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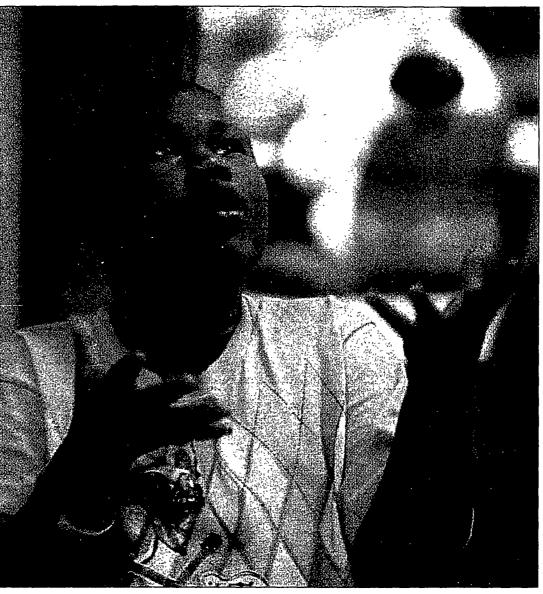
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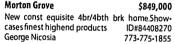
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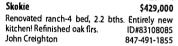
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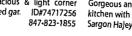
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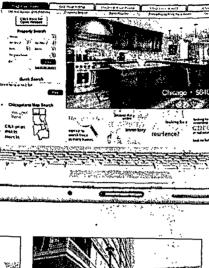
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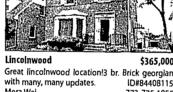
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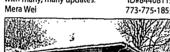


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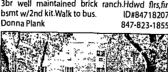






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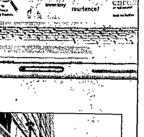




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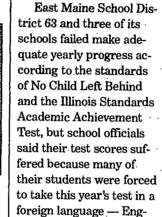
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# **District 63 officials blame language** barrier for inadequate ISAT scores

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More than 80 percent of students at East Maine Elementary School District 63 come from non-English-speaking homes

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Maine Township High

School District 207 recog-

nized three seniors for

their efforts in the com-

munity, and presented

each with a 207's Best

Award for Community

Illinois students with limited English proficiency. or English Language Learners, were required to take the ISAT completely in English.

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Before 2008, English Language Learners (ELL) students took the Illinois Measure of Growth in English (IMAGE) test, which was geared toward children with limited English proficiency.

District 63 Superintendent Kathleen Williams said the elimination of the IMAGE test was responsible for the poor reading scores at several schools that hurt the district's overall Adequate Yearly

and this was the first year Progress, or AYP, standing

> "Clearly, the omission of using scores from the state's IMAGE assessmen for our English Language Learners and forcing our non- or limited-Englishproficient students to take the same ISAT as Englishproficient students made a huge difference in our scores, as we suspected they would," she said. "Three of our schools did not make AYP this year; the same schools that had been recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education for outstanding growth in achievement last year." District 63 was recog

· nized by the state last year because of its gains on the ISAT, and this is the first year District 63 failed to make AYP. Apollo, Stevenson and Mark Twain schools were also recognized last year because of their ISAT gains, and none made AYP this year.

But Williams said a new ELL exam similar to the IMAGE test would be used during the next testing period in March.

"We hope the new ELL test will level the playing field," she said.

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### Service defines new trio of '207's Best' By TONY BERTUCA



The students are: Nestor Zavala, of Maine West, Farrah Malik, of Maine East, and Alexandra Alvarez, of Maine South.

Service

Maine South Principal David Claypool said Alvarez is involved in volunteer activities with Lutheran General Hospi tal, the Maine Township mentor program and summer camp, and St. Paul of the Cross' efforts with Habitat for Humanity, and also serves as a bilingual volunteer for a local elementary-school district.

Malik, of Maine East, participates in the Muscular Dystrophy Association,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207 November honorees as "207's Best" recognized for their community-service efforts included: Alexandra Alvarez, of Maine South; Farrah Malik, of Maine East; and Nestor Zavala, of Maine West.

Maine East's National Honor Society.

"She has coordinated three events outside of school and chose to volunteer her Saturdays and Sundays to benefit the MDA," said Maine East Principal Steven Isove. "So far, Farrah has helped our chapter raise \$1,400 of its \$6,000 goal. There are more events being planned by Farrah. These

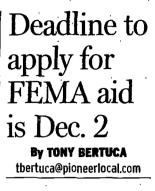
tion at Maine East High School. With those future events, our Maine East chapter hopes to bring in \$6.000. Farrah's hard work, management and dedication are evident in the outcome of this fundraising effort."

Maine West Principal Audrey Haugan said Zavala was a leader in the Hispanic Club and Key

Club, where he organized fund-raisers, dance decorations, Kiwanis Peanut Day, visits to senior centers, food and clothing drives, and campus cleanups

The 207's Best Awards are given out each month to three seniors who have excelled in various areas, such as academic, athletics, community service and the arts.

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The village of Niles issued a statement to residents last week reminding them Dec. 2 is the deadline to apply to FEMA for flood assistance.

Village officials said only 500 Niles residents have called and registered with FEMA since September's floods even though they suspect there are many others who may qualify but have not registered.

"The No. 1 reason för not calling FEMA is that they think only loans are available," according to the village statement. "This is not true. Low-interest loans are available but federal money in the form of grants also exists.

FEMA has already distributed more than \$3 million in grant assistance to residents in Cook County.

"Some of the things that are covered by FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA) go above and beyond insurance claims," according to the statement.

"Temporary housing, ome repair, replacement of household items, medical, unemployment payments, and low-interest loans "

Village officials also urge residents to contact FEMA if they had damage to their furnaces or hotwater heaters

Residents can call FEMA, 1-800-621-3362 (1-800-462-7585 TTY), go to www.fema.gov, or go to the Disaster Recovery Center, 1486 Miner St., Des Plaines.

and serves as president of include: a weekend event. a raffle, and change collec-

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# Vietnam vet tells of family bonds formed with fellow servicemen **By TONY BERTUCA**

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It was winter 1966 when Nick Sarich was drafted into the U.S. Army.

