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FOOD



NOTHING NOT TO LIKE

Greek picnic fare features the basics - olive, lemon, oregano.

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Inside!

Today's New Homes



SNAKE CHARMER

Eleven-year-old Ronnie Pellegrino gets up close and personal with a colorful assortment of live snakes during Saturday's presentation at Niles Public Library. Dave DiNaso, of the Traveling World of Reptiles, was at the library showing and talking about various reptiles. Page 5. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

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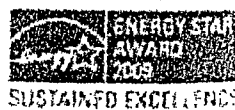
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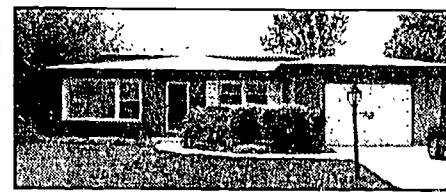


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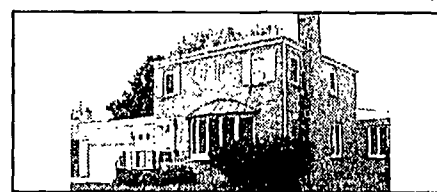
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NOTHING ELSE COMPARES!

Niles...First Offer! Exquisite "Grennan Heights" 9 rm brick English 1 1/2 story home w/spectacular main flr family rm w/fireplace, skylites, charming window box seats & sliding door to yard. Oak flrs. recently remodeled baths & kitchen. Fabulous fin bsmt/recreation/media rm w/wet bar, half bath, laundry rm, workshop & loads of closet. 4 brs & 2 1/2 baths. garage. \$390's



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SIMPLY SENSATIONAL!

Morton Grove...Price Reduced! Stunning Split-level rehab with 3 brs & 2 bath! Walls removed to create open living space on main level. Chef's kitchen w/42" cabinets, granite counter, center island bar. Redesigned lower level w/family rm & full bath. Hardwood flrs. Bonus exercise rm off 2 car gar. Architectural landscape. Paver patio. Near Harrer Park & Park View School! \$370's



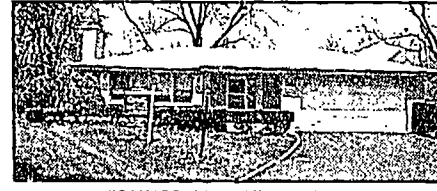
NEED MORE SPACE?

Morton Grove...Then you must see this 11 rm custom built Split-level. Original Owners Prude & Joy! Unbelievable Master suite w/Jacuzzi tub, sep walk-in shower, huge walk-in closet. 20x12 Sitting Rm w/stone FP & office/den. Oak kit w/brass area. Formal living/dining rm. Hardwood floors. 4 brs & 3 baths. Near Skokie Swift, forest preserve/trails & hwy \$370's



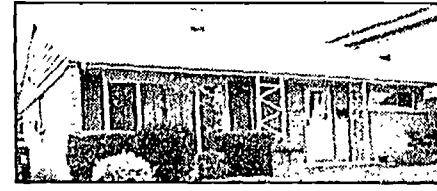
LOVE A SPECTACULAR VIEW & LOCATION?

Skokie...1st Offer! Rare Offer! Spectacular 3 br-2 bath "Barcelona" Condo overlooking pool & park like green space. Convenient to popular Old Orchard shopping, restaurants, entertainment & more! Double balcony overlooks the pool. 2 elevators. Laundry on same floor. 1 car garage space - Mint, Immaculate & Move-In Condition! Incredible Location!! Just \$220's



"SUNSET PARK" BEAUTY!

Glenview...Tremendous opportunity to own a beautiful brick Ranch on prime cul-de-sac location in "Sunset Park"! Liv rm w/stone FP, 3 brs w/hardwood flrs & 2 1/2 baths. Huge updated eat-in kit w/target eating area opens to 19' sunroom. Master BR w/full bath. Huge bsmt w/FP, wet bar, bath & storage. Attached 2 car gar. Close to everything! Location!! \$490's



PRICE REDUCED TO SELL!!

Niles...Impeccable 7 room brick Ranch in convenient location! 3 brs & 2 full baths. Huge updated eat-in kitchen opens to main floor family rm w/sliders to professionally landscaped fenced yard w/patio. Large master br suite w/bath. Recent updates include tear-off roof, Thermo windows, furnace & gutters. 2 1/2 car garage. Niles Free Bus \$288,900



BARELY AVAILABLE - 90' LOT!

Morton Grove...Well built 7 rm solid brick Ranch in superb location! 3 brs & 1 1/2 baths. Living rm w/fireplace + separate formal dining room & oak floors in bedrooms. Screened in porch w/fireplace. Full walk out bsm w/rec rm. 2 car attached garage. Original Owners. Excellent Potential, Value and Location! Zoned R-2. Call for more info. Reduced to sell! \$350's



HOUSE BEAUTIFUL!

Morton Grove...Absolutely breathtaking 3 br - 2 bath Split Level! Gourmet kit w/42" maple cabinets, granite countertops, breakfast bar & ceramic floor. New hardwood floors in living rm & 2 brs. Fabulous 20 x 14 master br suite w/vaulted ceiling, full bath w/ceramic flr, double vanity & skylite. Gorgeous redone lower level fam rm, patio off kitchen, garage. \$409,900

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| <p>MORTON GROVE
5500 LINCOLN - \$114,900 - Why pay rent! 4 room Condo-Living rm w/bay window-Low assessment
5506 LINCOLN - \$120,900 - Edens Plum! 4 room Condo-Freshly painted-Separate dining rm-Pool-Mint!
8620 WAUKEGAN - \$140's - Totally updated 4 rm Condo-Oak oak & granite kit-ice patio-1 garage space
6020 LINCOLN - \$168,000 - Mint 2 br-bath Condo-Metra Train & bus at front door-Garage parking-Balcony
8640 WAUKEGAN - \$160's - Spacious 5th floor Penthouse Condo-2 brs & 2 baths-Near shops & transit!
8640 WAUKEGAN - \$180's - Light & bright 2 br-2 bath Condo-Beautifully updated thru-out-1 car garage
7007 BECKWITH - \$219,000 - Solid Ranch on large lot-Eat-in kit-New windows & roof-Garage-Golf District 67
8610 WAUKEGAN - \$225,000-Mint 2 br-2 bath Condo-New carpet & paint-in-unit laundry-Balcony-Garage
7240 ARCADIA - \$230's - 6 rm Ranch with main floor family rm-Oak floors-Kitchen with granite-Large yard
8717 FERRIS - \$239,000 - Classic & charming Bungalow-Oak flrs-Formal din rm-Att garage-Near Metra Train
6211 LINCOLN - \$239,000 - Freshly painted 2 br-2 bath located near Metra-in-unit laundry-Indoor garage
8340 CALLIE - \$269,500-Only 6 years new-Gourmet kitchen w/Garante. 42' cats & breakfast bar-in-unit laundry
8205 MENARD - \$275,000 - Solid built 7 rm Ranch-60 x 124' lot-LR w/FP-Hrdwd flrs-Full fin bsmt w/rec rm
8825 PARKSIDE - \$270's - Charming vintage Bungalow-Hardwood flrs-Cove moldings-Formal din rm-Bsmt</p> | <p>8817 NATIONAL - \$290's - Mint 7 rm brick Ranch-Oak floors-Euro-style kit-Fin bsmt-60' x 129' lot-Gar
8504 MORITON - \$309,999 - Charming 4 br-2 bath Ranch-LR w/FP-Formal DR w/French doors-to-patio-Gar
7800 CHURCH - \$320's - "Jumbo" Mortonaire" 7 rm Bi-level-Master br w/bath & walk-in closet-LL lam rm
5707 CAPRI - \$320's - Totally updated 8 rm Split-level in Golf Dist. 67-Family rm w/FP-Oak flrs-Updated baths
8440 CALLIE - \$330's - Exquisite corner unit-2 brs & 2 baths-Hardwood flrs-Kit w/SS appls. Granite-Lam-Garage
9103 HANFIELD - \$334,900 - Remodeled 3 br-2 bath Split-level-Kitchen w/breakfast bar-Family rm w/FP-Gar
5901 CAROL - \$340's-Charming brick Bungalow-Hardwood flrs-Main floor family rm-Fin bsmt-2 car garage
6145 LINCOLN - \$360's - Rare 3 br-2 1/2 bath Townhouse near Metra-Vaulted ceilings-Hw flrs-Fam rm-2 c all gar
8837 BECKWITH - \$369,000 - 4 br Cape Cod on 75' lot-Full fin bsmt w/rec rm-Gourmet kit-2 car gar-District 67
8524 FERNALD - \$399,000 - 3 Flat building near Metra Train & bus-Well maintained-4 car gar-Call for more info
5431 WARREN - \$440's - 90 x 125' Lot-Lv rm & din rm w/FP-Main floor family rm-Gourmet kit-Rec rm-Att gar
7752 DAVIS - \$440's - Totally updated Mortonaire Colonial-Split-20 mas br w/FP & Jacuzzi-Kit w/granite-Hw flrs
8544 LULLIBET - \$474,900 - 4 brs-3 1/2 bath Bi-level-3 family rms-Updated kitchen-79' lot-Spa w/hot-tub-Gar
7932 FOSTER - \$493's - 100' x 144' Lot-Value in Land-Cam build 2 houses on 50' lots-7 rm Ranch-Add on/Build up
8828 MAJOR - \$500,000 - Value in the Land-99' x 124' Lot-East Morton Grove Location-7 rm Ranch w/updates
9371 DISCEOLA - \$490's - Updated 3 story Contemporary home-</p> | <p>5 brs & 3 baths-Family rm w/FP-Fin bsmt-2 car gar
9218 MARION- \$790's - New construction! Finest quality & craftsmanship-Oak floors-Granite kit-Master br suite
SKOKIE
5214 GALITZ - \$119,000 - Rare "Fountain Terrace" Condo-Large living rm/dining rm-Master br w/walk-in closet
8232 NILES CENTER - \$145,000 - Beautifully decorated Condo-kitchen w/granite counters & 42" maple cabinets
4735 GROVE - \$169,500 - 5 room "Devonshire" Condo-Huge kitchen-Living rm/dining rm cabinets-New windows
5214 GALITZ - \$173,500 - Rare "Fountain Terrace" Condo-Updated kitchen & baths-Master br w/walk-in closet
5200 OAKTON - \$195,000 - "Oakton Terrace" 5 rm Condo-Across from library & downtown-Master br w/bth-Gar
5251 GALITZ - \$190's - Rare end unit 3 br-2 bath Condo-Step dining rm-Kit w/sep eating area-Shops & transit
4647 BRUMBLE - \$240 - Across from Emily Oaks Nature Center-3 br Brick Townhome-Hrdwd flrs-Family rm
8007 LINCOLN - \$250,000 - 6 rm Brick Townhouse w/Retard space below-Fabulous Downtown Loc 2 brs & 2 1/2 baths
6300 RIDGEWAY - \$280's - Nice 6 rm brick Ranch-3 brs & 1 1/2 baths-Hardwood flrs-Full finished bsmt-2 car gar
5029 GREENLEAF - \$284,900 - Mint cond 3 br Ranch-Remodeled kit-Updated baths-Full bsmt-Near Skokie Swift
4953 OAKTON - \$290's - Gorgeous 2 yr old Condo in "Metropolitan"-2 brs & 2 bths-Downtown Skokie-Garage
8540 SPRINGFIELD - \$350's - Charming Cape Cod 4 brs & 2 bath-Newly fin hardwood flrs-3 season porch-Fin bsmt</p> | <p>4420 DAVIS - \$360's Custom 3 br-3 bath Ranch in "Devonshire Manor" Hardwood flrs-Master br w/bath-2 c att gar
CHICAGO
8554 HASCHEE - \$849,000 - Rarely available 6 unit building-2 1/2 brs-3 1/2 bths-1 1/2 car gar-Call for more information
DES PLAINES
2274 CEDAR - \$230's - Spacious 3 br brick Ranch-New windows & doors-Eat-in kitchen-Fireplace-Full bsmt-2 c gar
740 HANBURY - \$355,000 - Built 2006! Immaculate 7 rm Townhome-Gorgeous kit w/SS appls-Fireplace-2 car gar
1883 KROWKA - \$548,000 - Only 8 years New! 10 rm brick Colonial-2 sty foyer-Kit w/island & Granite-Attached gar
EVANSTON
2317 BRADLEY PL - \$274,000 - 3 br brick Ranch on quiet cul-de-sac-Full basement-Located near Mam SI shopping
GLENVIEW
4000 TRUMPERA - \$142,000 - Top floor Trumvera Condo-Mint condition-Balcony-Newer carpet/Decor-Garage
4000 TRUMPERA - \$148,900 - Fab clubhouse-Top floor Trumvera Condo-Updated kit & bath-Balcony-Garage
3925 TRUMPERA - \$145,000 - 2 br-2 bath Condo-7th floor views-Fabulous clubhouse-Pool, exercise rm-Garage
701 FORUM SQ - \$179,000 - 2 br-2 bath "Trumvera" Condo-kitchen w/granite & SS appliances-Fabulous clubhouse
201 GLENDALE - \$219,000 - Huge 3 br-2 bath "Trumvera" Condo-Fabulous clubhouse w/in/outdoor pool & more
241 GLENDALE - \$279,000 - 39x147x145x111 Lot-Cul-de-sac Location-Area of High-end construction-Call for info
HIGHLAND PARK
2205 KIPLING LN - \$649,000 - Superb "High Ridge" 10 rm Colonial-2 sty foyer-Granite kit-Main flr FR-Fin bsmt
LAKE FOREST
1866 WILSON - \$890's - Stunning 4 br-3 full & 2 half bath home with the finest touches-Hardwood flrs-Granite kit
MCDONOUGH
425 VILLAGE GREEN - \$360's - Beautiful gated community 2 br-2 1/2 bath Condo-2 rm spas-2 balconies-Fam rm
MOHAWK PROSPECT
3205 MT PROSPECT RD - \$380's - Updated 3 br-2 bath Bi-level-New hardwood flrs-New Granite, Jacuzzi, FP & bsmt
MUNDELEIN
21440 LAKEVIEW PKWY - \$690's - Countryside Lake-2 6 Acres Waterfront-4 car attached garage-All huge rooms
NILES
8225 NEWCASTLE - \$209,000 - Solid brick Ranch-Updated bath-Oak cabinet kitchen-Located near forest preserve
8100 FOSTER - \$260's - Updated penthouse 3 br-2 bath Condo-View of pond-Custom kit w/marble granite & SS-Gar
PARK RIDGE
132 EL MODE - \$490's - 50' x 160' lot in fabulous location-Value in hand-Call for more information
WESTERN SPRINGS
4647 CLAUSEN - \$470's - Beautiful renovated 8 rm brick Split-level-New kitchen-Hardwood floors
WHEELING
350 PLUM GREEK - \$160's - Very affordable 2 br-2 bath Condo overlooks pond-Buy to Rent out-Pool, tennis & more</p> |
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 <p>Elmwood Park \$289,900 Beautifully updated & extremely well maintained brick bungalow, 4BR 2BA ID#94409267 Gina Purdy 847-823-1855</p>	 <p>Skokie \$239,000 Brick Georgian. Original cond w/grt potential & curb appeal. 3br, great loc. ID#84408156 Irene Yungerman 773-775-1855</p>	 <p>Morton Grove \$219,000 Immaculate cond, bright & beautiful 3rd fl corner unit. Spacious 2BR 2BA ID#94409331 Mary Andriotis 847-823-1855</p>	 <p>Evanston \$199,000 Spacious two bedroom condo. Top floor unit on beautiful hinman avenue ID#94409354 Susan Bragg 847-823-1855</p>	 <p>Evanston \$189,000 Spacious corner unit with balcony, newer appliances, parking! ID#93109112 Sheila Doyle 847-491-1855</p>

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VILLAGE BOARD

Alpogianis quits after state's attorney's warning

By TONY BERTUCA
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Embattled Niles Trustee George Alpogianis resigned Monday from the Village Board amid threats from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office that he must step down or be removed because he is a convicted felon.

During Alpogianis' campaign for trustee, election news coverage revealed that he had been convicted of six felony counts of battery after a group melee in his teen years. Under Illinois law convicted felons may not hold elected municipal office.

Alpogianis was elected by Niles voters in April despite his highly publicized rap sheet and doubts about his eligibility to legally serve.

"After careful consideration and discussion with family, friends, and supporters I have decided to resign

as trustee of the Village of Niles," Alpogianis said in a statement he released Monday. "Although voters overwhelmingly chose to elect me knowing of my previous encounters over 25 years ago, I feel that this issue is becoming a distraction for the mayor and board in accomplishing our goals for Niles."

Andy Conklin, spokesman for the Cook County State's Attorney, said last week that Alpogianis had to resign as a result of his convictions or face forced removal.

"He needs to resign," Conklin said Friday. "If he doesn't resign, we will pursue a civil action against him to remove him from office."

When asked Friday if he was going to resign, Alpogianis said he was not considering it, but would confer with his attorney.

During Alpogianis' campaign for office he received the full support of then-Act-

ing Mayor Robert Callero, who was running on the same slate with him. Callero was elected mayor in April and Alpogianis won a place on the Village Board.

Callero could not be reached Monday for comment.

In his statement Alpogianis thanked Callero and other members of the Village Board for their support.

"I have been humbled by the outpouring of support I have received from the mayor, the board and the citizens of Niles," he said. "It is because of my strong commitment to the Village of Niles and the citizens who live here that I am going to step down so that Mayor Callero and the board can completely focus on achieving the goals we laid out during our campaign."

When Alpogianis was sworn in May 26, both Callero and Niles Village Attorney Joe Annunzio said legal authorities had exam-

ined Alpogianis' record and found nothing to indicate he was ineligible to serve. Alpogianis had initially said his record was clean and that he believed the felonies from his teen years had been downgraded to misdemeanors after he completed his probation.

Annunzio said Monday that there has been confusion about Alpogianis' official criminal record.

"The state's attorney was not officially saying he (Alpogianis) was a convicted felon at the time he was sworn in," Annunzio said. "Whatever he's doing now is between him and his attorney. He knows what's best, as does the state's attorney."

Alpogianis' resignation came four days before the scheduled sentencing of former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase, who has pleaded guilty to federal counts of mail fraud and tax evasion. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



George Alpogianis

COURTS

Blase sentencing to enter Round 4

By TONY BERTUCA
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After delays spanning several months former Niles Mayor Nicholas, 81, is scheduled to be sentenced Friday for counts of federal mail fraud and tax evasion.

Blase pleaded guilty to the charges in October and was scheduled to be sentenced in January. But the sentencing was rescheduled for April. And then it was delayed again until May. It was rescheduled yet again for Friday.

Randall Samborn, spokesman for the U.S. At-

torney's Office, has said such delays are not uncommon given the busy schedules of judges and attorneys.

The counts against Blase stem from his role in a scheme to steer village businesses to an insurance agency that paid him \$420,000 in kickbacks in exchange for the clients. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and \$250,000 fine.

The former mayor resigned from office in August after holding the job for 47 years.

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PYTHON PALS Children get a chance to pet a very large python during Saturday's presentation at Niles Public Library. Dave DiNaso, of the Traveling World of Reptiles, was at the library showing and talking about various reptiles. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

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LAST WEEK TOP FIVE STORIES

1. 'He needs to resign': State's Attorney's Office on Niles trustee
The Cook County State's Attorney has determined that Niles Trustee George Alpagianis is a convicted felon and will seek to remove him from the Village Board if he does not resign, state's attorney spokesman Andy Conklin said.

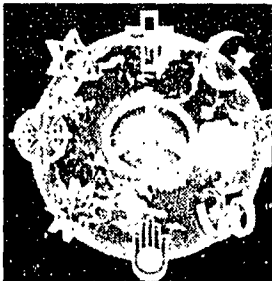
2. Newsweek ranks Maine East in Top 6 percent nationwide
Maine East High School in Park Ridge has been chosen as one of the nation's top schools by Newsweek. The Newsweek list names 1,500 high schools across the nation, which only represents 6 percent of all U.S. high schools. Maine East is one of 147 Illinois high schools to make the cut.

3. Summer projects under way, more to come
Motorists making their way through Park Ridge and Niles the coming summer will be impacted by several road construction projects.

4. Espinosa could be arraigned July 2
A recently terminated Maine East High School teacher is expected to enter a not guilty plea next month to charges that she engaged in a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old former student.

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Newsweek ranks Maine East in Top 6 percent nationwide

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Maine East High School in Park Ridge has been chosen as one of the nation's top schools by Newsweek.

The Newsweek list names 1,500 high schools across the nation, which only represents 6 percent of all U.S. high schools. Maine East is one of 147 Illinois high schools to make the cut.

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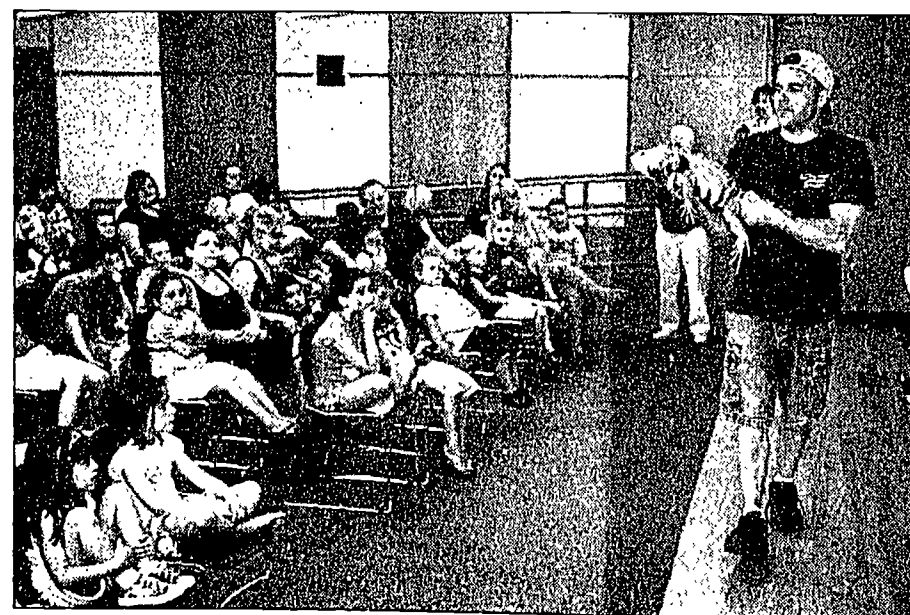
"Everyone should be proud of their work."

The Newsweek list is compiled by Washington Post education columnist Jay Mathews. To evaluate schools, Mathews divides the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge exams it has to give to come up with the same 'index' number that Newsweek uses as its determining factor," he said. "So, while South has a large number of students taking AP tests, its enrollment might be just high enough to make the resulting index come up a little short in terms of this list.

"If you look at Matthews' formula, the larger a school's graduating class is, the proportionally larger number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge exams it has to give to come up with the same 'index' number that Newsweek uses as its determining factor," he said. "So, while South has a large number of students taking AP tests, its enrollment might be just high enough to make the resulting index come up a little short in terms of this list.

"But, obviously, South is a high-caliber school, as evidenced by many factors, including, its consistently high ACT scores." *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

Dave Beery, spokesman for Maine Township High School District 207, said the Newsweek formula may have put South at a disadvantage.



Our cold blooded friends Dave DiNaso, of the Traveling World of Reptiles, on Saturday was at Niles Public Library showing and talking about various reptiles. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer).

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Family opens home to Swedish exchange student

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At first Andreas Ensgard felt like a house guest in the Galiger home, but within two weeks, he said he felt like a family member.

Ensgard, 17, is from Stockholm, Sweden, and has been living with the Galiger family in Park Ridge since Aug. 13 as part of the AFS Intercultural Programs student exchange program.

Last summer a family friend suggested Jim and Laurel Galiger consider being hosts, since a room would be empty with their oldest child, Drew, leaving for college.

"It was something that we had discussed for years," Laurel Galiger said. "We knew that the timing was right."

The Galigers' daughter, Erin, 17, is a Maine South High School junior. She researched the exchange program.

The process took about two weeks for the research, filling out the application, getting approved and Ensgard arriving. Jim Galiger said.

"To get the full, complete family feeling I think it takes about three months to adjust — for all of us to adjust to each other," Laurel Galiger said. "The one statement I can say over and over again is they're not a guest in your home. They are a family member and you have to treat them that way. "Andreas is a family member. He always will be."

Exchange students have the option to participate in the program for a semester or a full school year, or elect to stay longer.

Ensgard chose the full school year option.

The Galiger's said having Ensgard stay with them has taught them to take things slower.

"I think we've learned lots of patience initially," Laurel Galiger said. "I think we're all in such a fast mode. We don't appreciate taking it slower."

Compared to European countries, people in the United States dine out more often.

"Basically at home I think 90 percent we eat at home every day together," Ensgard said. "The European countries are eating at least one hour together and talk to each other with big conversations."



Exchange student Andreas Ensgard studies at the kitchen table as (from left) Laurel, Erin and Jim Galiger get ready for dinner May 19 in Park Ridge. Ensgard joined the Galiger family in Park Ridge in August and will return to Sweden in a month. (Photo by Shauna Bittle/For STNG)

After living with Ensgard, the Galigers are eating at home more often.

"We eat at home a lot — much more than we used to," Laurel Galiger said. "I think as an American culture we are constantly on the go, constantly eating out. For Andreas, it doesn't seem like we eat at home very much, but for us we sit together as a family. We talk about each others' day."

The program tries to look at family structure to make the best match between student and host family.

"Looking at family dynamics makes a big difference," Jim Galiger said. "If someone is one of eight or somewhere along those lines or an only child, it's a different dynamic than just having one sibling. I guess the closer you can make it that approximates what's going on back home, I think makes it easier."

Ensgard said he has a very close relationship with his older sister. One area that is very different that Ensgard didn't expect was the school system.



Andreas Ensgard hugs Cat Woman, the Galiger family cat May 19 in Park Ridge. (Photo by Shauna Bittle/For STNG)

"The whole school system is completely different," he said. "In Sweden we have huge breaks between classes. You have a passing period here, which is basically five minutes. In Sweden it depends on what day it is. Sometimes it can

be 30 minutes from one class to another.

"And one of the biggest experiences in school was the lunches. Lunch is 20 minutes. In Sweden we have one hour."

At Maine South High School,

Ensgard is considered a junior. "After ninth grade we start what we call the gymnasium," he said. "That's basically college level but there's not a campus there so we live at home or we can buy our own little property."

His credit hours at Maine South will not transfer back to his school in Stockholm.

"All the grades and everything like that don't count," he said. "This is kind of like I'm taking this school and everything I'm doing in school for enjoyment."

At Maine South, Ensgard joined the track team, key club and participated in service projects with Erin Galiger.

"AFS is very well established," Laurel Galiger said. "Over 30 years of exchange programs."

Maine South and District 207 have been very supportive with the exchange program, she said.

"AFS is worldwide," she said. "The one thing that's unique about it is it's a network of volunteers. A lot of hosting programs are really based on the cost for the people who have to do all the placement.

"A lot of the people involved were exchange students. They've learned through the years that the experience is so much of it. It's volunteer core and they select kids based on their upbringing, their grades, a lot of different components they want to make sure are going to work out."

The Galigers said it's not a big cost to host.

"People think it's a big cost to do this," Laurel Galiger said. "It's like having another family member to feed. You're basically covering room and board. Realistically, it's not that much."

The program is currently recruiting host families for the 2009-10 school year.

"It's a really great opportunity for empty nesters who are losing their kids to college," Laurel Galiger said. "It's a great opportunity if you have young children and you're maybe trying to mentor them with an older child. You just gain so much respect for other cultures."

For more information about AFS, visit www.afs.org.

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OASIS FUN CENTER

Pool admissions take a dive amid cold, rain

By TONY BERTUCA
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June is supposed to be a big month for attendance at the public pool in Niles. But then again, June is also supposed to be sunny.

Park District Director Joe LoVerde said poor weath-

er conditions in the weeks leading up to this summer have led to a major decrease in daily admissions and revenue at Niles' 11,000-square-foot Oasis Fun Center, which includes a pool and miniature water park and was just opened in May 2008.

"If I had two words to describe this season so far: 'miserable' and 'difficult,'" LoVerde said. "Currently our year-to-date revenue is down 50 percent for pool pass sales and 200 percent for daily admissions. The bottom line has been hurt dramatically."

LoVerde said the pool is normally closed for temperatures that fall below a high of 60 degrees, rain and conditions favorable for lightning storms. "Pool operations are very difficult to control," he said. "I am actively involved in decisions to open or close.

It could be 50 (degrees) and raining in the morning and three hours later, sunny and 70.

"If we make the decision not to open at 9 a.m., I have the staff re-evaluate at 11 a.m. and every two hours throughout the day until 4 p.m."

