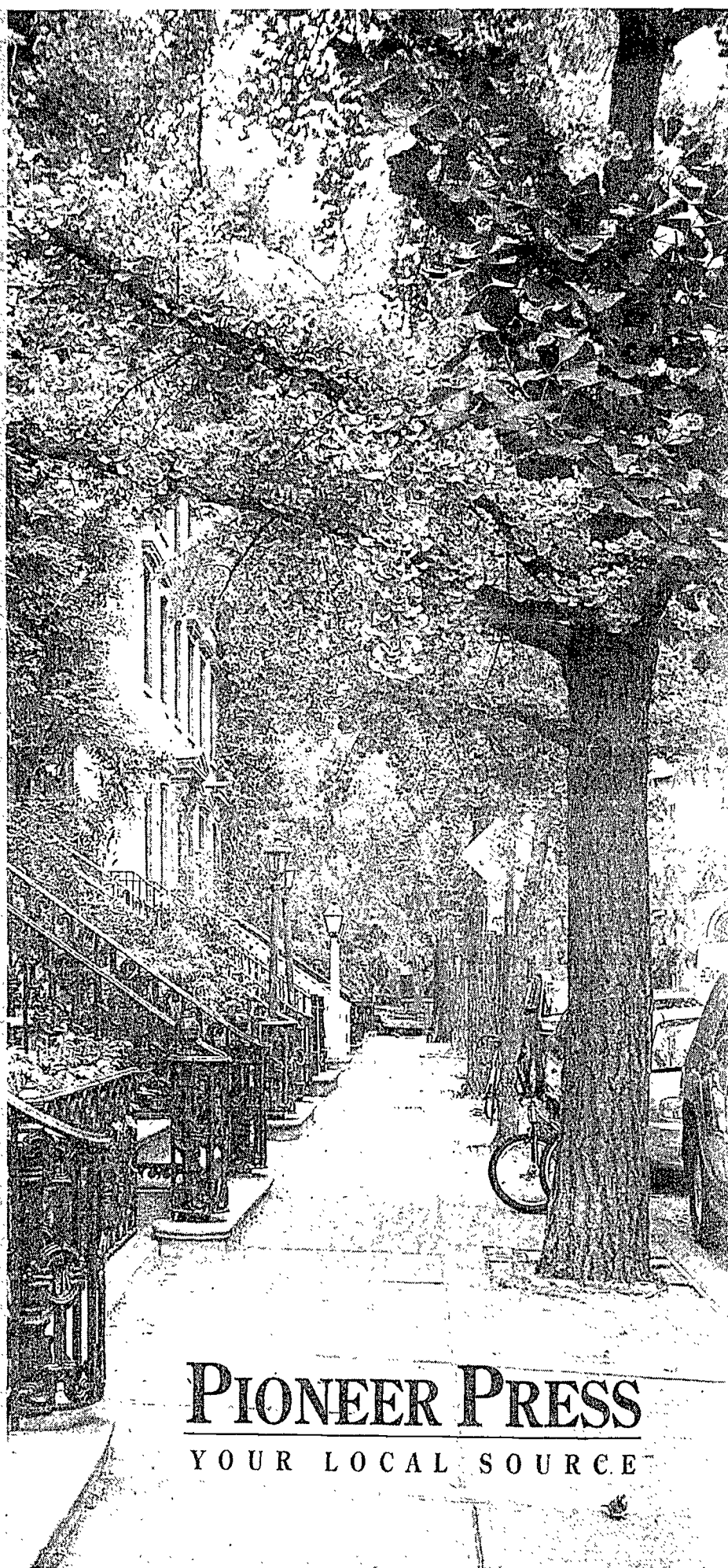
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| <p><b>WILMETTE 629</b> Prairie, 5/21, 5/22, 8:30am. Cflbs, books, kids, costume jewelry, art/supplies, tools, clothes, pottery, hshld, furn, onliques.</p> <p><b>WILMETTE 901</b> Central, Sat 5/22, 9am-3pm. MUL-TI-FAMILY, Furn, Hshld, &amp; lots misc. NO EARLY BIRD!</p> <p><b>WILMETTE 912</b> 12th Street, May 22nd, 10am-1:00pm. Furniture, Clothes, Toys &amp; More! Proceeds to benefit RELAY FOR LIFE.</p> <p><b>WILMETTE - HUGE SALE!</b> 917 16th St. Thur-Sat 9-4. kids cflbs, boys to sz 6, girls to sz 3. baby items, toys, dsl stroller, wms cflbs &amp; misc. items.</p> <p><b>WILMETTE</b> Moving Sale! Sun, May 23, 10am-4pm. 436 Highcrest Dr. Wilmette, IL 60091. N to Highcrest, DR INCLD CABIN, love-seat, chnlo, BR furn, clictbl, more</p> <p><b>WILMETTE</b>, Sat, 5/22, 8-11, 415 W. W. Big Sole, lots of kid's stuff, evds, misc.</p> <p><b>WILMETTE - Sat 5/22-9a-3p</b> 1740 Washington Avenue. Furn &amp; Lawn Furn, Power &amp; Hand Tools, Plumbing Exp. Misc Housewares &amp; More!</p> | <p>Antiques Collectibles: Old toys, advertising, garden statues, urns, crocks. 773-718-1928</p> <p><b>FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER</b> Purchasing onliques vintage modern and military firearms. Late appraisal services. He-rote appraisals, transactions, cash paid. 847-548-0433 or 847-875-9975. Vintage Arms of IL</p> <p><b>WANTED HOME STEREO</b> Equip. &amp; Records. 335-455-788. Will pick-up Cash 847-266-0190</p> | <p><b>ASSUMED NAME</b><br/>Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D10121942 on May 12, 2010. Under the Assumed Name of:</p> <p><b>B &amp; G Company</b><br/>of 2432 S. Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) william M. LaPrise, 731 New Mexico Cl., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.</p> <p><b>Pub: 5/20, 5/27, 6/3/10 (1771825)C</b></p>          | <p><b>ASSUMED NAME</b><br/>Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D10121774 on May 3, 2010. Under the Assumed Name of:</p> <p><b>Design</b><br/>of 731 New Mexico Cl., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.</p> <p><b>Pub: 5/13, 5/20, 5/27/10 (1770262)C</b></p>  | <p><b>ASSUMED NAME</b><br/>Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D10121777 on April 29, 2010. Under the Assumed Name of:</p> <p><b>Laurie's Upholstery</b><br/>of P.O. Box 2702, Des Plaines, IL 60018. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) Laurie Ann, 2993 Curtis #D41, Des Plaines, IL 60018.</p> <p><b>Pub: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20/10 (1768553)C</b></p>   | <p><b>ASSUMED NAME</b><br/>Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D10121895 on May 10, 2010. Under the Assumed Name of:</p> <p><b>The Chocolate Giant</b><br/>of 3228 West Cortez St., Chicago, IL 60652. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) Louis Ezekiel Brown, 3228 West Cortez St., Chicago, IL 60651.</p> <p><b>Pub: 5/20, 5/27, 6/3/10 (1771676)C</b></p>               | <p><b>ASSUMED NAME</b><br/>Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D10121782 on April 30, 2010. Under the Assumed Name of:</p> <p><b>Ann DeSian</b><br/>of 4630 N. Lincoln, 25, Chicago, IL 60625. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) Sorah Reoun, 4630 N. Lincoln, 25, Chicago, IL 60625.</p> <p><b>Pub: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20/10 (1768563)C</b></p>            |
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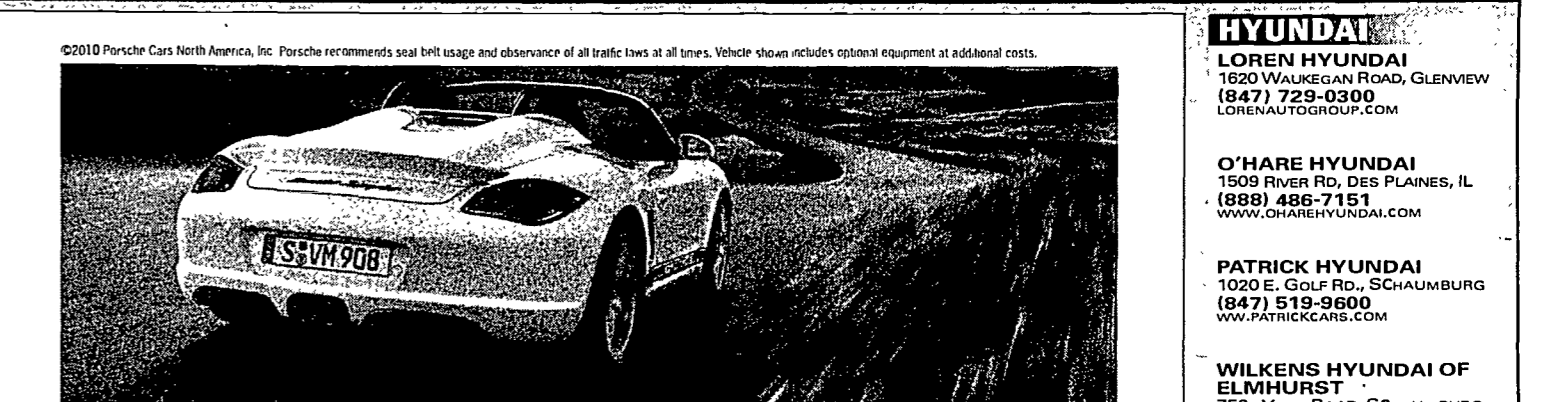
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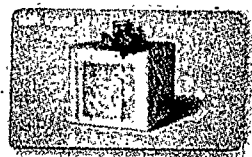
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**A wide variety** of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth-grade kids are offered which include full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey, and ice skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., to plan an exciting summer for a child. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts and crafts, sports, and more. Most camps begin June 7. Call (847) 967-6633.

**A "Learn to Swim"** lesson program is offered this summer, designed for children of all levels and abilities, beginning at age 5. Adult lessons, private lessons, parent and tot lessons, and pre-school swim are also available. Lessons are taught at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Session begins June 14. Call (847) 967-6633.

**Niles Park District** Pioneer Park is open for the 2010 season. This facility has an 18 hole mini-golf course and 7 batting cages. Visit the concession stand for a cool drink and something to eat. Parties and fundraisers are also available. Spring hours are: 5-10 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; 10:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call (847) 583-2746. Pioneer Park is located at 7135 N. Harlem Ave.

**Niles Park District** New 3's Preschool is offered for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2009, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays

or Wednesdays/Fridays, from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Call (847) 967-6633.

**Niles Park District** introduces a new camp called School's Out Sport Camp. The camp will be available on five school holidays. The main emphasis of the camp is to provide safe, fun-filled days of playing and learning sports. Campers should bring a sack lunch and beverage. Camp takes place at Grennan Heights on Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day and Pulaski Day. Fees are: residents, \$36; nonresidents, \$45 per day. 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.

**Golf Maine**  
**Registrations being taken for:**  
**Hot Shots Sports:** Hot Shots Sports and the Golf Maine Park District have joined together to bring various sports classes and clinics: offering baseball, basketball and soccer classes. Stop by the Feldman or Dee Park Recreation Centers for more information.

**Summer Camp** for kindergarten through sixth-graders - Sports and games, arts and crafts, playground activities, field trips, spray park, swimming and more. Four two-week sessions are offered beginning June 14, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; before and after camp child care is also available. Register early to reserve a space.

**Preschool** ... where learning is fun - Early registration is important to ensure space for the fall 2010 semester. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4-years-old by Sept. 1, 2010.

**Adult & Youth Ballet:** Classes available for all skill levels from novice to an experienced dancer. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Call (847) 297-3000, ext. 34.  
**Crickets** - Dee Park now has a cricket pitch that will be ready for use this spring; call the park district for rental fees or availability.

**Adult Softball Leagues:** Register now for summer softball; games begin the end of April at Dee Park. Leagues include Men's 16-inch and Co-ed 16-inch and 14-inch.

**The Golf Maine** Park District offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified, compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organizational leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may

be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

**The Golf Maine Park District** offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to [www.paperretriever.com/](http://www.paperretriever.com/).

Visit one of the **Golf Maine Park District** offices, **Feldman Recreation Center**, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), **Niles**; or **Dee Park**, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, **Des Plaines**; or call (847) 297-3000.

### Religion

**St. Paul of the Cross Church**, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge, continues the "Catholics Returning Home" series for Catholics who have been away from the church. It includes informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith at 10 a.m. Sundays through May 23. No matter how long someone has been away and no matter what the reason, all are invited. Call (847) 692-6025.

**Messiah Lutheran Church**, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian-education hour at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Child-care services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

**St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel** in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call (847) 966-8145.