The country was at war in Vietnam, and the 21-year-old Maine East graduate from Des Plaines was soon on his way to fight.

"When I found out I was going, I didn't want to tell my mom, my dad or my sister," he said. "We just didn't talk about it." Sarich even tried to

use an old high school athletic injury to get declared physically unfit, but it didn't work.

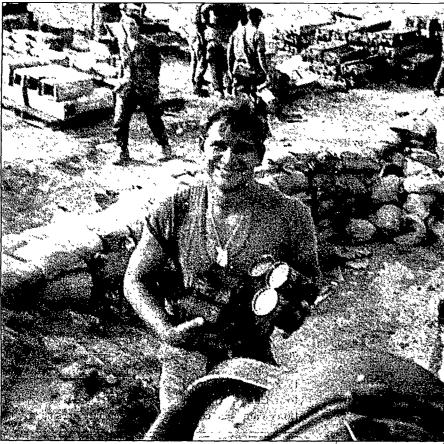
"I didn't want to go," he said.

But Sarich soon took comfort and pride in the unit to which he had been assigned: the 1st Squadron, 1st United States Calvary, also known as the 1-1 Cav and the "Blackhawks."

It is one of the oldest and most storied military units in the United States, and traces its roots to the Black Hawk Indian War of 1832.

"I was gung-ho," he said. "Wherever we went there were bands playing. It made me proud."

Sarich and his unit were at sea for 18 days be-



lietnam veteran Nick Sarich, of Niles fore arriving in Vietnam and it didn't take long for things to get ugly.

One day Sarich and his fellow soldiers were riding in a transport that struck a landmine. The vehicle exploded and Sarich was launched into the air. Ironically, it was his injured knee that the government declared was healthy enough to send Sarich into battle that got him a ticket home

"I dislocated my knee." he said. "I don't really remember much, but when ar those things happen, whether you're religious or not, you say, 'Oh God, I hope I make it home.'."

No one died in the explosion and Sarich made it home. He went to work for a steel company owned by the father of rock star Ted Nugent. He has been married twice (his second) wife died of lung cancer in

2001), and he has a daugh ter named Alexandra, 16. who attends Niles West High School. He now lives

Sarich said he didn't talk about his war experience until the mid-1980s.

"You just didn't talk about it," he said. "There were a lot of people who knew me that never knew I served. It's a haunting thing." Bonds, PAGE 10

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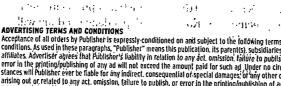
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election night, Republican challenger Mike Sweeney called that evening to concede the election.

**By JENNIFER JOHNSON** iiohnson@pioneerlocal.com

### Democratic state Sen Dan Kotowski will retain his 33rd District seat for a second term after receiving approximately 60 percent of the votes, beating his Republican opponent Mike Sweeney.

Based on unofficial results. Kotowski carried the district with 48.038 votes to Sweeney's 32,118 votes. This includes 46,452 in the 181 suburban precincts and 1,586 in Chicago's seven Northwest Side precincts for Kotowski, and 31,429 in the suburbs and 689 in Chicago for Sweeney.

Kotowski won in all the Chicago precincts and in the seven suburban townships including Leyden, Maine, Norwood Park, Palatine, Schaumburg, Wheeling, and Elk Grove Township where Sweeney is the township clerk. "It was great turnout

Circuit City to close by year's end HERV TONY BERTUCA States, and final sales at comes off the taxicoll is tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com all stores are expected to

Electronics retailer Circuit City filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy this month, and a Niles Circuit City store at 5701 W. Touhy Avenue will be closing its doors soon as a result.

The corporation announced last week it would be closing 155 stores across the United

be completed by the end of the calendar year, according to a statement from Circuit City.

Denise McCreery, 12. spokeswoman for Niles' Department of Economic Development, said losing the store was lamentable, but it would not represent a major loss to village sales-tax revenue. not that appealing, that particular store has not been on our Top 20 list forsales-tax generation for vears," she said. "It's a shame, but this economy.d is what it is." McCreery said she ex-

pects the location to generate interest among other retailers. The Cir-, / counseling and job-placecuit City building is about 33,000 square feet, and "While anything that ... the entire property is

tive property," she said." "It's a'significant parcel; it has a great traffic pattern and we are confident it will be filled."

> She said the store employed about 15 people, and that her office would be available to them for ment assistance.

about 160,000 square feet

"This is a very attrac-

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By KATHY ROUTLIFFE

RANDY BARAN/FOR PIONEER PRESS State Sen. Dan Kotowski watches results at his campaign night party at El Famous Burrito in Park Ridge. Although complete precinct results were not available for the 33rd senate district on

Kotowski carries all parts of district for 33rd state Senate

and I just feel really hon-

ored and excited to serve

the people of my commu-

nity for another four

years," Kotowski said,

resting at his Park Ridge

home the morning after

Kotowski attributed his

win to reaching out to vot-

ers throughout the district

and talking about issues

like property tax relief,

health care, and ending

pay-to-pay politics - is-

sues Kotowski feels "mat-

ter most" to voters today.

district appreciate my in-

dependence and my will-

side of the aisle to get

things done," he added.

ingness to work with both

After spending time

with him family — a trip

to Disney World with his

two young sons is in the

works - Kotowski said

he plans to focus is efforts

what he considers one of

the biggest issues facing

residents: providing prop-

erty tax relief for home-

"I think people of this

the election.

Sweeney, admitting he was disappointed by the results and Republican turnout, said he called Kotowski to congratulate him Tuesday night.

"He knows he has a lot of work to do," Sweeney said. "I hope he and the other legislators can work to get Illinois back on track. That's the important thing."

Sweeney's campaigning for state senate might be over, but another race is right around the corner. Sweeney, a Mount Prospect resident and clerk of Elk Grove Township, said he plans to run for re-election next spring and is beginning the process of gathering signatures for the clerk's race. He said he will also continue his work as Elk Grove Township Republi can committeeman.

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# Schakowsky breezes to win in **9th Congressional District**

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Jan Schakowsky easily von three-way race for the 9th U.S. House District she has held since 1998, beating Niles businessman Michael B. Younan and Chicago retiree Morris Shanfield.