LoVerde said the rainy weather and yo-yo temperatures also made things tough on young lifeguards who depend on the job for summer income.

"You can imagine how difficult it is to have the guards on standby waiting for several phone calls," he said. "These young women and men are high school and college people that need the work and count on this summer job. I can fully understand their frustration."

"It's a difficult balance since I believe we are obligated to give them hours and we are obligated to open the pool for our pool

pass holders and customers, while being fiscally responsible. This early season we have brought staff in to clean and perform additional training just to get them some hours."

LoVerde also pledged to properly staff the pool even if few people are swimming. "Our policy dictates, and I will never sway from our policy, to provide the required number of guards for staffing even if one person is in the pool," he said. "Revenue is important but the safety of our patrons is first and foremost."

LoVerde said he hopes there will be a some light — and heat — at the end of the tunnel.

"We will continue to make decisions on a daily basis, keep the employees and customers as happy as we can and hopefully enjoy the remainder of a hot, dry summer," he said.

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FLOODS

Power lines downed in storm cause fire

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Heavy rains hit Niles on Friday, causing street flooding and bringing down a pair of power lines, which set fire to a garage, village authorities reported.

Niles police said the storm caused a pair of power lines to crash into a garage on the 8500 block of North Olcott Avenue, setting the building on fire. No one was injured and the Niles Fire Department soon extinguished the blaze, police said. The cost of the damage was not known.

Niles Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezano said several streets were flooded for a period and that

the village had ordered barricades placed in the streets to keep motorists from driving through and causing wakes.

Vinezano is chair of the village's stormwater commission, which has been tasked with finding ways to alleviate chronic flooding in certain areas.

He said the village was preparing to pass an ordinance Tuesday that would make certain grading requirements of homeowners and developers to prevent stormwater runoff.

Park District Director Joe LoVerde said Friday that Tam Golf Course was flooded.

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Hone skills doing these easy and fun ideas



BETH ENGELMAN

MOMMY on a SHOESTRING

This summer, help your kids sharpen their math, reading, writing and social skills with these easy, fun and inexpensive ideas.

Reading Detective

Encourage your children to be reading detectives! Whether they're toddlers or grade-schoolers, everyone can play along. You can challenge your kids to find letters or words in a variety of places such as the park, zoo or local pool. A fun idea might be to set up a game where your kids are tasked with finding a specific word such as "big" or "special" as many times as possible throughout the day. You'll be amazed by how adept your reading detectives will become.

Reading Photo Album

If your children are fascinated with taking pictures, a reading photo album may be the perfect family project. This idea was inspired by those funny YouTube videos where you see the same guy doing a dance in all sorts of different places such as The Parthenon in Greece or Times Square in New York. In this less exotic version, your children will create a summer photo



Beth Engelman gets some tips and tricks for opening a lemonade stand for the summer from Olivia Remppe, Tom Casey and Sam Casey in this video version of Mommy on a Shoestring. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

album filled with pictures of them reading in different places. Some ideas include reading at the park, the beach, the hammock in the backyard, or even on top of a Ferris wheel. You can make it a family challenge to come up with as many different and unique places as possible.

Lemonade Stand

Help your kids get into the entrepreneurial spirit while strengthening their math skills with a timed honored lemonade stand. Not only will your kids reinforce their measuring, counting, adding and subtracting skills, but they will also learn the value of a dollar, which is always a valuable lesson. Be sure to watch our Mommy on a Shoestring video at www.pioneerlocal.com to find out how our lemonade stand experts, Sam and Tom Casey of Glenview, choose savvy locales and clever marketing techniques to get the most out of their business.

Puppet Show

When I was an educational therapist, this was one of my favorite ways to incorporate reading, math and art into one giant project. Here are some helpful hints to make the experience extra-special.

- When adapting a story into a script, try choosing a well-loved fairy tale or fable, which are often filled with a mixture of rich characters and interesting plot twists to keep the show moving along.

- Make puppets using tube socks, tacky glue, scraps of material, yarn, googly eyes and anything else you might have on hand.

- Use a large box, fabric and tacky glue to create a puppet stage. If you do not



Beth Engelman shares some ideas for a fun puppet theater in this week's Mommy on a Shoestring. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

have an empty box on hand, try finding one at your local hardware or appliance store.

- Encourage your children to create their own playbill, which can be passed out to audience members as they arrive. Not only is this a nice feature for the audience, it's also an excellent writing exercise for your children.

- Don't forget about refreshments! Work with your children to bake treats such as cookies or cupcakes that can be "sold" during intermission or enjoyed after the show. Cooking is an excellent way to incorporate sequencing, measuring and counting which are vital math skills at any level.

Family Game Night

Family game night is an entertaining way to strengthen core math, reading and social skills, while promoting family togetherness. I tend to like games that cater to a multi-age/multi-skill level crowd such



Tom Casey takes a big bite out of a muffin as Beth Engelman talks about tasty treats for family game night in this week's Mommy on a Shoestring. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

as Bingo, Candyland, Monopoly or The Game of Life. Make the evening more memorable by creating a favorite game night snack such as the Monopoly inspired "Jail Bird Cookies." Check out our video at www.pioneerlocal.com to learn how to make these quick and tasty cookies.

Special thanks goes to educators Danna Friedlander and Elaine Duckler for their advice and insight regarding this article. Have a craft idea or recipe you'd like to share? E-mail Beth at Beth@engelmannrgrs.com. Be sure to put Mommy on a shoestring on the re: line and include your contact info!

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SCHOOLS

Take a bow!

Against all odds, Billy Kasch is a Maine South graduate

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Audience members were well-mannered at Maine South High School's June 8 graduation ceremonies at Rosemont Theater. School officials asked that they hold their applause until all the graduates received their diplomas, and they did, with one exception.

They rose for a standing ovation as Billy Kasch, 18, of Park Ridge, walked across the stage.

"Everyone was going crazy cheering for me," Kasch said grinning a few days after the ceremony.

"He has a bit of a fan club," his father, Mark, acknowledged.

Before Billy was born, doctors knew that he was severely hydrocephalic, afflicted with fluids on his brain. They advised his parents to terminate the pregnancy.

"My doctor said he'd never walk, talk, think or see. He would never contribute to society in any way. He'd be institutionalized, and he'd cost taxpayers a great deal of money," said his mother, Mary, adding, "I changed doctors."

Early intervention

Kasch had surgery within 24 hours of his birth. He was 6 months old when specialists from Park Ridge-Niles Community Consolidated School District 64's Zero to Three program first evaluated him.

He was 3 when he started preschool at Emma Melzer School, in Morton Grove. He was in both regular and special education kindergartens at Melzer and Carpenter Elementary School, in Park Ridge.

Then, his mother asked District 64 to let him try two weeks at the family's neighborhood school, Roosevelt

Elementary, in Park Ridge. The experiment worked, and Kasch was a neighborhood school student from that point forward.

The Park Ridge Park District helped, too, assigning Kasch a one-on-one aide, who eventually followed him to Roosevelt, Mary said.

Kasch's parents call the Maine South graduation standing ovation a tribute to the community.

"Everybody — the district, the therapists, the neighbors, the teachers, the students, the specialists, even the play groups — rallied around him and surrounded us with love and help," said Mary. "He never once felt left out."

"It's Mary, too," said her husband. "She never took no for an answer, and Billy flourished."

Kasch belonged to two clubs at Maine South — Best Buddies and Council for Exceptional Children.

"CEC held a special end of year graduation party at the Park Ridge Community Center," Kasch said. "It was a blast."

At Maine South, he enjoyed reading, especially adventure books and newspapers.

"My drama teacher was really nice, too," he said. "I really liked her."

His biggest challenge at Maine South was navigating the building.

"It was hard to get around," he explained. "I kept getting lost at first."

He attended his senior prom with Maine South sophomore Jamie Aynessazian. The two rode a limousine to a friend's house, where they posed for pictures. Then they danced at the Hyatt O'Hare. After prom, they headed to the Pickwick Restaurant, in Uptown Park Ridge.

"We had ice cream," Kasch said. "I ordered vanilla."



Maine South students gave senior Billy Kasch a standing ovation as he picked up his diploma carrier this month. (Rick Meredith)

After school

Since fall 2008, Kasch has worked at Kohl's at Golf Mill in Niles. He collects hangers from registers, hangs up clothes and attaches anti-theft security sensors to garments.

"It's a great job," he said. "I like it there a lot."

His favorite sport is baseball.

"I used to be a Sox fan," he reported. "Now, I'm kind of into the Cubs. My dad likes the Cubs."

Kasch has four brothers — Tommy, 20, Danny, 13, Jimmy, 12, and Joey, 7. Like most siblings, they get along pretty well sometimes. And sometimes they don't, Kasch admitted.

When he's not working, Kasch will be hanging out with his brothers, his friends and the family's golden retrievers, Casey and Marley.

He enjoys video games and watching television, particularly cartoons and the Game Show Network.

Mark Kasch describes his son as enthusiastic, loving and happy.

"He's truly a special child," adds Mary. "And everyone has been so accepting."

Kasch's classmates voted him Most Likely to Be Remembered.

Kasch wasn't supposed to see, let alone read. He wasn't expected to hear, let alone enjoy music. He wasn't expected to think, let alone graduate.

So, if that crowd gave Kasch a standing ovation as he walked across the Rosemont Theater stage, it's understandable. Some occasions in life just call for a round of applause.

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Billy Kasch (second from left) and his date, Jamie Aynessazian, pose for pre-prom photos with friends Sarah Russell and Tim Hackett. (Becky Bork photo)

ON THE WEB

See the online video of Billy Kasch graduating by going to:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgPln7lx8sQ>

A tale about snakes and men on the moon

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My mother and I had pined for a decade to see a landing on the moon, but in the summer of 1969 that week was the only one my father could get for a vacation.

"Don't worry," he said. "They have television in Kentucky. You and your mother can see them land on the moon."

So we packed the Chevy and left our Niles apartment, carrying just long enough to see Apollo 11 blast off the morning of July 16.

My father and sister weren't too worried if they missed the moon landing four days later, but mom and I were nuts about all things NASA.

We watched every blastoff and splashdown. In between, we hung on the words of Jules Bergman and his ilk on our scratchy

old TV.

Chief Petty Officer Ritta Leavitt, U.S.N. (Ret.), identified with the astronauts, especially the Navy men.

"Oh, God bless them," she'd say as a rocket ripped the sky over Florida. Otherwise, she rarely used the word "bless" unless somebody sneezed.

She'd clap and cheer when a capsule bearing "my boys" parachuted safely into the Pacific.

We couldn't wait until July 20.

We had suffered through the days when most U.S. test rockets blew up. Then Alan Sheperd's flight was delayed so long, the Russians not only beat us into space, but also orbited Earth while we were still shooting monkeys into the dark.

After that, JFK committed us, impossibly, in 1961 to "landing a man on the moon and returning him

safely to earth" before the decade is out. That ushered in days of glory.

The euphoric relief, in 1962, of John Glenn and Friendship 7. The thrills of all the Mercury and Gemini flights, before we were shattered by the 1967 fire that killed the three Apollo 1 astronauts.

And starting again. And watching nervously as each Apollo flight brought us closer to the moon. After 20 manned missions in all, it was really supposed to happen.

And then we went on vacation. We searched the tiny rental cabin fruitlessly for a TV.

"That's it," mom said flatly. "Either we get a television set, or we're going back."

Somehow, my dad borrowed a set somewhere.

In between Apollo 11 reports, there was great Ken-

tucky fishing, and great people to show you where the fish were.

Snake and LEM

And snake hunting. At 13, I was fascinated by reptiles. My mother abhorred them, but she encouraged me, even letting me keep some in the apartment.

And I found a doozy outside the cabin July 20. It was one of the biggest snakes I'd ever seen.

I grabbed it behind the head, and about 8 feet of black rat snake wrapped itself around my arm.

"You are not bringing that ... monster ... in here," mom said.

But look at him. He's great.

"Do what you want," she said. "He's not coming in here."

Furthermore, she reminded me, the astronauts are getting ready to land on the moon.



The lunar module blasts off from the moon, above. The 40th anniversary of the first landing on the moon is coming up. Where were you when the first steps were taken? (File photo)

I went back outside. I will probably never catch anything this big again, I thought to myself.

And if I don't figure out something, I'm going to miss the moon landing.

The astronauts have their thing, I thought. This is my thing. I should look for something to put the snake in, and sneak him into the cabin later.

And then the truth dawned on me. As long as I lived at home, even if I started bringing in money next year, I could never keep big animals. In fact, I was being unfair raising mice to feed the snakes.

Several times, there were harrowing mass escapes from the wired-together french fry baskets they lived in.

We moved from the city to avoid things like rodents, and I selfishly inflicted them on everybody again.

I took a last look at the magnificent snake, then let him go. He froze a second, then went crashing through the brush.

I washed up at the water pump, and quietly reentered the cabin.

"Hey," I said. "When are they going to detach the LEM?"

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Your turn

What were you doing when the astronauts on Apollo 11 landed on the moon? Tell us at yournews@pioneerlocal.com. Make sure to include telephone numbers.

MAINE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Police say teen threatened his classmate with a knife

A 15-year-old Maine South High School student was arrested last week for allegedly pulling a knife on a classmate and striking him with a book.

The incident occurred the

morning of June 17 inside a classroom at the school, 1111 S. Dee Road. Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen said the teenager became angry with something a 16-year-old classmate said to him

and struck the older boy in the face with a book.

The 15-year-old then pulled out a foldable knife and threatened to kill the other boy, Jogmen said.

The suspect, a Niles resident, was charged with assault and battery. He was released on his own recognition and assigned a July 31 court date.

— By Jennifer Johnson

POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed among the official reports of the Niles Police Department. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

DUI

Martin Daniel, 32, of 6017 N. Monticello Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday on the 9300 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$3,000 bond and is due in court Aug. 4.

Alexandra Solomon, 19, of 373 W. Columbia Ave., Lincolnwood, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 7000 block of Cleveland Avenue. She was released on \$3,000 bond and is due in court July 31.

Miland Susjar, 48, of 5233 N. East River Road, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 9400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in

court Aug. 4.

Karolina Faraci, 32, of 5858 N. Melvina Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 9800 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court July 24.

THEFT

Several blind shades were stolen June 15 from a store on the 8600 block of West Dempster Street. The blinds were reportedly valued at \$1,117.

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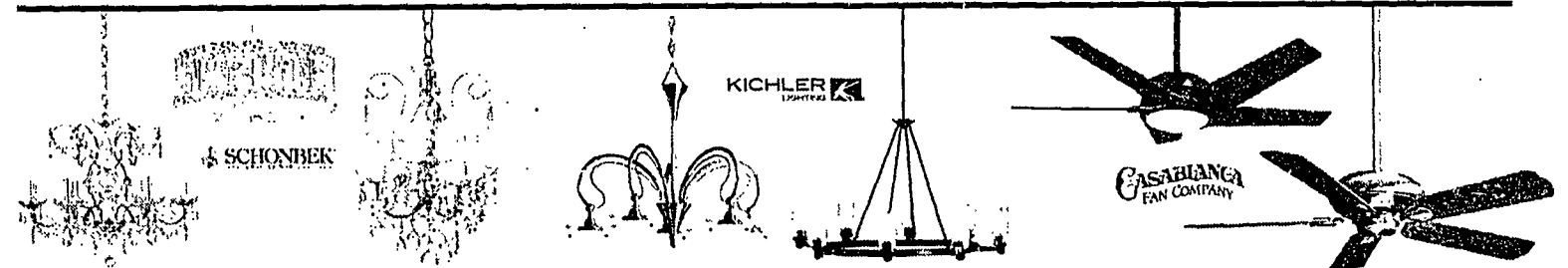
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Drinking only adds to stress

By **TERRI SCHMIDT**
Contributor

Mary has had a very tough day.

Waking up late led to a speeding ticket on her way to work. She was upset, resulting in missing an important work deadline. Her match.com date canceled at the last minute.

She gladly agreed to a happy hour after work. That first drink went down so smoothly; she had another and then another. Her friends warned her about a fourth, but she ordered it, anyway.

She normally disregarded warnings about her drinking. Some friends refuse to hang out with her because they are so concerned about her drinking and driving. She drove home, knowing she was over the limit. She was "lucky" because she didn't get stopped by the police. Awaking with a hangover the next morning, she wonders if she has a drinking problem.

Matt knows he has an alcohol addiction. His DUI last year led to an intensive outpatient program. After he completed that program he was advised to do a "90 in 90" — one Alcoholics Anonymous meeting a day

for 90 days. Surprisingly, Matt grew to like the people he met in the meetings, and found them a good substitute for his former drinking buddies.

He stayed sober for the full 90 days. He then became very confident that he could handle his drinking on his own. Gradually he attended fewer AA meetings. Things in his life started getting more stressful — reduced hours at work, more financial pressures and more money arguments with his wife. He ran into a former drinking buddy, and one thing led to another. That first drink after months of abstinence felt so good it led to another. Matt felt that old craving feeling.

So do Mary and Matt have the same kind of problem? What is the difference between alcohol abuse and alcohol dependence anyway?

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV defines abusers as those who continue drinking despite recurrent social, interpersonal and legal problems related to their drinking. Alcohol dependence has those same criteria, in addition to an increased tolerance for alcohol, physical symptoms of withdrawal, drinking to relieve withdrawal symptoms, an awareness of the craving to drink and a return to drinking after a period of abstinence.

So what does stress have to do with drinking? Dr. Enoch Gordis, director of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, comments that current research provides more information about drinking and stress than alcohol addiction and stress. He believes that it is most helpful to teach people how to identify drink-provoking stressors. Patients can then be taught to handle those stressors in ways that don't include drinking.

Family members may find themselves getting into no-win arguments about whether alcohol is getting to be a problem rather than a stress-reliever. Spouses may hear "work drove me to drink" or "the kids made me so angry I needed to have a drink." One way to neutralize this situation is to have a professional evaluation of problematic drinking. This takes the argument out of the realm of "he said, she said," focusing instead on established objective criteria.

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YOU SAY

District 64 blessed to have Blouch

June brings to mind graduation and promotions. And for sure, there have been many here in the past few weeks followed by parties and celebrations — high school, middle school, college, even kindergarten graduations. Many proud families, students and teachers made it all happen. But we must also remember the school boards, staff and principals in our celebrations.

This year's graduation exercise for Lincoln Middle School was particularly moving because it marked the retirement of a man who many give iconic status to, here in District 64 and Park Ridge.

Principal Jim Blouch retires after serving this community for over 19 years. As principal of Lincoln Middle School, he reshaped the way we all viewed educating sixth-,

seventh- and eighth-graders. These young adults are our future and Mr. Blouch saw to it that the unique needs of this age group were not only understood and addressed, but met head-on in the curriculum that taught these young adults.

You need only watch and see how Mr. Blouch interacted with his teachers and

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1000 WORDS



Crosstown controversy: Cubs or Sox?



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

To keep conversation pleasant, we Americans avoid controversy. Religion. Politics. Bailouts.

In Chicago, another explosive topic can ruin any poolside party: Are you a Cubs fan or Sox fan?

Historically, no rivalry matches ours. Oh, yes, other competitive titans loom. The Yankees and the Red Sox. Foghorn Leghorn smacking around the Dawg. Me versus the pull rope on our lawn mower.

Most team rivalries feature good-natured ribbing.

Give us Chicagoans bazookas and we'd be the Middle East.

"Dear God, someone's strapped that Cubs fan to the exploding scoreboard!"

"You think that's bad? You ought to see what they did to the Sox fan in the men's room."

During the Crosstown Classic, dueling fans would hire Tony Soprano and make the other side sing: "Take Me Out AT the Ball Game."

We know the stereotypes. The blue-collar Sox: lawn chairs and beer. The white-collar Cubs: reservations and wine.

Obama and Daley favor the Sox. Michelle and Royko, Cubs fans.

Years ago, when my brother Ray was alive, he'd watch a Cubs game.

"I thought you liked the Sox," I said, clueless. My idea of rivalry was Betty and Veronica giving each other dagger looks over Archie.

Stretching, he leaned back in the recliner, scooping up more popcorn. "I'm rooting for the opposite team."

Now, here is an oddity worth of Ripley. My husband grew up on the South Side and rooted for the Cubs as a kid. Now that he's an adult living in the northwest suburbs, which

is as blue and bear as it gets, he's a Sox fan.

Although the Sox park has been around since 1991, anyone over 40 can make a slip. Like me.

"Sox playing at Comiskey tonight?"

My husband looks at me. "No."

"Oh, right, Mister Smarty Pants. U.S. Cellular Field. Like that guy. 'Can you hear me now?'"

"That's the Verizon test guy."

I close my eyes. "Why did you mention him? I see that commercial in my sleep."

All my friends are die-hard Cubs fans. God bless them, they've not ordered me out of their homes yet.

The rivalry won't end any time soon. Without our pettiness and ability to mutter insults, we'd be lost. A city without a Picasso. A Lake Shore Drive without potholes. A state without corrupt governors.

But there is one affront no hard-working Chicagoan can tolerate, whether Cub or Sox fan: Putting ketchup on a hot dog.

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ria.

We are fortunate to have several free options for those evaluations. Advocate Behavioral Health offers free evaluations in a facility only steps away from the Metra station in Des Plaines. Learn more about that program at www.advocatehealth.com/addictions. Another option is to take an online assess-

ment at about.com:alcoholism.

As with anything else, the first step begins with honesty.

For more information call Maine Center for Mental Health, Substance Abuse Services, (847) 696-1376; for an additional online alcohol screening go to alcoholscreening.org.

— Terri Schmidt writes "To Your Good Health" for the Park Ridge Community Health Commission

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staff. It was evident that there was something special about him. More important though was the way he interacted with and engaged all of the student body at Lincoln. He immersed himself in running that school in ways that most of us cannot even imagine. His dedication, commitment and love for his role at Lincoln had a

hand in shaping the character of thousands of Park Ridge children. Words cannot say enough except to say that Lincoln School and District 64 were blessed to have a man like this leading our children and the teachers who taught them.

Thank you Mr. Blouch, for your tireless dedication and love for our kids. You have touched many lives and shaped the future. That speaks volumes about you. Our heartfelt thanks to you and all who share

your passion for educating today's youth. You will be missed.

Ed, Kristin, Elizabeth and Keith McCarthy
Park Ridge

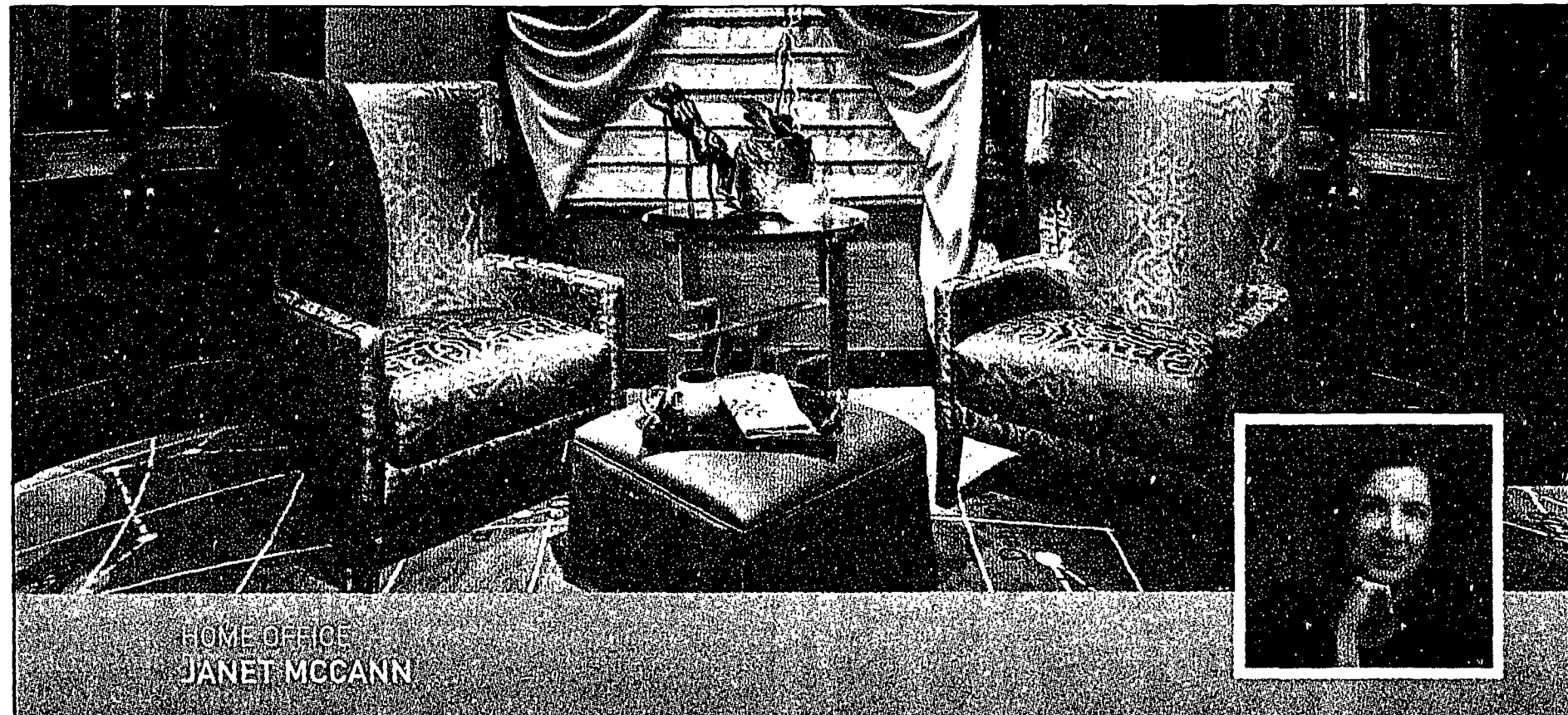
Maine S. High School celebrates Celebration

For 18 years the parents of seniors at Maine South High School have sponsored and chaperoned an alcohol- and drug-free post-prom event called Celebration.

It is an evening filled with

entertainment, food, fun and friends which is open to all seniors and their dates, whether they attend prom or not. This year was no different as 305 students attended Celebration on June 5. Students were treated to several hours at ESPN Zone for games and refreshments and then to a two-hour sunrise cruise aboard the Mystic Blue. While onboard the Mystic Blue, there was a DJ, dancing and a breakfast

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

ment. Saturday, June 27 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).
Note: The Center will be closed July 3 and July 4 for Independence Day.
Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts.

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buffet. Celebration 2009 was a huge success, thanks to the generous support from local businesses, as well as the families of Maine South students. This event would not be possible without the support of the volunteers who plan and chaperone this event as well as the monetary donations that are collected throughout the school year through various fundraising activities.

Michael Biasello DDS, Peter Ryan, Michael Markman, State Farm Insurance agent, Terra Consulting Group, Ltd., John Zimmermann Bornquist, Inc., John Kenney, DDS, Teresa Nuccio, attorney at law, State Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, 65th District, John Davis, DDS, Expert Driving School, Viking Driving School, Gartner Orthodontics, Ltd., Artrip and Oliva, DDS, Michael Athans, PhD and Associates, ISU Insurance Services, The Machon Agency, Kiwanis Club of Park Ridge-Morning, Raymond James Financial Services, Roberta Stevens, Coldwell Banker Real Estate, Maine Township

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Tricia Williams and the Maine South 2009 Celebration Committee

Saturday, July 18 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
Saturday, July 25 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).
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July 1 for dinner and conversation at a restaurant in Des Plaines to practice using the language in an informal setting. Participants have various levels of proficiency in speaking French, and include native speakers of the language. No membership dues are required, merely the willingness to converse in the language. If attending, e-mail lesbavards@yahoo.com or call (847) 720-4502 by the preceding Monday evening.
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 July 9. Call Gabriella, (847) 541-8524, or e-mail: ichiacchieroni@yahoo.com.

a presentation of free Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) amplified telephones for the hearing impaired. Live testing for telephones will take place at 11 a.m. July 20 at the Smith Activities Center, 5120 Gallitz, Skokie, all (847) 933-8208.
The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA)/Neighbors At Work Inc. hosts a Community Forum from 6:30 to 9 p.m. June 25 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., in Evanston. The focus of the forum is to discuss and prioritize community needs and issues in the townships of Evanston, Niles, New Trier and Northfield. To reserve a place, call Jacqueline Mimms at (847) 328-5166, Ext. 5419, on or before June 22.