**Ezra-Habonim**, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or go to [www.ehnt.org](http://www.ehnt.org).

### Reunions

**Old Orchard Junior High School's** 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place from 6-9 p.m. May 21 at the school, 9310 Kenton Ave., Skokie. All OJHS students, alumni, teachers/administration and retirees are invited. There will be food and entertainment. Call the school office at (847) 676-9010.

**Alumni from Taft High School** Class of 1970 are sought for a 40th class reunion Sept. 25 at the LaGrange Country Club featuring Dick Biondi. Visit [1970taftreunion.com](http://1970taftreunion.com).

**Metro High School** (Chicago Public High School for Metropolitan Studies) is having an all-year Reunion June 25-June 27 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, McCormick Place, in Chicago. Friday

evening: Hospitality suite and music in hotel bar by Metro alumni. Saturday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Metropalooza, an event detailing the history of Metro (a non-traditional school) and its effect on current and future education, followed by a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday morning activities to be announced. Guests of honor are Principals Nathaniel Blackman and Nina Robinson. All Metro students, faculty, staff, family and friends are invited. Fee is \$125. Register online or pay by check. Go to [chicagometroreunion.org](http://chicagometroreunion.org) to register. For more details, e-mail [BlitheOlsham-Findley@metroreunion@comcast.net](mailto:BlitheOlsham-Findley@metroreunion@comcast.net) or call (708) 409-5009.

**Our Lady of Ransom** Parish of Niles will hold an All-Grad Year Alumni Night June 26 in Paluch Hall, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave., Niles. All former OLR School alumni are invited to attend an evening of reminiscing. Light refreshments will be served. For ticket(s) and/or information, contact the Ministry Center at (847) 823-2550, or e-mail the parish at [olralumni@att.net](mailto:olralumni@att.net).

**Elmwood Park High School** Class of 1970 plans a 40th reunion from 6-11 p.m. Oct. 2 at Russell's Barbecue Restaurant, 1621 N. Thatcher Ave., Elmwood Park. Cost is \$30 per person for all-inclusive buffet dinner. Send checks to: Christine Cowan, P.O. Box 1662, Deerfield, IL 60015, by Sept. 1. Contact Christine Thomas Cowan, [ctcowan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctcowan@sbcglobal.net), or Janice Ryden Deaton, [deaton\\_janice@yahoo.com](mailto:deaton_janice@yahoo.com).

**Niles East High School** Class of 1960 is holding a 50-year reunion Oct. 1-3 at the Lincolnshire Marriott. See [www.niles1960.com](http://www.niles1960.com).

**Roosevelt High School** Class of 1975 is having a 35th reunion July 10 at the Fountain Blue in Des Plaines. Contact information should be e-mailed to [rhrs1975@yahoo.com](mailto:rhrs1975@yahoo.com).

**St. John Brebeuf School** in Niles is looking for graduates from the class of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at [lyrder@sjbschool.org](mailto:lyrder@sjbschool.org).

**St. John Brebeuf** is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail [lyrder@sjbschool.org](mailto:lyrder@sjbschool.org), and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

### Maine Seniors

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

**Volunteer drivers** are needed for FISH. If interested in providing transportation to township residents who need local rides to medical appointments, etc., call Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, ext. 283.

**Maine Township** is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handy-men in the area. If you know of someone and would like to submit a name,

contact Therese Tully, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 260, and she will forward a form to complete.

**Maine Township**, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

### Senior Center

**The Niles Senior Center** offers free membership to Niles residents age 62 and older, and their spouses. Only center members may register for classes or trips, or purchase tickets. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application.

### Seniors

**The Polish National Alliance** South Side Seniors will hold their monthly meeting at 10 a.m. May 25 at the Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 Archer Ave., Chicago. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. There will be a short meeting and discussion about upcoming events. This will be the last meeting before the summer break. Those who still would like to attend the annual "Mom and Dad Luncheon" on June 22 could make their reservations at the meeting. All seniors ages 55 and over (PNA members and nonmembers) are encouraged to join. Refreshments will be served. Call (773) 286-0500, ext. 316.

**North Shore Senior Center** has initiated a new Home Delivered Meals Program that serves seniors throughout the north and northwest suburban communities. For those who qualify, it means a hot, healthy lunch delivered every Monday through Friday. The program has attracted a range of volunteer drivers but more are needed. To receive lunches, Maine Township residents must be qualified by NSSC's Social Services Department. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per lunch, although participants can contribute more. The actual cost is \$7. No one is refused service if they cannot afford it. For qualification information, call (847) 784-6040.

**Golf Mill Shopping Center** is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township Mainstreamers and Partners in Health-care (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

**CJE SeniorLife** is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors, 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency. Additional supportive services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available. For an applica-

tion and tour of Robineau, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.  
**The North Shore Senior Center**, located in Northfield, is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors living in Maine Township. Deliveries are made during weekdays. For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact Maura Rogan at (847) 784-6052 or e-mail [mrogan@nssc.org](mailto:mrogan@nssc.org).

**Super Seniors**, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

### Support

**A free Meet and Greet for the Autism**

One Conference runs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 24 in the Madison Room of the Westin O'Hare at 6000 N. River Road in Rosemont. Naturopath Jennifer Johnson will be discussing how lymphatic therapy is the missing link in the road to recovery of autism. There will be ongoing presentations from top professionals in the field, free demonstrations and a time for questions. Sponsor is Lymphforce. Visit [www.faem.org/therapistsfind.html](http://www.faem.org/therapistsfind.html).  
**The Bethany Terrace**, 8425 Waukegan Road, in Morton Grove, hosts its monthly Alzheimer's Community Support Group from 1:30-2:30 p.m. May 21. Light refreshments will be served. Family members can share their experiences meeting the challenges and rewards of living with a family member who has Alzheimer's

and learn about the disease. All are welcome. Call (847) 965-8100.  
**Families Anonymous** is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge in Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious pro-

gram. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit [www.familiesanonymous.org](http://www.familiesanonymous.org).  
**Community Reinforcement** and Family Training Groups provide education on early intervention, tools for motivation and self-care techniques for families as they learn new ways to approach a loved one who misuses, abuses or has addictive behaviors from 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Serenity Center, 29 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Fee is \$35 per group. Open registration required; contact Barbara DeHart, (708) 536-8775 or e-mail [refnws4u@gmail.com](mailto:refnws4u@gmail.com).

**NorthShore Hospice** will sponsor the following Grief Support Groups: **Grief is Like a River:** An eight-week Grief

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## SCHOOLS DIGEST

### DISTRICT 64

**Twenty-five Park Ridge-Niles** seventh-graders from Lincoln, Emerson and St. Paul of the Cross schools have been awarded Summer Camp Music Scholarships from the District 64 Band and Orchestra Parents Association. This summer, the students will be attending the University of Illinois Summer Youth Music Clinic, University of Wisconsin-Madison Summer Music Clinic and the Metropolitan Arts Centre Jazz Clinic. All seventh-graders in the district's top performing groups were eligible.

Scholarship recipients are: **Lauren Acker, Lindsey Acker, Leia Atas, Zachary Beyer, Orla Carey, Tommy Deeter, Kathleen Dziubinski, Austin Ek, Michael Harris, Alex Jensen, Ryan Kuta, Timothy Kwasny, Emilie LeMieux, Nicholas Molinare, James Narel, Luke Navas, Molly Nuzzo, Camille Rose Papelera, Andrew Petkofski, Matt Pierucci, Taylor Pinkerton, Brian Talbot, Mark Tamvakis, Samantha Zaug, Kristen Zydowsky.**

BOPA is a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the instrumental music programs in the district by providing opportunities to maximize students' musical experiences. BOPA is funded primarily through its membership and other charitable contributions.

### GUERIN

The Nolan Scholars of Guerin Prep High School will sponsor a car wash in the front parking lot of the school, 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 22 to raise money to support this year's Relay for Life team. Cars will cost \$5; vans \$7.

The Guerin Prep team, to be comprised of students from the Nolan Scholars Program, will participate in the relay that is sponsored by the Elmwood Park and River Grove communities June 25. Each member of the relay team must raise at least \$100 to participate. Typically a team is made up of 15 members. The Guerin Prep student team, with other teams created from the community, will camp out at Elmwood Park High School and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team must have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are overnight events

up to 24 hours in length.

**Local Chicago** students in English classes at Guerin College Preparatory High School have been scoring high in literary contests and challenges this semester.

**WordMasters** — Freshman **Anisa Bravo** placed among the 162 highest-scoring ninth-graders in the entire country, making only two mistakes in the analysis of a short story by Mary Robison. More than 52,000 students from 46 American states and three foreign countries entered the meet.

**Letters to Literature Contest** — Six Guerin Prep AP students finished in the top 10 percent of the 738 Level III entries received in Illinois for the Letters to Literature contest: Local students included seniors **Klaudia Kupinska, Clintnetta Lewis, and Dominica Walczak** and **Marcie Wiklanski.**

The contest is a national reading promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress that challenges young readers to write a personal letter of reflection to an author whose work somehow inspired them or changed their view of the world or themselves.

**Fatherhood Contest** — Guerin Prep had seven semifinalists in the annual Illinois Fatherhood Initiative (IFI)/White Sox Fatherhood Essay Contest. They were among the 156 semifinalists chosen from among more than 18,000 entries writing about "What My Father Means to Me." The students may write about their father, stepfather, grandfather or other father figure. The local semifinalists are **Justine Colon, Elysha Alvarado, Jeanette Fonseca, Will Torres, Gina Cline** and **Kathy Igluk.**

In addition to a certificate of participation and coupons for a White Sox game, these students and their guests were invited to participate in the IFI Faces of Fatherhood Celebration Picnic on May 22.

### NORTHBRIDGE PREP

**Northridge Prep** regrettably omitted the name of Andrew

Kuczynski, of Park Ridge, when reporting the induction of students to the Northridge Chapter of the National Honor Society on April 12. Kuczynski, currently a sophomore, came to Northridge as a seventh-grader.

### RESURRECTION

On **March 6**, members of the Res Chorale participated in the Illinois High School Association Solo/Ensemble Music Contest at Reavis High School in Burbank. Recognized for awards were the following students from the Northwest Side of Chicago:

**Capturing a Division I Award**, superior rating, for their ensemble "Only Time" were seniors **Alexandra Murray, Emily Schultzf** and junior **Madeleine O'Connor.** Sophomores **Rachael Kalkirtz, Nicole Olszewski** and **Rachael Kalkirtz** and freshman **Marissa Kot** also received a Division I, superior rating, for their duet "For Good."

**Division II Awards** of excellent ratings were presented to: Seniors **Alexandra Murray, Emily Schultzf** and **Alexandra Murray;** juniors **Angela Christides** and **Madeleine O'Connor;** sophomores **Rachel Heiberger** and **Rachael Kalkirtz;** and freshman **Shelby Mady.**

Junior **Emily Prochaska** and sophomore **Alyssa Carrillo** also participated in the IHSA Solo/Ensemble Music Contest. Emily Prochaska captured excellent rating and Alyssa Carrillo captured superior rating in the solo instrumental competition.

On **May 6**, the Resurrection College Prep High School Science Club continued the RE-Spunzel Project, which began in March 2009. Hair stylist and Resurrection alumna **Maggie Bujak '04**, of Salon M in Niles, volunteered her services to cut the hair of faculty, staff and students. The hair will be used to make wigs for cancer patients.

Each person who donates her hair colors a braid and a bow to be placed on the head of **RESpunzel Girl**, which is placed in the hallway outside the library. The goal is to col-

lect enough hair donations from Resurrection and the community to equal the length of two braids which could wrap around the entire academic area at Resurrection.

**Students in the art studios** at Resurrection College Prep High School have been preparing art work to be displayed in various settings this spring.

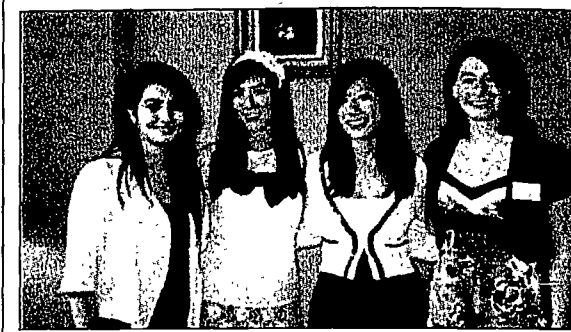
On **April 28**, the Resurrection Accelerated Art class was invited to St. John Brebeuf's Annual Art Fair to showcase their artwork. At this day-long event, Accelerated Art students discussed their work and answered questions about Resurrection's Fine Arts program.