With 524 of the district's 587 precincts reporting, U.S. Rep. Schakowsky, D-9th, won : 69.5 percent margin — 158,277 votes. Republican candidate Younan was at 26.0 percent, with 59,254 votes, and Green candidate Shanfield earned 4.5 percent, with 10,170 votes.

Schakowsky, was one of the guests of honor at Sen. Barack Obama election night rally in downtown Chicago, as a national campaign co-chair.

which began in 1998, when succeeded retiring longtime 9th District Rep. Sidney Yates to keep the 9th - a district split between Chicago and the suburbs, with 204,690 registered suburban voters as of

September, and roughly 280.187 registered in Chicago.

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Schakowsky's own campaign was very low key, despite having election two opponents. Niles husinessman and Air Force veteran Michael Benjamin Younan, said last June he ran in part because he felt Schakowsky was too liberal for her district, because he did not like unopposed races, and because he wanted to support veterans' issues. Chicago retiree Morris Shanfield said he ran on the Green Party ticket to publicize the country's need to restructure as a large-scale environmentally sound economy.

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# **McAuliffe holds onto** his 20th District seat

**By WYNN KOEBEL FOSTER** wfoster@pioneerlocal.com

Shortly after 10:30 p.m. on Election Day, state Rep. Michael McAuliffe, R-20, had already seen enough precinct reports from Chicago and the suburbs to feel confident he'd won reelection to his seventh term in the Illinois House of Representatives. His challenger, Democrat Michael Marzullo, was unavailable for comment on election night.

"I'm happy with the results and very humbled by them." McAuiffe said. "I'm a Republican after all, and this is the Democrats' year."

In unofficial totals for all precincts, available at the end of the week. McAuliffe had 59.48 percent of the vote - 39,951 - compared to Marzullo's 40.5 percent, 16,187.



ALLISON WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Rep. Michael McAuliffe, R-20th Dist., greets his cousie en Whalen Nev. 4 before she votes at the Olympia Park Field House on Chicage's Northwest Side.

In the suburbs, McAuliffe carried all but one of the Maine Township precincts — there were no votes cast for this race in Maine's 32nd precinct ---as well as the Niles Township 9th precinct. In Norwood Park Township Marzullo carried the 10th and 17th precincts and the

candidates each got 50 percent of the 15th precinct. McAuliffe got more than 57 percent of the suburban votes.

In the city, Marzullo won the single precinct from the 29th Ward, and 17 of the 36 precincts in

Mcauliffe, PAGE 8



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'If you don't vote, don't complain' Centenarian's voting history spans FDR-Hoover to Obama-McCain

### **By TONY BERTUCA** tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Pauline Olbrisch, a 100vear-old Niles resident and native of Chicago's Northwest Side, cast her fist presidential vote in 1932 for either Franklin D. Roosevelt or Herbert Hoover — she can't really remember.

"It was so long ago," she said.

And even though the grandmother of 10 has no trouble remembering who she voted for in last week's presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain, she won't tell.

"The last time I said who I voted for, I caught hell," she said.

But after a little prying and some good-natured nagging, Olbrisch is quick

to show her political stripes as a faithful Catholic and coal miner's daughter.

"We should pray for Barack Obama," she said. "We shouldn't condemn him. I put this election in God's hands."

The centenarian also has some advice for anyone who couldn't make it to the polls Nov. 4.

"If you don't vote, don't complain," she said. "So many people don't vote, but then they want to complain."

Olbrisch said one of her main concerns during this election was foreign policy.

"I think 9/11 was just a scratch," she said. "We have to be worried about Russia. They have submarines and missiles." Olbrisch is the daugh-



Pauline Olbrisch, 100, sits with her granddaughter, Suzanne Hlotke, in her room at St. Andrew's Life Center the day after Election Day. Olbrisch has voted in every election since she was 21.

ter of two Polish immigrants who came to Chicago and migrated downstate during the Great Depression so her. father could get a job in

coal country. She later returned to the Northwest Side of Chicago and she and her husband got jobs working for Western Electric. Her

husband has been dead for 30 years, and Olbrisch now lives at St. Andrew's Life Center in Niles. where she is often visited by her granddaughter,

SUZANNE TENNANT/STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Suzanne Hlotke, 55.

"She's an inspiration to me," Hlotke said. "People say I take care of her, but she really takes care of me."

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Hlotke said her grandmother has good combination of traits that have helped her live to be 100 vears old

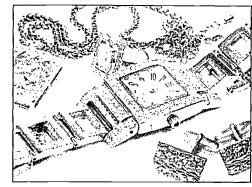
"She's active, she has a great sense of humor, and she has a deep faith," Hlotke said.

Olbrisch, who said she knows a thing or two about hard times after having lived through the Great Depression and-World War II, said the country is in dire straits and needs to get behind its new president.

"We are in a lot of trouble," she said. "So we bet-

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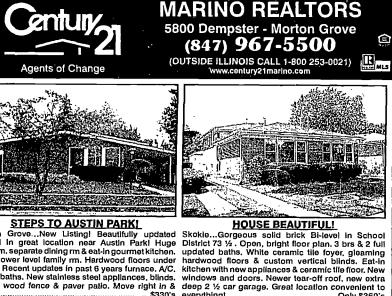














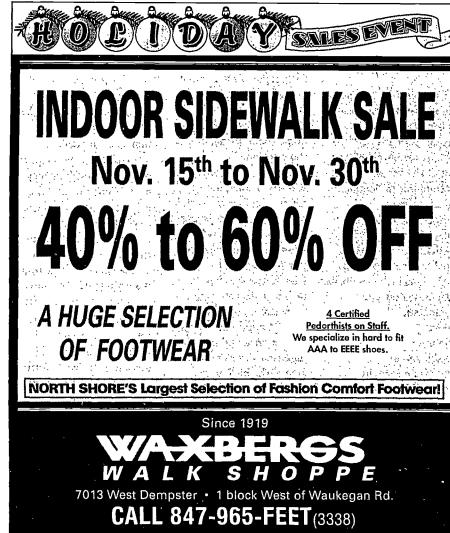
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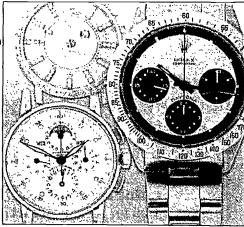
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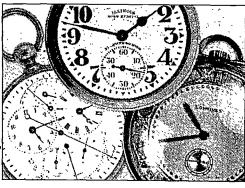
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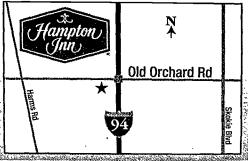
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## **McAuliffe**

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the 36th Ward. McAuliffe carried the 41st Ward precincts. Each won one of the 38th Ward precincts, but McAuliffe won the margin.