Fitness Center
Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Dr. Niles, (847) 588-8400 or www.nilesfitness.com.
The Niles Family Fitness Center's Summer Camp program for ages 6-12 includes sports, outdoor games, field trips and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays through Aug. 14. Campastic is the area's only camp dedicated to the health and fitness of children. Campastic is the perfect way for a child to spend the summer. Parents are able to register one week at a time on an ongoing basis throughout the summer. A before- and after- camp for

working families also is available. This year, campers and staff are not only committed to keeping healthy and fit with "Fresh Fruit Fridays" but are also committed to the environment. Campers will work hard cleaning up a space outside their camp area, laying new soil and compost, planting tomatoes, peppers and flowers. Extended camp hours are 8-9 a.m. \$5 extra per day, and 3-5 p.m. \$10 extra per day. Camp session fees are: full-time, one week, \$128, members or \$166, non-members; part-time: 3 days per week (parent's choice), \$86, members or \$111, non-members. Register for all nine weeks of Campastic and receive the ninth week free.
The Niles Family Fitness Center of-

fers various party themes which include Splish Splash Pool Party, Havin' a Ball Sports Party, Bead-Tastic Bash, Professor Crazy's Mad Science Fun, and Tiny Tots Birthday Bash. All party packages include: private party room space outside their camp area, laying new soil and compost, planting tomatoes, peppers and flowers. Extended camp hours are 8-9 a.m. \$5 extra per day, and 3-5 p.m. \$10 extra per day. Camp session fees are: full-time, one week, \$128, members or \$166, non-members; part-time: 3 days per week (parent's choice), \$86, members or \$111, non-members. Register for all nine weeks of Campastic and receive the ninth week free.
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RAVINIA FESTIVAL 2009
RAVINIA'S MARTIN THEATRE will host an especially strong lineup of vocal recitalists.
John Von Rhein, Chicago Tribune

Table listing musical performances: LEON FLEISHER & FRIENDS (JULY 02), PINCHAS ZUKERMAN & FRIENDS/PIANIST YEFIM BRONFMAN (JULY 05), JULLIARD STRING QUARTET (JULY 08), SUSAN GRAHAM (JULY 13), THOMAS HAMPSON RECITAL (JULY 16), CHRISTOPH ESCHENBACH AND MATTHIAS GOERNE (JULY 27-29-31), STRAVINSKY'S A SOLDIER'S STORY (AUG 04), TOKYO STRING QUARTET (AUG 13), DMITRI HVOROSTOVSKY IN RECITAL (AUG 18), PIANIST GABRIELA MONTERO (AUG 19), EROICA TRIO (AUG 24), HERSHEY FELDER IS BEETHOVEN (SEPT 05), MENDELSSOHN STRING QUARTET/FAREWELL APPEARANCE (SEPT 07)

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Classes
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Adella's Closet, a bead store at 9227 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, hosts free beginning jewelry-making classes at 9 a.m. weekdays. Call (847) 966-2123.
Clubs
Les Bavards, a monthly francophone dinner-group, will meet at 6:30 p.m.

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.
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.
The American Jewish Artists Club is accepting new members. The group, founded in the early 1920s, focuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community. Call Lorre Slaw, (847) 272-0744, or e-mail lslaw@oakton.edu.
Audubon Society of Park Ridge meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month in the Maine Park Leisure Center, Forestview and Sylvia-wood. Guests of all ages are welcome. Call Roger Ginger, (847) 825-2982.
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
The Villages of Skokie and Morton Grove and Township of Niles, in conjunction with the Schaumburg Township Disability Services, will hold

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dress proper shooting mechanics, ball-handling, play-making skills, rebounding, defensive fundamentals and offensive principles. Players will participate in 1-on-1, 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 tournaments, as well as various jump-shooting competitions.

Learn the Korean Art of Tae Kwon Do and develop physical, mental and muscular strength. Classes for age 6 to adults taught under the direction of Master Instructor San Chel Chung of Chung's Tae Kwon Do Academy.

Youth Boot Camp for ages 12-14 - Cardio interval training combined with segments of weight-training and conditioning in a kid friendly environment.

Youth Cardio Dance Mix, ages 12-14 - This five-week class offers a variety of dance, including line dance, hip hop, Latin, ballet and jazz, finishing with a yoga based stretch.

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Swim Club - This class, for ages 7-15, will teach different training techniques used for competitive swimming. Requirements are: 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, 50-yard breaststroke and 25-yard fly. Fees are \$90 for members; \$110, nonmembers.

Group fitness classes for every level: fees per class are \$8, residents; \$9, nonresidents:

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and core strengthening exercises which challenge abs, back and waist. Intermediate to Advanced.

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Cardio Dance: High energy class with music. This 45-minute calorie burner followed by some work at the bar to stretch and work balance. Beginner to Intermediate.

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Fantasy Fight: 60 minutes of choreographed low-impact simulated fight sequences derived from the martial arts, boxing and basic self-defense, designed to condition the heart, burn calories and improve self-confidence; handwraps required, available at the Membership Service Desk for \$5.

Heart Rate Up & Pump: Get heart rate up with this variety of high-intensity, low-impact cardiovascular routines with some muscle conditioning. Beginner to Intermediate.

Lite & Fit: Perfect for the mature adult. Work at your own pace - a combination of low-impact (with some high intensity) aerobics. May include basic step, stability ball work, body toning with ab and back strengthening. Beginner to Intermediate.

Step, Drills & Strength: This step class offers variety from week to week. One week is Step with 10 minutes of cardio drills followed by core strengthening and the next week Step Interval. Intermediate to Advanced.

Step & Stretch: This 60 minute step class includes a warm-up, high intensity step aerobics, and a Yoga inspired stretch.

Yoga: Work the mind and body.

Fund-raisers

NEW The Les Turner ALS Foundation's 15th Annual Lou Gehrig Day at Wrigley Field will be held July 26. The "don't miss" event begins with a two-hour pre-game party at the Vic Theatre emceed by 93XRT's Lin Brehmer followed by a match up between the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds. Pre-game party guests will enjoy unlimited food and beverages and beer. There will also be a raffle and live auction. One lucky auction bidder will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the game and four attendees will have their photograph taken in Wrigley Field's on-deck circle. Tickets cost \$10 for the Pre-game party with unlimited food and beverages, terrace reserved game ticket and event giveaways; \$85 for children under 10. Inquire about premium seating packages. Call (847) 679-3311 or visit www.lesturnerals.org.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held from 6 p.m. June 26 to 6 a.m. June 27 at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. It is an overnight event where teams of local businesses, schools, community groups and families raise funds to fight cancer. Area cancer survivors unite to walk the first lap and are then joined by family, friends and co-workers who helped them through their battle with cancer. A lunaria ceremony, held after dark, honors cancer survivors and those who have lost their battle against cancer. Call (847) 368-1166 or visit www.relayforlifedesplaines.com to participate or donate.

Health

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

Cholesterol Screening Part 2 will provide participants with the results of the lab test from Part 1 from 1-2 p.m. June 29. There will be a lecture by a registered dietitian/exercise physiologist on eating appropriately and exercising to lower cholesterol. Participation in Part 1 is not required to attend lecture. Registration is required.

Yoga Classes, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 9-10:30 p.m. Saturdays - in the Blessed Alice Room, ground floor of the Professional Building, En-

france B., across from the Fitness Center. Fee: \$8 per class.

Have the whole family get fit at the Club Res Family Fitness Camp - for children ages 8 to 14 and parents. Ongoing: 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Fee: 10 classes, \$50, 20 classes, \$80.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings each month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster Street, Niles (across from the hospital). Call (847) 723-7277.

Dr. Frederick Thesenga will present a lecture on "Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery" from 5-6 p.m. June 25 in the Blessed Alice Conference Rooms B & C. Professional Office Building, Entrance B, ground floor. Learn about a new method for gall-bladder removal, hernia and bariatric surgery, etc. which involves a single incision through the belly button. This minimally-invasive technique involves less scarring, less blood loss and a faster recovery, especially for people on the go. Registration requested, not required.

Nicotine Anonymous meetings in the Health Management classroom located on the first floor of the hospital near Entrance C. Ongoing: 7-8 p.m. Mondays.

Historical Society

The Niles Historical Society announced the cancellation of a scheduled event featuring Cecil Wiselogle and her husband, Michael, in "Here Comes the Bride," originally slated to be at 2 p.m. June 28. The free program was to be held in the Oasis Fun Center, 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 390-0160 for more information.

Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org.

Elder law Attorney Larry Magill will explain how to navigate the complex area of elder law in a free coffee hour program at the Niles Public Library at 10:30 a.m. July 8. He will discuss such topics as legal planning for seniors with progressive illness or disability; planning techniques and asset protection; advanced directives; Medicaid qualification for nursing home care for clients with assets; guardianships; and probate/estate administration. Magill will be available to answer elder law questions.

The Go Club for ages 6 to 12 usually meets the first and third Saturdays of each month on a drop-in basis.

Maine Township

Maine Township's FISH (Friends In-need Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken. (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation's seasonal brochure for summer is available. M-NASR offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. The summer season offers programs and special events including sports and Special Olympic programs, art, cooking and aerobics. Look for the addition of many outings this season, such as: Camping Connection, Teen Adventures and Tee

Time Golf. Registration begins upon delivery of the brochure. Maine-Niles serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

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

Niles Park District and the Village of Niles offers free family concerts at Oak Park, Main and Ottawa streets, on Friday evenings this summer. So pack up the lawn chairs and bring the whole family. The first concert and Penny Carnival Night, is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 26, featuring the Saxophones Band. While the band plays, children can play Penny Carnival games created by Niles Park District campers.

Boys & Girls Youth Dodgeball Leagues for fourth- to eighth-graders runs from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays, July 18 to Aug. 29. Games are fun, safe, competitive and exciting. League play consists of regular season plus playoffs. Sign up as a team of eight or an individual. Fees are: residents, \$44; nonresidents, \$55. Registration deadline is July 18. Call (847) 967-1529.

Stay cool this summer at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. - Hours are from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call Oasis Waterpark, (847) 967-6648, or the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633.

at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until all classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633.

Parenting

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is offering a six-hour Baby Care and Development Class designed for couples who are expecting their first child, grandparents, childcare givers and adoptive parents. Topics include physical care, safety, sleep, common concerns, immunizations and development, birth through 12 months of age. Classes are held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Upcoming session will be June 25. The fee is \$40 per couple or \$30 per couple if taken in conjunction with the Weekend Childbirth Series or Labor, Birth and Postpartum Class. Call HealthAdvisor, 1-800-323-8622, or go to www.advocatehealth.com register. Code is 881L.

Golf Maine

The Golf-Maine Park District, serving unincorporated Maine Township, northern Park Ridge and northwest Niles, is asking residents to drop off paper products for recycling at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane in Niles during June. On Wednesdays, between 9:30-10:30 a.m., park district staff will assist residents in unloading vehicles. Products that can be dropped off for recycling include newspapers, magazines, office paper, catalogs, mail and envelopes, folders, colored paper and shredded paper in bags. On Saturday, June 27, park district staff will be at Feldman Park from 9:10:30 a.m. to assist with larger loads.

The Golf Maine Park District has taken a new and innovative approach in raising much-needed funds for the park and spreading the word on energy efficiency. The 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 toolkits, 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.-4:30 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/.

Golf Maine Park District is taking registration for: **Youth Basketball** - Summer basketball for fourth-sixth graders runs from June-August. Games are on Fridays and Sundays at Feldman Recreation Center.

Concerts in the Park - Bring a chair and enjoy the music of Madrum from 6-8:30 p.m. July 17 in Dee Park. Free.

Adult Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., first Wednesday of the month, split-the-pot bingo at the Feldman Recreation Center.

Hot Shots Sports: Hot Shots Sports and the Golf Maine Park District have joined to bring various sports classes and clinics. Offered are Baseball, Basketball, Tennis, and Soccer classes. Stop by the Feldman or Dee Park Recreation Centers for details.

Summer Camp for kindergarten through sixth-graders includes sports and games, arts and crafts, playground activities, field trips, spray park, swimming and more. Two-week sessions are offered. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Before and after camp child care is also available. Register early.

Preschool: Early registration is important to ensure child a space for the fall 2009 semester. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2009.

Cricket: Dee Park now has a cricket pitch that will be ready for use this spring. Call the park district for rental fees or availability.

Visit one of the 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

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.

Reunions






January classmates of Chicago's Roosevelt High School Class of 1959 will reunite Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 at the Embassy Suites in Deerfield. A pizza party is highlighted for Friday evening and additional activities are planned for Saturday. Contact Jerry Krecun, (708) 863-6660 or pkrecun@comcast.net.

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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony performs under the direction of Barbara Schubert at 8 p.m. June 26 at Hodges Park on South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge. "Pictures and Portraits" is a special family concert featuring Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and other descriptive works. Call (847) 604-0026 or visit www.prfas.org.

2. Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project Songwriters Showcase will be presented at 8 p.m. June 26 in the Josephine Louis Theater at Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The evening of original music features the work of emerging songwriters from across the country who represent the fields of pop, music theatre, folk, Latin and country music. Tickets are \$10. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

3. Jump Rhythm Technique Summer Intensive Finale Performance, 7 p.m. June 26 at Northwestern University's Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center, 10 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The informal showing includes Jump Rhythm Jazz Project repertory performed by the participants in the summer program for intermediate to advanced level dancers. Free.

4. Blood On The Tracks, a Bob Dylan tribute band, will perform from 8-10 p.m. June 26 in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

Come see tango like you've never seen it

Chicago Tango Week, July 1-6 at DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center Chicago North Shore, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Festival packages. www.RegOnline.com/ctw2009. www.ChicagoTangoWeek.com or (312) 823-4859.

By **AMY GAIL HANSEN** Contributor

Most people picture the tango like this: Two dancers, hands clasped, arms locked and extended, cheek against cheek, gliding across the dance floor to a staccato beat.

But this ballroom version of tango is quite different from the true cultural dance of Argentina, said Shafiq Manzur of Tango Eclectique, producers of the 2nd annual Chicago Tango Week, set to run July 1-6. "What you see on TV is not what we do," explained Mazur of New York, who organizes the festival with his Chicago based partner, Maria Alferov. "There are no steps to be learned in Argentine tango. There is no pattern. It's not choreographed; it's improvised."

Chicago Tango Week will help debunk this common misconception through workshops, performances, concerts and late night "gatherings" called milongas. The festival's message is clear: It takes more than "two" to tango. In fact, it requires teamwork, dedication and above all, passion.

History and culture

Four years ago, Manzur discovered his passion for tango after reading a National Geographic article on the topic. "It was not the dance itself that interested me," he explained. "It was the story. It represented the history of Argentina ... of immigrants, of society at that time."

With European and African roots, the tango was "born" in the late 19th century as the dance of the poor, immigrant communities of Buenos



Claudio Gonzalez and Melina Brufman

Aires, Argentina. By the early 20th century, though, the dance had spread to the world. In the United States, it evolved into the ballroom style most Americans associate with tango.

Educating the public about the historical and cultural aspects of this Argentine dance is at the forefront of Tango Eclectique's mission. In November 2008, Maria Alferov opened the ARTango Center in the Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago. The dance studio offers daily classes and Friday social

dances while serving as a center for Argentine art and performance. Alferov later collaborated with Manzur—they met at a milonga, of course—in organizing Chicago Tango Week, which helps promote both emerging and longtime tango dancers.

The lineup of world renowned performers includes Julio Balmaceda and Corina De La Rosa; Pablo Inza and Eugenia Parilla; Horacio Godoy and Cecilia Garcia; Pablo Villarraza and Dana Frigoli; Melina Brufman and Claudio Gonzalez;

and Silvina Valz and Oliver Kolker.

Tango as art

During the day, festival-goers can take technique classes taught by these master dancers. After some rest and perhaps a nap, evenings will be spent dancing at a milonga, starting around 10 p.m. and going as late as 5 a.m.

Staying out until all hours dancing may sound care-free, but tango is less casual than other popular Latin dances, explained Manzur. He said the lights are always dim; the mood is always serious. "You don't



Pablo Inza and Maria Mondino

see people laughing," he said. "It takes a toll on you; it's physically and emotionally draining."

It's strenuous because of the element of improvisation, he noted. The lead creates the dance on the spot, and the partner must follow. In this way, Manzur likened Argentine tango to a Jackson Pollack painting: "You can't recreate it; it happened once."

Creating a dance and sharing that dance with a partner is a means to a deep, nonverbal communication and ultimately, connection. "I can dance with a woman — we've said only a few words to each other — and by the end of the night, I know her better than a woman I've known for years," Manzur explained.

Beginners welcome

Manzur admitted that tango is challenging. "It is intimidating and difficult, but we all have to start somewhere," he said.

To make the festival inclusive for people of all abilities and experiences, Absolute Beginner's classes will take place on three of the festival days. On July 2, free beginner's classes will be offered, followed by an outdoor milonga in Grant Park and a free concert by the electronic tango band Otros Aires.

Though festival packages are available, Manzur said taking a class can also happen in the spur of the moment. "You can just walk off the street and take a lesson," he said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

OPENING

CHERI

Michelle Pfeiffer and Rupert Friend embark on a September/June romance in Belle Epoque-era France in this costume drama from the writer and director (Christopher Hampton and Stephen Frears) of "Dangerous Liaisons." (B) (100 min.) Rated R for some sexual content and brief drug use. Reviewed in this section.

MY SISTER'S KEEPER

A 13-year-old (Abigail Breslin), who was born to supply donor organs for her older sister, sues her parents for the right to make her own decisions regarding her body. Nick Cassavetes ("The Notebook") co-wrote and directed the drama. (109 min.) Rated PG-13 for mature thematic content, some disturbing images, sensuality, language and brief teen drinking.

WHATEVER WORKS

Woody Allen's funniest film in years (and probably his most scathing film ever) features a vintage script from the '70s, originally written for Zero Mostel. Larry David, co-creator of "Seinfeld" and the star of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm," was the ideal choice to play the misanthropic Boris Yelnikov, a suicidal former Nobel Prize-nominated physicist, who now lives in a crummy apartment and teaches chess to uninterested children - amusing himself by insulting them and their dotting mothers. The self-proclaimed genius has withdrawn from the world except for his hobby of excoriating the human race. When he meets a starving teenage runaway from Mississippi (Evan Rachel Wood), whom he first feeds, then shelters, then marries. Allen fans are likely to feel that "Whatever Works" works well indeed, if only because it delivers a darker, more hostile take on his usual neurotic preoccupations.



'Whatever Works'

Think of Yelnikov as Allen's evil twin. (B) (92 min.) Rated PG-13 for sexual situations including dialogue, brief nude images and thematic material.

STILL PLAYING

THE PROPOSAL

When an evil ice-queen publishing exec (Sandra Bullock) faces deportation to Canada because her visa is rejected, the citizenship of her downtrodden, yet marriageable personal assistant (Ryan Reynolds) suddenly becomes a valuable part of his skill set - and the key to a big promotion.

There are no surprises, but no major disappointments either, in this bland, predictable, but reasonably pleasant romantic comedy, as they fly off to small-town Alaska to meet his eccentric family, under the watchful eye of a suspicious immigration investigator.

And he uses his new position of power to pay her back for all the years of abuse. And true romance sneaks up as the sexual chemistry kicks in. Directed by Anne Fletcher ("27 Dresses"). (B) (107 min.) Rated PG-13 for sexual content, nudity and language.

YEAR ONE

Who knew the Old Testament basically took place at the same time as caveman days? Yep. Just one valley over, Harold Ramis' antediluvian comedy features the perfectly matched Jack Black and Michael Cera as a couple of hunter/gatherer misfits having comic misadventures in bible land after being expelled from their tribe.

"Year One" is a little slow and episodic, but there are some very funny moments here and there, though it differs from other Ramis comedies by relying a bit too much on gross-out gags. That's no doubt

due to the influence of co-producer Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up," "Superbad," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"). (B) Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content throughout, brief strong language and comic violence.

THE TAKING OF PELHAM 1 2 3

Novelist John Godey's simple and effective pulp novel about a subway hijacker (John Travolta) and the train dispatcher (Denzel Washington) who becomes his reluctant go-between with the city, has now weathered three movie adaptations, and still works remarkably well. Admirers of solid, well-executed thrillers will find a lot to like here as director Tony Scott ("Top Gun") delivers the action in his signature, crowd-pleasing style: Noisy, flashy and amped to the max. Oscar winner Brian Helgeland ("LA Confidential") wrote the tense and amusing screenplay. (B) (106 min.) Rated R for violence and pervasive language.

FOOD, INC.

This well-researched, balanced (considering that reps from the food companies it spotlights declined to be interviewed) and convincing documentary makes the case that the reality of America's mass-market food-production industries is much closer to factory than farm - with alarming by-products. In addition to the inhumane treatment of livestock and the near-subjugation of farmers, "Food, Inc." emphasizes the dangers arising from a handful of companies monopolizing the majority of the marketplace - and attaining such economic clout that they can influence laws about key issues such as food labeling and genetic engineering. And serious threats to health including E. coli, obesity and diabetes. Appetizing? No. Important to

see? Absolutely. (B) (94 min.) Rated PG for some thematic material and disturbing images.

IMAGINE THAT

A financial exec (Eddie Murphy) finds solutions to his career problems in his young daughter's imaginary world. Karey Kirkpatrick ("Over the Hedge") directed the comedy. Rated PG for some mild language and brief questionable behavior.

AWAY WE GO

After stumbling into impending parenthood, a more-or-less directionless couple (John Krasinsky of TV's "The Office" and "Saturday Night Live" alum Maya Rudolph) hit the road to find the perfect place to settle down and raise their child.

But their journey quickly turns into nightmarish moms and dads who make the idea of starting a family seem discouraging at best. Directed by Oscar-winner Sam Mendes ("American Beauty"). (B) (98 min.) Rated R for language and some sexual content.

MY LIFE IN RUINS

What can you say about a comedy that's so desperate for laughs it names one of its characters Poupou Kaka (and gives him a cousin named Doudi)? Stay away, comes to mind.

Nia Vardalos, who followed her mega-hit "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" with a short-lived sitcom entitled "My Big Fat Greek Life," returns for whatever big, fat, Greek good will might be left, with this strained and schmaltzy sitcom about a tour guide for a low-rent outfit providing bus tours of Grecian ruins.

Directed by Donald Petrie ("Grumpy Old Men"). (B) (93 min.) Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content, and for language including a drug reference.

THE HANGOVER

A group of bleary-eyed friends (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zack Galifianakis) search Las Vegas for a missing bridegroom after a wild bachelor party. (100 min.) Rated R for pervasive language, sexual content including nudity and some drug material.

LAND OF THE LOST

A previously unsuccessful scientist (Will Ferrell) discovers a way to go back in time - and winds up running from killer dinosaurs. Brad Silberling ("A Series of Unfortunate Events") directed the comedy. (93 min.) Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content and for language including a drug reference.

THE SEVENTH PYTHON

In this relatively dull, but genial documentary, much is made of the surprising un-famousness of Neil Innes, an unofficial member of Monty Python (perhaps best remembered as the teasing minstrel in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"), with all of the surviving Pythons among those giving testimony regarding his remarkable talent.

But its best service is providing the opportunity to appreciate Innes' musical career, beginning with the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band and continuing with the Pythons (where a particularly brilliant side project was his score for the Beatles parody "The Rutles"). Featuring live performances of charming tunes such as "How Sweet to be an Idiot," "Humanoid Boogie," "I'm the Urban Spaceman" and "My Little Ukulele." There's also a nice recipe for Belgian waffles in the credits. A must for Python fans. (B) (94 min.) No MPAA rating.

DEPARTURES

A failed cellist finds artistry of a different sort in this grimly comic, but ultimately touching, drama from Japan.

When Daigo (Masahiro Motoki) returns in failure to his home town, he has trouble finding work until he's finally offered a position in the "casketing" business - ritually cleansing corpses in front of the departed's loved ones and placing them in a coffin for cremation. Daigo's sour-faced boss (Isuzu Yamazaki), who turns out to be a soulful master of the craft, thinks he was born to do this work.

And Daigo does find it deeply satisfying. Unfortunately, just about everyone else, including his generally accommodating wife (Ryoko Hirose), thinks his new profession is ghoulish and disreputable in the extreme.

It's often very funny, but it's also a serious contemplation of mortality - and a celebration of life and ritual. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. (B) (130 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic material.

DRAG ME TO HELL

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-Reviews by Bruce Ingram

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Family Fun on Thursdays. Morton Grove Park District presents free children's entertainment from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the lawn of Prairie View Park, 6834 Dempster. In inclement weather, shows will take place in Prairie View Community Center. Information: (847) 965-1200. June 25: Magic by Randy, July 9: Rick Kelley (music). July 23: Damen Avenue Puppeteers. Aug. 6: Chris Fascione (juggling).

Golf Maine Park District will host concerts from 7-8:30 p.m. in Dee Park, 9229 W. Emerson, Des Plaines. July 17: Maddrum (Caribbean).

Independence Day Celebration at Niles West High School, Oakton and Edens Expressway, Skokie, includes pre-fireworks entertainment beginning at 5 p.m. and including Josh & the Empty Pockets (rock) and 7th Heaven (rock).

Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, Lee Street from Howard to Touhy, Des Plaines. Aug. 2, 3 p.m.: Des Plaines Park District Community Concert Band.

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Concerts in the Park, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Proesel Park Shelter, corner of Kostner and Morse avenues, Lincolnwood. Free. Call (847) 677-9740. July 22: The Class of '68 (1960s rock). Aug. 19: Rica Obsession (salsa, merengue and Latin jazz).

Lincolnwood Youth Strings Orchestra will perform a free concert from 10:30 a.m.-noon July 4 at Proesel Park Shelter, Kostner and Morse, Lincolnwood. Call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org.

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Morton Grove Days Festival, July 2-4, will present live music in Harter Park, 6250 Dempster. \$1 admission to entertainment pavilion for adults all days except \$5 on July 2. (847) 965-1200. July 2, 8 p.m.: The Cryan' Shames. July 3, 8 p.m.: Heartache Tonight. July 4: 7 p.m., The Fundamentals; 10 p.m., Big Fun Girl Power.

Morton Grove Park District summer concerts are held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Harter Park Pavilion, 6250 Dempster at the north end of the field behind Harter Pool. Food service by local restaurants available from 6-8:30 p.m. Canned food donations accepted at

each concert to benefit Niles Township Food Pantry and the "Neediest Families of Morton Grove" program of the Morton Grove Women's Club. July 7: Dave Rudolph's Beach Party. July 14: Run-aways. July 21: R-Gang. July 28: Tin Horse. Aug. 4: AC Rock. Aug. 11: The Associates. Aug. 18: Rain date.

Mount Prospect Veterans Memorial Bandshell, 411 S. Maple, presents concerts sponsored by the Mount Prospect Park District at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and 7 p.m. Thursdays. In the event of rain, concerts move inside the Lions Recreation Center. Monday concerts feature the Mount Prospect Community Band - June 29: Star Spangled Concert. July 6: Summertime Serenade. July 13: Swingin' and Singin'. July 20: One Small Step for Man... July 27: Do-It-Yourself Sousa. Thursday night concerts - June 18: Roots Rock Society (reggae). June 25: ABBA salute. July 9: Soda (variety). July 16: 7th Heaven (rock). July 23: Heartache Tonight (Eagles tribute). July 30: Members Only (1980s).

Niles Park District and the Village of Niles will offer free family concerts at Oak Park, Main and Ottawa, on Fridays. For information, call (847) 967-6633. June 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Penny Carnival Night, with music by the Saxophones. July 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Music in the Park. Children can enjoy face painting and a balloon artist while the band 215 West presents Motown, Latin dance and classic rock. July 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Down Home Family Fun, featuring pony and tractor-pulled wagon rides, with The Ragtop playing music of the '50s and '60s. July 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Vehicle Adventure, with music by the White Saddle Band. July 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Hawaiian Fest, featuring the Barefoot Hawaiian Band and Dancers. Aug. 7: Pocket Circus performance from 6:30-7 p.m., followed by music by The Sting Rays from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Aug. 14: Magic by Randy from 6:30-7 p.m., followed by music by The Associates from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Aug. 21: Sue Black's Stories on the Wild Side from 6:30-7 p.m., followed by contemporary jazz and popular standards by Breeze from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Norridge Park District's Island in the City Festival features live music at Norridge Community Park, 4631 N. Overhill. (708) 457-1244 or www.islandinthecity.com. July 9, 7:30 p.m.: 7th Heaven (rock). July 10: 7:30 p.m.: BDI (variety); 9 p.m.: Yard Fulla Cars (country). July 11, 6 p.m.: Piano Man (Billy Joel/Eltan John tribute); 8 p.m.: Hi Infidelity (70s-'80s rock). July 12: 5:30 p.m., The Legends (oldies); 7:30 p.m., World Class Noise (soul/funk).

Norridge Park District concerts will be held at 4631 N. Overhill (Lawrence and Overhill) at 7 p.m. Thursdays. If it rains, shows will be held in the Recreation Center Gymnasium. Food and beverages available for purchase. (708) 457-1244. July 16: 215 West (variety). July 23: Mr. Myers (island). July 30: Soda (variety). Aug. 6: Barefoot Hawaiian Dancers.

Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony performs at 8 p.m. Fridays at Hodges Park on South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge (Maine East Athletic Field on July 3 only), under the direction of Barbara Schubert. (847) 604-0026 or www.prfas.org. June 26: Pictures and Portraits. July 3: American Monuments. July 10: Across the Footlights. July 17: Opera Gala. July 24: Variations. July 31:

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Proesel Park Shelter, Kostner and Morse, Lincolnwood, hosts a Summer Concert Series from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org. July 22: The Class of '68 ('60s rock). Aug. 19: Rica Obsession (salsa, merengue, Latin jazz).
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Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, will present a summer concert series featuring a variety of entertainment opportunities for all ages and interests. Free-will donations at the August concerts will benefit Maine Township Food Pantry. Guests are also encouraged to bring

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DINING

Uncle Dan's treats everyone like family

By J.T. MORAND
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Family values are being served at Uncle Dan's Pizza and Pub, the restaurant on Northwest Highway in Park Ridge that opened in December, but will hold its grand opening celebration June 29.

It makes sense since the owners are twin brothers Dan and Sean Cummins. Peggy Cummins, Dan and Sean's mom, does the books. Sean's kids are in charge of the gumball machine.

Dan, the more outspoken of the twins, said his entrepreneurial philosophy is simple: Go into business with the person you've known the longest and know the best. The success of Biggs Steakhouse, Seafood and Wine Cellar and Albert's Cafe and Patisserie, both in Chicago, and Maki Sushi and Noodle Shop in Park Ridge can be attributed to Dan's partnership with Sean.

"I've known him nine months more than anybody else," Dan said. "It's always been a fun working relationship," Sean added.

Dan, who has been known as "Uncle Dan" around Park Ridge for years, said he wanted to own and operate a restaurant that feels like home to his guests.

"Don't call them 'customers,'" he said. "They're always my 'guests.'" Frame by frame, photo-



Kyle Leavitt watches pizza dough being tossed at Uncle Dan's Pizza and Pub in Park Ridge. The goings-on in the open kitchen has become a form of entertainment for diners. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

graphs of Uncle Dan's guests are going up on the 5,500-square-foot of wall space. It's not unlike the restaurants visited by sports stars or Hollywood actors, who sign a photo to be hung and gawked at by customers. But, to Dan and Sean, the stars are the guests, especially the little ones, from Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Niles, Edison Park and other surrounding communities.

"My movie stars are the kids," Dan said. "It's all about the people of the community."

Sean, who coaches youth baseball and football, likes that he can take his teams to his own place for pizza after games. It's important they get to see themselves and their neighbors in photos on the walls.

"They feel like they're part of the restaurant," he said.

Families need to be entertained as well, and they're finding diversion in the kitchen.

Guests can watch food preparation through large windows around the kitchen, said chef Matt Panella. If he's tossing pizza dough in the air and sees a child peering at him, he'll throw a wad of dough at the window, which usually draws a laugh from the kid.

Other forms of entertainment, geared more toward the adults, include live music two to three times a month, an outdoor cafe that seats 50, and a party room.

Future plans include a wine cellar and a fine dining area.

For now, the fare consists of traditional Italian and American dishes that are all homemade (except for the French fries) with generations-old recipes from the Cummins family and



Dan Cummins, known as Uncle Dan around Park Ridge, welcomes families to the new restaurant he owns with twin brother Sean, Uncle Dan's Pizza and Pub in Park Ridge. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

Panella family, which owns Dileo's of Chicago.

"I'm an Irishman running a great Italian restaurant," said Dan, laughing.

Dan would also like to host more charitable events for residents of the community like the one he held June 18 for a friend battling breast cancer. The proceeds from the night that featured the popular Chicago band Mr. Blotto are going toward offsetting her medical expenses.

The twins are planning on opening a few more family-friendly restaurants in nearby suburbs.

Sean, acknowledging Dan's outgoing personality and his own more subdued demeanor, swears it doesn't bother him that they'd all bear his brother's name and not his.

"To me, it doesn't matter," Sean said, then paused. "The next one will be Uncle Sean's."

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Michelle Pfeiffer and Rupert Friend in "Cheri."

MOVIE REVIEW

Boy toy annoys in 'Cheri'

By BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

Cheri
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Think of it as "Harold and Maude" dressed up in the fancy clothes of Belle Epoque Paris — minus a few decades on the distaff side.

At first glance, the idea of a reunion of writer, director and star from the scathingly wicked, Oscar-winning 1988 costume drama "Dangerous Liaisons" seems like an excellent idea. And so does the choice of source material from the scandalous French novelist Colette. Unfortunately, "Cheri" never quite lives up to its pedigree.

Michelle Pfeiffer, who was the soul of innocence 21 years ago in "Liaisons," plays pretty much the opposite of innocent here as Lea de Lonval, the wealthy, retired but still beautiful former professional courtesan to some of the most rich and powerful men in Europe. In retirement, Lea has become guardedly friendly with her former rival Madame Peloux (Kathy Bates), who has also removed the revolving door from her

boudoir and retreated to a lavish household filled with beautiful objects and a servile staff.

Madame Peloux now spends her time gossiping with her old friends/former enemies from the trade and clucking over her languid son Fred (nicknamed Cheri many years ago by Lea). Cheri (played with petulance to spare by Rupert Friend) is, let's face it, a spoiled brat who's already terminally bored by life, yet Lea finds him strangely attractive. Maybe it's his not-inconsiderable good looks (if you like the deathly pallor thing), maybe it's the tonic quality of his youth, or maybe it's just the opportunity to annoy Madame Peloux. Regardless, Lea carries him away for an affair that's meant to last a week or two, but carries on for six years.

That's where the trouble begins for "Cheri." Despite the first-rate writing/directing team of Stephen Frears ("Dirty Pretty Things," "The Grifters," "High Fidelity") and Christopher Hampton ("Atonement," an Oscar-winner for "Liaisons"), this often slow, tepid and tedious costume drama has the

general problem of failing to generate much ardor, either in the bedroom or in the emotions of its characters. But the essential non-starter is that it's very difficult to believe that Lea could develop any genuine feelings for such a lazy, vapid, selfish, narcissistic and precociously dissipated young fop. So, it's a tough sell when the tone gradually shifts to tragedy after Mme. Peloux bullies Cheri into marrying the equally vacuous young daughter of another old associate and then he and Lea begin to suffer for their lost love.

It's not all bad news. "Cheri" does offer a zesty performance from Bates (who rarely fails to enliven any film) and a few zingy, pseudo-Wildean bits of dialogue (Mme. Peloux to Lea: "Don't you find, now the skin's a little less firm, it holds perfume so much better?"). And there's no denying that this film is easy on the eyes, with no shortage of elegant window dressing when it comes to costumes and settings.

Unfortunately, though, as in the case of young master Cheri, looks aren't everything. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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Skokie Park District Independence Day celebration, features music by Josh & the Empty Pockets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. July 4 on the Niles West High School lawn, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Skokie's Backlot Bash features main stage entertainment Aug. 28-30 along Oakton Street between Lincoln and Laramie. www.BacklotBash.com. Aug. 28, 6 p.m.: Skokie Battle of the Bands winner, 8 p.m.: Tributosaurus (Led Zepelin). Aug. 29, 1 p.m.: Mark Cleveland Band; 2:45 p.m.: The Goldstars; 4:30 p.m.: The Bon Mots; 6:30 p.m.: Farewell Captain; 8:30 p.m.: Cracker. Aug. 30, noon: Jimmy Sutton and his Rock 'n' Roll Guitar; 2 p.m.: Duwayne Burnside; 4 p.m.: Melvin Taylor; 6 p.m.: The Dynamites with Charles Walker.

Sunday Sundown Concerts at 7 p.m. at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie, are sponsored by the Skokie Park District. (847) 674-1500. July 12: Bopology (swing). July 19: Mill Trenier Band (R&B). July 26: Maddrum Sonata (island). Aug. 2: Best of Devonshire Playhouse. Aug. 9: 8 Miles South (rock blues). Aug. 16: Underwater People (pop/rock).

Taste of Park Ridge, July 9-11 at Summit Avenue and Prospect Avenue. www.tasteofparkridge.com. July 9: 4:45 p.m.: Celtic Groundhogs; 6:30 p.m.: Chicago Ral Pack; 8:45 p.m.: Chicago Calz (Motown/funk). July 10: 4:45 p.m.: The Safes (classic rock); 6:30 p.m.: Cover Girl (rock); 8:45 p.m.: Backstage Pass ('70s and '80s rock); 8 p.m.: Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony (at Hodges Park). July 11: 11:30 a.m.: Filipiniana Dancers; 1 p.m.: Lynette's School of Dance; 2:30 p.m.: Joe G & the Wheels (rock); 4:45 p.m.: K Michaels Band; 6:30 p.m.: The Legends (1960s); 8:45 p.m.: 7th Heaven.

STAGE

Forever Plaid 20th Anniversary Special will be shown at 7 p.m. July 9 at the Kerasotes Showplace Theatres, Niles, and the Cinemark Evanston 18 in Evanston. Members of the original "Forever Plaid" cast will introduce the event live from the red carpet at Los Angeles' Club Nokia to fans in movie theaters across the country, followed by a taped 20th anniversary performance of "Forever Plaid." Tickets, \$15-\$18, are available at theater box offices and online at www.fathomevents.com. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicol-

or Dreamcoat," presented by the Rising Stars Theatre Company in collaboration with the Saint Patrick Summer Theatre, July 24-Aug. 2 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15, \$13 for children under 12 and senior citizens over 60. Group discounts available. Parking is free. For tickets or information, call (773) 736-2490 or visit www.stpatrick.org/theatre.

"Mollere Than Thou" and "Criteria," one-man shows presented by actor/author Timothy Mooney July 11-19 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. "Mollere Than Thou" reaches backward more than 300 years to visit France's favorite playwright, and "Criteria" is billed as a one-man sci-fi thriller. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.org.

"Once on This Island," presented by Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, through July 26, at the theatre in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Tickets: \$15, \$10 for students with ID, and \$7 for seniors age 55 and older. Group discounts are available. Call (847) 448-8260.

"The Ruby Sunrise," July 9-Aug. 30 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Previews July 9-12, \$15. Regular run prices are \$20 Thursdays and Sundays.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Spend the day Gone Fishin'

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Fish will be taking the bait at the Gone Fishin' Derby, Saturday, June 27, at Wildwood Nature Center, 2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge. Kids ages 2-4 and 10-15 can dip their poles into the Maine Park ponds from 8-9:30 a.m., ages 5-9 from 10-11:30 a.m. Parents are encouraged to help — children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost is \$8 for residents, \$16 for nonresidents. Participants should arrive 15 minutes before start time.

"When they check in they get a goodie bag and some bait," said Jenny Clauson, manager of Wildwood Nature Center. "When they

catch fish, the staff will remove the fish from the hooks, measure them and record them. At the end we give trophies and prizes."

The ponds have been stocked with largemouth bass, channel catfish and bluegill.

Clauson said they run this event annually "to promote fishing and outdoor recreation to get people outdoors in nature enjoying different things."

What happens to the fish? "It's catch and release," Clauson reported. "They throw them back in so they can get bigger and catch them next year."

For details, call (847) 692-3570.

Wonders never cease

It's magical when Geoff Akins creates a merry-go-



The Gone Fishin' Derby lets participants catch and release fish at the Maine Park ponds.

round out of bubbles and amazing when he encases a lucky little audience member in a giant bubble. These are two of the many wonders in Akins' Bubble Wonders show. He will also form bubble caterpillars,

ice cream cones and other interesting things at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, Harwood Heights, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

For details, call (708) 867-7828.

A joyful noise

You will be surprised at the interesting sounds Vince Romanelli and Mitch Martin make using junk they have collected from wrecking yards, trash bins, basements and attics. See and hear what The Bucket Boys do, 7-8 p.m. Monday, June 29, on the Skokie Village Green, 5215 Oakton St. The hip-hop percussive pair uses audience interaction and promote positive messages.

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Just imagine

Brendan Fraser has the power to bring to life characters in books he reads aloud in the 2008 fantasy film, "Inkheart." Your family can view the 106-minute PG movie at 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 27, at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. A snack will be provided. For details, call (847) 663-1234.

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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. July 6, 7:30 p.m.: National High School Music Institute Ravinia Steans Institute Chamber Concert. Free. July 10, 7:30 p.m.: National High School Music Institute Guitar Recital. Free. July 12, 3 p.m.: National High School Music Institute Solo and Chamber Recital. Free. July 13, 7:30 p.m.: National High School Music Insti-

tute String Faculty Recital. The program includes Dvorak's String Quintet No. 2 in G Major and other works. Free. Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Chicago Duo Piano Festival - tickets for each concert are \$20, \$15 senior citizens, \$7 students. For information, visit www.chicagopianofestival.org. July 10, 7:30 p.m.: "Celebrating Mendelssohn." Claire Aeberold and Ralph Neiwem will play Mendelssohn's incidental music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the composer's own arrangement for piano, four hands, complete with dramatic narrative. Also, Mio Isoda and Matt Hagle will perform Mendelssohn's Variations in B-flat major, Op. 83a, and Inah Choi and Sung Hoon Mo will play

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free of charge; donations are welcome. June 25, 7 p.m.: Summer Soirée Concert Series features The Zephyr Ensemble performing selections from The Nielson Woodwind Quintet and Henri Lefebvre. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield. (847) 784-6000. www.nssc.org. July 12, 3 p.m.: An Afternoon with Mark Damisch will feature a special sneak preview of his 2009 concert tour to Iceland and France. The program will include music of Beethoven and Chopin, as well as Gershwin's "An American in Paris." Pick-Stalger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstalger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general pub-

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STAGE

'Bang Bang' ripped from school violence headlines

'Bang Bang You're Dead' by James Downing Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 1:30 p.m. Sundays. July 4-26 at John Waldron Arts Center, Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 North Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Free. (773) 792-3030.

By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

"Chicago has the highest rate of teenage student deaths by guns in the nation," reported Jerry Miller. That's why the professional actor and pastor of Edison Park United Methodist Church felt it was important to stage "Bang Bang You're Dead" for the James Downing Theatre.

Miller said that William Mastrosimone was inspired to write the play because his children told him that someone at their school had written on the board, "Everybody here is dead meat." He intended the play

to be performed by youth for youth, although director Miller has cast three adults and four teenagers, playing multiple roles, and one college student in the lead.

David Daniels of Virginia, a sophomore theater major at Theatre School at DePaul University, plays Joshua, a teen who shoots to death five classmates and then is haunted by them.

Daniels' first theater experience was in seventh grade when he was required to be in a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Despite being shy, he was cast in the major role of Puck. While attending a small liberal arts college in Virginia freshman year, Daniels decided to pursue theater as a career. He worked for a year, while performing in a few professional shows, and then transferred to DePaul. Daniels described Joshua



The cast of "Bang Bang You're Dead" - Mark Bibat, Judiel Bibat, David Daniels, Maria Kelley, Noel Konken, Laura Deger - explore the aftermath of a school shooting. (Photo by April Bern)

as "a curious kid. He was a football player but, at the same time, he has this kind of shy but semi-violent streak. He dreams of going into the Army Rangers, shooting behind enemy lines." Joshua starts unraveling when he is expelled from

school, loses his girlfriend and has "all these kids making fun of him because he's the ex-jock and is now kind of a dork. When he encounters that conflict with the dream of the gun and the Army Rangers, he takes violent action." Daniels noted that he had

friends at Virginia Tech when the shootings occurred there. He felt that the media "wrote (the shooter) off as an anomaly - as a kid from a disturbed home who had some antidepressant drug problems."

The actor believes that learning about Joshua in this play "starts to erase that stigma a little bit because Josh is a pretty normal kid. I knew kids in high school who dreamed of going to Iraq and killing Muslims. Under the right circumstances, that kind of violent energy can be pretty destructive."

Joshua learns the consequences of his actions by the end of "Bang Bang You're Dead," Daniels said. "The play culminates in him realizing that he has stripped away the dreams and hopes of not just those five kids but their entire families and he has

destroyed his own hopes and dreams as well."

"I produced this play before at Lincoln Square Theatre where I was executive director," Miller said.

Because the theater company received a grant from the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, all performances are free.

Miller will lead a discussion about violence and guns after each performance. Discussions following the Lincoln Square Theatre performances included such topics as metal detectors at schools, mentors to help students who become frustrated or angry and personal experiences of losing friends to violence.

Miller said audiences "may not come out with solutions but at least the dialogue will begin."

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p.m.: Bill's Blues Jam hosted by The TFB Band. July 1, 9 p.m.: John Nance Presents (DJ). July 2, 7 p.m.: Jazz Explorers. Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.bluesbar.com. June 27, 9:30 p.m.: Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials. \$5. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. 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. Thursdays, 8-10 p.m.: Irish music session. June 27, 10 p.m.: Henhouse Prowlers. June 28, July 12 and 26, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. July 11, 10 p.m.: Mad Bread. July 25, 10 p.m.: Luke Sayers & The Last to Know. Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave.,

Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechamberonline.com. Sunday music is from 5-9 p.m.: Friday-Saturday music is from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. June 26: Way Cool ('60s-'70s rock). no cover. June 27: Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones ('50s-'60s rock). \$5 cover. June 28: Connie Marshall and Johnny Gabor. Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse. 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard). Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org. July 11: Rachel Baiman on fiddle and Greg Reish on guitar will perform folk, jazz and bluegrass at 8 p.m., following open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up; all genres, all acoustic). \$5. Irish American Heritage Center. 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the

Fifth Province Lounge. no cover - June 26: Donofinn. June 27: The Dooley Brothers. July 3: Celli Dancing with Ceoltóirí Chicago. Josephine Louis Theater at Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston. (847) 491-7282. www.litc.northwestern.edu. June 26, 8 p.m.: Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project Songwriters Showcase. The evening of original music features the works of emerging songwriters from across the country who represent the fields of pop, music theatre, folk, Latin and country music. \$10. Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200. www.morettischicago.com. June 26: Hi-Fi Superstar (rock/pop). June 27: Cold Sweat (Southern rock/R&B).

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. July 2, 7 p.m.: World War II Radio Hour. July 2, 2 p.m.: Summer Sunday Concert features pianist Vladimir Leytchikiss. July 19, 2 p.m.: Summer Sunday Concert features folksinger Steve Justman. Pick-Stalger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston. June 27, 8 p.m.: Johnny Mercer Celebration Concert with guest artists Liz Callaway and Capathia Jenkins. \$35. (847) 491-7282 or www.litc.northwestern.edu. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. July 7: "An Evening with Il Divo." \$55, \$85, \$125 and \$150. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Concert tickets \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. June 26, 8 p.m.: "Blood On The Tracks," a tribute to Bob Dylan. June 27, 8 p.m.: "Always On My Mind," a musical tribute to Elvis by Tony Bernard. June 28, 2 p.m.: "Where the Boys Are," the music of Connie Francis, starring Keely Nicole. June 28, 7 p.m.: Marlene Muzik: "A Tribute to Marlene Dietrich the Actress, the Music, the Desire," with Suzanne Petri and musical director Bob Moreno. July 1, 1:30 p.m.: "Headliners From the Vegas Strip," from Dean Martin to Ric Martin, featuring Tony Bernard. \$10. July 8, 1:30 p.m.: Music of the World. \$10. July 12, 7:30 p.m.: Fatum Brothers Jazz Orchestra. July 15, 1:30 p.m.: "A Tribute to America." \$10. July 22, 1:30 p.m.: "The 50's Songbook" with Marcus Gentry. \$10. July 24, 8 p.m.: Three Cat Media presents "It's So Easy: The Music of Linda Ronstadt." July 25, 2 p.m.: "Stand By Me: Soulful Salute to the '50s and '60s," by Marcus Gentry and Friends. July 26, 2 p.m.: "It's My Party," Vocalist Jeanne Scherckenbach and singer/pianist Carolyn Wehner present a tribute to American popular music of the 1950s and 1960s. July 29, 1:30 p.m.: "Big Band Serenade," starring Jack Muiccio. \$10. July 31, 8 p.m.: "Celtic Muse," starring Gillian Kelly. Aug. 1, 8 p.m.: Samasama Project: Pinoy (The Repeat). S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 492-8860. www.evanstonpace.com. June 25, 8 p.m.: Dave Spector and Jeff Parker (blues/jazz). \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door; \$25 reserved table seats. June 26, 8 p.m.: Ralph Covert & the Bad Examples with Ambassadors to Earth featuring Tommy Klein of Spies Who Surf (pop/rock). \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door; \$25 reserved table seating. June 28, 7 p.m.: The Lovell Sisters (contemporary bluegrass). \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; \$18 reserved table seating. July 6, 8 p.m.: Bill Frisell Quartet with Tony Scherr, Rudy Royston and Ron Miles (jazz). \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door; \$52.50 reserved table seats.

and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. Through Aug. 28: "Essence of Nature," featuring artwork by Clark Bending of Elk Grove, Ann Haberl of Hoffman Estates, Howard Jacobs of Highland Park, Carol Qualkinbush of Evanston, Piotr Wolodkiewicz of Park Ridge and Chicago residents Laura Coyle, Kathryn Gauthier, Robert J. Johnson, Pauline Kochanski, Gregory Mejia, Karen Vierneisel and Jill Zylke. Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. (847) 475-5300. www.evanstonartcenter.org. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Through June 28: Contemporary Arts Council exhibition. "From a Position." Includes photography, collage, 16mm film, installation, sculpture and drawing. Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator. (847) 674-3806. Through June 30: "The Artists of Albion," featuring works by seven artists of distinct styles who were all students of Ann Roman Siegel and have continued to paint together. Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Summer hours through August: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. July 2-Aug. 27: "Retrospective: Joseph Meert," featuring works by Belgian-born artist Joseph Meert, a contemporary and friend of Jackson Pollack. Opening reception from 5-8 p.m. July 2.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

Shoestring Productions, a new cabaret/theater opening at Stage One in Des Plaines, seeks five men and five women for opening/premier production of "Listen To My Heart," a musical review by cabaret songwriter David Friedman. Directed by Steve Burke, the show will open on Sept. 13 and will have an open-ended run to be presented on Sunday nights only. Strong ability for solo performance and backup harmony a must. Auditions to be held by appointment on June 27-28 in Rogers Park. Call (847) 657-7688 for appointment and additional information. Non-equity/no compensation. Big Noise Theatre, a division of Winnetka Theatre and Ouroboros Theatre Company, will hold auditions for "Rent" from 6:30-9:30 p.m. July 7 and 9 at the Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka; no appointments necessary. Auditions will also be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. July 12 at Shell Park, 3505 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, by appointment only. Seeking 18 culturally diverse actors/singers/dancers, ages 18 to early 30s, who can sing rock and pop. Casting needs are for eight leads (five men, three women) and an ensemble of five men and five women. Prepare 32 bars each of two contrasting songs in the style of the show and be prepared to dance. A \$100 stipend will be offered to principal characters. Rehearsals will be split between the north side of Chicago, Winnetka and Des Plaines. Performances are Sept.

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Orren Pickell Designers & Builders share rooms that make today's dreams

Orren Pickell Designers & Builders is known for building and remodeling some of the most impressive homes in the Chicago area. For Pickell's clientele, no detail is too small and no amenity is too grand. "After 34 years of building custom homes we know that no two homeowners are the same," said Orren Pickell, founder and CEO of his namesake firm. "But every homeowner is looking for flexibility in their living spaces so they forever satisfy the family's ever-changing needs."

Flexibility means the family's ever-changing needs can be satisfied.

studios and much more. Saunas, massage room and steam rooms are also being added to complete the at-home, country club experience. These spaces allow the kids to bring their hobbies home with them. Many of these high-end gyms are located in the finished lower level, which is also a must-have among today's homeowners. This space can be transformed into a game room that accommodates both kids and grown ups.

It is also ideal for a pool table or media center. Some of the basements in Pickell's new homes even include a stage where children can put on their own performances. One signature Pickell space that is implemented in many of the firm's new homes is The Club Room. This entertaining enclave is complete with all the toys and technology that were once hidden in the basement but are now located on the main levels of the home. "The options run the gamut for what people want to turn this room into," Pickell said. The Club Room can be as simple as a game table for poker night or as elaborate as a full service pub, complete with an expansive wine cellar and custom-built humidor.

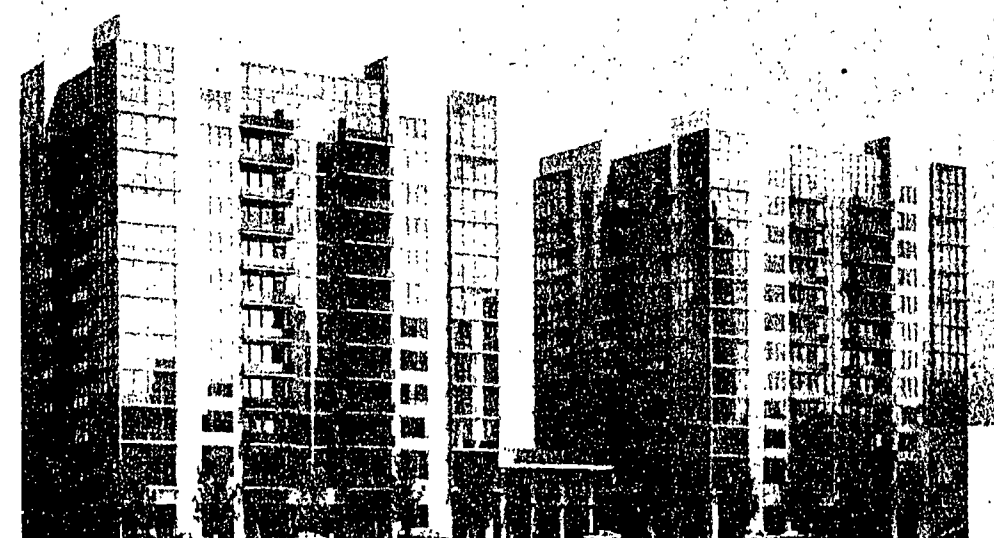
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Outlook 2010: Optimism in Chicago condo market despite slump

With the downtown Chicago condominium market standing at virtual ground zero in mid-2009, some real estate analysts believe there are reasons for optimism looking ahead to 2010.

"Overall, there are some outstanding buying opportunities in the marketplace which should spur sales," predicted Gall Lissner, vice president of Appraisal Research Counselors, Ltd.

"We see a general improvement in the overall economic climate, and the new development market will be poised to regain momentum in 2010, albeit at a more deliberate pace," Lissner noted in a new forecast of the Downtown Chicago Residential Benchmark Report.

The report cited the following reasons for optimism in the marketplace:

- Unsold inventory levels have peaked and will begin to decrease because new units are not being proposed for development.
- Despite a recent up-tick, interest rates are at extremely low levels, increasing the affordability aspect.

- The Obama Administration appears very determined to boost demand for housing with its \$8,000 tax credit for first-time buyers.

- Because so many people have had their future moves on hold due to the weakness in the market, there will naturally be some pent-up demand that will be evident when the market recovers.
- Only 600 units are projected for completion in 2010; this will be a welcome relief after the



Don DeBat ON THE HOME FRONT

18,000 units, which have been delivered over the four-year period extending from 2006 to 2009.

Appraisal Research reported that 2,250 units of unsold condominium inventory currently are under construction.

"Our current estimates for 2009 indicate that approximately 4,700 units are being completed and ready for occupancy during the year, with 58 percent of these units already under contract," Lissner said.

Very little construction activity is expected to be completed in 2010, with only 620 units currently under construction and slated for delivery, Appraisal Research reported. Only one building is projected for completion in 2011.

"Developers who are determined to move unsold inventory are finding that price

reductions in the vicinity of 20 percent tend to garner strong interest," Lissner said.

Appraisal Research reported that the first-time buyer market currently appears to be the strongest segment of the downtown condo market.

"Several factors come into play including the \$8,000 first-time buyer tax credit, the availability of FHA-financing with

3.5 percent down, the freedom from having to sell an existing residence, and the large amount of inventory which is priced for first-time buyers at \$250 to \$350 per square foot," Lissner said.

On a resale basis, brokers are also reporting the best velocity for units priced under \$300,000, she said. "Thus, for first-time buyers who are still

employed and feel confident about their jobs, these are very attractive market conditions," Lissner said.

Appraisal Research noted that FHA financing is making a comeback and is providing mortgages for buyers who otherwise would not be able to obtain financing in the current market.