On **April 30**, Resurrection hosted an Art Exhibit as part of the school's Fine Arts Showcase, which featured artwork created during the school year by all of the art students.

Resurrection College Prep High School Accelerated Art students, **Natalie Burke, Lindsay Czyn** and **Julia Kaufman** (all of the Northwest Side of Chicago) participated in the 29th annual Congressional Art Competition, An Artistic Discovery, sponsored by 9th Congressional District Rep. Jan Schakowsky's office. Their artwork, along with art from students at other area schools, is on display at the Skokie Public Library through May 31.

**Resurrection College Prep** High School honored members of the Resurrection community on April 18 at the Wall of Honor Awards and Mass. The event began with Mass, in the school chapel, officiated by the Rev. Kurt Boras, followed by a blessing of the Wall of Honor, continental breakfast and awards ceremony in the newly renovated school library.

The new Wall of Honor was conceived as an umbrella of recognition for all of the many past, present and future Resurrection Award honorees. Past recipients of the Renaissance Award, the Charity and Truth Award,



Panhellenic Club scholarship winners **Nellie Choudanian, Stephanie Glussek, Nancy Mok** and **Patricia Zavros.** (Contributed photo)

### SCHOOLS BRIEF

#### Panhellenic Club announces scholarships

On **May 7**, the Park Ridge Panhellenic Club awarded seven college scholarships to 2010 graduates from Maine Township high schools.

Scholarship winners included: **Nellie Choudanian** and **Mahira Zekotic**, both of Maine East High School; **Stephanie Glussek**, of Maine West; and **Nancy Mok, Patricia Zavros, Taylor DePaola** and **Olivia Rehberger**, all of Maine South.

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and the Alumnae Hall of Fame Award were inducted onto the wall and acknowledged. Two new awards were also bestowed at the event, the **Blessed Celine Award** and the **Athletic Hall of Fame Award.**

The Resurrection Athletic Hall of Fame was presented to the following alumnae and coaches in recognition of their athletic achievements both at Resurrection and beyond. These recipients were: **Mary Murphy '76**, basketball player and Emmy Award-winning TV sports analyst; **Mary Loescher Nolan '84**, volleyball player; **Susanne Fogarty Muszalski '88**, three-sport athlete, coach and inductee in the DePaul University Hall of Fame and Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Hall of Fame; **Wendy Fahlstrom Hall '89**, volleyball player and inductee in the DePaul University Hall of Fame and GCAC Hall of Fame; and **Jeanette Pancratz**, Resurrection teacher, gymnastics and volleyball coach, from 1975-87.

Community members are invited to stop by the school to view the new Wall of Honor.

### ST. PATRICK

**Saint Patrick** High School students, juniors **Jim Kaponek** and **Ryan Maxwell**, attended Chicago's Holocaust Remembrance Day May 6 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. Attended by Mayor Richard M. Daley, the event served as a reminder to people across the city that hate crimes still exist and that people have a responsibility to work against the negativity those crimes foster in many settings.

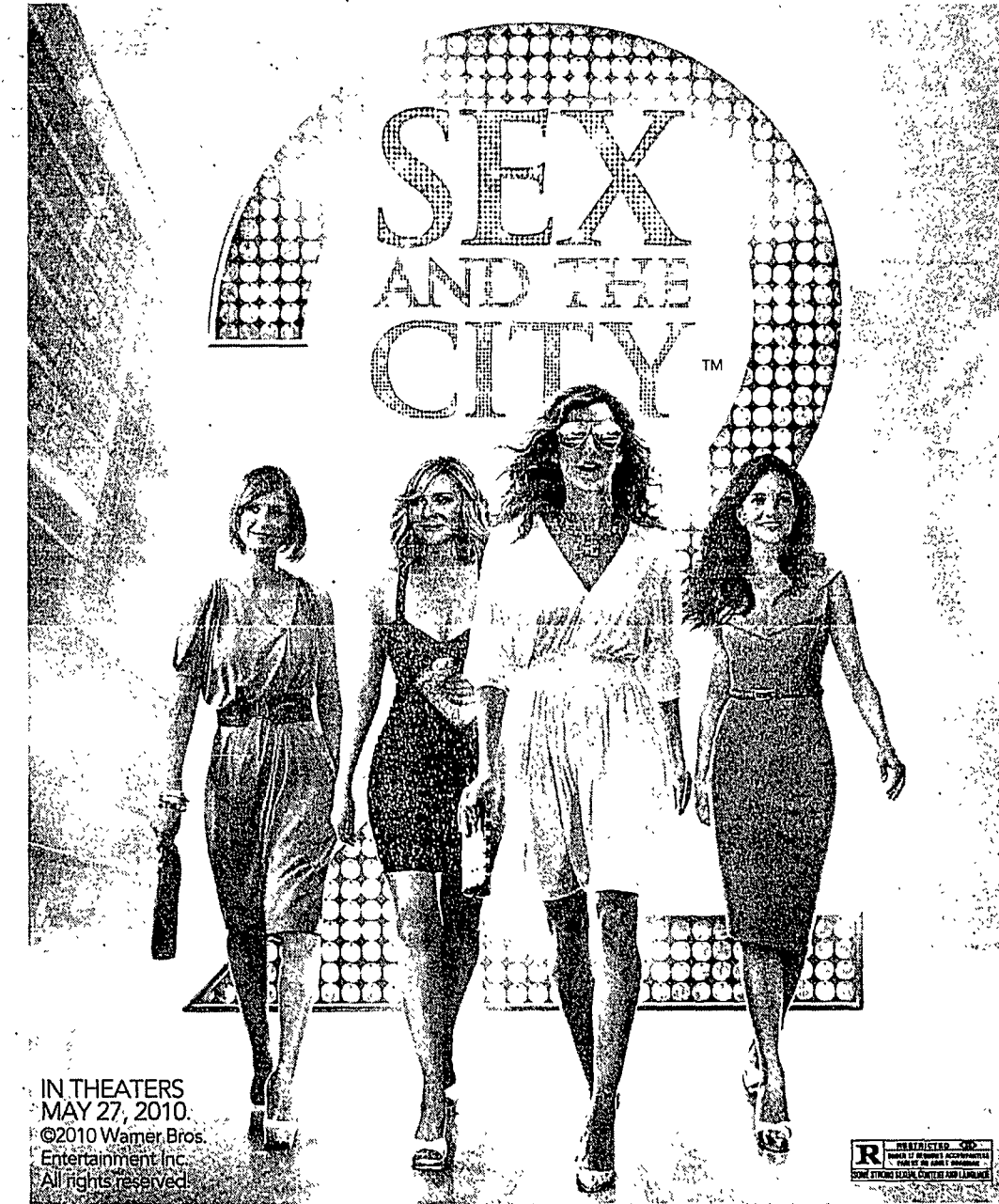
"It's important for students to understand that the Holocaust still affects history today," said the students' U.S. history teacher **Tim Trendel**, who had Kaponek and Maxwell share their experiences with their classmates the following day.

Maxwell felt enlightened hearing from a survivor who lived in another country before being transported to a camp in Germany. "It's not something noticed so much in the United States," said Maxwell, who helped the same survivor during a candle-lighting ceremony. "Many people don't know the facts

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## ST. JOHN BREBEUF

### Eagle Scout hopeful's project benefits Lions Club of Niles

Christopher Vick, a Life Scout and Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 175, St. John Brebeuf, has chosen his Eagle/Community Project to assist the Lions Club of Niles.

It is the construction of a number of wooden collection boxes to hold used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

These normally disposed items are collected and recycled to those in need in the community.

The project requires donations of various items to make it all work.

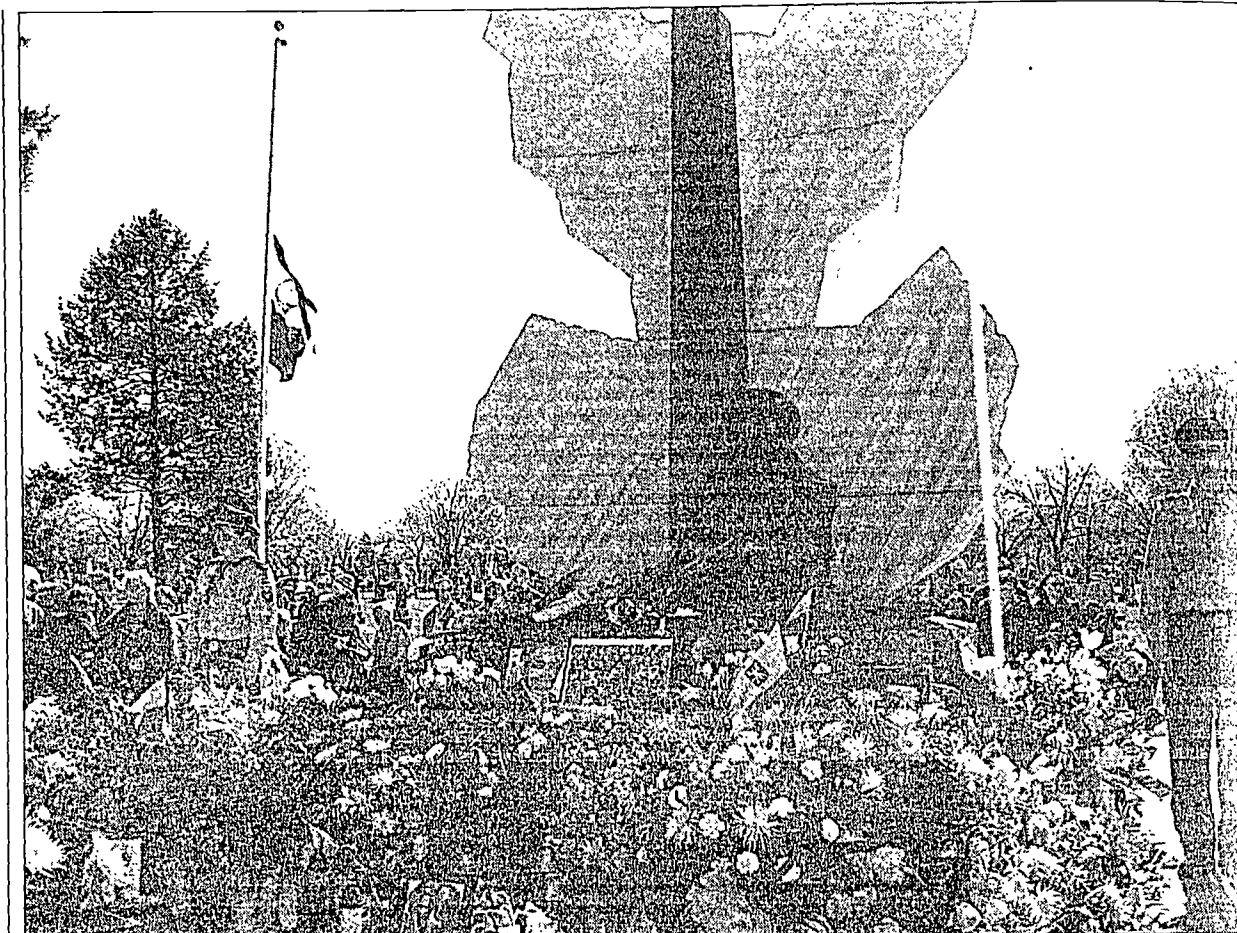
He needs lumber and hardware as well as food

and refreshments for the scouts and others in the community who will assist in the construction.

He asks members of the community to provide monetary donations to purchase the necessary items as well as the needed food.

Donations are tax-free. Address checks to: Boy Scout Troop 175/Lions Project.

Donations can be dropped off at the rectory and/or mailed to: Troop 175/Lions Project, St. John Brebeuf Rectory, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.



**In memoriam** On April 17 the village of Niles, in conjunction with the Sister Cities Group, hosted a special Memorial Mass for the Polish community in light of the recent tragedy in Russia. The Mass was celebrated at St. John Brebeuf Church. Immediately following the Mass village officials presided over a memorial ceremony at the memorial statue of Katyn at St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Niles, where photos of the president of Poland and his staff members were placed. (Contributed photo)

## ELK GROVE VILLAGE

### Half Price Books gives nonprofits 10,000 books

Nonprofit organizations from across the Chicagoland area were able to pick up free children's books that were donated by the local community during the Half Price Books Half Pint Library book drive at a special "Giveaway" event at the Half Price Books distribution center at 1040 Pauly Drive in Elk Grove Village on May 1.

Books were given away from 10 a.m. to noon, and any not-for-profit organization that can use or distribute children's books was in-

ited to stop by and get books while supplies lasted.