"I did well in the 36th Ward and the 41st," McAuliffe said, of his traditional Chicago ward strongholds. "I'm happy with my totals in Norridge and Harwood Heights, too."

In the House, McAuliffe chairs the Veterans Affairs Committee, More often than not, he is the sole Republican from Chicago serving in the Illinois House.

Marzullo, a brick mason, is employed by the city of Chicago Department of Aviation. He has made unsuccessful tries for public office before, for 41st Ward alderman and for state representative.

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BY IRV LEAVITT ileavitt@pioneerlocal.com

Incumbent state Rep. Elaine Nekritz soundly defeated Jim Tatooles on Nov. 4 in the race for the 57th House District.

### **57TH DISTRICT**

In unofficial returns. 23,302 people (about 68 percent) voted for Democrat Nekritz and 10,542 for her Republican challenger, with all 88 precincts reporting.

"I'm excited to have such strong support from the voters, and confirmation of the work that I'm trying to do," Nekritz said.

Asked why she had won by such a margin, she said, "That's a hard question for me, since I tend to be a self-effacing sort of person. But it may have something do with the fact that I do make myself accessible and a lot of people feel that they know



me. And I have focused on some very local issues that are important to people: Flooding and rail con-

Nekritz

"I worked every train station ... so people still know I want this job."

### Rep. Elaine Nekritz

gestion are two things I've rd about a lot." She cited her role in helping bring levees to the

Des Plaines River, leadership in the effort to expand the flood control role of the Metropolitan Water **Reclamation District and** her support for the Cana-

Nekritz easily defeats challenger Tatooles

dian National Railroad in its efforts to buy the E J & E Railroad, which could consolidate rail lines.

"There was a sweeping victory by the Democrats all across the board,"

Tatooles, a Northbrook attorney, said. "People in the 57th district have spoken. We did the best we could. We worked hard and she won fair and square."

Nekritz said last week, however, that neither candidate seemed to campaign hard in this election.

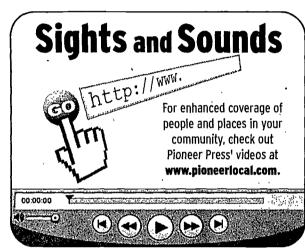
"I have received no reports that my opponent has knocked on a door, shaken hands at a train station or really been to public events where peo-'ple can get to know him," she said.

"I worked every train

station, knocked on doors, and did the kind of work so people still know I want this job.

"But I've still maintained a legislative schedule. I have not campaigned as hard as in the past, though I was still out three or four nights a week at events."

Tatooles said last week that he was campaigning actively, adding "It's a



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grass-roots campaign." Nekritz said the strong

showing by Democrats Tuesday won't last forever.

"We have to do this every two years," she said. "If the Democrats don't perform, we won't be here, so we'll have to buckle down and get to work."

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**RV RONNIE WACHTER** rwachter@pioneerlocal.com

Mount Prospect residents, you are living in the best place in the whole country to raise children.

That is not election-cycle banter from politicians or the canned come-on from a school district ---that is the result of research done by Business-Week.com. The magazine this week declared Mount Prospect the finest municipality in all the land to raise a family in 2008.

The news reached the community's politicians and school districts two weeks ago, when BusinessWeek.com film crews started showing up to covertly videotape a segment for their Web site showing why Mount Prospect is their number one. Unanimously, they said Friday that they were extremely excited about the designation, but not





# Mount Prospect best place to raise kids: BusinessWeek



DARRELL HARMON/FOR PIONFER PRESS Kelly Thompson, 11, Samantha Happ, 11, of Arlington Heights (standing), and Rebecca McLaurin, 13, of Mount Prospect (kneeling), wash cars in September at Holmes Middle School in Mount Prospect for the choir's car-wash fund-raiser.

all that surprised. "Everyone already knows how great it is," Mayor Irvana Wilks said.

"This is our ability to let the rest of the world know."

"It really memorializes

what we've known for a long time," added Joe Leane, president of the School Board in Mount **Prospect Elementary Dis**trict 57. "It's really a credit toward every component of our community."

And BusinessWeek analvzed many of those components while making its search. The criteria included test scores, crime rates, housing options, library and park systems and the business community

"We're hoping this will help put the focus on Mount Prospect nationally," said Jim Uszler, executive director of the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce. He confessed that he could not keep the secret to himself, and started touting Mount Prospect's forthcoming accolade while at a convention of chamber leaders last week in Decatur.

This year, every school

building in District 57 passed the federal government's Adequate Yearly Progress exam, a function of the No Child Left Behind Act that gets tougher every year. Fairview Elementary earned in September the federal Department of Education's highest honor, the Blue Ribbon --- an award River Trails Middle School took in last year.

"My wife and I selected Mount Prospect pretty much for the schools," said Steve O'Mara, president of the River Trails Elementary District 26 School Board. "I'm not surprised at all to see an organization such as BusinessWeek select Mount Prospect."

The village and Prospect High School are organizing a celebration Wednesday at PHS; more details are pending. As the news spreads

Wilks and Uszler said they

hope to parlay the distinction into changes that will make the best place to raise children even better.

"I hope it will help stimulate our local economy and our real estate market." Uszler said.

Uszler doubted it would affect rent or lease rates immediately, but said the report should make properties in the village move more swiftly. Wilks said that when young families come to visit Mount Prospect dur ing the home-buying season next spring, they will find a community with new trees being planted right now.

"We have such good curb appeal to families. she said. '

"It's amazing," she said of receiving the award. "Simply amazing."