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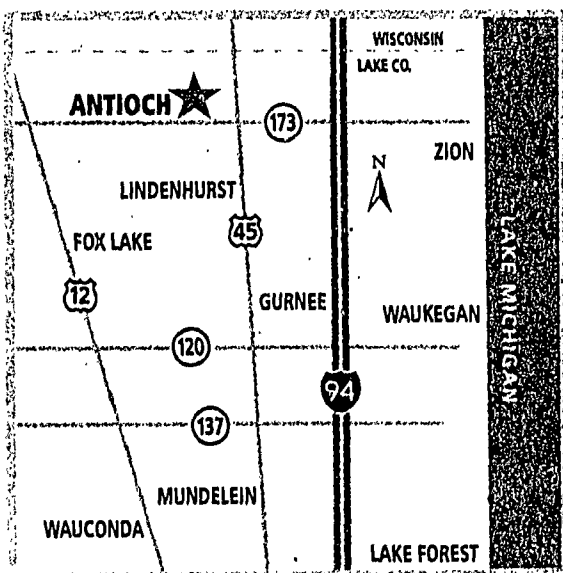
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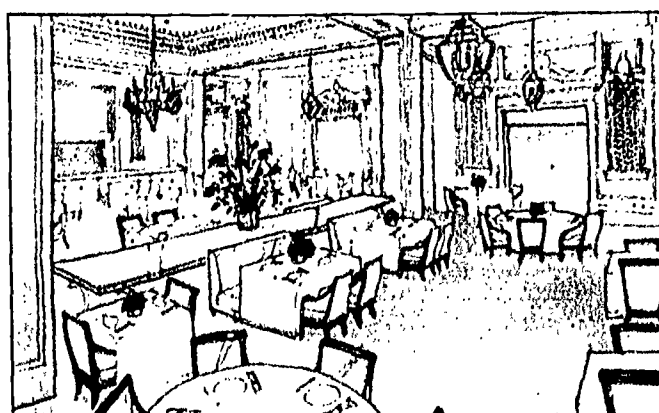
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Today it is being rejuvenated and revitalized to become the centerpiece of a rich and rewarding way of life with spacious residences and an amenity-packed lifestyle for active senior adults who know how to enjoy themselves. Situated along Lake Michigan, the 20-story building stands in the front yard of Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood, adjacent to the famed Gold Coast. Once the site of the 1928 Olympic trials, the Lake Shore Athletic Club was purchased by Northwestern University in the 1970s and converted into graduate student housing. When Northwestern decided to sell the

The building at 850 Lake Shore Drive was built in the Roaring '20s by one of the country's greatest turn-of-the-century architects, Jarvis Hunt. The building's Classical Revival style was the perfect setting for its original use as the Lake Shore Athletic Club.



Formerly the Lake Shore Athletic Club, 850 Lake Shore Drive is being converted into luxury residences for active seniors.

building, Integrated Development Group LLC seized the opportunity to retain the grandeur of the property while creatively adapting it for another purpose: exceptional residences for discerning seniors. "Eight hundred fifty Lake Shore Drive will set a new stan-

dard for luxury senior living in Chicago," said Matt Phillips, president and chief executive officer of Northbrook-based IDG, the community's developer. "Our location will allow residents to revel in the benefits of the 850 lifestyle while experiencing the excitement and energy of North-

Michigan Avenue and downtown Chicago." The building's premier lakefront location will also afford future residents and their guests spectacular views of not only Lake Michigan but also Chicago's skyline. Renowned Chicago architecture firm Booth Hansen

is designing the building's interiors, including residential apartments and common spaces. "I believe 850 Lake Shore Drive presents an incredible opportunity to demonstrate how tradition and innovation belong together. Turn to 850 LSD, 7

Today's loan rates close to historical rock-bottom rate

Despite the recent increase in mortgage rates, home buyers still can lock in a loan at 5.5 percent.

That's about 0.75 percentage points above the 60-year historical rock-bottom of the market on 4.78 percent in April 30, 2009, experts say.

However, the mortgage business is unpredictable and volatile. Few of today's novice borrowers remember that only 7.5 years ago in August 1999, lenders were quoting 8.15 percent on a 30-year fixed mortgage.

To appreciate today's historically low rates, housing experts say home buyers need only to look at what banks and mortgage lenders were charging in the early 1980s.

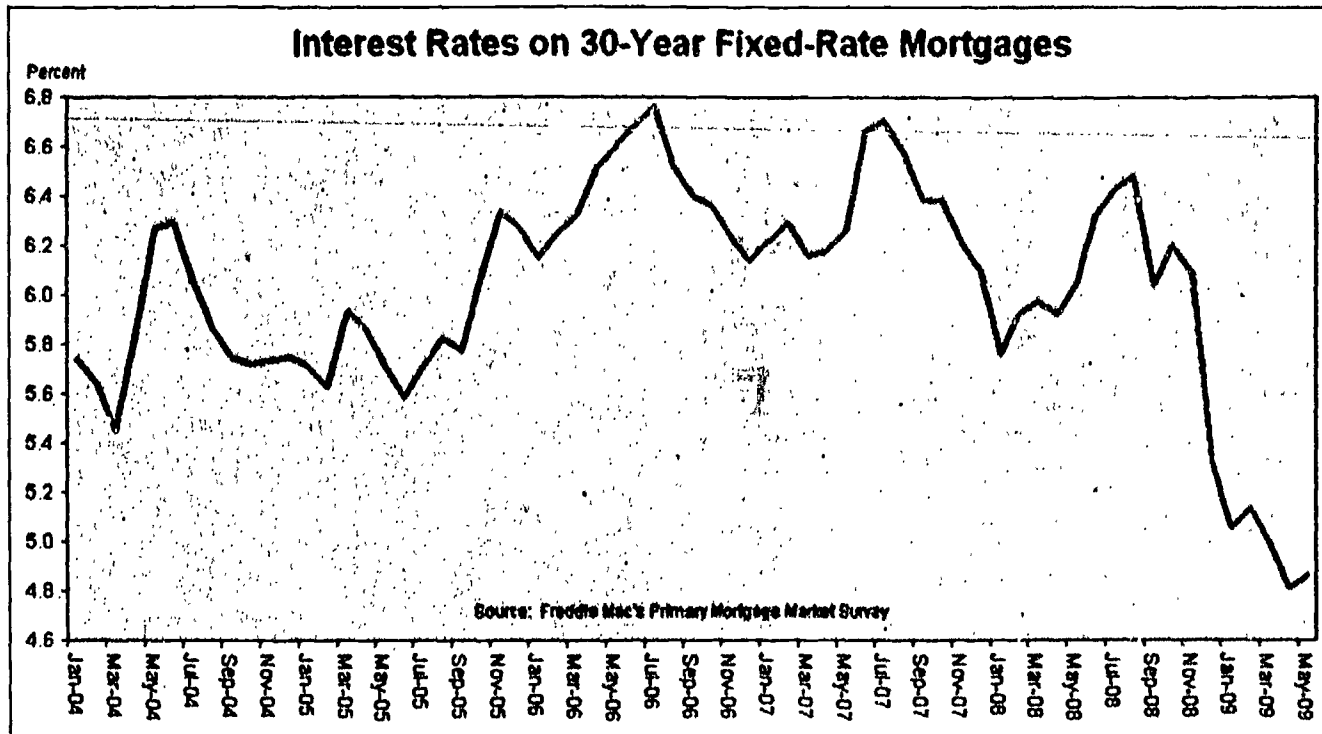
According to Freddie Mac, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates peaked at a whopping 18.45

percent in October 1981 during the last great recession. Rates fell below 10 percent in April 1986, then bounced to the 9 percent to 10 percent range during the balance of the 1980s.

Archives of the now-defunct Federal Housing Finance Board show long-term mortgage rates were a very affordable 5.81 percent to 5.94 percent between 1963 and 1965.

In 1966 and 1967, borrowers paid an average of 6.3 percent to 6.4 percent. Rates last dipped below 6.5 percent in January 1968, when the national average hit 6.41 percent. Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois usury law held rates in the 7.6 percent to 9 percent range.

Through a series of dips and up-ticks, rates have averaged 4.78 percent to 8.4 percent over the past dozen years.



Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages hit a record low of 4.78 percent on April 30, 2009, according to Freddie Mac.

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"It has become increasingly important for developers to get Federal Housing Administration-insured loan approval, as this provides opportunities to buyers being able to purchase with only 3.5 percent down payments," Lissner explained.

"We are also seeing more developers offer special financing packages," she said. For example, American Invenco is offering a 2.5 percent interest-only loan for 10 years for buyers at 200 North Dearborn, a Loop condominium conversion and another South Loop project is offering a graduated rate buy-down program for three years.

"We expect to see more creative financing programs being offered by developers as they seek ways to help buyers secure financing and bridge the down payment gap," Lissner predicted.

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windows that brings the outdoors in. Those who like a light and airy space will love the additional eight windows in this corner unit. There are a few two-story, three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath, 1,700-square-foot Randall models available, and buyers can still select the finishes.

One enters the foyer and straight ahead is the great room with a fireplace, access to a balcony and a powder room. Six steps up is the first-floor living level with a well-appointed gourmet eat-in kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinets and oak floors, as well as a living room.

Upstairs is the master bedroom with sliding doors that lead to the balcony. The master bath features a Kohler soaking tub, a separate glass-enclosed shower and a vanity with two sinks. Two additional bedrooms complete this luxury town home.

Those who prefer single-level living should visit the two-bedroom, two-bath Hargrove situated at the corner of the building. Of

the foyer there is an octagonal-shaped living room with a tray ceiling, cozy fireplace and oak hardwood floors. To the left, stately columns separate the dining room from the foyer and the kitchen. Straight ahead there is a breakfast area, access to a covered patio, maple or oak cabinets and granite countertops. The elegant master suite features a tray ceiling with two-piece crown molding. A luxurious master bath has an oversized corner Kohler soaking tub, separate glass-enclosed shower and vanity with two sinks.

One of the first residents to move into her new town home was Jessica Kim, a local Realtor who certainly understands the importance of location.

"The location is great because I get to enjoy a low-maintenance lifestyle in a quiet suburban setting with the convenience of city amenities just out my door," Kim said.

Her home's open floor plan was important to her. "There's lots of open space with the kitchen and living room overlooking the great room," Kim said. She enjoys views from her bal-

conies outside of her living room and bedroom. "I think Toll Brothers has a good reputation and it was definitely a good investment," she added.

The low-maintenance, red-brick town homes have two to four bedrooms and two to three baths and are priced from the mid-\$500,000s. They feature 1,550 to 2,100 square feet in one- or two-story living. Appointments sure to satisfy the most discerning home buyer include first-floor master bedrooms, ranch plans, fireplace and volume ceilings. The two-story town homes feature dramatic 13-foot ceilings in the great room and grand porches and balconies, many with breathtaking views of The Glen Club Golf Course.

Other luxury inclusions are substantial millwork including two-piece crown moldings in the entrance foyer, living room, dining room and master bedroom, and kitchens with granite countertops and stainless-steel double-bowl undermount sinks, 42-inch wood cabinets with crown molding, stainless-steel General Electric appliances and Kohler

faucets. Master bathrooms feature Kohler soaking tubs with separate shower and ceramic wall tile, Kohler faucets, ceramic floors and tub and shower surrounds. Also included are energy-efficient low-voltage lighting, a sprinkler system and a security system with 24-hour monitoring.

The homeowners association takes care of landscape maintenance, snow removal, garbage removal and common area maintenance. Visitors will notice that a mid-rise condominium building is under construction with first move-ins scheduled for later this summer. Those who desire low-maintenance condominium living will want to take a look at the variety of floor plans priced from the upper \$300,000s.

The condominiums feature gracious one- or two-bedroom plans with 1 1/2 to two baths and 1,000 to 1,500 square feet of luxury living. An added bonus is heated indoor parking, two elevators per building, secure storage area, a common party room and a fitness center. Condo owners also receive

a basic cable package and their water is included. Patriot Commons at The Glen is within walking distance to The Glen Town Center, which provides fine shopping, dining and entertainment venues. Adjacent to the community is Gallery Park, which surrounds Lake Glenview and features playgrounds, gardens, athletic fields, tennis courts, walking and biking trails, and picnic areas. The Glen Park Center boasts a state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor swimming pool, jogging and walking track, and a gymnasium. A Metra station is located within The Glen just a few minutes away.

To attend the open house weekend event, take Interstate 94 to Lake Avenue west; go three miles and turn right onto Patriot Boulevard. Go north one mile and turn left on Chestnut Avenue and follow signs to the open house. The sales center is at 1600 Patriot Blvd. on the west side of the road, a quarter mile south of Chestnut. Call 847-901-5282, or visit www.PatriotCommonsAtTheGlen.com.



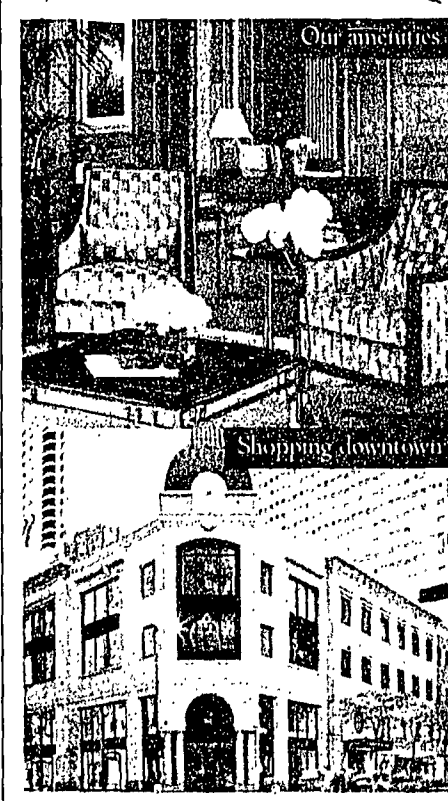
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together in design," said Laurence Booth, lead architect for the project.

The classic character of two of the most important common areas, the Lake Shore Dining Room and Lake Shore Club Room, will blend modern innovations with the elegance and style of Hunt's original design. Other community spaces include a state-of-the-art fitness center, heated indoor pool, full-service spa and salon and surround-sound theater. Plans also call for

green roofs to provide outdoor areas for residents and their guests to enjoy lakefront living.

The building's traditional interior design will be continued through the 128 independent-living and 11 assisted-living residences. Independent-living residences will range in size from 1,100 to 3,800 square feet. High-end finishes selected for common areas will be carried through to the residences with top-of-the-line appliances and materials.

At 1,600 square feet, the average size of the independent-living residences at 850 Lake Shore Drive is significantly larger than most other senior living communi-



This rendering of the legendary Lake Shore Club Room shows how the redesign will blend traditional and modern elements.

"The variety of floor plans and ample square footage will allow 850 Lake Shore Drive residents to downsize from their current home without downsizing their

lifestyle," Phillips said. Depositors can customize their homes and floor plans if they make a commitment early in the development process.

Entrance fee pricing at 850 Lake Shore Drive is 90 percent refundable and starts at approximately \$900,000. The building will offer a wide array of first-class services including a doorman, personal trainers, porter and package delivery, scheduled transportation, housekeeping/linen service, valet parking and 24-hour security.

IDG has partnered with the National Electrical Benefit Fund, a Washington, D.C.-based pension fund, to redevelop this building, which is scheduled to open in 2012. The sales center is at 900 N. Dewitt Pl.; call 312-915-0850 to schedule an appointment or visit www.850ltd.com for more information.

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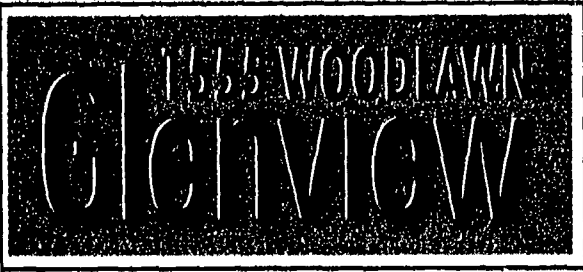
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All of the public spaces are wired for sound. Completing the first floor are an at-home executive office and guest suite.

On the second floor the master suite is a private oasis, combining a huge master bedroom with fireplace, a master spa bath, and an amazing dressing room, complete with custom closets, sitting areas, makeup table, terrace, and plenty of space for getting ready for a leisurely day, or glamorous evening.

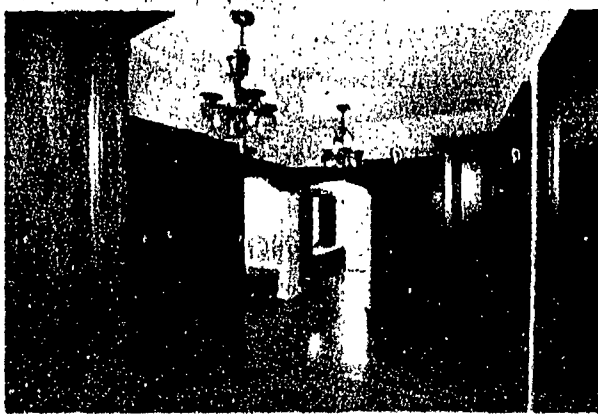
Three more bedrooms and two bathrooms complete the second floor. The spacious lower level is its own getaway, wired for sound and media, with an exercise area and sauna. A lower - level bedroom is private and en suite. The three-car garage has ample storage, and the lot offers space for outdoor ideas and activities.

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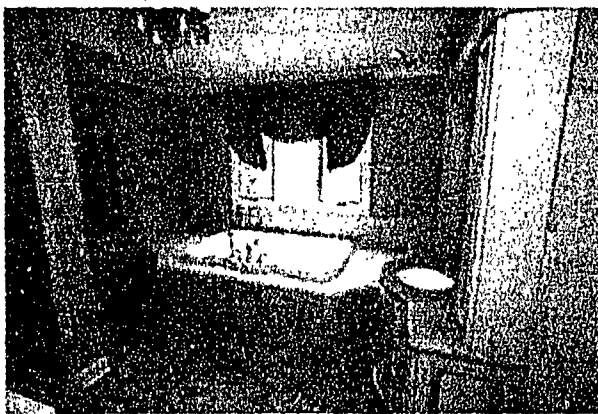
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Midsize crossover delivers sporty attitude

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It's been said that a journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. Lofty words that make sense, but a journey that extensive would be a much better experience if one were tackling it in the new Dodge Journey crossover.

The new Dodge Journey promises to move seven passengers wherever you choose to go. While that choice should refrain from heavy travel on off-road passages, the Journey will handle whatever most families are able to dish out. What makes the Journey especially appealing is the Dodge performance attitude that is rooted in athletic looks and a powerful engine that will move your body as much as your spirit.

Journey strategically fits in with the midsize class of crossovers that are emerging to deliver the room of a sport-utility vehicle with the ride characteristics of a sedan. I really like the balance that Journey has in its design. Dodge's model here is running with the biggest in the segment by offering seven-passenger seating, but it is not too big to be clumsy nor is it too overtly pedestrian to come off boring.

I tested the R/T AWD model and boring is perhaps the last thought that comes to my mind. Exterior styling is established by an athletic stance and Dodge's signature Ram cues. Upfront you have the chrome crosshair grille moving into

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autoSPECS

2009 DODGE JOURNEY R/T

ENGINE: 235-horsepower 24-valve 3.5-liter V-6

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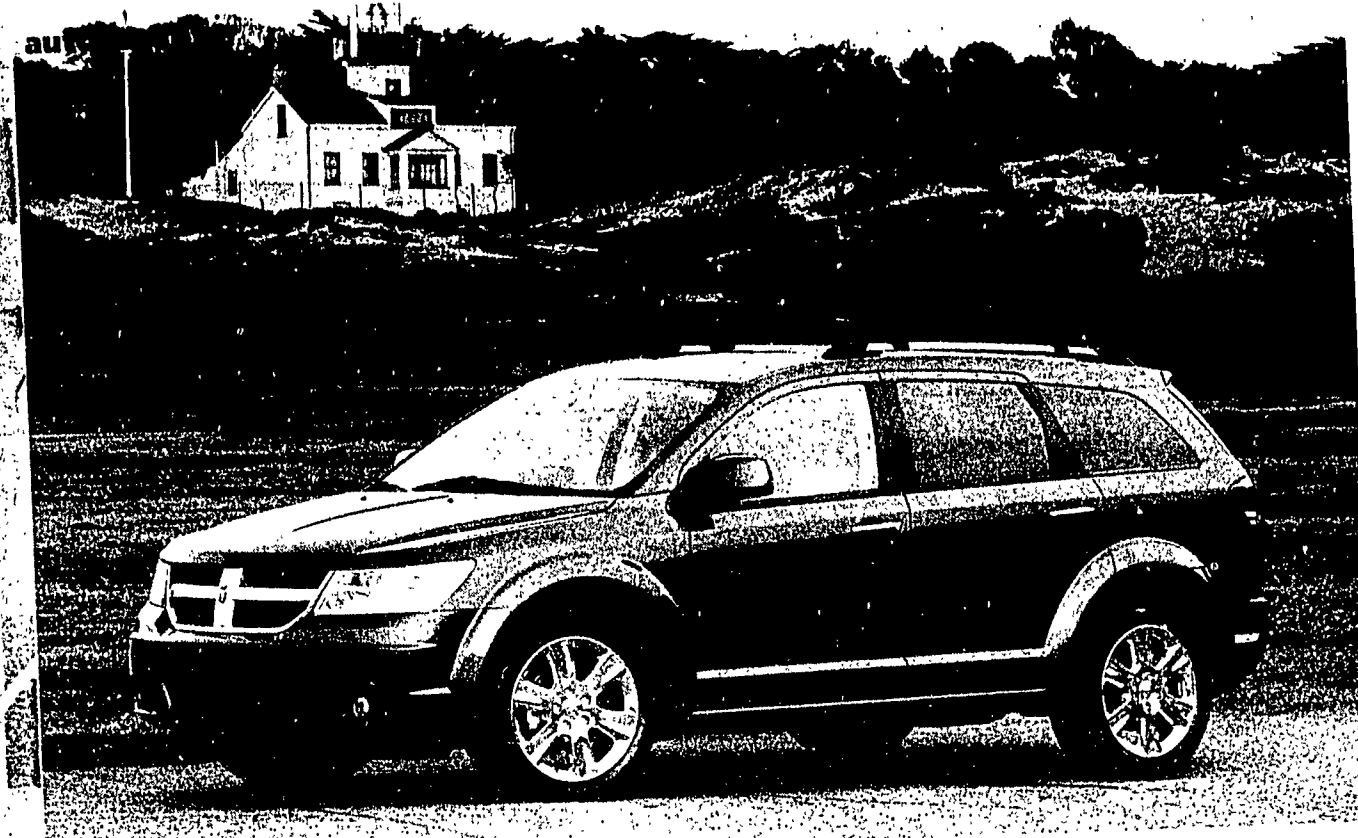
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Dodge crossover makes the Journey a joy

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bold lines that run from the headlamp assembly all the way to the rear taillamp wrap. There is just enough Ram Tough here to be believable, and when you add on the outstanding 19-inch chrome rims (\$625) you have one bad crossover. Driving the high-performing R/T model you really get what you pay for: good acceleration on demand and impressive creature comforts on the inside. Unfortunately, you also get Environmental Protection Agency mileage on the all-wheel-drive R/T of 19 miles per gallon city and 22 mpg highway. That 1,000-mile trip could be expensive.

The base price on the R/T is \$27,670, though my tester had options that saddled the model with a final price of \$32,510. My tester's upgrades were the kind most families really want, like a rear entertainment system, upgraded audio system and power sun roof. The 5+2 flexible seating group (\$1,220) option was one of the better thought-out ways to get folks into the third-row seats, and the family value group (\$295) option will make many parents hauling car seats around between cars smile with reckless abandon. Although the 5+2 seating might remain in a flat position most of the time due to a lack of utility space when seats are up, it offers easy access with 'Tilt 'n' Slide second-row seats. The family value package has two integrated booster seats for children older than infants.

Two power plants are available on the Journey, but the SXT and R/T models come standard with the 24-valve 3.5-liter V-6 mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. You can opt for front- and all-wheel drive configurations. Like most crossovers on car platforms, the tow capacity is low at 3,500 pounds.

My tester had the all-wheel-drive package and

it performed well in heavy snow conditions. Maneuverability is good on the Journey and much of that can be attributed to the stout 114-inch wheelbase, a curb weight of 4,233 pounds and a length of 192 inches.

Inside the cabin you don't have to deal with much exterior noise. Highway groan at high speeds was prevalent at times and minimal wind noise seeps into the comfy quarters of the Journey. Stadium-style seating gives everyone in the Journey a great seat. It also makes the ride enjoyable when you have leather-appointed, highly supportive seats. I took several long trips in the Journey that were more than three hours and I never was uncomfortable.

Dash gauges are well placed and large enough to accommodate only glancing shifts off the road to take a peek. Sightlines for the driver are outstanding and six-way power adjustments on the seat make it easy to find a perfect position.

The center console had some issues that revolved around convenience getting to my 20-ounce drinks. The space between the shifter is too tight and it's awkward getting to the cup holders on the lower level. A 368-watt amplifier mated up to the Infinity audio system with six-speaker layout served the music as well as the entertainment needs for the rear passengers. This option is \$495, but I think it is a must for anybody who considers music even remotely important to his or her driving experience.

The Journey has standard three-row side-curtain airbags, front-row side-impact airbags and dual-front airbags with standard electronic stability control.

The success of the Journey will be decided by families who prefer the convenience of a seven-passenger vehicle with the extra spice of performance and sporty attitude. I love this combo in

the Journey R/T, and it should fare well in a really competitive market.



Detroit Electric partners with Dongfeng Motor Corp.

WUHAN, China — Dongfeng Motor Corp. and Detroit Electric Holdings Ltd. recently agreed to jointly research, develop, market and sell pure electric vehicles in China. The vehicles will be based on Detroit Electric's advanced electric drive technology.

According to the agreement, Dongfeng Motor will test Detroit Electric's electric drive technology with the intention of producing and marketing Dongfeng's PEVs.

The parties are also discussing forming a joint venture to manufacture, assemble, produce and supply the electric drive technology to the Dongfeng Group and other vehicle manufacturers.

Detroit Electric Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Albert Lam said, "We are excited at the opportunity to partner with yet another world-class automaker in order to accelerate the wide adoption of Detroit Electric's electric drive technology and propel the PEV industry forward."

This cooperation with Dongfeng comes on the heels of Detroit Electric's March 30 signing of strategic licensing and contract assembly agreements with Proton.

Those agreements provided Detroit Electric with vehicle platforms and its first manufacturing base, and put it on the fast track to introduce a full line of innovative, practical and affordable pure electric vehicles to the global market.

Detroit Electric aims to sell 45,000 vehicles in Europe, the United States and Asia by next year and increase that number to 270,000 by 2012.

"This cooperation with Dongfeng allows us to work closely with a strong partner in China to explore various ways to enter the world's largest vehicle market," Lam said.

China is committed to alternative clean vehicles and is offering financial and other incentives to encourage the adoption of zero emission vehicles.

Bloomington Gold show rolls out Corvettes today

It's time to get "vetted." The 37th Bloomington Gold Corvette Show begins today at the Pheasant Run Resort in west suburban St. Charles. It runs through Sunday and features thousands of Corvettes parked on the golf club greens.

The show features several judged competitions. Corvettes for sale and auction, parts vendors, a collectors' display and more. Gates open at 7 a.m. each day. Day passes are \$20; gold passes (four-day passes) are \$50.