"When money is tight, buying books can't always be a priority for families struggling to make ends meet," said Kathy Doyle Thomas, executive vice president for Half Price Books. "Through the generous donations of the Chicagoland community during the Half Pint Library book drive this year, more than 10,000 books will make it into the hands of children who need them the most."

Half Price Books employ-

ees were on hand to help load the boxes of books for the groups that attended. This is the 12th year of the Half Pint Library book drive, and the first time Half Price Books hosted this type of giveaway. More than 30 groups received the 10,000 donated Half Pint Library books, as well as 12,000 other donated children's books.

The Half Pint Library program is a book drive hosted each year by Half Price

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## How to be a new 'Kid-preneur'



**BETH ENGELMAN**

MOMMY on a SHOESTRING

Babysitting and mowing the lawn will never go out of fashion, but these days, kids are finding new ways to make extra money.

From inventing products to providing entertainment at birthday parties, here are some moneymaking tips from our future business leaders.

To learn more about these entrepreneurs and their businesses, visit [www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy](http://www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy).

### Solve a problem

When 9-year-old Jake Kraemer's fourth-grade teacher gave him an assignment, he found a way to turn it into a business venture.

Tasked with inventing a product that solved an everyday problem, Jake looked at issues that related to kids and school, which were two things he understood well.

As a result, he invented Backpack Notes, which is Jake's ingenious answer to helping kids remember where to go after school.

For more information



Beth Engelman with "Kid-preneurs" Jacob Daitech, David Thompson, Jake Kraemer, Reese Bressler, Mac Bressler and Ryan Cohen (clockwise from top). (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

about the product contact: [backpacknotes@gmail.com](mailto:backpacknotes@gmail.com).



### Turn hobby into business

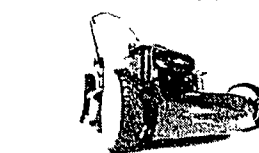
Ten-year-old Reese Bressler, founder of Bressler Entertainment, turned his

love of music into a DJ company that is perfect for entertaining kids ages 4-12.

Teaming up with his brother Mac and neighbor, Ryan Cohen, Reese created an extensive collection of music that will delight clients of all ages.

Using the online company, Vista Print, Reese designed inexpensive business cards and T-shirts that help him spread the word about his business.

Best of all, he gets to do something he loves while earning money. For more information visit [bressler-entertainment.com](http://bressler-entertainment.com).



### Do good job for best advertising

Whether it's mowing the lawn, shoveling snow or umpiring youth baseball games, 14-year-old David Thompson's high standards have turned him into the go-to guy in his neighborhood.



Jake Kraemer invented Backpack Notes to remind students about where they need to be after school and other things they need to remember. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

### Find a cure: Open lemonade stand

About 10 years ago, 4-year-old Alex Scott opened her very first lemonade stand to raise money for childhood cancer research.

In celebration of Alex's legacy and the goal to eradicate childhood cancer, consider taking a stand against cancer by encouraging your kids to host a lemonade sale this summer.

By partnering with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, young entrepreneurs will learn tips and tricks for making the stand a success, while knowing the money they earn will go toward finding a cure for childhood cancers.

For more information visit [www.alexislemonade.org](http://www.alexislemonade.org).

David's outstanding work ethic and dedication are evident as he goes out of his way to ensure his clients are happy.

Even his dad, who owns DDK Kitchen Design Group, has gotten into the action by hiring David to do tasks for the business, making David a highly sought after jack-of-all-trades.

Although Alexis' ad was not used, she was sent a box of products including a brand new flat iron for her effort.

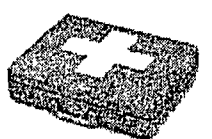
The end result is, don't let fear stop you from taking a chance when it comes to your ideas.

### Take a chance

When Alexis Landsman

### SEE MORE ONLINE

Watch Mommy on a Shoestring video at [www.pioneerlocal.com/video](http://www.pioneerlocal.com/video).



### Get training

Whether it's taking a class or seeking advice from a mentor, job training empowers young entrepreneurs while strengthening their credentials.

When Allie Boutsikakis decided to start babysitting, her mother enrolled her in a babysitter preparedness course at her local fire department.

The class taught Allie the basics of babysitting as well as how to handle possible emergency situations. Not only did the training increase Allie's self-confidence, but it also added value to her business since parents want sitters who are responsible and know how to handle emergencies.

For more information about babysitting courses contact your local fire department or park district, or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



### Save and invest

Jacob Daitech learned early on that he could earn money by simply putting it in the bank. Placing money in interest bearing savings accounts, CDs and money market accounts helps money grow with little to no risk.

Jacob was also able to turn his interest in iPods and comic book heroes into moneymaking ventures.

With the guidance of his uncle and grandfather, Jacob opened a brokerage account and invested in companies that made products he understood such as Apple, Marvel and Disney.

Do you know a kid-preneur that you'd like to see featured in this column? Send Beth an e-mail at [Beth@engelmannriggs.com](mailto:Beth@engelmannriggs.com).

# Books

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Books to collect and distribute children's books to those in need. Books donated through the Half Pint Library program provide an escape from the challenges faced by children, while helping to boost literacy outside of school. In many cases, children are receiving their first book through the Half Pint Library program. The drive accepts any

type of children's book, including Spanish language books, as long as they are in good condition. Through the generous donations of the Chicagoland community during the drive this year, which ran from February 15 through March 31, more than 10,000 books will make it into the hands of local children in need. Over the 12 years of the Half Pint Library program, it has provided more than 2 million books nationwide for children to share and enjoy. Half Price Books is the

largest family-owned new and used bookstore chain with more than 100 retail locations in 16 states. Stores are open seven days a week and buy and sell new and used books, magazines, comics, records, CDs, DVDs and collectible items. Half Price Books has been dedicated to environmental and literacy efforts for 37 years and supports hundreds of local, national and international programs. Each year the company sponsors the Half Pint Library Book Drive at each of its stores,

donating thousands of books to hospitals and clinics throughout the United States. Half Price Books is a founding contributor to Laura Bush's National Book Festival, a continuing supporter of the National Center for Family Literacy and Feed the Children, and the founder of the environmental Web site BecomeGreen.org. For more information about Half Price Books, its store locations and corporate initiatives, please visit [www.halfpricebooks.com](http://www.halfpricebooks.com).

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Support Group Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. through June 9, at the NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. This daytime support group is open to anyone who has experienced any type of loss in the last two years. Share the support of other people who also mourn the loss of a loved one. **Soul Mates**, is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. at

NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. **Legacy** is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail [dennis@northshore.org](mailto:dennis@northshore.org). **Tops Club, Inc.** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday begin-

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# Summer salsas team up surprising ingredients

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By VERONICA HINKE Contributor

Mention salsa, and visions of spicy peppers, chunks of tomatoes and snips of tangy cilantro leaves come to mind. But a surprising array of less likely ingredients will star in this summer's new salsa recipes.

Kelly Donlea, the Barrington-based woman at the helm of OrganizingDinner.com, an online resource for home cooks, may have dubbed the new Q&A forum on her Web site, "Dinner 911," but you won't need to call the fire department to put out the heat on her new salsas. They're heavier on taste and texture than heat.

Vegetables such as asparagus and zucchini top her latest list of favorite ingredients. When asparagus is in season, she chops it up and combines it with black beans. "The protein in the beans helps it hold its own as a meal," Donlea said. Eat it over cottage cheese for a healthier lunch option.

### Pairing off

Her recipe for zucchini salsa pairs the hearty vegetable, particularly abundant this time of year, with avocado. The chunky texture of the zucchini (she quarters them) complements the silky smooth, soft avocado. "It's great with chips, or as an accompaniment for grilled fish, chicken or steak," she said.

Donlea gets inspired to try new produce by visiting her nearest grocer or farm stand. "I love to look at the markets to see what's fresh," she said. Several weekends per year, she checks herself into the Siloam Retreat Center in West Dundee for a writer's retreat. She goes with a few girlfriends — and bags full of groceries. "I don't bring an agenda, but I bring ingredients and a theme and I usually come out of it with



ABOVE: Clockwise from top left: Avocado-Zucchini Salsa with chicken breast, Peach Pepper Salsa with shrimp and Black Bean-Asparagus Salsa with steak, favorites of Kelly Donlea, who runs an online community called organizingdinner.com.



LEFT: Kelly Donlea of Lake Barrington prepares a peach and pepper salsa. (Photos by Rob Dicker/Staff Photographer)

30-40 recipes," she said. The recipes and advice that she shares through her cooking classes, books and Web site encourages confidence in the kitchen. "Don't be afraid to mix up sweet and salty. People wouldn't think peaches and peppers work well together, but they do. Trust yourself. Know that it's going to be great together," Donlea said.

### Pretty parsley

The thought of excluding cilantro from salsa could scare off even the most seasoned

home cooks, but Donlea is increasingly opting for the bolder taste of a flat-leaved herb she said is enjoying great popularity this season: Italian parsley. "It's a stronger flavor," said Susan Maddox, chef/co-owner of Arlington Heights restaurant Le Titi de Paris. "Italian parsley is prettier than curly parsley. People like to use it for what I call the show factor."

Italian parsley shines as a replacement for curly parsley in chimichurri salsa. That's an Argentinian sauce made mostly of parsley, and it is fast becoming as common on tabletops here as it has always been in South America. Maddox pointed out that even the stems of Italian parsley, and other herbs, contain taste and

nutrient value. She breaks them up to release their flavor, and adds them to water she uses to boil pasta, in place of salt. When finished, she even pours the water in her garden. "It's a great way to recycle nutrition," she emphasized. "Just don't forget to cool your water first!"

Donlea will be serving samples of some of her recipes and signing copies of her books, *Cook Once...Eat Twice* and *70 Meals, One Trip to the Store* at Within Reach, 302 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove, on June 25 and 26. For more details, visit [www.OrganizingDinner.com](http://www.OrganizingDinner.com).

For information about Le Titi de Paris' cooking classes, regional dinner series and themed dinners, visit [www.letitideparis.com](http://www.letitideparis.com).

### Kelly Donlea's Zucchini Avocado Salsa

- 1 lb. zucchini
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 large avocado
- 6 T olive oil
- 2 T of white wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. tarragon
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Cut the zucchini into 1/2-inch thick slices, and then quarter each slice. Add zucchini slices and 1 tsp. salt to a pan of hot water; cover, and cook for 5 minutes. Drain zucchini. Set aside in bowl to cool. Combine garlic, olive oil, vinegar, salt, sugar and tarragon to make dressing. Pour over zucchini, and chill. Add diced avocado and black pepper immediately before serving.

### Kelly Donlea's Asparagus Black Bean Salsa

- 1/2 lb. asparagus (approximately 7 spears)
- 3/4 C black beans
- 2 T white wine vinegar
- 2 T red onion, finely diced
- 1 1/2 tsp. jalapeño, finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 T fresh Italian parsley, minced
- 1 tomato; seeded and diced
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Blanch asparagus for 2 minutes in boiling water. Immediately drain and rinse with cold water. Dice asparagus into 1/4 inch rounds. Combine with remaining ingredients. Chill. Serve with chips, over rice or pasta, as a side dish, or with grilled steak.



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ning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 West Howard St. Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call

(847) 966-4871 or to find another local chapter, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call 800-932-8677.

**MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoans** holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momscubofnorthernchicago> or e-mail [chicagomomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:chicagomomsclub@gmail.com).

**One Hope United**, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit [www.onehopeunited.org](http://www.onehopeunited.org).

**A new Alzheimer's Support Group** meets every first Tuesday of each month at the office of Home Instead Senior Care, 8816 Bronx Ave., Skokie.

Call the facilitator at (847) 673-1250 or e-mail Stephanie Smart at [ssmart@homeinstead.com](mailto:ssmart@homeinstead.com) or visit [www.homeinstead.com/383](http://www.homeinstead.com/383).

**The Maryville Crisis Nursery**, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery, which opened in 2006, is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as: job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence or other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are

cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

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

**Younger Widowed** support group is an ongoing support group for widowed age 55 and younger. It meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth

Tuesdays of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

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

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

**Good Mourning Program** is a monthly support group of Rainbow Hospice for children, teenagers and families who have lost a loved one through death. It meets 6:45-8 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. Call (847) 692-8884.

**An Alzheimer's Caregivers** support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the Nessel Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nessel Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required.

Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501. **The Neptune Society**, the largest independent cremation company in the nation based in Des Plaines, is bringing comforting teddy bears to Chicago area children who are hurt, frightened or alone. The Neptune Society Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person whose death care is handled by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge and local fire departments to be given to a child in need.

**The Les Turner ALS** Foundation Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or [cowen@lesturnerals.org](mailto:cowen@lesturnerals.org).