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# Des Plaines named No. 2 in Illinois among best places to raise children

### **By PAT KROCHMAL** pkrochmal@pioneerlocal.com

Business Week magazine has named Des Plaines the second-best community in the state to raise children.

The Nov. 7 issue, featuring the Best Places in America to Raise Kids, named neighboring Mount Prospect the best place in the country, which also

made it the best in Illinois. However, Des Plaines was not ranked far behind.

"Mount Prospect just squeezed out several other Cook County communities, many of which also ranked high," the article stated. "The most important factors in our analysis (were) school performance, affordability and safety. But we also

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"I thought this was the greatest place to raise a kid, that's why I raised my kids here. I don't know what makes Mount Prospect better, but it just squeaked by, so the difference between No. 1 and No. 2 is just a hair."

gave weight to cost of living, air quality, job growth, racial diversity, and local

parks, ball fields, zoos, recreation centers, museums and theaters."

Des Plaines Mayor Anthony Arredia was not surprised at his city's high ranking.

"I've been bringing kids and family people to our City Council meetings since I've been mayor, applauding their awards and what they've done for other people," Arredia

said. "We have the kind of community that goes all out for people who are in need. And this designation justifies all that."

Arredia added: "I thought this was the greatest place to raise a kid, that's why I raised my kids here. I don't know what makes Mount Prospect better, but it just squeaked by, so the difference between No. 1 and No. 2 is just a hair."

Business Week partnered with OnBoard Informatics, a Manhattanbased provider of real-estate analysis, to decide each state's best affordable towns for raising children.

They eliminated towns with populations of less than 50,000, and median

household incomes of less than \$40,000 or more than \$100,000. They ended up with a list including some well-known places such as Phoenix, Columbus, Ohio and Ann<sup>.</sup> Arbor, Mich.

The magazine put Mount Prospect in first place because of its fiscal conservatism and community involvement, as well as its inclusion of new immigrants from Poland, Mexico, Korea and India, according to the article. It described Mount

Prospect as "a community with low crime, affordable homes, award-winning schools, ethnic restaurants, a major mall and small town charm."

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Bonds

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Today, Sarich says he can't help but feel alienated in his own country. His complaints range from illegal immigration to phony combat yets to lazy parents to the everyday lack of discipline in Amer-

"This country's being given away," he said. "I voted for McCain."

But aside from his own personal frustrations Sarich said he is proud to

have served his country

and does not regret fighting in Vietnam "There were good

things and bad things," he said.

What could have possibly been good about Viet-

"The guys," Sarich said. "I miss the guys."

Despite the pain of losing friends and the horror of armed conflict, Sarich still has fond memories of his buddies in the 1-1 Cav sticking up for each other and standing together through thick and thin.

But it wasn't until sev-

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eral years ago that Sarich and most of his army buddies reconnected. "Now we talk all the

time on the computer," he said. "Whether it's politics or sending dirty pictures or whatever it might be, we talk all the time."

Sarich said it is similar for many veterans who, bereft of their families and loved ones, carved out new families in military units and formed bonds that last lifetimes.

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■ Donald Kleis, 46, of

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- 8531 N. Ferris Ave., Morton Grove, was charged with DUI on Nov. 8 on the 7100 block of North

Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$2,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 4.

- Carlos Mojica, 19, of 6958 W. Schubert Ave., Chicago, was charged with DUI on Nov. 3 on the 8500 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$30,000 bond and was
- due in court Nov. 5. ■ Robert Majewski, 50, of
- 5836 E. Andover Drive, Hanover, was charged

with driving under the influence of alcohol Nov. 7 near the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Howard Street.

court Nov. 25.

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■ On Nov. 4 a residence

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Alfonso Frasco, 53, of 5587 W. Shelly Court, Wheeling, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Nov. 9 on the 9400 block of North Milwaukee Ayenue. He was released on \$1,000

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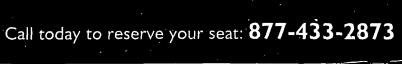
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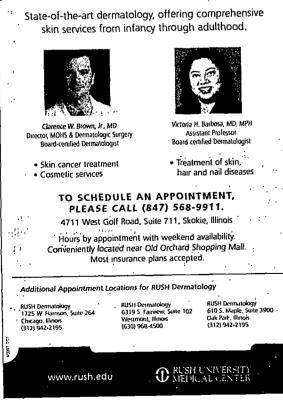


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### **JUGGLING JUVENILES**

Chris Graham, left, and Aaron Nachsin, both 17 and of Evanston, warm up for their children's juggling lesson Saturday afternoon at Niles Public Library.



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Instructor Aaron Nachsin, 17, of Evanston, helps a girl learn to juggle three balls at once during the children's juggling lesson Saturday afternoon at Niles Public Library.

Jav Kaila, 8, of Niles, right, and Tobi Adeyemo, 10, of Des Plaines, left, learn from Aaron Nachsin, center, 17, of Evanston, how to use the diabolo during the children's juggling lesson Saturday afternoon at Niles Public Library.

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# WE SAY Saluting school board members

School board members in Maine High School District 207 and Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 will be saluted by the city of Park Ridge on Nov. 15, which Mayor Howard Frimark has proclaimed to be "School

Other communities may follow, because this new event is being encouraged statewide by the Illinois Association of School Boards. The association is hoping to get momentum going to acknowledge the services of nearly 6,000 school board members across the

With a few exceptions — like Chicago, where the Board of Education is appointed and local school councils with lesser powers are elected - most school boards are elected by the residents of their districts. Serving on a school board is not the glamorous position that some people envision. The positions are unpaid. The hours can be long, with committees and regular meetings, and often considerable research to stay abreast of new education trends and legislation. School boards can't operate in a vacuum.