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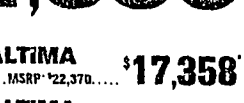
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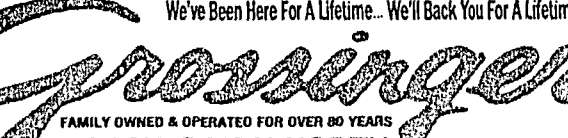
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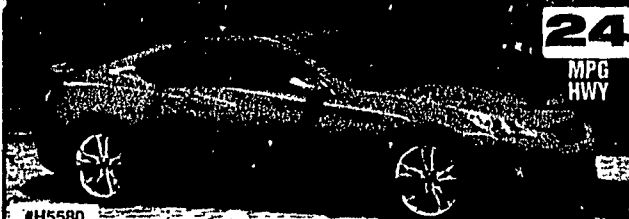


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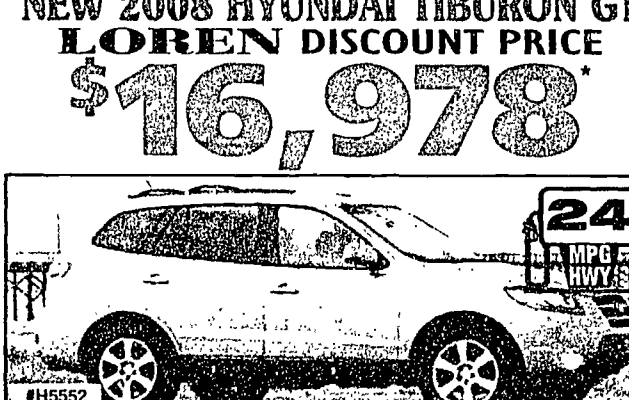
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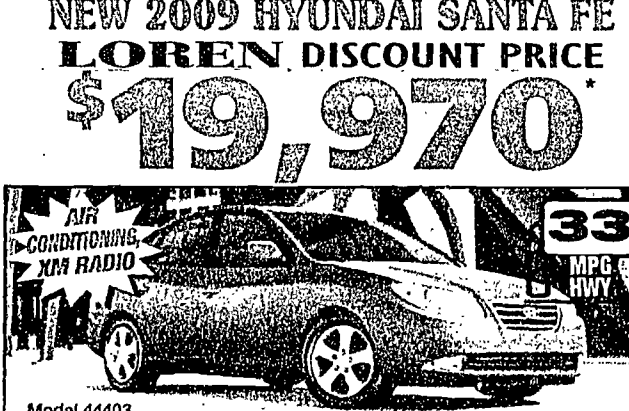
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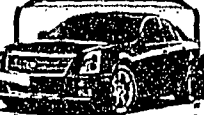


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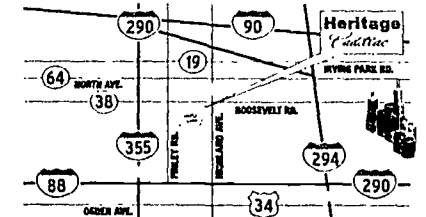
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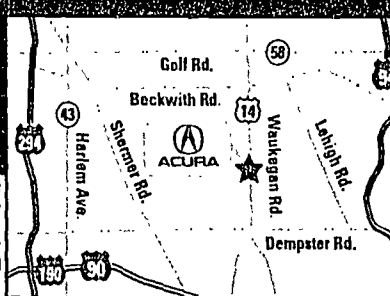
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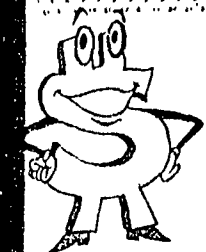
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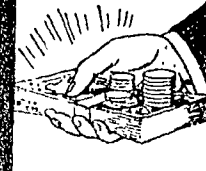
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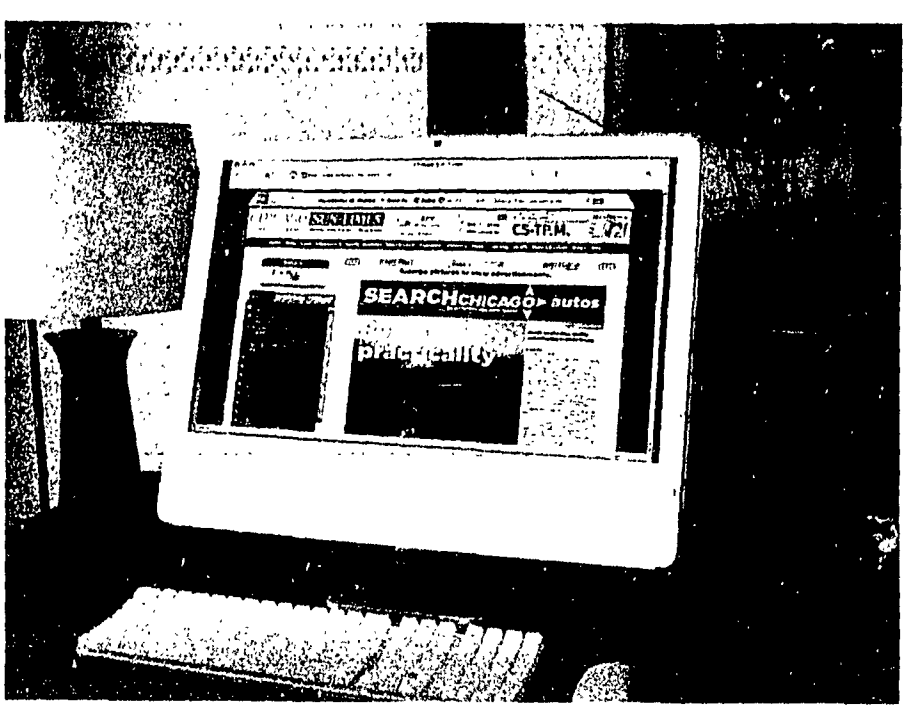
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ARTISTS

Call for artists for the third annual juried fine arts & crafts fair, to be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 18 at Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, 8825 N. East Prairie, Skokie. Open to all artists 18 years or older. Entry deadline is July

group of judges. The two divisions are Shamrocks, ages 13-18, and Clovers, under age 12. The event is open to amateur contestants only. Preliminary auditions will begin at 2 p.m. July 11. On July 12, the sing-off between the four singers chosen from each division will be held at 2 p.m. Winners will be announced during a special Grand Finale on the Main Stage at 4 p.m. Advance registration is required; visit www.irishfestchicago.com or call (773) 282-7035.

15. Call (847) 584-9044 or visit www.sva.org/artshow. Call for artists for the Skokie Art Guild's 48th annual Art Fair, to be held July 11-12 on the Skokie Village Green, 5211 W. Oakton, Skokie. Prizes and awards. E-mail skokieart@aol.com or call (847) 677-8163.

BOOKS & POETRY

"Many Lives, Many Mysteries: An Evening with Five Authors," presented by the Glenview Public Library Mystery Discussion Group at 7 p.m. July 10 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Participants will meet authors Meredith Cole, Jane K. Cleland, Barbara D'Amato, Rosemary Harris and Eliza-

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CHILD'S PLAY

"Cinderella" will be presented by Chicago Kids Company at 10:30 a.m. June 26, July 1-2 and 7-10; and 1 p.m. July 11 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com.

Light Opera Works is currently taking enrollment for its 2009 Musical Theater Summer Workshop. Students ages 8-15 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a public performance in a mini-musical. Four separate one-week workshops will be offered, based on a hit musical. Each workshop meets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a final dress rehearsal at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed by the performance at 4 p.m.

This year's workshops are Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," July 6-11; "Annie," July 13-18; "The Music Man," July 20-25; "Bye Bye Birdie," July 27-Aug. 1. There are no auditions for roles and every child enrolled in the workshop gets a part. Classes are held in Evanston. The fee is \$350 per student per workshop. Register online at www.LightOperaWorks.com or call (847) 869-6300.

Morton Grove Park District Family Fun Nights are held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Prairie View Community Center, 6834 W. Dempster. Free. June 25: Magic By Randy, July 9: Rick Kelley, July 23: Damen Avenue Puppeteers, Aug. 6: Chris Fascione, "Juggling Funny Stories."

Northlight Theatre Academy, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 679-9501. www.northlight.org. Offering summer performing arts camps for students in grades 3-10; registration is in progress. Camps include Junior Camp for grades 3-6, July 14-Aug. 7, featuring acting, improvisation and musical theatre as well as swimming and field trips to Chicago area theatres. Senior Camp for grades 7-10, July 14-Aug. 7, offers ensemble-based acting, playwriting, comedy and improvisation, musical theatre and audition technique. Audition Workshop for grades 8-10, July 14-Aug. 7.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater call (847) 671-5100; Aug. 15-16, 1:30 and 5 p.m.; Family entertainment band The Wiggles presents songs from its latest album, "The Wiggles Go Bananas." Tickets: \$18-\$38.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Summer Youth Program, with performances at

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DANCE

PERFORMANCES

Chicago Tango Week, a festival of Argentine tango dance and music, will be held July 1-6 at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center Chicago North Shore, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. For information, visit www.ChicagoTangoWeek.com.

Northwestern University Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center, 10 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. June 26, 7 p.m.: Jump Rhythm Technique Summer Intensive Finale Performance. The informal showing includes Jump Rhythm Jazz Project repertory performed by the participants in the Jump Rhythm Jazz Project's summer program for intermediate to advanced level dancers. Free. June 27, 8 p.m.: Jump Rhythm Jazz Project. \$20.

GROUPS & LESSONS

Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and more. from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission to club dances is \$5 for members; \$10 for nonmembers. Proper attire required; no jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit www.jitterbugchicago.com. Sweet Home Chicago dance convention will be held July 2-4. Call the hotline or visit the Web site for details.

Kristine's Dance Party, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge VFW, 10 W. Higgins Road, Park Ridge. Open to singles and couples. Nightclub, swing, jitterbug, salsa, hustle, cha cha, fox trot and other music provided by a DJ. \$5 cover; cash bar. (773) 482-0642 or www.kristinesdanceparty.com.

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. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. July 13: "Flags and Firecrackers."

The Trinity Academy of Irish Dance offers a new summer program, Taste of Trinity. Each six-class workshop is designed to introduce boys and girls ages 4-12 to the world of Irish dance. No previous dance experience is necessary. Session will be held July 21-Aug. 6 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Cost is \$95. To register, call (773) 529-4822, ext. 35, or e-mail cynthia.oblein@trinitydance.com. For information, visit www.trinityirishdancers.com.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Fountain Square Art Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. June 27-28 at the intersection of Sherman and Church streets, down-

town Evanston. Featuring works by more than 200 juried artists, an entertainment stage and a children's tent with hands-on art activities. There will also be strolling musicians and food by local restaurants. Gate donation of \$5 benefits the Evanston Chamber of Commerce. For information, call (773) 868-3010 or visit www.chicagoevents.com. Summer Festival, June 28 at The Danish Home, 5656 N. Newcastle Ave., Chicago. Opening ceremonies start at 2 p.m. Featuring music by the Bjornson Male Chorus and Earl's Pearls, a petting zoo, children's games, food and Scandinavian souvenirs. Admission: \$3; free for children under 12.

Taste of Park Ridge will be held July 9-11 in Park Ridge's Uptown business area, near Touhy Avenue, Prospect Avenue and Northwest Highway, to Prospect

and Courtland. Hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Booths with fare from local restaurants, and free mainstage entertainment will be along Summit Avenue next to the Park Ridge Metra station. Thursday includes a Community Day salute to Park Ridge organizations. Friday has special events for senior citizens, and Saturday features children's activities at Hodges Park. For information, visit www.TasteofParkRidge.com. Irish American Heritage Festival, July 10-12 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Avenue, Chicago. Hours are 6 p.m.-midnight Friday; noon-midnight Saturday; and noon-11 p.m. Sunday. The festival features three days of music on five stages, featuring Gaelic Storm, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul, The Makem and Spain Brothers, The Chancey Brothers, Chica-

go Celtic Pipe Band, Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band, The Matt Stedman Band, The Academy of Irish Music, Dyed in the Wool, Finbarr Fagan's Band, and more. The event also includes the Folk Tent, with demonstrations of Irish instruments, dances and sing-alongs. Irish and American food is available throughout the weekend, and dozens of vendors and artisans will sell Irish clothing, music and jewelry. Activities and contests include The Hooley Hook-up, a matchmaking event with live music and dancing, the Mashed Potato Eating Contest and the Sham-ROCK Stars Singing Contest for children ages 12-18 and adults. Tickets: \$14 per day; \$8 in advance until the end of day on July 9; seniors \$7. Free admission for children under 12 when accompanied by a paid adult. Call (773) 282-7035, ext. 10,

or visit www.Irishfestchicago.com. Skokie Art Guild's 48th annual Art Fair will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 11-12 on the Village Green between the Skokie Library and Village Hall, 5127 W. Oakton. Featuring original fine art, live music and lace painting for children. North Shore Festival of Art, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 25-26 at Westfield Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Featuring 150 juried artists, live music, children's activities, and Taste of Skokie. Free admission. (847) 926-4300 or www.amdurproductions.com.

FILM

Morton Grove Park District Free Movie Nights are held at the Harrier Park Pavilion, 6250 W. Dempster, at the north end of the field behind Harrier

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Pool. July 10: "Journey to the Center of the Earth - 3D." July 24: "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa." Aug. 7: "Hotel for Dogs."

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Films @ the Library - No registration needed. Doors open for seating one-half hour before show time. July 9, 7 p.m.: "Rachel Getting Married," rated R. July 14, 2 and 7 p.m.: "Marley & Me," rated PG. July 16, 7 p.m.: "The Wrestler," rated R. July 23, 7 p.m.: "Happy-Go-Lucky," rated R. July 30, 7 p.m.: "Milk," rated R. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

TOURS & OUTINGS

Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, located along McCormick Blvd. between Dempster on the north and Touhy on the south. (847) 679-4265. www.sculpturepark.org.

Free guided tours are offered on select Sundays through October, weather permitting. Trained volunteer docents will lead informal walking tours, featuring a different section of the two-mile long park each month. Tours begin promptly at 1 p.m., and will be approximately one hour in length. June 28: Section II, park in the canoe launch on Oakland, just east of McCormick and walk over the channel bridge to McCormick to begin the tour.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Oakton Community College offers Al-

liance for Lifelong Learning classes. For information or registration, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3. Silver Metal Clay: Small Sculpture Techniques (ART F06-31) teaches how to create small sculpture and mixed-media projects using .999 fine silver. Four-week course meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, starting June 30, at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Course fee is \$159. Joshua Bell (MUS C45-31) presents the life, times, and music of the contemporary classical violinist. Two-week course meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, starting July 1, at the Glencoe Park Dis-

trict, 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe. Course fee is \$39. Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emmeritus. Who Was Shakespeare? (HUM B58-91) provides insight into the works of Shakespeare, including the long-standing controversy over authorship of his plays. Four-week course meets 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays, starting July 7. Course fee is \$60. Who Wrote That? It Might Surprise You (MUS S49-91) is a musical exploration of

some uncharacteristic works from composers that depart dramatically from their signature pieces. Sessions also feature anecdotes about each composer. Four-week course meets 10:130 a.m. Wednesdays, starting July 8. Course fee is \$70. The Art Institute of Chicago (ART I1-91) highlights the museum's new 65,000-square-foot wing designed to showcase modern and contemporary art. Focus is on works by Grant Wood, Pablo Picasso, Edward Hopper and Georgia O'Keeffe. Single session course meets 1-2 p.m. July 8. Course fee is \$20.

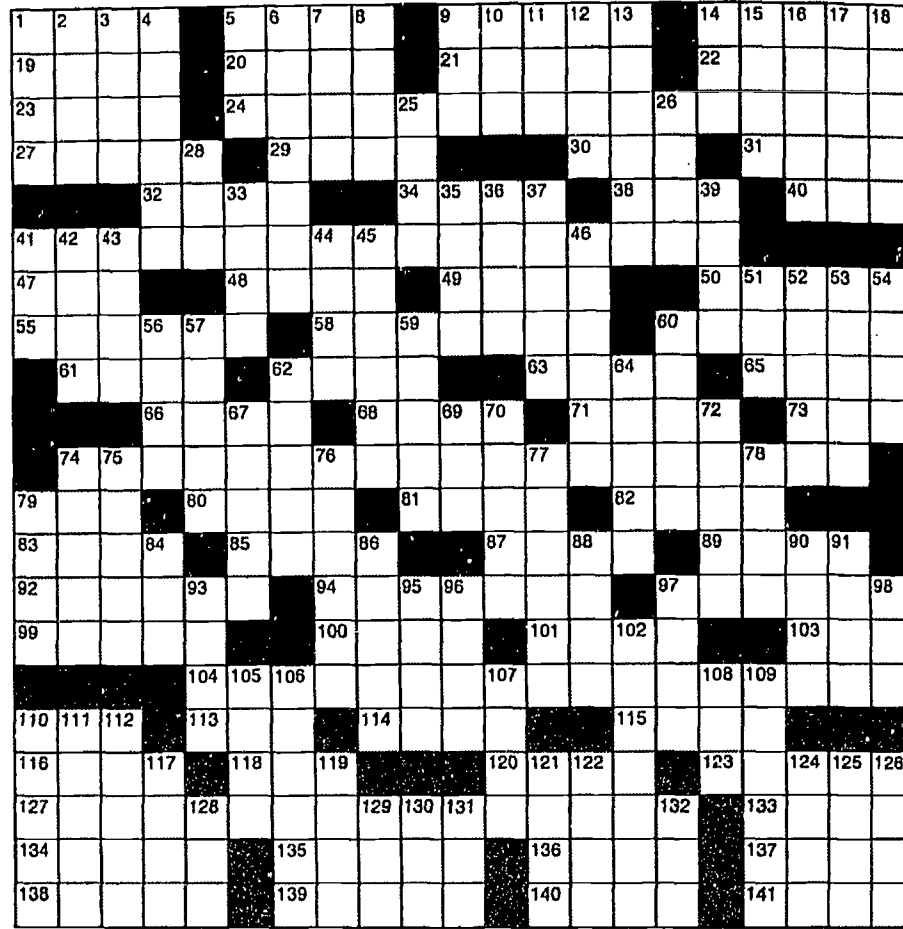
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JOB REQUIREMENTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Summer stinger
 - 5 Say "Hey!"
 - 9 It rhymes with doom!
 - 14 Jamaican cultist
 - 19 — podrida
 - 20 Garfield's pal
 - 21 Slowly, to Sibelius
 - 22 Field marshal Rommel
 - 23 Exclude
 - 24 FARMER WANTED!
 - 27 Passe Roman statesman
 - 30 Maro's morsel
 - 31 Florida county
 - 32 Darling dog
 - 34 It's a long story
 - 38 Gum gob
 - 40 Musical syllables
 - 41 GAS STATION
 - 47 Across Hagen
 - 48 "— Got Tonight" ('83 tune)
 - 49 Air bear?
- DOWN**
- 50 Buck's "The Good —"
 - 55 Most spirited
 - 58 Descend upon
 - 60 Slick
 - 61 Tiller
 - 62 Agitated stato
 - 63 Oklahoma city
 - 65 Bristol brews
 - 66 Novelist O'Flaherty
 - 68 TV's "Happy —"
 - 71 Burn remedy
 - 73 — and outs
 - 74 MAIL CARRIER WANTED!
 - 79 Outlaw
 - 80 Barbara of "Perry Mason"
 - 81 — St. Vincent Millay
 - 82 Dweab
 - 83 Move like molasses
 - 85 Attempt
 - 87 Stare salaciously
 - 89 97 Across ingredients
 - 92 Weaken, in a way
 - 94 Daydream
 - 97 Brunch offering
 - 99 Tantrum
 - 100 Sedaka or Simon
- 101** Out-of-this-world org.
- 103** "Hi, Horace!"
- 104** CHANDELIER
- 110** SALESMAN WANTED!
- 110** Singer Davis
- 113** Paid player
- 114** Actor McGregor
- 115** Reunion attendee
- 116** "Zip — -Doo-Dah"
- 118** Wildebeest
- 120** Earl — Biggers
- 123** Get teed off?
- 127** MILLINER WANTED!
- 133** Privy to heart
- 134** Rod Stewart's ex
- 135** Pageant prop
- 136** — friendly
- 137** Short on looks
- 138** Get sidetracked
- 139** Ski center
- 140** Pedestal part
- 141** — Hari
- DOWN**
- 1 Lumber
 - 2 — mater
 - 3 Skirt feature
 - 4 Crystal-clear
- 5** — Kippur
- 6** Train
- 7** Bonet or Whelchel
- 8** Riga resident
- 9** Day —
- 10** Clerical abbr.
- 11** Indefinite pronoun
- 12** Henry the Fowler's son
- 13** New York river
- 14** Ump's kin
- 15** Parched
- 16** Vow
- 17** Diacritical mark
- 18** Llama turf
- 25** Word with face or heart
- 26** And others
- 28** Patriotic org.
- 33** Salamander
- 35** Blue hue
- 36** Spiritual guide
- 37** Usher's beat
- 39** Stained
- 41** Toby, for one
- 42** Neighbor of Idaho
- 43** Identical
- 44** A Karamazov brother
- 45** Dwell
- 46** Sylvester's snooze
- 51** "Gotchal"
- 52** Antique
- 53** Senator Lott
- 54** Musical Myra
- 56** Bulldog wings
- 57** Jaclyn of "Charlie's Angels"
- 59** Declare
- 60** Cherish
- 62** Food fish
- 64** Actress
- 67** Put down
- 69** Accounting abbr.
- 70** Murcia mister
- 72** Roger's '77 Sunset Strip" co-star
- 74** Hyper author
- 75** Quilter's cry
- 76** Found out
- 77** "— Bull" ('60 film)
- 78** Brnk
- 79** Auction actions
- 84** Savage sort
- 86** Former Buffalo Bills player
- 88** Rachel's sister
- 90** Elated
- 91** Golfer
- 93** Short-timer
- 95** Survey
- 96** Joyce of "Roc"
- 97** Neighbor of Molokai
- 98** Lapidus or Lewis
- 102** Began
- 105** Press
- 106** Beethoven's "Moonlight"
- 107** The — 500
- 108** Remnant
- 109** Impressive lobby
- 110** "— Pearl" ('71 hit)
- 111** Maturó
- 112** Romero or Frank
- 117** Sicily's highest point
- 119** "QB VII"
- 121** Israel's Barak
- 122** Tabula —
- 124** Swenson of "Bonson"
- 125** Electrical measure
- 126** "Only Time"
- 128** Method singer
- 129** Atlas feature
- 130** Is for two
- 131** Actress Grey
- 132** Theater sign



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Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of June 29 - July 5

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get your facts together and become familiar with them before you have to face up to that interview. The better prepared you are, the easier it will be to make that important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-setting mode. However, you

might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. Best to reach for what is currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with. But it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal, and strengthen the weak spots. Seek advice from someone who has "been there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regulated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the "right people." Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you might call determination someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a vulnerable mode vis-a-vis "offers" that sound too good to

be true. So continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting as well as exciting to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

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Remembrances

Jackson, Gloria A.
Gloria A. Jackson of 2233 E. Huntington, Quincy, IL died Monday, June 22, 2009 at 9:26 a.m. in Blessing Hospital. She was born January 23, 1942 in Quincy, the daughter of William Ray and Martha Caroline Bock Larimore. On September 28, 1963 she married Charles D. Jackson in Quincy. He survives. She was a 1960 graduate of Payson High School and went on to get her nursing degree from Northwestern University in Chicago. She worked at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge for 32 years. Survivors include three children, Cynthia (James) Eccles of Broken Arrow, OK, Charles (Laura) Douglas Jackson Champaign, and Lynne Marie (Dennis) Sparrow of Quincy; seven grandchildren; two sisters; and a brother. Services: Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 11 a.m. in Faith Presbyterian Church in Quincy. Memorials: Faith Presbyterian Church in Quincy. www.hansenspear.com. Hansen-Spear Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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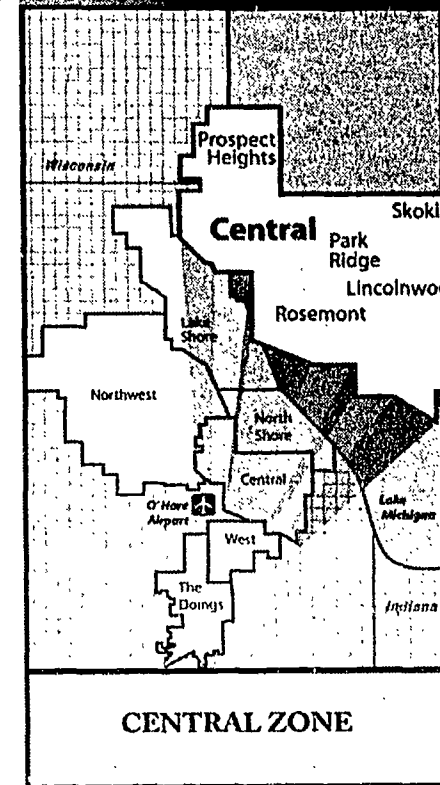
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DOWN-TO-EARTH
WF, 32, 5'7", 175lbs. likes football, baseball, going out, cuddling, reading and watching movies at home. Looking for WM, 30-50, for friendship, possible relationship. *3304431

READY TO MEET
SF, 28, 5'7", 130lbs. long black hair seeks dark-skinned male, 30-43, around 6'2", who is attractive, fun, hard-working, has a good head on his shoulders. *3305819

BRUNETTE BEAUTY
Sensative, affectionate, caring SWF, 30, 5'4", 120lbs. surgical nurse, long brown/gray hair, now to meet, enjoys travel, working out. Seeking SF/DMW, 35-55, with a good personality, for possible LTR. *3307637

SUGAR AND SPICE
SWF, 20, smart, sexy, outgoing, fun, enjoys good conversation, dinner and movies, time at home. Seeking mature gentleman, 40+, similar interests, for correspondence. LTR. *3305249

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SWF, 37, 5'7", 125lbs, brunette, NYS, educated, caring, smart, honest, loves traveling, cooking. Seeking SWM, 55-65, educated, good man, nice, honest, responsible, kind, for traveling, fun times and more. *3117905

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SM, 53, 6', 210lbs, looking for a shapely WF, one open to share friendship, fun and dating. *3312498

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SWM, 38, 6', 190lbs, long dark hair, dark eyes and skin, love laughing, cooking, working out, rock-n-roll, special moments, talking, listening, seeking female, 30-34, for LTR. South West Side only. *3313811

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The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
For information: Visit our website at <http://www.jisc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 081105.
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Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
vs.
RAFAL WISNIEWSKI; ALEXANDRA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RAFAL WISNIEWSKI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.
08 CH 47587
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 4/24/2009, Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 30, 2009, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:
P.I.N. 12-311-01-103.
Commonly known as 4936 N LEONARD DR UNIT 3B, NORRIDGE, IL 60706.
The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
RAFAL WISNIEWSKI; ALEXANDRA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RAFAL WISNIEWSKI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.
08 CH 47587
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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP. Plaintiff,
vs.
DARIUSZ ROZKUSZKA, et al Defendant
08 CH 41794 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 27, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 29, 2009, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 7612 W. IRVING PARK ROAD UNIT A, NORRIDGE, IL 60706.
Property Index No. 12-13-317-032. Property Index No. 12-13-317-033. Property Index No. 12-13-317-034. Property Index No. 12-13-317-035.
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$434,619.11.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser of the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney. The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 118879.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIA DE JESUS VILLALOBOS, et al Defendant
08 CH 22429 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 14, 2009, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 9121 N. SKOKIE BLVD, Skokie, IL 60077. Property Index No. 10-15-203-059.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$343,600.75. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser of the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney. The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 118879.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff,
vs.
ASIF ALI QURESHI a/k/a ASIF A. QURESHI, TABASSUM RIZWAN Defendant
08 CH 26864 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 23, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 24, 2009, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 4216 CHURCH STREET, Skokie, IL 60076.
Property Index No. 10-15-235-042-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$412,312.83.
Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser of the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney. The Sale Clerk, SCOTT, BEYERS & WILKIN, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Suite 500, DECATUR, IL 62521 (317) 422-1719 (312) 236-5450. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
NINOS BINYAMIN, et al Defendant
08 CH 44955 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 19, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 21, 2009, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 8239 KOSTNER AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076.
Property Index No. 10-22-406-050
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$414,828.13.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser of the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney. The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 118879.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
STALIN HERNANDEZ, et al Defendant
08 CH 27853 NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 20, 2009, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 8052 KOLMAR AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076.
Property Index No. 10-22-329-012-0000
The real estate is improved with a lot tractblock book pages 1 story gray brick single family house with no garage.
The judgment amount was \$343,693.24.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser of the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(1) and (g)(4).
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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 65, Section 5/9-2.9, of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, the public hearing of the annual appropriation ordinance for the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2009 will be held on July 4, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Village of Skokie, 127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois. The adoption of the appropriation ordinance will be considered on the July 20, 2009 hearing to be held at the same address and meeting time noted above.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED BY OR ON PUBLIC WORKS OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 807, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "an Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics, and other workers employed in any public works by the state, county, city, or any public body, or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, being Section 39-1 through 39-12, Chapter 49, Illinois Revised Statutes (the "Act"); and

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Section 1: To the extent and as required by "an Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics, and other workers employed in any public works by the state, county, city or public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in the construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of this District is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Cook County areas as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The definition of any terms appearing in this Resolution which are also used in the Act shall be the same as in the Act.

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Section 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works coming under the jurisdiction of this District to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

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Section 3: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the School District this determination of the prevailing wages.

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Section 4: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of work whose wages will be affected by such rates.

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Section 5: The Secretary of the Board of Education shall promptly file a certified copy of this Resolution with both the Secretary of State and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

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Section 6: Within 30 days after the filing of a certified copy of this Resolution with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Board of Education shall cause to be published in a local newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Resolution and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this public body.