**Grandparents As Caregivers**, a program sponsored by Children's HomeAid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

**The Stroke Club** of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

**Holding Onto Hope** is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets from 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

**Life Transitions Group** is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

**A Widowed Support Group** is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general guideline, who have been widowed less than two years. It will meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Cost is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

**Good Mourning Program** will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

**Weight No More**, a friendly weight-loss support group, is welcoming new members. Discussions include weight-loss tips, recipes, contests and helpful ideas to help you reach your goal. Meetings are 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fridays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, lower level (elevator accessible). Weigh-ins are 9:15-9:30 a.m., meetings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 per month. Call (847) 679-4229.

**Crown's & Colitis** Foundation support group meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

**Resurrection Medical Center** sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5161.

**The Cancer Support Group** for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly from 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday.

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month. *The Butterfly Club* is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required. *The Us Too! Prostate Cancer Support Group* meets every second Wednesday of the month. *The Teen Cancer Support Group* is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required. *Multiple Sclerosis Support Group* meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856. *Alzheimer's Support Group* meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. Call Health Management, (773) 792-5022. *Afterglow Support Group* for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. *Parkinson's Support Group* meets the third Wednesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. at Resurrection Rehabilitation

Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7866. *Advocate Lutheran General Hospital* is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet from 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130. *Northwest Suburban Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome Support Group of Illinois* meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Conference Room 1064. Email: bzarnikow@aol.com to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements. *An area Alzheimer's support group* for caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's Disease meets at 10:30 a.m. every second Saturday at Central Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jess Lenth, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509. *Queen of All Saints* hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Ionia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-

6060. Additional meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281. **Teen Center**  
*The Niles Youth Council* is a group of teens from sixth through 12th grade who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to check them out. Call (847) 375-8949. The Teen Center is located at 373 Golf Mill Center in Niles. *The Teen Center* is working with the Niles Senior Center to find teenagers willing to help senior citizens with leaf raking, snow shoveling and general yard work while earning money. Complete the Niles Teen Job Connection form available on the center Web site and return it to Mark at the center. Information will be shared with the director of the center and contacts will be made with residents in need of services. *Register your bike* through the Niles Teen Center or Niles Police Department. Every year the Niles Police Department accumulates a number of lost or stolen bikes and is forced to sell them at an auction because their owners cannot be identified. By registering your bike, you are issued a Village of Niles Police Department sticker and your bicycle's information is entered into a national database allowing the Police Department to reconnect you if it is ever lost or stolen.

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until they hear it from survivors."

Freshman Dan Cortez (St. Sylvester) may be finishing up his first year at Saint Patrick High School, but he is already thinking about his last. The April Featured Student of the Month looks to continue his ride on the First Honor Roll with hopes of gaining acceptance to Princeton or Yale.

Freshman English I College Prep teacher Rachel Proulx has had Cortez for class this year and nominated him for April's Featured Student of the Month. She says that he is usually at her door before she is each morning. "Despite having an 'A' in the class, Dan always asks for extra credit opportunities and writes extra when he is given an assignment," Proulx said. Cortez also received Student of the Month honors in February from his world history teacher Kevin Golden.

The following students

have been selected as the April 2010 Students of the Month: seniors Robert Cole (business/computers), Albert Correa (art), Donald Lappe (social studies), Byron Ovalle (religion); juniors Brian Barzowski (athletics), Daniel Helm (world languages), Christopher Mojek (math), Anthony Vicere (science); sophomores James Keating (theater), Christopher Presslak (physical education), Timothy Strelzyk (music); freshman Sean Thompson (Shamrock Council).

When Zach Lombardi (Saint Francis Borgia) could not look at his Quinn-Nelson writing project anymore, he turned to Facebook. Not to procrastinate, but to get ideas on how to improve his writing. By posting status updates asking his friends if they would be interested in reading parts of his project, Lombardi received all the feedback he needed to pair with the support he gained from his project mentor, Saint Patrick High School English teacher Natalie Ziembra. The finished product was one of the top two 2010 Quinn-Nelson Writing/Scholarship Program portfolios. Lombardi

will attend Dominican University next fall to study pharmacology.

Top honors for the year-long project also went to senior Matt Loudon (Smyser), one of the 2009 winners. Loudon has participated in the Quinn-Nelson project all four years at St. Pat's. Loudon's winning portfolio included a 10-page script and two short stories. He was mentored by business applications teacher Ron Wojnar. Loudon will pursue film making at Columbia College next year.

Both Lombardi and Loudon will receive \$500 tuition credits for winning the competition thanks to program benefactor Jim Turano '82 (WGN-AM 720). Any student can participate in the program and although not a requirement, completing the final portfolio qualifies students for a Certificate of Achievement and the ability to compete for one of the two \$500 scholarships.

Other award winners for the 2010 program include: Certificate of Achievement: Matthew Majarucan (Saint Mary of the Woods); Zachary Mieczek (St. Benedict); Adrian

Perez (St. Viator); Eduardo Roque (St. Bartholomew).

Certificate of Participation: William Brock (St. William); Charles Labuz (St. Cornelius); Mark Lisowski (St. Robert Bellarmine); Jack O'Connor (St. Vincent Ferrer); Nicholas Peresin (St. Giles); Armando Salgado (St. Bartholomew).

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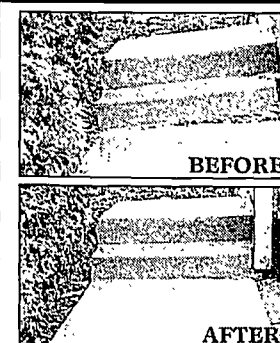
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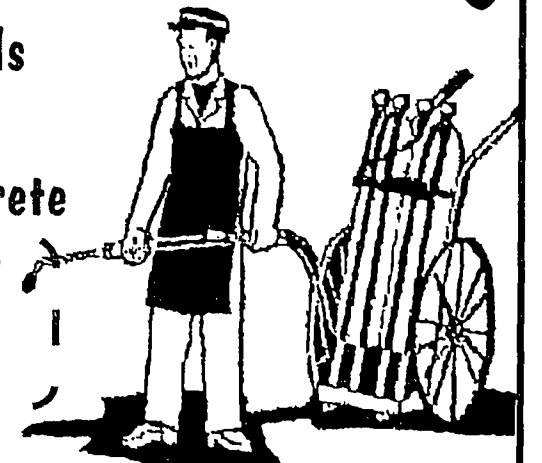
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# Swinging up as playoffs approach

By DAN SHALIN  
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**BOYS LACROSSE** - The 2010 season has been up and down for Notre Dame, though the Dons appear to be riding a wave of momentum heading into the postseason.

With one game left in the regular season, the Dons stood at 7-8 after piecing together a five-game winning streak.

Head coach Sam Phelps said the team's decisive road win against Lincoln Park on April 29 may have been the turning point in the season.

"That really gave us the impetus to continue to win," the coach said. "It's been a huge turnaround, and we're right there — and satisfied with the results."

Phelps said his team even played well in a 9-4 loss to talented St. Viator on Saturday, which snapped the Dons' streak.

ND goaltender Patrick Casey had a strong game, making 15 saves.

Rob Neylon, Tyler Nicholson,

Evan Pinter and Jimmy Torres scored for the Dons, who led 2-0.

Neylon's goal gave him 31 for the season, the most among the state's midfielders, according to IHSLA.org. Nicholson, meanwhile, is 10th in scoring among attackers with 21 goals and 31 assists for 52 points.

Notre Dame also posted an 8-1 win over Taft and a 13-3 victory over Mather last week.

Neylon poured in three third-quarter goals against Taft, and Nicholson and Joe Ausmann also had big games. Neylon, Torres and Brian Johnson led a balanced attack against Mather.

Phelps continues to be pleased with the play of defenders Liam Healy, Declan Mulcrone and Jake Jumbeck.

The Dons close out the regular season at home against Marmion, at 5 p.m. Friday. Postseason play begins the following week.

"We feel we're in good shape heading into the playoffs," Phelps said. "We're playing very solid lacrosse now."

Notre Dame's Matt Boylan (right) pursues Fenwick's Peter Moreno. (Jerry Dallegor/for STM)

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## NOTRE DAME ROUNDUP

**TENNIS** - The Notre Dame tennis team finished sixth at last week's rain-shortened ESCC meet hosted by St. Viator.

At first singles, ND's Ronnie Wing came in third after defeating Carmel's Bryan Hunt 6-2, 6-4 in the third-place match.

Wing bounced back after losing to Marist's Alex Haizel in the semifinal.

"Ronnie had to go back out there after a 10-minute break and he won in straight sets. He really stepped it up," ND head coach Steve Jankowski said.

"I'm pretty proud of him and the way he came back after a tough loss. He came back and got a medal. That was tough."

Notre Dame's Sean

Kurtenbach also earned a point at second singles with a victory over a player from Joliet Catholic.

The Dons will compete at the Niles North Sectional Friday and Saturday.

### Baseball

The Dons improved to 20-9, 11-5 with a 4-3 extra-innings win over Joliet Catholic in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. JCA won the opener.

In the nightcap, Sammy Bungum knocked in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth. Ryan Clifford (3-0) picked up the win in relief of Charlie Jerger, who gave up three runs on nine hits over eight innings.

Phil Kerber (1 earned run)

pitched well in the opener, but it wasn't enough as the Dons fell 3-1.

ND completed a two-game sweep of Carmel with a 9-4 win March 12. Mark Angelini (4-2) went the distance, giving up four runs on seven hits. Matt Wietlisbach collected three RBI, Christian Rivera knocked in two runs and Dan Fries drove home another.

Bungum (4-for-4, home run, RBI), Kerber (3-for-3, 2 RBI) and Wietlisbach (homer) wielded the big bats in ND's 6-3 win over Carmel on May 10. Jerger pitched a complete game and earned the win.

### Track

The Dons scored 53 points

and tied for fourth at the May 13 ESCC meet in Lisle.

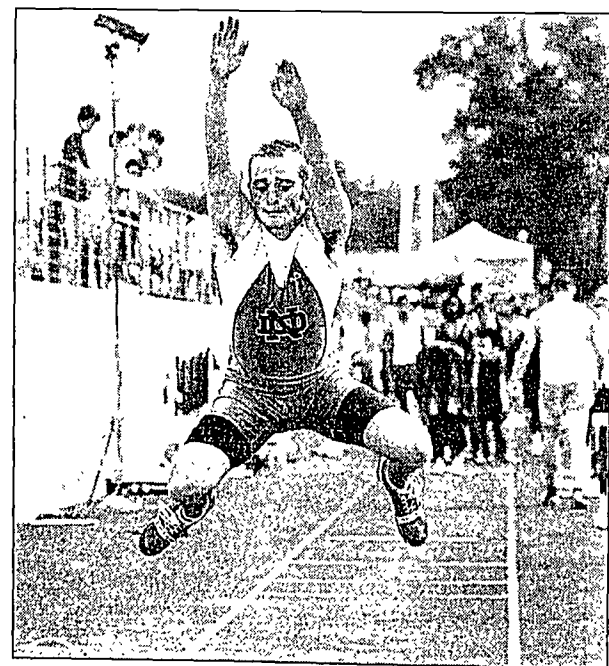
Highlights for ND included: Greg Leifel coming in second in the 800 (2:00.43) and fourth in the 1600 (4:36.95); Andy Bastian finishing fourth in the 3200 (10:38.86); Jack McAndrew coming in third in the 300 hurdles (41.66); Bob Nicholl finishing fourth in the shot put (42-5); Peter Bird coming in second in the discus (131-1); and Jon Michels placing second in the pole vault (12-9).

### Volleyball

The Dons defeated St. Patrick 25-19, 25-23 May 13.

Dan Shalin

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Notre Dame's Jack McAndrew, competing in the long jump last week at the ESCC meet, also placed third in the 300 hurdles. (Joe Cyganowski/for STM)

## THIS WEEK MAINE EAST

**Today**  
Girls track IHSA State at EIU, Charleston  
Boys volleyball hosts Highland Park, 6 p.m.  
Boys track at Loyola Acad. Sectional, 2 p.m.

**Friday**  
Girls track IHSA State at EIU, Charleston  
**Saturday**  
Girls soccer at Loyola Acad. Regional, 11 a.m. (if necessary)  
Softball hosts Hersey, 10 a.m.  
Boys tennis at Niles North Sectional  
Girls track IHSA State at EIU, Charleston

**Monday**  
Baseball at New Trier Regional, vs. Schurz, 4:30 p.m.  
Softball hosts Evanston Regional, vs. Von Steuben, 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Girls soccer at Maine South Sectional, 6:30 p.m. (if necessary)  
Softball at Evanston Regional, vs. Leyden, 4:30 p.m. (if necessary)  
Boys volleyball at Loyola Acad. Regional, vs. Lane/CIS/Norhtown, 7:30 p.m.