Some loyal people serve several four year terms, often after their own children are out of the district, because they find fulfillment in this particular branch

Board members assume a lot of responsibility when elected. They have to be sure their district stays fiscally healthy, meets academic standards and fulfills all the mandates set by state and federal governments. They are also responsible for keeping their facilities in good repair and insured, negotiating contracts with various staff unions, hiring superintendents, and establishing policies for operations and edu-

In districts where property taxes comprise the majority of funds used to operate the school system, taxpayers often keep an eagle eye on every part of the budget. They hold the board members responsible for holding expenses and spending to a minimum, finding wise investments and getting the maximum "bang" for their dollars. Prices never go down, but income

Board members also juggle a complicated plate of other topics - who's managing the school lunch program, how a district deals with food allergies, whether there are safe ways for children to get to

school. They have to provide an array of options to handle special education students with extra needs who can't be served in the local schools.

And they also can set their own standards for improving education through the decisions they make,

Unfortunately, while there may be proclamations, there don't yet seem to be too many concrete ideas on how to salute the local boards. You can still address letters of appreciation to your local school boards.

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# I've got the whole wheat blues



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I've sunk to a new health-food low. I sneak whole wheat flour into blueberry pancakes.

My husband chews and swallows with effort. "Did you remember to grind the grain first?"

"Oh. hush," I tease, rounding the table to pour the boys' milk.

"Maybe if I had four stomachs like a cow, I could handle this kind of roughage," he adds, holding the syrup bottle upside down, saturating the pancakes.

"Cows actually have digestive compartments."

He pats his tummy and winks at the kids. "This is my overhead compartment."

I tap his shoulder with an oven mitt. "The kids would eat at fast food 24/7 if I wasn't crafty." "This eats like a craft,

all right," he says. "A craft made of bark." I slather on more De-

Lardo, a new margarine loaded with Omega-3 battery acids. Something must offset this gruesome taste. Even the blueberries jumped out of the mixing bowl to escape this wheat batter.

My oldest wrinkles his face. "Mom, this tastes burned."

This statement quickly gains consensus. My husband excuses himself to get a cup of coffee — at an IHOP 30 miles away. My youngest offers a bite to Kirby, our dog, who sniffs and rejects.

Mrs. Butterworth is shaking her head, saying she'd rather disgrace herself in another Geico commercial than coat any pancake I'd flip.

But when I wash the dishes, I gasp in horror: The pancake batter has fused to the bowl.

This stuff is supposed to be edible, not dry harder than epoxy. I recall the History Channe special about Roman engineering, and how they invented something more enduring than concrete. Centurion pancake batter.

Well, three broken steak knives later, I've scraped, filed and sandblasted. My rubber gloves are shredded. The Brillo pad is mush. And I'm pretty sure that blood in the sink belongs to me.

The bowl, though, is sparkling clean.

In my fix-it arsenal of hammers, nails and Bailey's Irish Cream, I add another tool. Next time something shatters in this house, an heirloom, a photo frame, a 401k account. I'm not reaching for the superglue.

Hello, Aunt Jemima.

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### Homesharing makes housing affordable

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People seek rooms in others' homes for many reasons; some are unable to pay market rents, while others can afford an apartment but choose to save money toward a future down payment on a condominium or townhome. Applicants come from various backgrounds, from retirees, to college students, as well as employed persons.

Homesharing, through an experienced organization, with character screening and a careful matching for compatibility, is truly a win-win concept. More information about The Center of Concern's 25-year-old program can be obtained through a visit to the organization's website at www.centerofconcern.org, or by calling the Park Ridge office at (847) 823-0453.

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# **District 207 recognizes** top three students

Maine High School District 207's Board of Education honored three students at its meeting Nov. 3: Alexandra Alvarez of Maine South, Farrah Malik of Maine East and Nestor Zavala of Maine West.

Among her activities, Alvarez participates in the Maine Township Mentor program, volunteers at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, works as a counselor for Maine Township Summer Camp, has participated in the Latino Summit and has worked with St. Paul of The Cross's Habitat for Humanity efforts. She also serves as a bilingual volunteer for Des Plaines Elementary District 62.

"Placing others before herself has long been a trademark." Maine South Principal David Claypool wrote of Alvarez in a letter to the board.

In accepting the honor, Alvarez told Board of Education members that she hopes to attend Washington University in St. Louis. Malik serves as vice

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Recently the student

body of St. John Brebeuf

School assembled to cele-

brate the installation of its

newly elected student

council officers and class

The ceremony began

with a welcome given by

**Assistant Principal Jennifer** 

**Hodge**, and followed by a

prayer by Father Jacek.

The keynote speaker of the

afternoon was George Van

Geem from the Village of

Niles. Van Geem spoke to

the group about leadership

and service and presented

McGinnis, the new Student

Council president. Other

the ceremonial gavel to

eighth-grader Shannon

representatives for the

2008-09 school year.

St. John Brebeuf

School

president of her school's chapter of DECA, a role in which she is coordinating the chapter's efforts to raise \$6.000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She also is president of East High School's National Honor Society, which recently collected badly needed items for local families affected by the September flooding. She is expanding the Honor Society's charitable efforts to include fund-raising for UNICEF and volunteer work at local soup kitchens this winter.

"She is extraordinary, and chooses to use her talents to help other people," Maine East Principal Steven Isoye wrote.

Malik says she plans to major in finance at the University of Illinois.

Zavala's school and community activities include leadership roles in the Maine West Hispanic Club and Key Club. In his Key Club role, Nestor has organized Peanut Day, Oakton Arms visits, food and clothing drives, Senior Center visits and campus

members of the Executive

Grady, vice president; Nick

Board are Jesssica 0'-

Bartley, secretary; Mimi

director

Speri, treasurer; and Cas-

sidy McTague, school spirit

The officer inInstalla-

tion program concluded

with an oath of office and

ceremonial candle lighting.

This was immediately

followed by the installation

of class representatives.

They are: Grade 4: Caro-

line Rueve, Gina Brennan,

Claudia Capobianco, and

Anne Pilac. Grade 5: Albin

Poothurail, Victoria Mazur,

Tyler Bartley, and Gianna

Rostkowski, Eric Ponzetti,

Heather Mall, and Angelica

Casadi. Grade 7: Melissa

Anderson, Chris Bargione,

Gino Catallo, and Cather-

ine Mazur, and Grade 8:

Andrew Nitz, Tim Duffey,

Romano. Grade 6: Ania

clean-up efforts. He has helped with decorations for dances and done face painting for children at, community events.