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Section 7: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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Section 8: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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Section 9: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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Section 10: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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Section 11: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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Section 12: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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Section 13: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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Section 14: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

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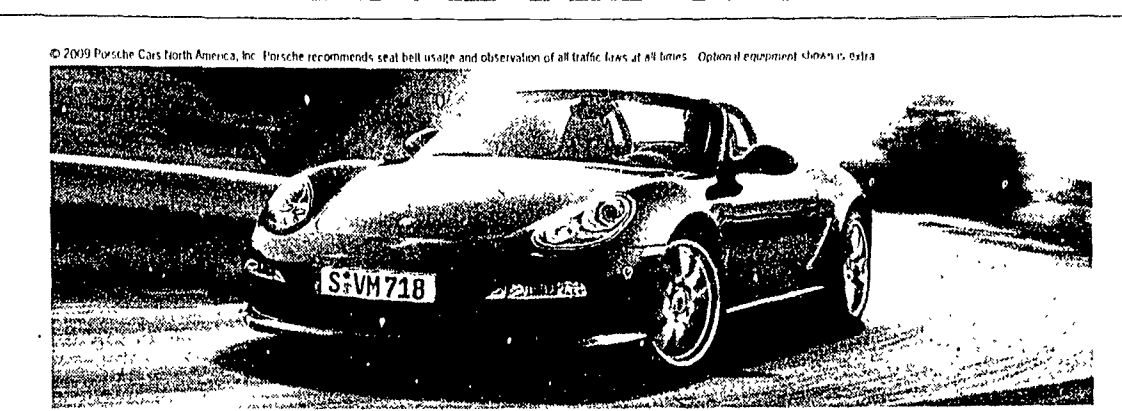
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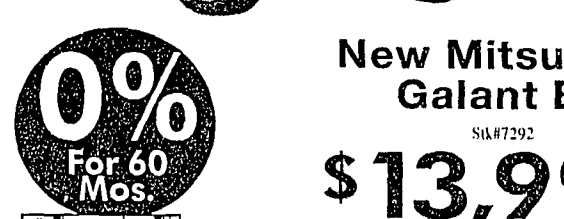
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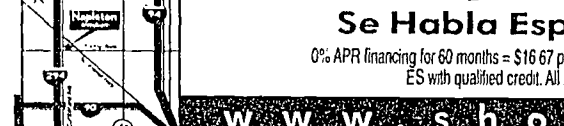
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WMTH-FM (and WMTH-TV), the high school broadcasting voice owned and operated by Maine Township High Schools, will celebrate 50 years of broadcasting. Broadcasting from a small studio at Maine East High School, the first program was aired Dec. 20, 1959. Over the past 50 years the station has grown to include radio and television studios at each of the high schools. Plans are under way for an alumni gathering for students and faculty staff members to be held Sept. 25-27 in the Park Ridge/Des Plaines area. A reunion committee has been formed to locate all former WMTH-FM alumni. Contact reunion@wmthalumni.com. **Chicago's Bowen High School** Class of 1969 will stage its 40th-reunion celebration July 25 at Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans St., in downtown Chicago. The reunion will begin at 6 p.m. Two additional events are scheduled: a cocktail party in the hotel's hospitality suite July 24, and "day after" party at a site still to be determined July 26. Tickets are

\$110 per person or \$195 per couple, and may be purchased by sending a check to Phyllis Volk, 250 E. Pearson St., Unit 906, Chicago IL 60611. Make checks payable to Phyllis Volk and indicate Bowen Reunion in memo section. The Holiday Inn will offer special room rates to Bowenites: call (312) 836-5000. The Web site, www.freewebs.com/bowen1969reunion, provides more information and names of classmates who have not yet been located. Call Brett Weiss, (630) 248-5405.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sjschool.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.

Immaculate Conception School on Talcott Avenue in Chicago is establishing an Alumni Association. In preparation for its 100th-anniversary celebration the school is searching for its missing alumni. If you attended Immaculate Conception School or know someone who did, e-mail icalummi@icparish.net, or call the rectory, (773) 775-3833. Alumni who prefer to reach the association by mail are encouraged to send their first, maiden or last name, phone number, e-mail address, the year in which they graduated, along with their favorite IC memory and favorite IC teacher, to: IC Alumni Association, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL 60631. Submissions may also be dropped off at the IC Parish Rectory during normal business hours or after Masses on Sunday.

Taft High School, class of June 1959, will hold a 50th reunion Sept. 24-27. Contact Larry Marsh at fairseas2u@cox.net, or (703) 444-6255; Pat Santell Lutz, palutz@comcast.net, or (847) 259-0120; or Kent Meyer, carolekent@accelplus.net, (765) 362-9262. See also www.taftreunion1959.com.

Scouts

For the past four years, the Girl Scout Movement has been going through a nationwide process of transformation - from the uniforms Girl Scouts wear and the programs they take part in to the structure and strategy of the organization to best serve girls. Four area councils working toward becoming Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois have launched a new Web site. This new Web site will be the vehicle for up-to-the-minute information on the progress of the re-alignment of the four councils into one high-capacity council to be known as Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois on Oct. 1. User-friendly and secure links are a click away at www.girlscoutsni.org.

Scholarships

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation is offering \$1,000 college scholarships to high school seniors who have full or partial Italian ancestry. The foundation will award students who will

graduate this year from a recognized public or private Illinois high school. Applicants will be selected on the basis of financial need; scholastic achievements; activities in high school showing character and leadership; an applicant's personal essay; and faculty recommendations. For applications contact the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation, 9447 W. 144th Place, Orland Park IL 60402, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or e-mail osiaii@aol.com. The deadline is July 1. Winners will be notified by Aug. 31.

Seminars

The St. Hubert Job and Networking Ministry presents Bob Podgorski in a free career seminar, "Creating a Dynamic Resume," from 9 a.m.-noon June 27 in St. Juliana School Hall, 7200 N. Oketo Ave., Chicago. Participants will learn some of the techniques to help a job-seeker stand out from the competition and how to present credentials in a current, professional and business-like format. Bring networking business cards; informal networking will follow the presentation. Morning refreshments. No reservations needed. See www.sainthubert.org (click on Groups, then Job and Networking).

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.maine-township.com.

The June 25 Women's Tea will feature the *Those Were the Days* Radio Players, re-creating radio shows using original scripts with their own casts of talented performers aided by appropriate music, sound effects and broadcast-like sound reproductions. **A trip to Fort Atkinson**, Wis., to see "The Witnesses" is offered from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. July 30. "The Witnesses" tells the story of the birth of the church as seen through the eyes of Peter and Paul through music and storytelling. Lunch starts with sea scallops wrapped in a crisp potato crust along with fresh baked breads. The main course will be chicken roulade, a skinkless breast of chicken stuffed with morel mushrooms and prosciutto ham, served with rice with sausage and fresh asparagus plus key lime cheesecake for dessert. The cost for members is \$86; nonmembers, \$91.

Maine Township is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handymen 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.

Seniors

Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for those over 60 meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on 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.

Resurrection Retirement Community, 7262 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, will host a free open house from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. June 27. Join in for entertainment, snacks and tours. Call (773) 792-7930 to arrange a personalized tour.

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.

Support

Grandparents As Caregivers group, sponsored by Children's Home & Aid, Maine Township, will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. July 1 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Topic: "The Total Transformation - What to do when your child acts out." Learn about why children behave the way they do and how to change it. Meet other grandparents, share concerns, and talk about interesting topics to help care for grandchildren. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

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.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program meetings: 7-9 p.m. July 12 at Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. Call (847) 376-2118.

An Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group is offered monthly at the Neset Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. The meetings take place 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower level conference room of Neset Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. The next meeting will be June 18. Admission is free; no registration 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 (July 8) 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 cowaen@lesturnerals.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home & Aid, 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. The fee is \$5 per session.

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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) 685-9900.

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.

TARA APD Chicago - Treatment and Research Advancements Association for Personality Disorders holds a monthly support group for people with loved ones suffering from borderline personality disorder or emo-

tional disregulation. The meeting is at Rush North Shore, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. E-mail rh5mail-tara@yahoo.com for the room number or more information.

The Counseling Center of Advocate Medical Group offers a free Healing Our Lost Dreams (HOLD) support group twice a month for people who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Counseling Center, 1610 Luther Lane, Park Ridge. Parents, grandparents and other adult family members are invited to attend the sessions, share their feelings with others who understand what they are going through, receive support as they move through the first season of grieving, serve as resources for each other and gain new perspectives of life. Call (847) 795-3100.

Crohn'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) 792-5116.

The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly from 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the 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) 594-7866.

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.

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That's not amore: Air miles missing



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: Alitalia will not credit me for the miles I earned as a participant in their MilleMiglia program.

I flew in October. The agent spelled my name "Carabin" instead of "Karabin."

I caught the misspelling the very day I received my e-ticket. I called, and the agent said it had been corrected. However, when I arrived at the airport my name still was spelled incorrectly. Even so, I got on the flight and returned home OK.

After that, I kept checking the Alitalia Web site

for my miles. I finally called and was told I needed to fax a copy of my boarding pass, which I did on March 12.

Today I called to see if the fax had been received, and I was told I can't get any credit because it had been more than four months since I traveled!

They tell me what to do to get the credit, and then they say it's not valid.

Also, I have a separate question. I fly to Italy a lot. The distance from Chicago to Milan is 4,528 miles. When I get miles, they only give me 2,264. They say it's because I bought a coach ticket.

Deborah Karabin, Evanston

Dear Deborah: Anyone know the Italian word for "runaround"? How about "black hole"? The comfort-of part of this story is knowing that Americans are not the only ones with these little customer service glitches.

We took your problem to Valentina Mangone, a media relations person in Rome, who straightened this out. They've credited you for the missing miles.

As for the miles earned from Chicago to Milan, Alitalia awards differing amounts based on the class of service. For coach travel, they award half the actual distance traveled, so that's why the miles were less than you expected.

Dear Fixer: I received a reward offer from AT&T through the mail. I have been trying to get it, and no one seems to want to help.

I spoke with AT&T on March 4 and was told the system was down. I was told I was due \$100, but at the time they did not know when it would go out.

I contacted AT&T again and was told it would go out April 14. I have been sending e-mails since, but have not gotten a response.

Mary Kuwall

Dear Mary: The reward offer was through AT&T's U-Verse service, but it turns out we can't blame the phone company for this mix-up. When AT&T spokeswoman Meghan Roskopf checked this out, it turns out you actually were eligible for a total of \$200 in rewards — a \$100 Visa gift card and a \$100 rebate check.

The Visa card had already been sent, and although you activated it, you never used it. The check for \$100 also had been sent, and was cashed (though maybe it slipped your mind).

Roskopf said the customer service rep was confused when you called, because the company's records showed the check was already cashed.

As for the unused Visa gift card, AT&T has contacted you with instructions on ordering a new one. (They will cancel the old card.) This time, make sure you use it!

Finger-licking good ending

Last month we ran a letter from Lloyd Weston of Riverwoods, who was one of thousands of consumers nationwide who ran into trouble trying to use his coupons for free grilled chicken at KFC.

The Fixer's hubby and the two Junior Fixers also were disappointed when they showed up at a KFC in Chicago, only to be turned away. They weren't really mad about missing a freebie. Rather they were annoyed by a marketing campaign that couldn't deliver.

Well, we have a happy ending. Curious about how well KFC's offer of a "rain check" would work, The Fixer sent in the unused coupons as directed and this week was happily surprised to receive replacement coupons, each for two pieces of chicken, two sides, a biscuit and a drink, along with an apologetic letter from KFC President Roger Eaton.

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One of those coupons will go to Lloyd, who must be getting hungry by now. We'll let you know if we experience any more glitches.

Utility problems?

If you've got a gripe with an electric, gas or phone company — or if you just want some good advice on how to get your bills down — we encourage you to check out the Citizens Utility Board.

CUB has tons of great info at its Web site, www.citizenutility-board.org, or you can call (312) 263-4282 or (800) 669-5556.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem?

Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com. Or, mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026.

— Thanks to contributor Mike Nolan. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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rectory, (847) 966-8145. **Families Anonymous** is a free, 12-step, self-help support program for family members and friends who are concerned about the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Families Anonymous meets weekly from noon-1 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courland Ave., Park Ridge; use the side entrance on Butler Place. There are no dues or fees. First names only are used at the meetings to preserve anonymity. This is a non-professional and nonreligious program. Advance notice is not necessary. Visitors are always welcome. Call the church office, (847) 823-3164, or contact Families Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805, or www.familiesanonymous.org.

Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center grief support groups meet at various locations across its service area. Grief support groups are free; donations are accepted. Call (800) 331-5484 to register. The schedule for 2009 spring/summer includes: At 2050 Claire Court, Glenview - Adult Loss, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; Daytime Spouse Loss, 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays; Evening Spouse Loss, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; Drop-in Group, first and third Fridays, noon to 1:30 p.m. At 6133 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Families with Children Loss Group meets every third Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or in Glenview, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays.

A new Al-Anon group is being formed at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge. For information call the church office, (847) 823-6984, between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during the week.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Cook County North Suburban invites the public to attend its Caring and Sharing monthly support group. This group is for family and friends of people with a mental illness and offers the opportunity to share problems and learn how others have overcome them. This program is free and meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Kenton-Knox Conference Center (Rush North Shore Medical Center), 9701 N. Knox Ave., Skokie. Call NAMI CCNS, (847) 724-1460, or visit www.namiccns.org.

Northwest Suburban Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome Support Group of Illinois meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Conference Room 1064. E-mail: bzarnikow@aol.com to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

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.

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Volunteers **Junior Achievement** of Chicago is a nonprofit organization focused on inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in the global economy. Volunteers from businesses are trained and given materials to go into a classroom and teach students from kindergarten through high school about financial literacy and entrepre-

neurship-work readiness skills. Partnerships have been formed with some teachers at Niles North, Central and West High Schools for JA programs this school year. Volunteers are needed. Each program consists of five visits to the classroom for about 45-50 minutes each. If interested call Kristin Goodwin, operations manager, Junior Achievement of Chicago, (708) 456-1400, Ext. 245, e-mail kgoodwin@jachicago.org or go to www.jachicago.org.

The Men's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has recently expanded its role and membership base in the community and adopted a new name to reflect that change: The Men's and Women's Association of Lutheran General Hospital. The change will allow the nonprofit organization to sponsor more events, encourage greater participation in annual activities, such as the golf outing and fund-raising sales, expand opportunities for men and women to take on leadership roles, and increase collaborative efforts with the hospital's development office, Service League and the Advocate Charitable Foundation. The organization's donations have assisted Lutheran General in expanding its programs, purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment and pursuing research and education efforts. Call (847) 723-6105.

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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All our love: Paul, Cindy, Larry, Laurie, Dave, Tim, and Teresa



Templer & Aron



Kelly Elizabeth Templer and Brian Jacob Aron were united in marriage on January 31, 2009 at the Mission Hills Country Club in Northbrook, Illinois. Kelly is the daughter of Andrea and Marty Prive and Larry and Marla Templer. Brian is the son of Sue and Morrie Aron. Kelly is from Highland Park. Brian is from Morton Grove.

The bride graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The groom graduated from the University of Illinois. Kelly currently works at a boutique Public Relation firm, Sanderson & Associates. Brian currently works at Abt in customer service.

Wedding photography was done by Steven Rosenberg Photography.



Hallbrook & Schmid

Ann Rebecca Hallbrook and Garrett Simpson Schmid were married December 6, 2008 at Grace Episcopal Church in Hinsdale with the Reverend George Daniels Muir officiating. Their reception was held at the Hinsdale Golf Club.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Diane and Dr. Steve Hallbrook of Fayetteville, Arkansas, formerly of Hinsdale. She is a 1998 graduate of Hinsdale Central High School and received her Bachelor's Degree from St. Olaf College and her Master's Degree in Historic Preservation from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She currently works with Pipal Architecture firm.

The bridegroom is the son of Deanna and Jim Schmid of Wilmette. He is a 1998 graduate of New Trier High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Vermont. He currently works as an equities trader for Chase Investment Services.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister-in-law Christine Hallbrook of Des Moines, Iowa. The bridesmaids were Allison Siegert, sister of the groom, of Denver, Colorado. Mary Purcell of Downers Grove, Autumn Hubbell of St. Paul, Minnesota and Maura Pilcher of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The best man was Jonathan Dougherty of Denver, Colorado. The groom's attendants were John Hallbrook, brother of the bride, of Des Moines, Iowa, Antony Siegert, brother-in-law of the groom, of Denver, Colorado, Brian Hurley of Burlington, Vermont, Phillip Vaiko of St. Louis, Missouri, Cary Todd Lieberman of New York City and Roger Sideman of Santa Cruz, California.

The couple resides in Burr Ridge.

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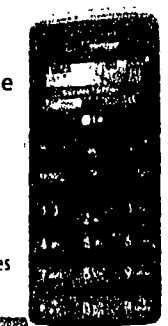
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A COUPLE OF UPPER-CUTS

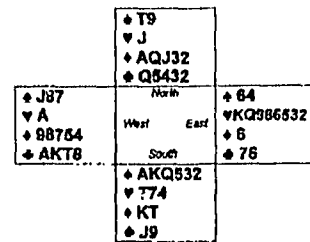
Bridge Bites

From the American Contract Bridge League

By BRIAN GUNNELL

This time we take a look at "trump promotion." Put yourself in the West seat, defending 4♠.

To start with, please locate a sheet of paper or your morning slice of toast (marmalade side facing up). Place it diagonally across the diagram, so that only the West and North hands are showing. As West, your opening lead is the ♣A on which Partner plays the Seven and Declarer the Nine. Next, you cash the ♣K (everyone following the suit), then the ♥A. You've cashed your three winners; where's the setting trick? A Diamond ruff? No, Partner had two Clubs, and can hardly have more than two Spades. He cannot have 2-9-0-2 distribution; with that shape he would surely have pushed on to 5♥.



Both Vulnerable
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♠ 4♥
 4♠ All Pass

The only other possibility is a trump trick. Yes, indeed! The magic card here, amazingly enough, is the Spade Six! You lead another Club, and if East ruffs with the Six he forces Declarer to over-ruff with an honor, promoting a trick for your ♣J! This form of trump promotion is known as an upper-cut, and East must ruff with the Smashing Six to deliver the knock-out blow. Ruffing with the Feeble Four would be no

more than a tickle under Declarer's chin.

A Second Upper-Cut! Next, Imagine that East is Declarer, playing 4♥. South cashes the ♠A, ♠K, and leads a third Spade, which North ruffs with the ♥J. Another upper-cut, promoting South's ♥T? No, Declarer simply pitches away his Diamond loser and makes his contract. Let's have a do-over. After cashing the top two Spades, South cashes the ♦K, and then leads the third Spade. Now Declarer really is done for; this time the upper-cut sets the contract.

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Nothing not to like

Greek picnic fare features the basics — olive, lemon, oregano



Glenview resident Tina Spiratos puts the finishing touch on her pork souvlaki, or shish-kebab — a dollop of tzatziki, the traditional yogurt cucumber-dill sauce. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

By TOM WITOM
 Contributor

While burgers, hot dogs, three-bean salad and brownies are among the usual suspects at many summer picnics, Greek-American cookouts often include spanakopita (Greek spinach pie), souvlaki (marinated, grilled meat), koulouria (sesame seed cookies) and similar ethnic fare.

But don't be thrown by the names, said Tina Spiratos, a busy homemaker, lawyer and devoted cook for her family and events at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in her hometown Glenview.

"In a lot of recipes, the name may be intimidating but the actual food itself is very accessible," Spiratos said, adding: "Greek cuisine can be seamlessly added to one's cooking repertoire because there's really nothing not to like."

Spiratos, whose parents emigrated in the late 1950s from the Greek island of Cephalonia (also spelled Kefallonia), learned the culinary art from her mother, grandmother, aunts and uncles.

"I do a lot of cooking for activities at my church and especially like the challenge of cooking for large crowds.

It's always good to stretch your dollar and think of something that is both practical and can make a big impact," said Spiratos, who's also on the board of the non-profit Greek-American Rehabilitation and Care Centre in Wheeling.

Souvlaki, or shish-kebab, is always a popular *al fresco* main course. Spiratos' No. 1 choice for preparing this dish is the charcoal grill, followed by the gas grill, grill pan on a stove and, lastly, the oven broiler.

The importance of getting some charring on the meat is not to be underestimated because it benefits leftovers for another meal.



Glenview resident Tina Spiratos' pork souvlaki adds an ethnic twist to a picnic. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

For Greek-style potato salad, Spiratos said she always uses Idaho, and oil and red wine vinegar — never mayonnaise.

She also is passionate about artichokes. "It amazes me when you go to a restaurant and they either overpeel them or serve only the heart," she said. "The way we do artichokes is cut off the very top. Hold it in your left hand and with the right, snap back the leaf

to get at the meat. After you clean off the choke, you are left with not just the heart but everything tender about the artichoke, perfect for stuffing with dill and lemon and braising with a lemon-water-olive oil mix."

Sts. Peter and Paul will forego its Greek festival this summer, but there's a strong possibility it will resume in 2010. "A lot of people in the community have been asking for it," Spiratos said.

Meanwhile, the Big Fat Greek Food Festival of Niles, under the auspices of Holy Taxiarchai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 Caldwell Ave., is set for July 17-19, said William Boziks, one of six who chair the annual event that has been going strong for more than two decades and last year attracted a far-flung crowd of 15,000 visitors.

Run by volunteers, the event features homemade food, a Greek dance troupe performing nightly, a live Greek band and carnival rides.

One of the festival's regular food contributors is Maria Dimitriou, a long-time resident of Highland Park who hails from Kalamata, the second-largest city of the Peloponnese in southern Greece.

What makes Greek pastries stand out? In Dimitriou's view, the answer lies in using "the best ingredients, with everything made from scratch and baked with love."

Among her favorite dessert nibbles are sesame seed cookies. Find that and other recipes in *What's Cooking in Niles*, now in its second edition and available at the festival as well.

Spiratos also shares her recipe for souvlaki.

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(From left) Kati, Tina, Alexi and Nikki Spiratos of Glenview get ready to dig into their favorite picnic fare — pork souvlaki and Greek potato salad. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

Souvlaki

2 pork tenderloins totaling 2 1/2 to 3 lb., trimmed, or substitute 3 lb. chicken breast
 Skewers (soak in water 1/2 hour before using to prevent burning on the grill)
 1 pkg. fresh pita loaves, available in ethnic markets

Marinade:

- 1/2 C pure olive oil (extra-virgin oil is not necessary and actually has too strong a flavor for this marinade)
- Juice of 2-3 lemons, about 1/2 C
- 1 T minced garlic
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. dried oregano crushed between your fingers to release its aroma

Combine ingredients for marinade into a screw top jar and shake to blend. Taste and adjust seasoning to make a tangy, sharp-tasting marinade.

Trim the silver skin from the pork tenderloin and slice tenderloin into medallions slightly less than 1/2 inch thick.

Place the pork into a medium-sized airtight plastic container. Pour half the shaken marinade over the pork and let the pork marinate for at least 1/2 hour or up to several hours. If you want to prepare the pork the night before, reduce the lemon juice by half before adding it to the pork so that the texture of the meat is not affected. Add the rest of

the lemon to the remaining marinade to pour over the pork after it is cooked. Skewer the marinated pork onto the skewers (souvlaki sticks), putting the odd-shaped pieces together so that they can cook at the same rate. Grill the souvlaki over a medium high heat for about 4 minutes each side. The goal is to get strong grill marks without overcooking the pork. If you are concerned about whether the pork is cooked through, just tear a piece, and if it tears easily and is not pink inside, they are ready to remove.

Remove the souvlaki to a serving platter and immediately pour over the remaining marinade

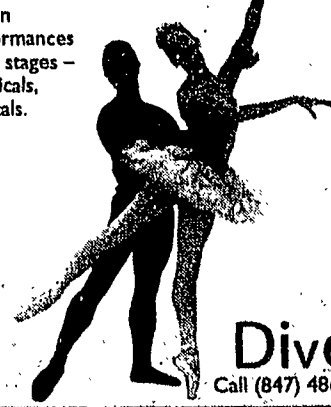
(which you have shaken again to combine). The hot meat and especially the charred tidbits will slightly cook the marinade to eliminate the raw lemon juice taste and make a sauce excellent for dipping a nice crusty bread.

Serve the souvlaki on warmed pita bread. If you have time and grill space, brush the pita with a little olive oil and a slight sprinkling of salt and grill it for just a minute.

Toppings may include tzatziki sauce, the traditional yogurt cucumber sauce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onions, and in Greece, a few French fries and a touch of oregano. Serves 4-6.

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Hogue chosen new principal at Niles Central day school

By **JENNA HASKITT**
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Niles Township High School District 219 approved Charles Hogue as Niles Central High School's new principal at the June 15 board meeting.

Niles Central is the district's alternative therapeutic day school.

"Charles is an experienced alternative school principal. He also served as principal at a middle school and has been a district administrator in special education for most of his career. We couldn't think of a better place for him to serve

and we're so excited to have him in District 219," Superintendent Nanciann Gatta said.

Hogue's new position begins July 1.

"The majority of my administrative experience is in alternative education and I am looking forward to coming to Niles Central," Hogue said.

He currently serves as the special education coordinator for elementary schools at DeKalb School District 428.

Hogue earned his bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Lewis University and his master's

degrees in multicategorical special education and education administration from Governors State University.

Hogue is replacing Jason Ness who was named assistant principal of pupil and personnel services at Niles West High School by the Board of Education during their May 18 meeting. His position is effective July 1.

Ness will succeed Paula Miller who is accepting a position as associate principal for student services at Evanston Township High School.

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Yorman Myrian Gomez of Niles received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University.

David J. Cottrell Jr. and **Patricia Katsigiannis** of Niles placed on the spring dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Martin Gambis of Niles was recognized on the dean's list for the spring term at Marquette University.

Amy Moorehouse of Niles has earned her master of business administration degree from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The following students from Niles, have earned their degrees from University of Wisconsin-Madison: **Sue Ma**, bachelor of business administration; **Katharine Waller**, bachelor's degree in human development and family studies.

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SCHOOLS DIGEST

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and *Bachata* (PED E89-31). For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

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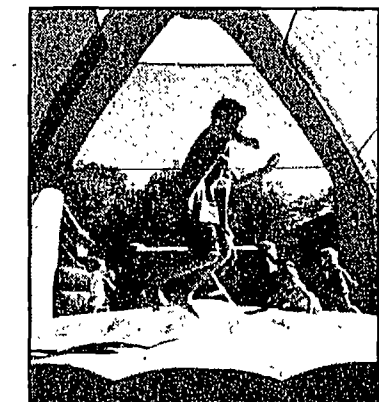
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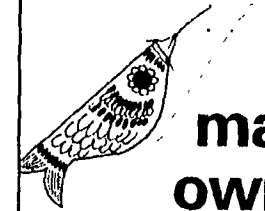
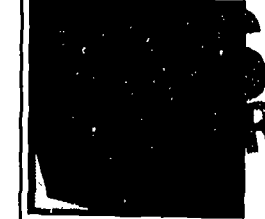
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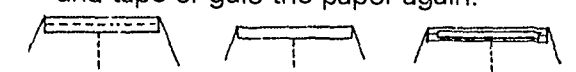
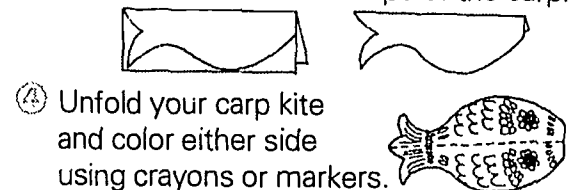
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Time to study politics of realty

By JULIE MORSE

Washington is playing a larger role in local real estate these days, so it may pay to study ongoing developments. Some federal efforts may seem like good ideas to you, and others may

REALTY INSITES

not. But one thing is for sure: There's a clear focus on improving the economy by jump-starting real estate through varied government incentives.

William M. Griffin is the National Association of Realtors Political Coordinator for Illinois' 10th Congressional District and a licensed North Shore Realtor. He reports directly to U.S. House Rep. Mark Kirk, traveling frequently to the nation's capital on behalf of the northern Illinois region. "My job is to advocate for the good ideas affecting our

real estate markets, and challenge the bad," said Griffin, who represents both consumers and agents through his work.

Griffin noted there are several new changes that local home buyers and sellers should be aware of this year. He encourages residents to keep informed as changes continue.

For example, the Obama Administration recently announced its Foreclosure Alternatives Program to help streamline an inefficient short sale system, long identified by Realtors and financial experts as an impediment to economic recovery. A short sale comes about when a borrower owes more on a property than any buyer will pay, typically due to depreciation in the seller's market.

For example, a home purchased at \$500,000 two years ago, with a 90 percent or \$450,000 mortgage, might only fetch \$400,000

in today's market. If the homeowner lacks the funds to make up the difference between what a buyer is willing to pay and what he owes the bank, a short sale ensues. Many lenders take months to approve such contracts. Buyers often lose patience and withdraw their offers, leaving sellers and lenders frustrated — and homes unsold.

Griffin said, "Under FAP, loan servicers, homeowners and second lien holders in a short sale may qualify for incentives to help expedite agreement between the parties... Other features include standardized documentation, valuation based on either appraisals or broker price opinions, and stricter timelines."