## NOTRE DAME

**Today**  
Baseball hosts Niles North, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Tennis at Niles North Sectional  
**Friday**  
Lacrosse hosts Marmion, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
Volleyball at Glenbrook North Regional, vs. Niles North, 7:30 p.m.

## NILES NORTH

**Today**  
Softball hosts Waukegan, 4:45 p.m.  
Boys volleyball at Maine West, 6 p.m.  
Boys outdoor track Loyola Acad. Sectional, 2 p.m.

**Friday**  
Girls track IHSA State at EIU, Charleston  
**Saturday**  
Girls track IHSA State at EIU, Charleston  
Boys tennis hosts Sectional  
Softball hosts Fenton (DH), 9 a.m.  
Baseball hosts Leyden, 11 a.m.

**Monday**  
Baseball hosts Regionals, 4:30 p.m.  
Boys hosts volleyball at Regionals, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Girls soccer at New Trier Regional, vs. Resurrection, 7 p.m.  
Softball at Loyola Regional, vs. Loyola Acad., 7 p.m.  
Boys volleyball at Glenbrook North Regional, vs. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.

## NILES WEST

**Today**  
Boys volleyball hosts Evanston, 6 p.m.  
Boys track at Loyola Acad. Sectional, 2 p.m.

**Friday**  
Girls track IHSA State at EIU, Charleston  
**Saturday**  
Boys tennis at Niles North Sectional  
Girls soccer hosts Regional Final, 11 a.m. (if necessary)  
Girls track IHSA State at EIU, Charleston  
Softball hosts Mundelein (DH), 9 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
Girls soccer at Maine South sectional, 6:30 p.m. (if necessary)  
Boys volleyball at Maine South Regional, vs. Evanston, 7:30 p.m.

# Demons prep for postseason play

By BOB GOSMAN  
Contributor

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL** - Maine East coach Jon Kulesza is not worried about any lingering residue from the Blue Demons' 25-17, 22-25, 24-26 loss against Maine West on May 13.

"You could have heard a pin drop after the game, but they're high school kids — they're resilient and move on," he said. "They came back and worked hard in practice Friday. They'll bounce back."

The Blue Demons close out the regular season with home matches against Glenbrook North and Highland Park. Maine East drew the No. 5 seed in its sectional, and will open the IHSA playoffs with a match against Lane Tech on Tuesday.

"We're playing two of the better teams, in Glenbrook North and Highland Park (first), and that's a good thing," Kulesza said. "When you play good competition, it gives you an opportunity to see where you're at. It brings out the best in us."

Maine East, which entered the week at 18-10, set a goal at the beginning of the season: winning at least 20 matches.

"We're right on track," Kulesza said. "I've been pleasantly surprised that we won some matches I wasn't sure if we would pull off, and there's been one or two that we lost that we shouldn't have. Overall, we're about where I was hoping we would be. We can compete with most any team in the state."

The Blue Demons have already won four more matches than they did all of

last season.

"We're a senior-dominated group," Kulesza said. "The second year on varsity makes a big difference. They're a hard-working group of kids. The more experience they get, the more confident they are with each other."

One big area of focus prior to the state playoffs is blocking. Against Maine West, the Blue Demons had just four block-kills for the entire match. In addition, they had seven net violations, their most all season.

More consistent blocking is essential in order for the Blue Demons to make a run in the playoffs.

"We've been talking about this with the guys," Kulesza said. "We need to put up a bigger block and get sharper in (certain areas)."

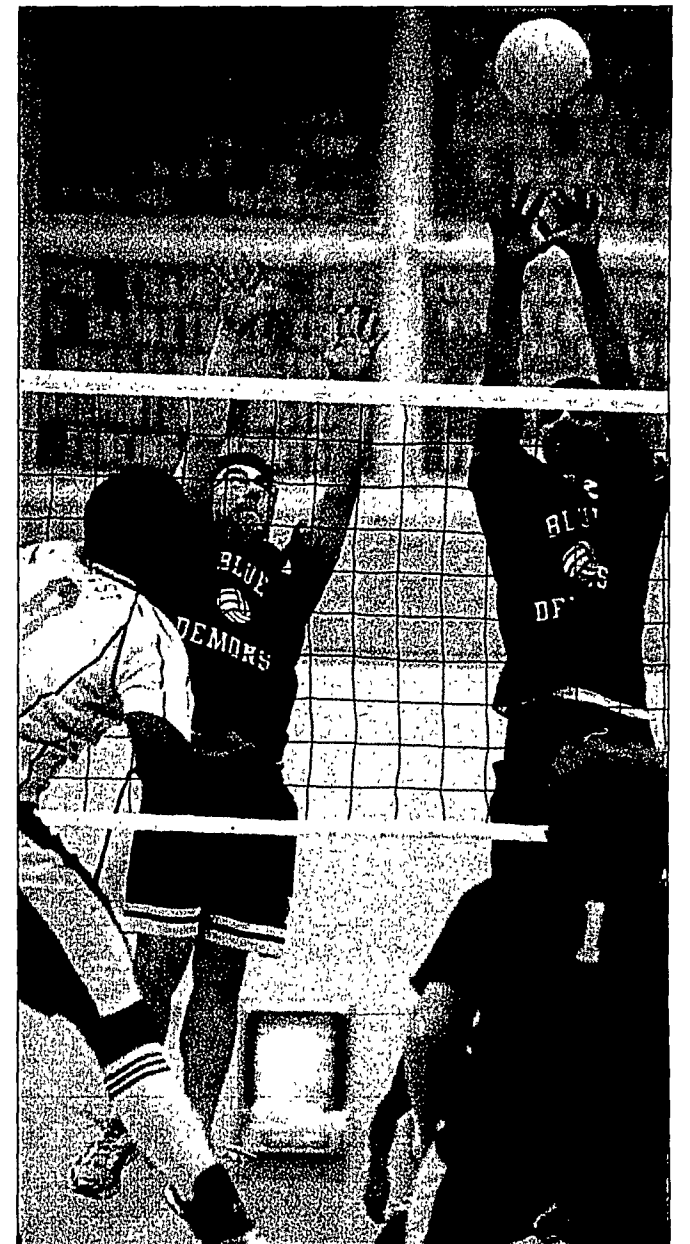
Against Maine West, senior Greg Blaszczuk led the way with 13 kills. Senior Ossama Anis had 11 kills and a block. Senior Tim Kim dished 31 assists.

**Silky smooth:** Watch junior Taku Hirunuma at libero, and you realize he was born to play the position.

"Some kids do the job and it doesn't look pretty," Kulesza said. "When you watch Taku, he's smooth. His foot work and body position — everything is where you want it. If you do that and make the plays, what more can you ask?"

Hirunuma serves as well, and rarely comes off the court.

"He's a great passer," Kulesza said. "From Day 1, he's brought energy and enthusiasm."



Maine East's Tim Kim (left) and Ossama Anis team up for the block on the Maine West spike during their match last week. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

# Wilson provides all points at sectional

**GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD** - Ebboney Wilson was a one-girl scoring machine for Maine East during the Niles West Sectional on May 13.

The junior finished fifth in the 400-meter run (1:01.04) and sixth in long jump (16-feet-1/2), but didn't meet the cut for a trip to the 2010 State Meet.

"We did not do as well as we would have liked," said East coach Nancy Lirette.

The Demons finished 13th at the meet with three

points, all scored by Wilson. Prospect captured the championship with 90 points.

Wilson also ran on the Demons' 400 relay team, which placed seventh in a season-best 51.37. She was joined by Shirley Kakkannad, Florida Dozie and Elisa Gerena. Dozie and Kakkannad teamed up with Olivia Ellsworth and Leah Hernandez to finish eighth in the 800 relay (1:53.29).

Gerena, who missed most of the season while battling

injuries, completed her sophomore year with an eighth-place finish in the 100 (13.61). Jazmene Butler also scored a strong finish by placing seventh in triple jump. The junior's leap of 33-0 1/2 surpassed the previous program record of 32-1 set in 1999.

Kristen Beierwaltes finished eighth in shot put with a personal-best throw of 91-3, while Aahuti Patel took more than 12 seconds off her time in the 1600, finishing 17th in 5:49.01.

tributed third-place finishes. Grousnick was third in the 1600 (4:30.3), while Lopez went 19-9 1/2 for third in long jump.

### Boys Track

Xavier Levy was the Demons' star performer during the CSL North meet on Friday.

The sophomore sprinter placed third in both the 100 (11.11) and 200 (23.00), helping the Demons finish fifth with 42 points. Niles North (171) captured the conference championship for the sixth spring in a row.

Steven Grousnick and Pedro Lopez also con-

tributed third-place finishes. Grousnick was third in the 1600 (4:30.3), while Lopez went 19-9 1/2 for third in long jump.

Tre Gandy, another top finisher for the Demons, finished fourth in high jump (5-10).

Maine East's 800 and 3200 relay squads each took third, while the 400 relay team was fourth.

The Demons join seven other CSL clubs in today's Loyola Sectional.

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Maine East's Soo-Hun Lee slams a return Saturday during a third doubles match against a duo from Deerfield at the CSL North meet. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

## Doubles do the job at CSL meet

By **BOB GOSMAN**  
Contributor

**BOYS TENNIS** - At the beginning of the season, Maine East tennis coach John Schwan decided to load his lineup with doubles players. That plan paid off at the conference tournament Friday and Saturday at Deerfield. Four Blue Demons doubles teams all finished in fourth place.

"That was the first time in a long while we had eight players going back for the second day," Schwan said. "Our players play better as doubles teams than as individual singles players. We really focused on having our best players play doubles, and I'm pleased with how

our players performed." As a team, Maine East came in fourth as well as Deerfield won the six-team tournament.

All season, the Blue Demons have known they match up favorably with most teams in doubles depth. That goes a long way toward explaining their 14-4 mark in dual matches.

"I'm very pleased with our record," Schwan said. "We've had (solid) senior leadership. We have seven seniors that have been with the program all four years and they've shown a lot of leadership."

The highlight at conference for the No. 1 doubles team of senior Jeremy Umansky and Christian

Manaois was defeating Niles North's top tandem 6-1, 6-2.

"They had been our Nos. 1 and 2 singles players, and they really worked out well together as a pair," Schwan said. "Jeremy has been an all-conference player the last three years, and Christian improved dramatically over the summer. He improved his second serve and his volleying."

The No. 2 doubles pairing of senior Zaeem Haroon and sophomore Shaz Lalwala also proved to be successful.

"Zaeem is very much a power player and Shaz's strength is his consistency," Schwan said. "The combination of power and consistency worked out really well. Zaeem is a four-year letterman and he was able to mentor Shaz. They were an interesting pairing."

At No. 3 doubles, junior Soo-Hun Lee and senior Jongguen Shin know each other's games quite well.

"They've played together the last two years," Schwan said. "They're very solid." The Blue Demons travel to Niles North Sectional Friday and Saturday in search of state berths.

"It will be a little tougher for us in singles, but we feel pretty good about our doubles teams," Schwan said. "They all have strong records and are playing well."

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By **DAN SHALIN**  
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**BASEBALL** - For the second straight week, the Niles North baseball team split a pair of games with a quality CSL North opponent.

The Vikings improved to 8-10 in the conference with Friday's 6-5 win over Deerfield. North had split a pair from Highland Park a week earlier.

Those performances give the Vikings players and coaches optimism as the postseason approaches.

"We know we can compete with these teams. We've been in almost every game at least one time with all our conference opponents," North senior shortstop Tim Reichert said. "We know we can do it, it's just a matter of executing it. I know we have the potential and hopefully we can put it together in the next week in time for regionals."

The Vikings' final week of the regular season includes two games with Maine East, and single contests against Notre Dame and Leyden.

North head coach Ed Toledo

### NILES ROUNDUP

said he hopes to pick up a few more victories. More than anything, he wants to see his team clean up its game.

"Winning the games will be nice. We want to make sure we're ready to go out and play good ball," he said. "At this point, we want to limit mistakes, whether on the mound, at the plate or in the field."

North fell to 11-18-2 overall Saturday with an 11-5 loss to New Trier. A three-run homer by Billy Dixon highlighted the Vikings' day at the plate.

A day earlier, Tyler Chalem (7 innings, 8 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned, 2 strikeouts) went the distance in the win over Deerfield. The big righty helped himself at the plate, knocking in three runs. North's Bo Bradarich also contributed three RBI.

### Niles North Softball

The Vikings dropped to 11-15 after losing a pair to Leyden on Saturday.