"He has absolutely excelled in giving of himself to others, and his countless hours of volunteer work set him apart from his peers," West Principal Audrey Haugan wrote. Zavala hopes to earn a

college major and work in the field of international affairs.

The "207's Best" program recognizes outstanding students each month throughout the school year. Academic achievement awards are given in five of the nine schoolyear months. Community service, improved performance, electives/performing arts and extracurricular honors are given one month each. Teachers nominate students, and an executive committee makes final decisions. Honorees are then recognized by the Board of Education, which instituted the program.

Jimmy Casey, Tara Quinlan, Elise Wittum, Armando Sacluti and Arun George.

### **Notre Dame**

Notre Dame High School, a college prep for young men, will host its Open Houses for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and 11 a.m. t 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at 7655 W Dempster St., Niles. Visitors will receive a personalized tour of the school. For information, or to schedule a shadow day for an eighth grade student, contact LaVerne Bontempo at 847.779.8615 or lbontempo@ndhsdons.org.

### Oakton

African shaman Malidoma Patrice Somé, Ph.D.,

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will be the keynote speaker at the annual Men's Day Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 23 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines.

A West African medicine man and author, Somé was abducted as a child and taken to a mission school where he spent 15 years being indoctrinated to the ways of European thought and worship. Upon returning to his village Somé embarked on a mission to share his tribe's ancestral knowledge with cultures that have become disconnected from the richness of communal life.

The 2008 Men's Day theme, "Ritual and Spirit in the Modern World," focuses on issues of ritual, tradition and spirituality. More than 20 workshop sessions are offered.

Registration for Men's Day is \$65 in advance (the deadline is Nov. 17) and includes lunch. Registration is \$90 at the door. The program is designed for men, but women are welcome.

For more information, or to receive a program brochure, call Paul Johnson, (847) 376-7088, or email pjohnson@oakton.edu; or call Gregory Baldauf, (847) 635-1846, or e-mail greg@oakton.edu. For more information go to www.oakton.edu/mensday.

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Registration for spring 2009 classes at Oakton Community College will begin Nov. 17.

Spring -semester class listings may be found at www.oakton.edu, or in the Spring 2009 Credit and Noncredit Class Schedule, available at the Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road, or Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

The spring semester will begin Jan. 20. Students are encouraged to consult the Spring 2009 Credit and Noncredit Class Schedule for late-start course information.

In-person registration at either campus is 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Apply and register at www.oakton.edu. Students with a current application on file may register at mv.oakton.edu.

For more information about spring classes contact the Advising and Counseling Center, (847) 635-1741 in Des Plaines, or (847) 635-1417 in Skokie.

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A variety of fall courses are offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton

A Fast and Easy Twist on Walls (ART D21-01) provides decorating tips and secrets from a painter experienced in faux finishes. Students may come to class in their "painting clothes," ready for hands-on learning. A materials fee of \$27 is due at the first class. The course meets 6-8:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road. The fee is \$30.

Pastry II (HEC C24-02) offers lessons in creating cakes and exotic desserts from a graduate of the French Pastry School. The four-week course will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursdays starting Nov. 20 at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. The fee is \$90.

Intermediate MS Excel (DPR A84-05) explores advanced operations of the popular spreadsheet software. The four-week course will meet 1-4 p.m. Sundays starting Nov. 23 at Oakton's Des Plaines campus. The fee is \$130.

Construction Trouble Bubbles (TEC E71-01) is for anyone considering newhome construction or a major renovation of their existing residence. The course meets 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Des Plaines campus. The fee is \$120.

For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule go to www.oakton.edu/all, or call (847) 982-9888, and press 3.



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### PEEK AT THE WEEK

### DEADLINES

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 10 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or e-mailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

### AUDITION

The Chicago Rush will be holding auditions for the 2009 Adrenaline Rush Dancers Nov. 30 at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and auditions start at 9 a.m. Arrive early and expect to spend the entire day auditioning. Semi-finalists will continue with mandatory training camp sessions from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 2 and 4 in preparation for the final round to be held Dec. 6 in front of a panel of judges and special invited

guests. Dancers participate in all home games, attend community events, take part in media interviews and promotional opportunities and attend photo shoots throughout the year. Dancers wishing to audition must submit a \$25 non-refundable registration fee, be able to commit to the squad for one year and be age 18 by Nov. 30. For more information and to pre-register, visit www.chicagorush.com or call (773) 243-3434.

### **BAKE SALES**

### Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club Queen of Peace Guild, will hold its 36th annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale the weekend of Nov. 15 to 16, in the newly renovated, elevator-accessible Paluch Hall, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Stop by and see a variety of hand-

made crafts, ornaments, wreaths, afghans, baby knit quilts, dolls, home decorations, jewelry and more. There will also be a grand raffle, bake sale, a turkey booth and Christmas stocking tree for added chances at beautiful gifts and items. Homebaked bread will also be for sale. Proceeds benefit the parish. For more information, call the Ministry Center (847) 823-2550.

### BAZAAR

St. Haralambos Ladies Philoptochos Society will hold a Holly and Ivy Bazaar and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 21 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22 at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. Niles. Holiday bazaar. crafts, gifts, Greek pastries and coffee shop. Lunch served both days, dinner only on Friday. Visit with Santa from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Call Sandy at (847) 647-8880

### BENEFITS

The Park Ridge Board of Northwestern University Settlement will hold its annual fund-raiser on Nov. 23 at the Park Ridge Country Club. The Cherub Brunch and Silent Auction will begin at 11 a.m. Northwestern University Settlement was founded in 1891 to provide resources that empower its West Town neighbors to take personal responsibility for overcoming the obstacles of poverty and improving the quality of their lives. For ticket information, contact Shari Olshansky at (773) 251-0706 or visit www.events.org/cherub.

**Juvenile Diabetes Re**search Foundation Illinois will host the annual Chance of a Lifetime Gala from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at McCormick Place Lakeside Ballroom and Arie Crown Theater in Chicago. It will feature an evening filled with dinner. dancing, auctions, a live performance by Steve

Mike Dellas

Winwood and emceed by NBC 5 anchor Allison Rosati. Through the auctions and Fund-A-Cure, the gala has become JDRF Illinois' second highest earning fund-raising event. To preview auction items or to purchase tickets or tables for the event, visit the JDRF Illinois Web site, www.jdrfillinois.org.