In other developments, the 2009 First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit has recently been enhanced. Now, those who qualify for the \$8,000 tax credit but lack some of the cash needed to

purchase, may be able to leverage that money at the closing table.

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MORTGAGE UPDATE

Mortgage rates head lower By Chris Kissell • Bankrate.com

Mortgage rates finally fell after rising sharply over the previous three weeks.

The benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage dropped 19 basis points, to 5.76 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.43 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.62 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.24 percent.

Also in Bankrate's weekly survey, the benchmark 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage slide 18 basis points, to 5.19 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage declined 12 basis points, to 5.37 percent.

This week's drop in mortgage rates came after several weeks of sharp rises. That trend of higher rates caused mortgage activity to plunge 15.8 percent for the week ending June 12, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. It was the fourth straight week of sharply declining mortgage activity.

When compared with one week earlier, refinancing was down 23.3 percent while applications for new purchase slid 3.5 percent.

Mortgage activity plunges when mortgage rates sank to near historic lows several weeks ago, business was hopping at Mortgage Grader, a Laguna Niguel, Calif.-based mortgage broker.

"Every day was a fire drill in here," says Jeff Lazerson, Mortgage Grader president. "It was like a three-alarm fire. We were just going and going in a very good way."

However, activity dropped dramatically as mortgage rates spiked over the past month, Lazerson says.

"The rate increases put a screeching halt to business," Lazerson says. Predictably, other lenders report similar drop-offs.

Cameron Findlay, chief economist at LendingTree.com, says the "significant" rise in mortgage rates has caused loan inquiries to fall 40

percent at the Charlotte, N.C.-based lender.

Meanwhile, "refinance activity has slowed dramatically," according to Sue Woodard, a home loan originator for Lakeland Mortgage in Minneapolis.

Waiting for lower rates

The news isn't all negative. For example, Woodard says surging mortgage rates have convinced buyers who fear even higher rates to jump in and "go ahead and strike deals sooner than later."

Mark Madsen, a mortgage consultant with Raintree Mortgage in Las Vegas, has seen a similar pattern.

"The threat of rates going up has been a motivating factor for our purchase clients who were on the fence waiting for a 4 percent (mortgage)," he says.

Dan Green, a Cincinnati-based Certified Mortgage Planner with Mobium Mortgage Group, also says his "inbox is buzzing with purchase activity."

However, many loan shoppers have been sitting on the sidelines, waiting for rates to drop again before locking into a mortgage, Lazerson says.

"Everybody seems to think -- including me -- that rates are going to come back down," he says. "So, they sort of missed on the first go-round but they're going to catch it the next time."

Findlay says mortgage shoppers "had become complacent to expect low rates." Refinance volume accelerated at LendingTree with each tick downward in the mortgage rates during the spring and early summer.

With rates recently trending higher, homeowners will need to see a reversal -- as occurred this week -- before jumping into a new mortgage, he says.

"Clearly, the threshold for refinance remains in the 5 (percent) to 5.5 percent (range)," he says.

Cold fall, winter ahead?

Mortgage professionals also offered opinions about the likelihood of a housing recovery between now and the end of the year.

Findlay predicts housing prices will continue to decline. Higher mortgage rates -- coupled with high levels of housing inventory and rising unemployment levels -- are likely to cause "further price declines in the magnitude of up to 5 percent."

Woodard agrees home values may fall further. Several year-end factors -- including the expiration of the federal government's \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit, the end of the Federal Reserve's campaign of buying mortgage-backed securities and rising concerns over inflation -- may conspire to pressure prices, she says.

"Pessimistically, I believe a very strong argument can be made that the market will have another downturn next fall, winter," Woodard says.

However, Woodard adds the caveat that "housing markets are unique," making it difficult to make general statements about real estate nationwide. Green echoes that point.

"To say that the housing market is improving nationwide is akin to saying that the national temperature is 78 degrees," says Green, who also writes TheMortgageReports.com. "In some cities, it's going to be hotter and in some areas, it's going to be cooler."

Meanwhile, David Kuiper, a mortgage planner at First Place Bank in Holland, Mich., worries that weakness in the overall economy will keep housing activity soft in the near term. "People do not make large purchase decisions when there is job uncertainty," he says.

Lazerson shares those concerns. "Unemployment continues to rise," he says. "That's a killer."

Still, Lazerson remains hopeful that the worst of the decline is over. "I think that we're very close to the bottom," he says. "But I think we're going to be bumping along the bottom for a very long time."

New East coach off to good start

By MATT HARNES
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Without so much as an official practice under first-year coach Huey Crawford, Maine East went out and won the St. Patrick tournament earlier this month.

The Demons, who return several key contributors from last season's 19-9 club, beat Leo and St. Ignatius in the championship bracket. Leo finished fourth in IHSA Class 3A last winter, while St. Ignatius arguably boasts the best big guy in the Class of 2011 in Nnanna Egwu, a 6-foot-9 center who has offers from Illinois, Northwestern, Purdue and Wisconsin.

"It was really important for me to get off to a good start," Crawford said. "We didn't miss a beat with (former coach) Glenn (Olson) being gone. He laid the groundwork, and I inherited a good group."

Returning regular Al Nagode said he was impressed by the new coach's start.

"I heard there was some good competition," said Nagode, who didn't play at the tournament because of baseball commitments. "If he can come in and win the first one, that's a good thing."

Crawford and the Demons proved the title at St. Patrick was no fluke with their performance over the weekend at York's tournament. East went 3-0 in its pool on Saturday, advancing to the winner's bracket.

The Demons struggled Sunday when four starters and five of the team's six best players were unavailable. East lost to Waukegan and Oak Park-River Forest before a forfeit by Evanston gave the Demons third place.

"The good thing was we were able to get some other players experience against

good teams," said Crawford, who is searching for a power forward and a backup point guard this summer. "The players showed some improvement from one game to the next."

Crawford said that East is 14-1 this summer with its full lineup. Players like Charles McKinney, Nuse Khan, Ossama Anis, Abdul Nader and Nagode position East as a favorite in the CSL for the upcoming season.

McKinney, who also plays for Full Package's elite team along with Glenbrook North's Alex Dragicevich, is rated among the best guards for the Class of 2010.

"He's so athletic," Crawford said of McKinney, who stands 6-2. "He's a matchup nightmare. He's big for a two-guard and very athletic at the three."

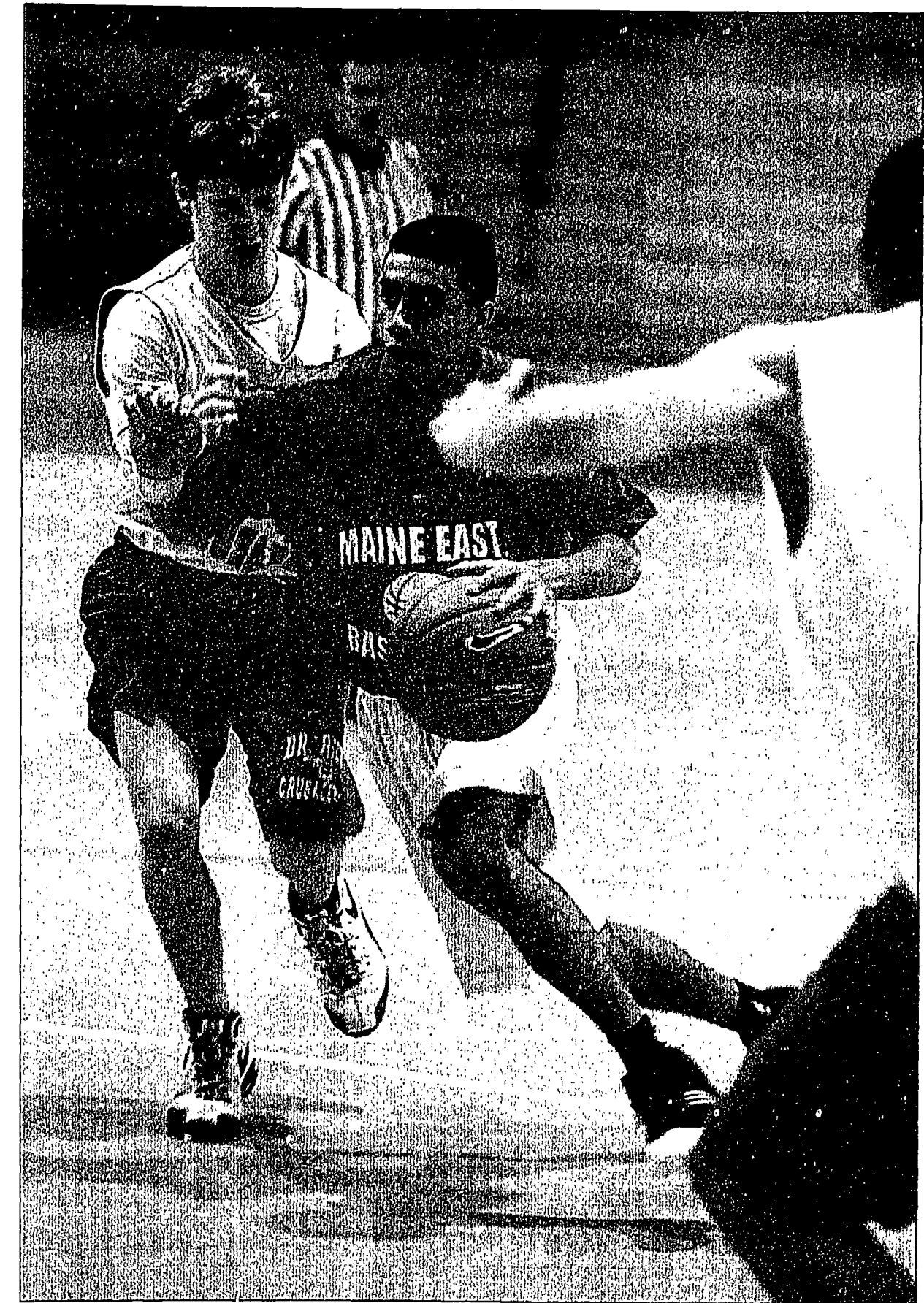
Having Khan back at point guard has made Crawford's transition that much easier.

"He so important to me," the coach said. "He listens, and he's able to make adjustments. I caught a flaw in his shot, and he gave me a wink when he made one. There's nothing but positives right now."

East was scheduled play in the Libertyville Shootout on Monday, in another shootout in Lisle on Tuesday and at Stevenson's on Wednesday. The Demons are back in Lisle Thursday before heading to Northwestern's team camp for the weekend.

The varsity summer season ends July 2.

"I am a big family person," Crawford. "I talk about teamwork on and off the court and how special that is. The chemistry is starting to develop with me and the team. That's a tribute to Coach Olson. My job right now is to go in there and not mess it up."



Maine East guard Nusuath Khan drives to the basket against a Brother Rice defender during the York Tournament on Saturday. (Jerry Daliege/For STNG.)

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2009 North Stars All-Area Girls Soccer Team Athletics run in Suhey's blood

By DAN SHALIN
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Loyola senior forward Allison Suhey scored 26 goals, 16 of them game winners, to help the Ramblers to a record of 22-3-1, the best in school history.

Suhey, daughter of former Bears fullback Matt Suhey, earned all-state honors and was the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Player of the Year. She also was named the Player of the Tournament after helping the Ramblers win the Pepsi Showdown.

She can now add Pioneer Press North Stars Player of the Year to her list of honors.

"Why did I have such a good season? I had a good team behind me. The whole team did a lot for me," Suhey said.

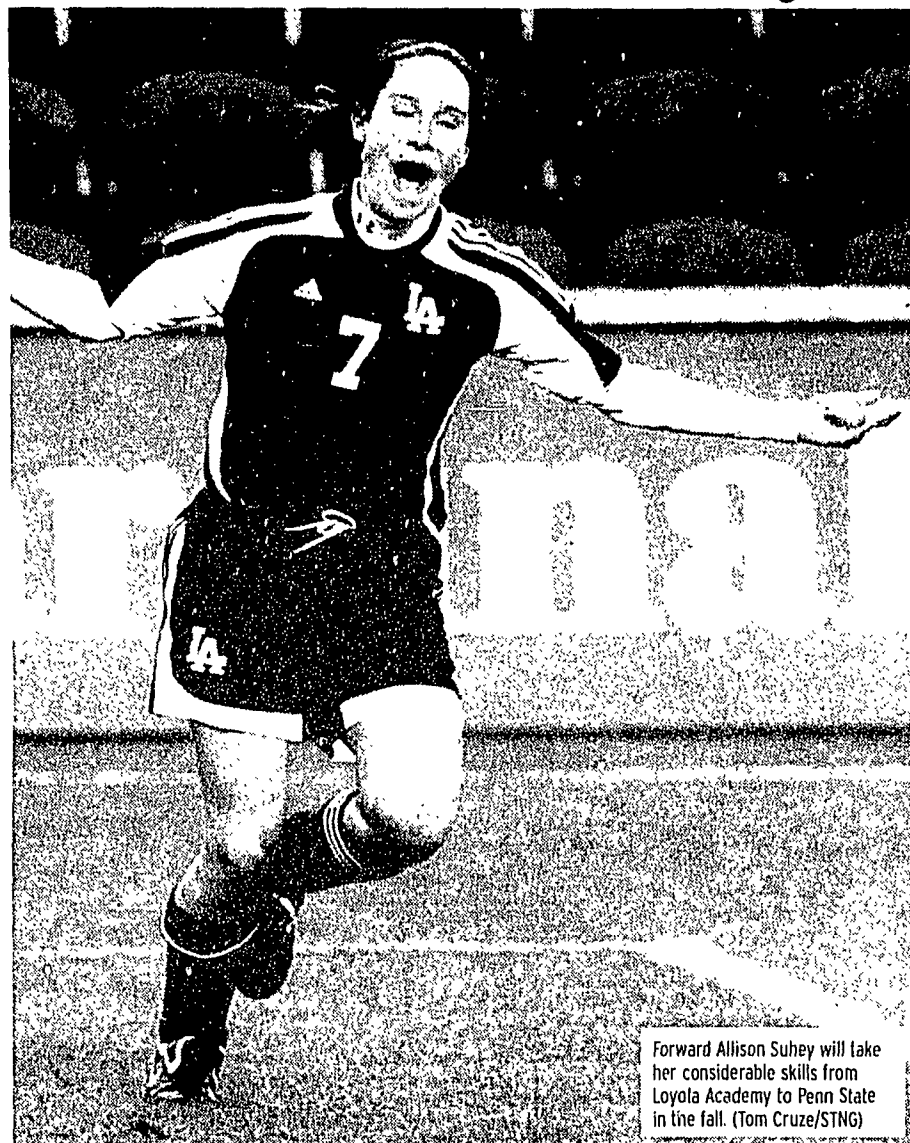
The forward leaves Wilmette as the school's all-time leading scorer, with 63 goals. She will continue a family tradition by heading to Penn State.

However, she is not planning to play for the Nittany Lions women's soccer team.

FIRST TEAM

Amanda Brait, Maine South junior defender: She was the backbone of the Hawks' defense, protecting two first-year goalkeepers. The sweeper had a goal and seven assists for the Hawks, who finished 14-4-2.

Kate Doyle, Evanston junior midfielder: Nicknamed "The Beast" for her ferocious style, Doyle had six goals and four assists for the Wildkits in 2009. She was a dominant presence in the middle, winning balls and starting the attack. She found the net against top-class opponents Hinsdale South; Libertyville and Glenbrook South.



Forward Allison Suhey will take her considerable skills from Loyola Academy to Penn State in the fall. (Tom Cruze/STNG)

Janelle Flaws, Glenbrook South junior forward: Committed to Illinois, the forward had 38 goals and 11 assists this season, including five goals against St. Viator. Flaws has re-written the school's record book with 102 goals and 30 assists in three seasons.

Alex Fraser, New Trier senior defender: Head coach Jim Burnside called her one of the best defensive players in Trevian history. Fraser, who had two goals and four assists, consistently marked the opponent's best player.

Amber Fry, New Trier junior forward: Already com-

mitted to Virginia, Fry is a dynamic offensive presence, who made all of her teammates better. She led the Trevians (18-5-1) with 24 goals and 13 assists.

Lauren Mathy, New Trier senior midfielder: The Yale-bound holding midfielder had a goal and 12 assists this season. Coach Jim Burnside praised Mathy for her fine understanding of the game and her ability to expose a weakness in an opponent's defense.

Jenna Shemky, Maine South junior forward: The Hawk sniper had 21 goals and eight assists despite

missing some time after suffering whiplash against New Trier. Shemky was one of the tougher and more physical players around. Said head coach J.J. Crawford: "She should have been a football player."

Carly Stevens, Loyola sophomore goalkeeper: She was an IHSSCA all-stater and recorded 17 shutouts for the 22-3-1 Ramblers. Stevens had a 0.561 goals-against average and made the all-tournament team at the Pepsi Showdown.

Gabby Whittinghill, Maine South senior midfielder: She had 12 goals and seven as-

sists for the regional champs. Whittinghill played up front with Jenna Shemky and Carli Pappas.

Ashley Wickey, Loyola senior defender: The heart of the Ramblers defense, Wickey nearly always shadowed the opponent's top midfielder. She was a four-year starter, who had 11 assists as a senior. Wickey played the final 10 games of 2009 with a separated shoulder.

SECOND TEAM

Kelly Brait, Glenbrook South junior midfielder

Delaney Clesen, Evanston sophomore forward

Jocelyn Festle, Loyola junior defender

Laura Gardner, Loyola sophomore forward

Alex Heidtke, Niles West senior defender

Caroline Kerr, New Trier senior goalkeeper

Christy Patterson, New Trier junior midfielder

Lauren Pope, New Trier junior midfielder

Melissa Schakowsky, Glenbrook South junior defender

Emily Town, Glenbrook North senior defender

Nicole Valente, Niles North senior forward

THIRD TEAM

Erica Aquino, Glenbrook South senior midfielder

Dani Fraelick, New Trier junior forward

Margaret Head, Evanston senior defender

Elyssa Kulas, Maine South junior defender

Jasmina Markovic, Maine East junior midfielder

Carli Pappas, Maine South sophomore midfielder

Natalie Saunders, Niles North senior defender

Marisa Slomski, Glenbrook North senior defender

Danya Snowsky, Niles West junior forward

Chelsea Watkins, Glenbrook South senior goalkeeper

Melissa Wilson, Glenbrook North senior forward

PIONEER AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Alison Suhey, Loyola senior

COACH OF THE YEAR
Craig Snower, Loyola

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Olivia Pappalardo, Maine South freshman

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Evanston
Kate Doyle
Delaney Clesen
Alex Bales
Glenbrook North
Meghan Keding
Alex Watkins
Glenbrook South
Janelle Flaws
Melissa Schakowsky
Kelly Brait

Loyola
Carly Stevens
Jocelyn Festle
Laura Gardner
Maine East
Jasmina Markovic
Joy Ocampo
Maine South
Jenna Shemky
Olivia Pappalardo

New Trier
Amber Fry
Lauren Pope
Christy Patterson
Niles North
Tiffany Ebeling
Seth Penafiorida
Jeanine Taerbaum
Niles West
Danya Snowsky
Amanda Ko

Katarina Sostaric
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Taft
Alena Banks
Julie Suarez,
Eunice Leon

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Janelle Flaws, Glenbrook South junior
Amber Fry, New Trier junior
Jenna Shemky, Maine South junior
Carly Stevens, Loyola sophomore
Allison Suhey, Loyola sophomore

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Gabby Whittinghill, Maine South senior

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Alena Banks, Taft freshman
Eunice Leon, Taft freshman
Vivian Urquiza, Taft senior

Section Five
Jocelyn Festle, Loyola junior
Laura Gardner, Loyola sophomore

Busy Nagode prepping for 2010



Maine East's Al Nagode is playing for two baseball teams, as well as the Demons' basketball team, this summer. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

By MATT HARNESS
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BASEBALL - Weather turned the weekend's Northwest Suburban Baseball Tournament from a two-day talent show to a one-day cram session.

Al Nagode was one player who wished he had more time to parade his goods to prospective college coaches. The Maine East senior-to-be went 0-for-2 at the plate and fielded one ground ball in left field.

"It felt like not enough time," he said. "It's rough when you have so many players and one game. Makes it difficult."

Friday's rain canceled the first day and shifted the schedule to Saturday. Each team played one game — and no one ran the 60-yard dash.

Despite the conditions, Nagode was happy for the invitation. Maine South's Ronnie Muck and Jesse O'Con-

ner also played for the CSL. "It was new and fun for me," Nagode said. "To play with a bunch of kids from the area that are at this level, and in front of college coaches, was cool. I was a bit nervous in the pregame warmups, but then it's just baseball."

Nagode played three innings in left field and took two at-bats. He grounded out and struck out, but wasn't discouraged with his plate appearances.

"I hit a 2-1 fastball solid, but I couldn't lift it," he said. "The second at-bat I fouled off a couple of curves before the kid got me with a fastball — not that bad."

A two-year varsity veteran with the Demons, Nagode is looking to improve his all-around game. He wants to hit harder line drives, develop a stronger arm and increase his footwork. Early in his junior year, he suffered a chipped bone in his foot that slowed down his speed for both bas-

ketball and baseball. "He needs to get into the weight room," said East coach Dan Dolney. "There definitely things he can do over this year to get better."

Nagode plays summer ball for the Demons as well as the Lakeside Cardinals, who also have East graduates Chris Ripple and Dan Witkus. Nagode hopes to

work in some time on the basketball court, too.

Dolney believes Nagode's busy schedule will benefit him as an athlete.

"The summer is hard, but it can be a good thing," the coach said. "You learn how to play when you are mentally and physically tired."

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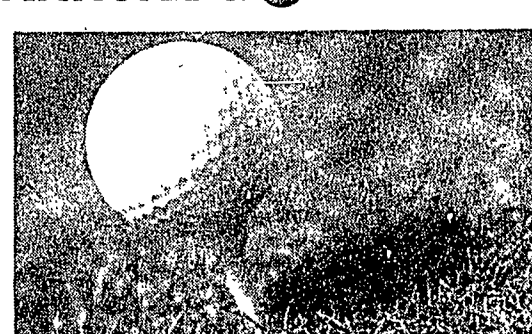
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Wallace making impression

By DAN SHALIN
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BASKETBALL—Glenbrook North's Alex Dragicevich was the marquee name during the 2009 IHSA Class 4A Niles North Sectional final, leading the Spartans to a 67-61 victory over Notre Dame.

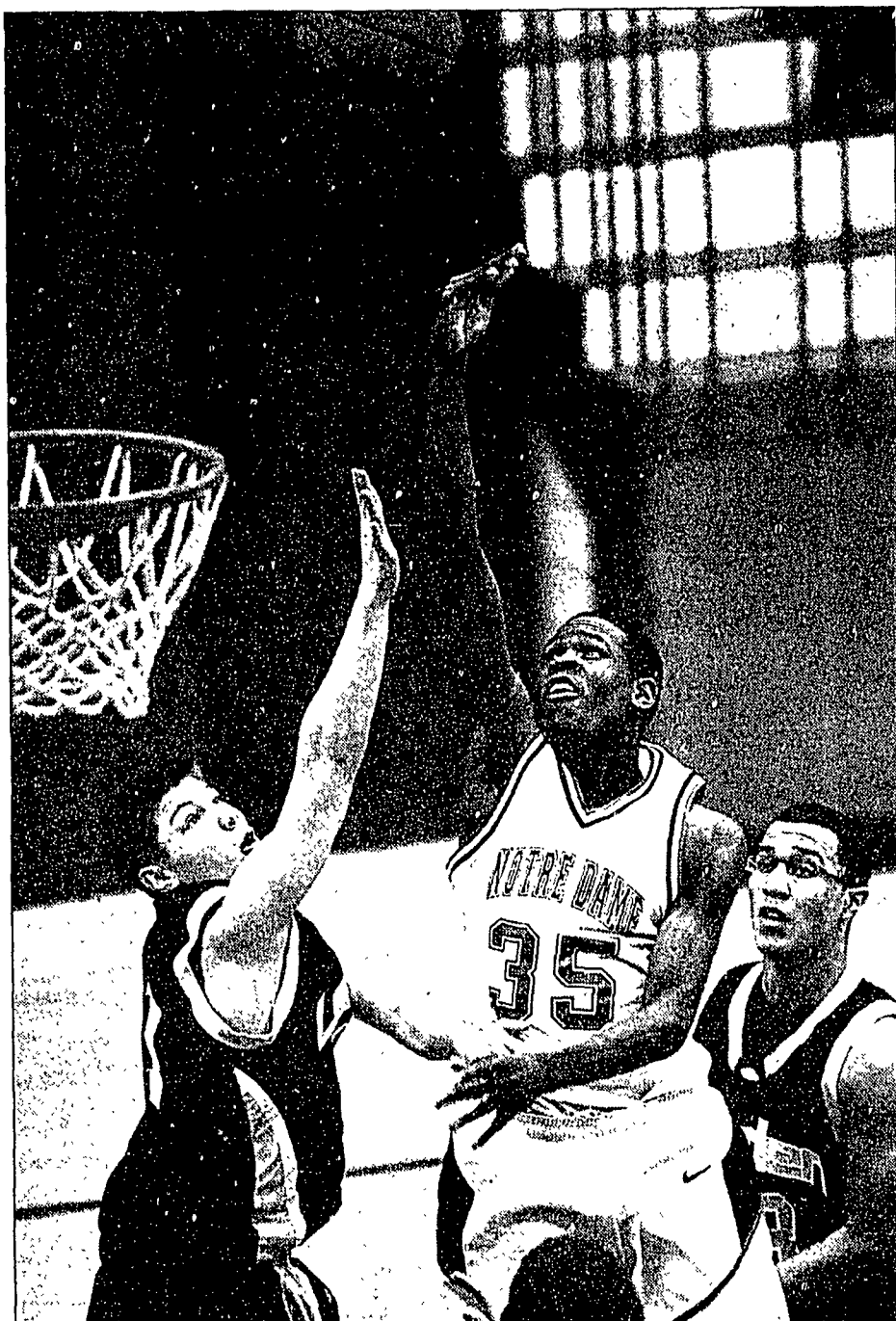
But it was another member of the Class of 2010 who most likely left an impression on fans unfamiliar with GBN's opponent — ND's Shawn Wallace. The 6-foot-1 combo guard scored a team-high 21 points, playing what he described as his best game of the season for the Dons, who finished 20-9.

Wallace, an Evanston native, actually turned in several fine performances during his junior campaign. Despite coming off the bench behind an all-senior starting lineup, Wallace averaged a team-high 14 points and was an all-ESCC selection.

This summer, Wallace is looking to build on his strong finish to the 2008-09 campaign. His play with the Deerfield-based Rising Stars AAU team is beginning to catch the attention of some college coaches. He's also been adapting to his role as Notre Dame's go-to guy, recently leading the Dons to a win over downstate power Peoria Central at the Bradley Tournament.

"I would say (the sectional final) was my best game," said Wallace, who has played varsity ball since his sophomore season. "But I have to play way better than that. That's the bar. I have to keep playing (up to) that type of standard."

After playing AAU ball with Full Package last summer, Wallace switched to Rising Stars. His 17-U Blue team, which also includes local players like Maine South's Justin Wasik and Niles West's Lorenzo Fioli, will be competing in the AAU Super Showcase and AAU National Championships in Orlando, in late July.



Notre Dame's Shawn Wallace (35) puts up a shot against Leyden during the regional semifinals at Notre Dame. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

Before then, Wallace will get a chance to impress college coaches at the Academic All-American Showcase at Joy of the Game, July 12-13. The event gives talented, but not All-American-caliber, players a chance to compete in front of coaches from academically-competitive NCAA Division I, II and III programs.

Wallace already has had a few nibbles from smaller schools like UW-

Lacrosse, St. Mary's (Minn.) and the University of Chicago. A few Div. I schools have also informed Wallace that he is on their radar screen. Rising Stars coach Mike Weinstein said he expects the interest to grow in the coming weeks.

"(Wallace) has real upside," he said. "He has a chance to be good. He has good size and is learning to play point guard. He shoots the ball well, but has to become more consistent off

the dribble. But he can get to the rack, he sees the floor well and he's eager to get better."

Regarding his Notre Dame squad, Wallace is being asked to assume more ballhandling duties since the graduation of all-conference point guard Mike DiGregorio. But developing those skills will only help raise his stock in the eyes of college recruiters.

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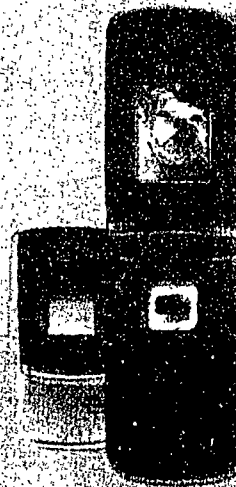
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