North defeated Highland Park 6-5 May 12 when Brittany Sanchez's line drive plated Rebecca Gilbert with the winning run. Gilbert went 3-for-3 with

a single, double and home run.

### Niles North Volleyball

The Vikings were edged Thursday May 13 by Glenbrook North 26-28, 25-22, 25-8. Andre Shaw led North with nine kills, Hershell Pratt had six and Sam Sherman five.

"We should have won the second game, but missed some serves at critical points," North head coach Carol Herlocker said. "In the third game, we were mentally and physically done." Herlocker was pleased with the passing of libero Jason Persaud.

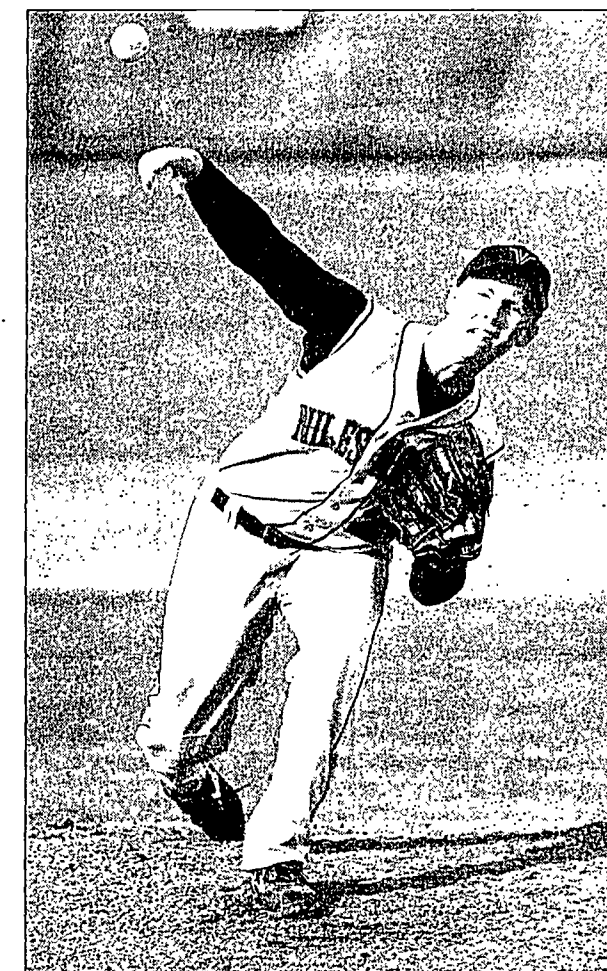
### Niles North Soccer

The Vikings lost 3-2 to Resurrection on May 11. Erin Morgan and Leor Mayor had the goals for Niles North.

### Niles West Soccer

The Wolves blanked Taft 5-0 on May 11. Danya Snowsky collected a hat trick, Amanda Ko and Jane Ro also scored and Allie Guliang had an assist. Emily Olson (3 saves) earned the shutout.

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Niles North pitcher Billy Dixon, working the mound against Highland Park, belted a three-run homer against New Trier last week. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

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# CSL North meet provides cure for malaise

Sixth crown in a row caps regular season

By DAN SHALIN  
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**BOYS TRACK AND FIELD-** Niles North head coach Paul Swanson admitted the season had been disappointing. That was, until Friday's CSL North Meet at Glenbrook North.

Despite lackluster performances in recent weeks and the absence of top sprinter Will Kennedy, the Vikings won their sixth straight CSL North crown. North scored 171 points and held off second-place Deerfield (138).

"This was a total team effort," Swanson said. "We rose to the occasion in our level of competition and intensity."

North boasted eight winners: Zheng Fang in 110 hurdles (14.4) and 300 hurdles



Niles North's Devonier Casey extends in the long jump Friday during the CSL North championships at Glenbrook North. (Shauna Bittle/for STM)

(39.4); Devonir Casey in the 400 (49.7) and triple jump (42-feet-9); Tony Kennedy in the 200 (22.5); Dan Chalus in the pole vault (14-0); Kosta Papazoglou in the 3200 (9:34); and the team of Deon McDonald, O'Shayne Brown, Fang and Tony Kennedy in the 4x100

relay (43.5).

Among the second-place finishers for North were: Kennedy in the 400 (49.71); Casey in the 200 (22.9); Aron Sebat in the 800 (1:59.9) and 1600; McDonald in the 100; Fang in the high jump; and the team of Justin Suh, Tim Vazquez,

Alvin Thomas and Josh Zeidman in the 4x800 (8:19). Niles North will compete at today's Loyola Sectional, which begins at 2 p.m.

## At Niles West

The Wolves scored 89.5 points at Friday's CSL South Meet in Glenview.

"We finished third, which is not what we wanted," West head coach Chris Vivone said. "But we did a really good job effort-wise. At least most of the kids did. We had a lot of PRs and this is the time when you want to be seeing that."

West crowned three con-

ference champions. The team of Gabe Nash, Santiago Ochoa, Lavelle Jordan and Seve Loubriel won the 4x100 relay (42.6) and the 4x200 relay (1:28.5); while Neal Omar topped the 800 (1:58.6).

Vivone said that Brandon Matlow likely will be a part of the 4x100 relay when it attempts to qualify for State at today's Loyola Sectional.

Other highlights for West were: George Davros coming in second in the 3200 (9:30.4); Kimo Bajamunde finishing third in the 110 hurdles (15.3); Ochoa taking third in the 200 (22.0) and long jump (20-11); and Nate Borjas placing third in the pole vault (12-3).

Two Wolves field athletes will be looking to make return trips Downstate. Dan Lohan is bidding to qualify again in high jump, while Rodney Metellus hopes to repeat in triple jump, despite missing much of the season with an injury.

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# Sectional first singles will be game-time decision

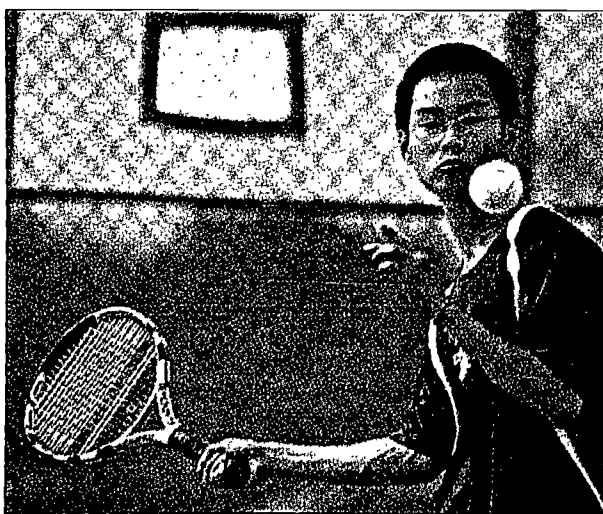
Zverkovskiy hopes to make return to State

By DAN SHALIN  
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**TENNIS-** After playing at the 2009 State Meet, Niles West's Vova Zverkovskiy was in danger of missing a chance to repeat.

The Niles North Sectional begins Friday, but the Niles West senior was doubtful for the competition due to a calf injury that has sidelined him for the past month.

On Sunday, Niles West head coach Brad Wilson said he and the Niles West trainers had been doing everything possible to get the first singles player fit.



Niles North's Vi Nguyen winds up for a return during his No. 3 singles match against a Glenbrook North opponent at the CSL North meet. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

"We've been trying to get him rest, to stretch and do what he can to rehab," Wilson said. "With any luck, he'll be back (early this week). He's been out since

we played Evanston on April 27."

Even if Zverkovskiy does return, qualifying for State will be a tough task. He must finish in the top four

of a loaded bracket that includes players from New Trier, Loyola, Evanston, Niles North and Notre Dame.

Though Zverkovskiy has been sorely missed, his absence has given junior Daniel Langer a chance to experience life at first singles, a spot he'll most likely fill for the Wolves next season.

"(Langer) knows the kind of players Vova has dealt with and he knows how strong you have to be to play No. 1. Now, he'll know what he has to do in the off-season to get better and be competitive (at No. 1 singles)," Wilson said.

At last weekend's CSL South meet, Langer won his first-round match over Maine South's Kevin Hempill before losing to Robert Stineman of New

Trier and Joe Collins of Evanston.

At second singles, Niles West freshman Simon Kim showed promise, winning a match on the opening day before being forced to default on Saturday.

## At Niles North

The Vikings tied Maine South for fourth at last weekend's CSL North meet in Deerfield. Vikings freshman David Bacalla came in second at first singles after losing the final to Deerfield's Ben Shklyar 6-3, 7-5.

"Bacalla held his own against Shklyar, a highly-ranked national kid," North head coach Rich Jaffe said. "(Shklyar) is a couple years older and stronger. But they played competitive points and (Bacalla) made him work. It was a good solid match."

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# Gordon leads pack of Wolves to State

Junior qualifies in relay, and on own

By DAN SHALIN  
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**GIRLS TRACK -** Thanks to a dramatic finish during Friday's IHSA Class 3A Niles West Sectional, the van Niles West will use to reach the 2010 State Meet will be a little more crowded.

The Wolves entered the 1600-meter relay as a long shot to qualify for State, due to the absence of Natalie Chavez, who was out with an injury. But senior Asha Mannacheril filled in admirably for Chavez, and the team's three individual state qualifiers — sophomore Jessica Sutfin, junior Kellion Gordon and senior Megumi Hoshi — did the rest, finishing fifth in a state-qualifying time of 4:11.27.

"It's just a great way to end (the meet) with that. It's just a great way to end the season," said jubilant Niles West head coach Mark Medland.

Medland said he was still undecided who will run in the 1600 relay at State. He needed to know if Chavez would be healthy, and said there's a chance Gordon will concentrate on other events.

Gordon enters the meet as the No. 9 seed in the 200, her signature event, and as the No. 8 seed in the 100, based on her sectional times. While competing last year for Mather, she finished second in the 200 and fourth in the 100 at State.

At Niles West, Gordon swept the 200 (25.43) and the 100 (12.36). She takes a business-like approach while continuing to work on dropping her times.

"Kellion knows what she needs to do and she goes out there and gets it done," Medland said. "We've been working on her starts and finishes. She stayed loose (in sectionals) and drove it through the line. That's what we've been talking about."

After a one-year absence, Hoshi returns to the State Meet, thanks to her time of 2:19.01 in the 800, where she finished

sixth. She set a Niles West school record in the process, surpassing the previous mark of 2:19.2 set in 1981.

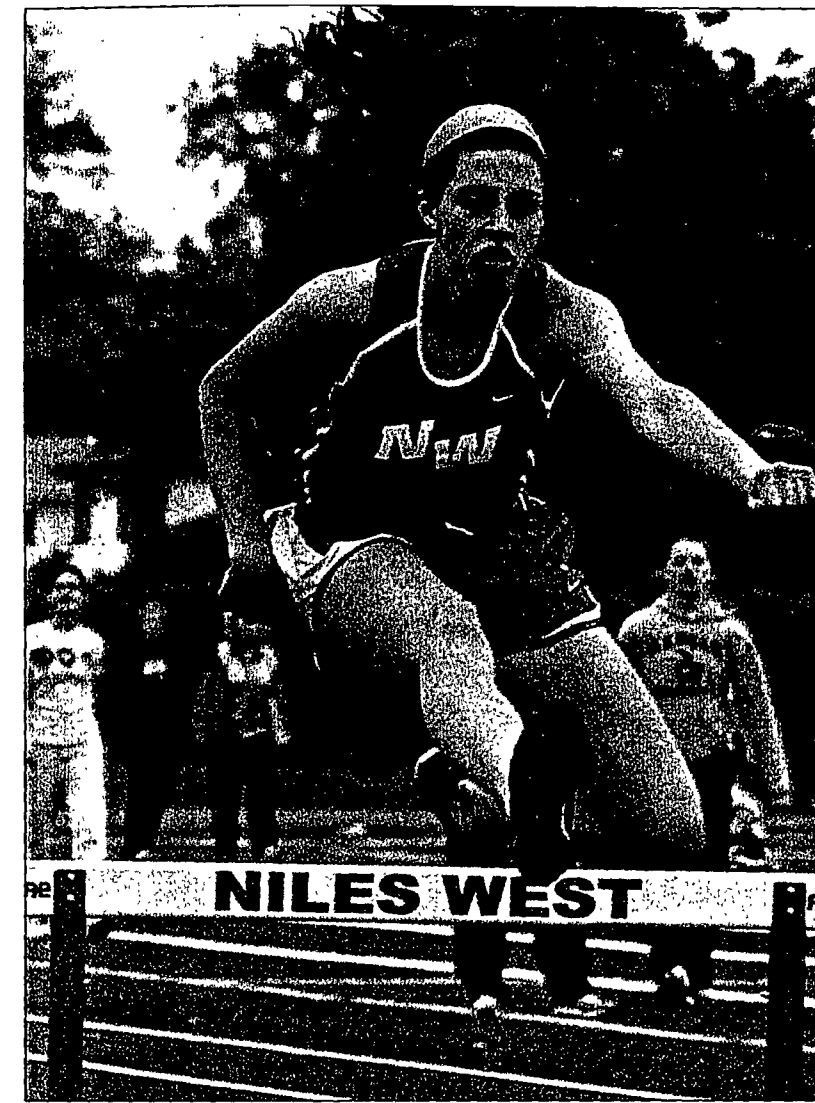
Boxed in at the final turn, Hoshi bounced to the outside lane, then put in a late kick carrying her to a state berth.

"(After the race), I just looked at coach (Tricia) Brown. I looked at her face to see if it was a happy face or a sad face," said the University of Illinois-bound senior. "I'm so happy to make it — individually, and with the whole (relay) team. It's something I've been dreaming about since freshman year."

Niles West's other qualifier was Sutfin, who won the 300 hurdles (48.13), an event she picked up during the recent indoor season.

"(Last winter) I asked Medland if I could do it, and I'm really glad I did," Sutfin said. "He said that with my 400 time, I would be fast in the hurdles, too."

The Wolves (35 points) finished eighth in the 14-team sectional.



Niles West's Jessica Sutfin runs to first place in the 300-meter hurdles last week during the Class 3A sectional at Niles West. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

# Field veterans bring along sophomore sprinter

Vikes' Harmon, Denisenko book return

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**GIRLS TRACK-** Niles North's three qualifiers for this weekend's Class 3A IHSA State Meet travel to Charleston with different agendas.

For seniors Nancy Harmon and Mariya Denisenko, this is a final chance to leave their mark at the state's biggest competition.

Harmon is looking to best last year's 10th-place finish

in discus, while also reaching the top nine in shot put. Denisenko is also aiming to crack the top nine in long jump after coming in 10th last season.

Denisenko won the long jump with a distance of 16-11. She cleared 17-4 at last year's State Meet.

Meanwhile, NN sophomore Kiana Foreman, who will be running the 400, admits her first appearance Downstate is more about experience than results.

"Going to State as a sophomore is my biggest accomplishment," Foreman said. "I'm just going to try to do as well as I can and follow up on that my junior year."

At Friday's Niles West Sectional, Foreman won the

400 with a time of 56.69. "Kiana had the breakout race we've been waiting for and she won against great competition," Niles North head coach Andy Swedberg said. "We've been waiting to see it all year, and it was a great time to get it out of her."

Harmon finished third in the discus (126-foot-1) and second in the shot put (37-3). Her discus distance matches her throw at last year's State Meet.

"In discus, I hit a mark I hadn't hit in a while," Harmon said. "That was an uplifting feeling to know that I still have the ability to throw that and hopefully I'll have a better mark at State this year."

Harmon said it took her some time to get back to last season's distances.

"I don't just come out throwing the marks I did last year," she said. "You have to build up to it, refresh your memory. It's a lot of muscle memory you have to create for yourself, a lot of footwork."

Harmon admitted she thought she might not return to her best.

"Toward the end of the season, I started to worry because my marks were not consistent and my body was tired," she said. "But my coaches prepared me well enough and I came out (at sectional) and did my best."

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Niles North's Mariya Denisenko lands her triple jump last week during the Niles West Sectional. The senior will compete Downstate in the long jump. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BOYS GYMNASTICS

**Steve Patterson, New Trier**  
The senior finished fifth in the all-around at the state boys gymnastics meet.

**Adam Klosowiak, Glenbrook South**  
The junior became just the fourth GBS gymnast to medal on high bar after taking sixth place Saturday at State.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

**Devandrew Johnson, Evanston**  
Johnson captured CSL South titles in the 110 high hurdles, high jump and triple jump, and was second in long jump.

**Nico Composto, Loyola**  
He won the 1600 at the CCL meet in 4:16.48, the second fastest time in the state behind New Trier's Tommy King (4:14.20).

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

**Courtney and Jessica Ackerman, New Trier**  
Freshman twins dominated the distance events at the Niles West Sectional. Jessica finished first in the 1600 and second in the 3200, while Courtney took the 3200 and was runner-up in the 1600.

**Jahnell Horton, Evanston**  
Sophomore was part of three first-place finishes at the Niles West Sectional. Horton won the 800 meters and helped the 4x100 and 4x400 to victories.

## GIRLS SOCCER

**Aleks Premovic, Maine East**  
The junior scored two goals in the team's 3-1 win over Schurz in the opening round of regionals Friday.

## GIRLS WATER POLO

**Zara Wysockey, New Trier**  
Her two saves in the final 20 seconds preserved an 11-10 win over Loyola to send the Trevisions to the state tournament for the first time since 2002.

## BOYS WATER POLO

**Henry Hermes, Loyola**  
He had to make just six saves, but his worked propelled Loyola to State with a win over New Trier Saturday.

# East begins 1-0 in second season

Premovic scores pair to lead victory

By BOB GOSMAN  
Contributor

**GIRLS SOCCER** - Victories have been hard to come by for Maine East this season.

So the Blue Demons had every right to savor Friday's 3-1 victory over Schurz on in the first round of the IHSA playoffs. Maine East also closed out the regular season with a 5-2 victory over Latin on May 11.

Maine East was scheduled to play No. 2-seeded Loyola Academy on Tuesday.

"The girls played really well against Latin, and continued that level of play into Friday," said coach Julie Dickinson. "It's always fun to win a playoff game. It's too bad it's the end of the season because the girls are starting to come together and do the things we've been asking them to do all season. They're more comfortable with each other and playing at a higher level."

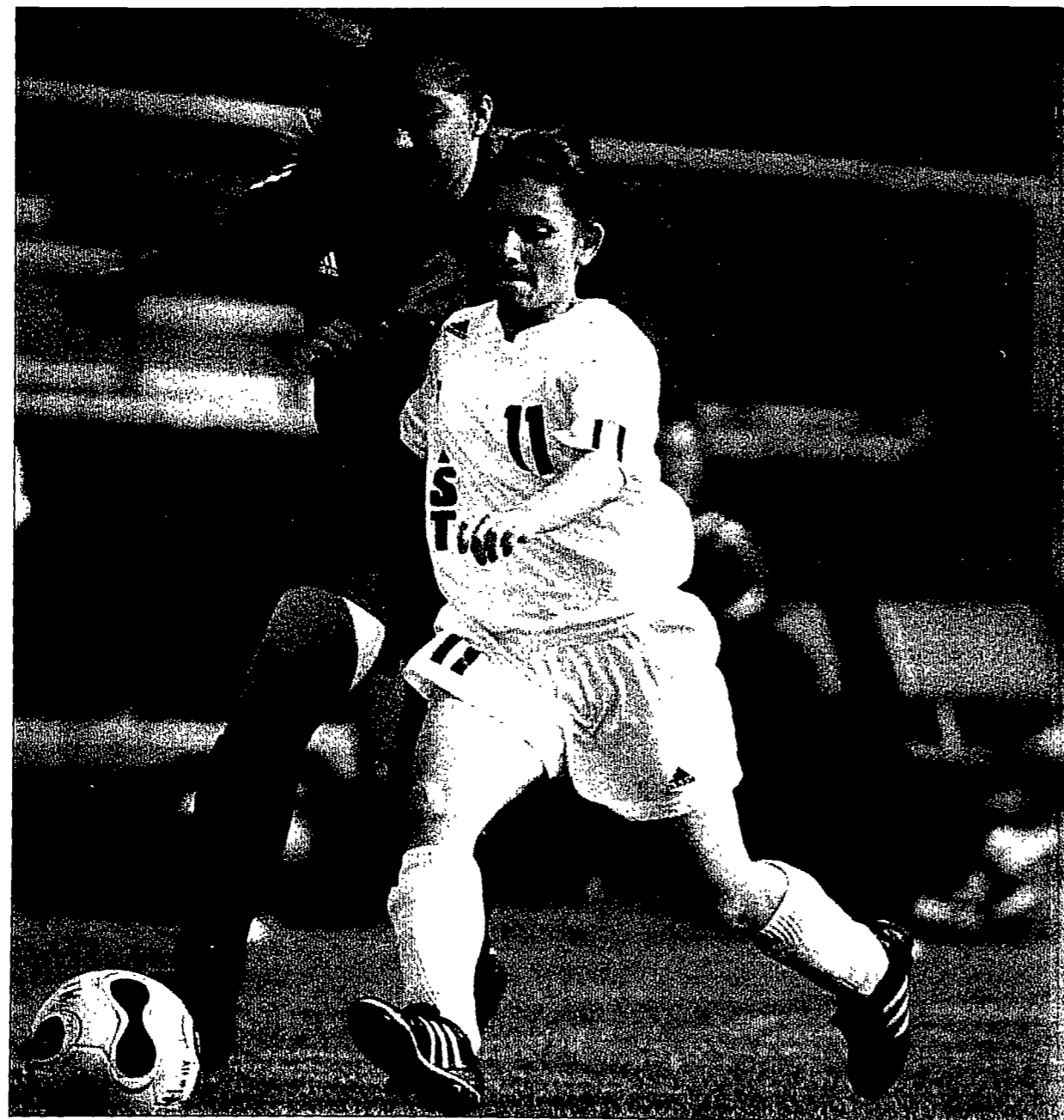
Junior Aleks Premovic scored a pair of goals against Schurz. Senior Joy Ocampo gave the Blue Demons a two-goal cushion with a tally in the second half.

"The ball just came to me in outside the 18, and I heard everyone say, 'Shoot,'" Ocampo said.

In addition to her goal, Ocampo had several crosses that set up scoring chances.

"We've been working on her crosses all year, and she had some great ones Friday," Dickinson said.

Ocampo said that even during losses, the Blue Demons never lost confi-



Maine East's Hilary Youkhana (right) gets a step on Schurz's Rosa Juarez Friday during the Blue Demons' playoff-opening victory. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

dence.

"In thinking about our past games, we always kept fighting," Ocampo said. "That's been our mentality. The last few victories have been really exciting. We're all pumped up."

Junior Audrey Klepadlo has improved steadily in the

center midfield after beginning the season as a forward. She's also emerging into a leader.

"Audrey is really showing she'll be an excellent leader next season," Dickinson said.

Freshmen Samantha Contreras and Tara Quinlan

have gained experience as defenders.

"We started Samantha at outside defender, but we realized she was probably our best defender," Dickinson said. "We moved her to sweeper and she's done a great job. She's becoming more confident at directing

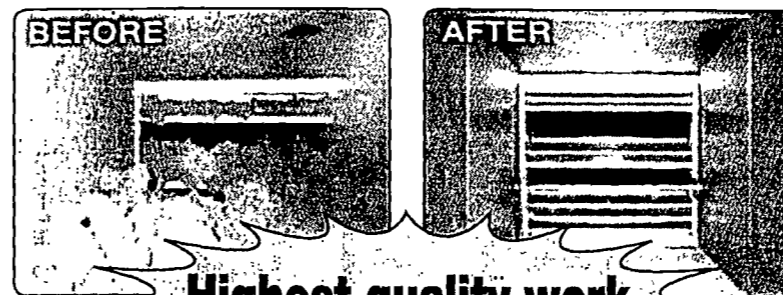
the defense."

Quinlan has a hockey background, but is proving to be a quick study at soccer.

"She's figuring out where she needs to be," Dickinson said. "She's doing a good job."

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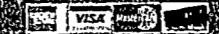
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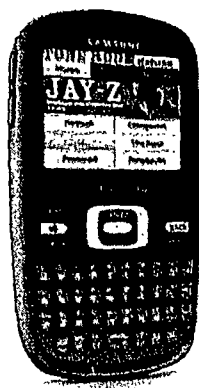
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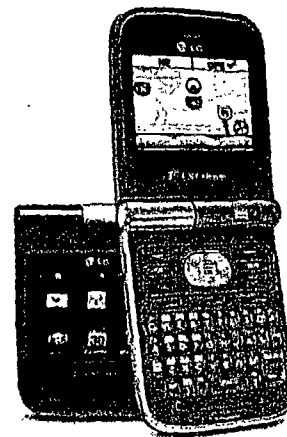


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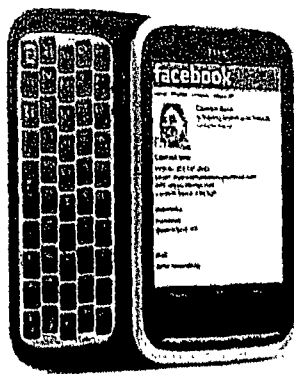
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