General registration for Hustle Up the Hancock is under way. Participants can register on-line at www.lungchicago.org for the event scheduled for Feb. 22, 2009 at the John Hancock Center with a post-climb expo at the nearby Hilton Suites Hotel. Hustle Up the Hancock. Chicago's world class stair climb, features a 1.000-foot vertical climb up 1,632 stairs to the 94th floor. A 52-floor climb of 816 stairs is also available. All proceeds benefit Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago's lung disease research, education and advocacy programs. Respiratory Health

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Association is also offering participants the opportunity to become Lung Health Champions which secures a spot and preferred start times when the individual promises to raise at least \$1,000 for lung disease research. For more information, visit the Web site or call (312) 243-2000

### Sport Clips stores in

Niles and Chicago are working with Children's Memorial Hospital to help raise funds for the Brown Family Life Center. From Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. Sport Clips' "Clips for a Good Cause" program will donate \$2 per every MVP haircut sold to Children's Memorial Hospital. Sport Clips is open everyday with no appointment necessary, and features TV's playing sports for clients who get their hair cut by "guy-smart" stylists. The participating stores are 5944 W Touhy Ave., in Niles (next to Al's Beef and Fifth Third Bank) and 1223 W. Fullerton Ave., at Racine Avenue, in Chicago.

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If you would like to nominate your favorite charity or organization for Sport Clips' "Clips for a Good Cause" program, contact Ashley Felts at (312) 923-1010

local families in the community at Thanksgiving for some time, this year it is a community effort. Since the need is greater, several Niles banks will be collection sites for food donations. Meals and food will be donated to community area families as well as to area food pantries. Nonperishable food items, including: tuna, canned meats, stews, chili, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauces (no glass items jars), etc. are needed. Every donation you make will go to help families with children in need in the community. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 21 at the following locations: Niles Fire Department, 8360 Dempster; Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center



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has been donating food to at (847) 588-6800. available from the Knights of Columbus Council 4338. The 2009 edition costs \$20 and contains many coupons. For more information. or to reserve a book, call Bob Galassi. (847) 965-0920. Proceeds

go to area charities. **CENTER OF** CONCERN The Center of Concern.

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

Drive; Citibank, 8400 W Dempster St.; First American Bank, 7747 N. Waukegan Road; First Bank, 8720 W. Dempster St.; Fifth Third Bank, 7100 W. Oakton St. and 5950 W. Touhy Ave.; MB Financial. 7757 W. Oakton St.: and PNA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave. If you have any questions, contact Bernadette Knapik-Fish of the Niles Fire Department

Entertainment Books are

closed Nov. 27, 28, and 29 for Thanksgiving.)

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Employment counseling. by appointment.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 -Medicare and tax counseling, by appointment.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 -Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturday, Nov. 22 - Legal counseling, by appointment; Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m. to noon (no appointment needed).

### Center tax counselors

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

**Employment** counseling and preparation of simple of attorney for health care and property also are available by appointment.

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

### CHAMBER

The Niles Chamber of **Commerce** is currently ac-

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Board of Directors positions for the upcoming year. Board member terms are three years. Interested members should contact Katie DiMaria, Executive Director (847) 268-8180, for more information

### CLASSES

TLC: Total Learning **Community** in Partnership with Oakton Community College is offering free Family Literacy Classes Saturday mornings. Free child care is also provided. Participants will learn: about the United States school system; how to report a child's absent from school; understand report cards; prepare for parentteacher conferences; how to complete school required forms: help with homework; and participate during the parent-child activity. Register now. Classes runs from 9 a.m. to noon at Stevenson School, 9000 Capitol Drive, Des Plaines. Classes will start at Stevenson and continue

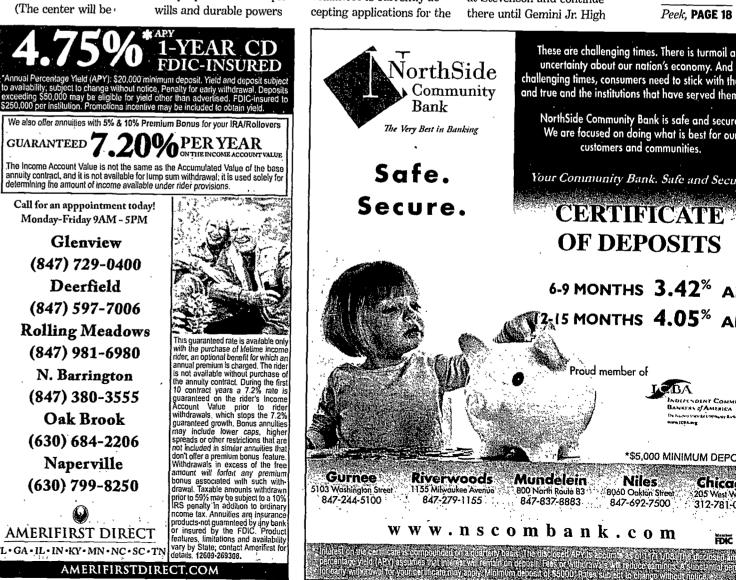
reopens. Note: Child care is available for children who are out of diapers only. If you have any further questions, call Pamela Surber, TLC director, at (847) 827-4137.

Adelia's Closet, a bead store at 9227 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, hosts free beginning jewelrymaking classes at 9 a.m. weekdays. For more information call (847) 966-2323.

### CLUBS

**Northwest Suburban Council** of Genealogists will meet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Forest View Educational Center, Room 100, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. The November meeting will feature Craig Pfannkuche, who will discuss "The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad." He will show how to find personnel records from the Chicago and Northwestern Historical Society as well as records from other railroad historical societies.

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Guests are welcome. Visit www.nwscg.com or call (847) 818-9159.

The St. Tarcissus Parents Club will sponsor a Ladies Night Out (adults only) from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 21 in the St. Tarcissus Auditorium, 6040 W. Ardmore Ave. There will be vendors from PartyLite, Kara Vita, Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia, Mary Kay, Creative Memories and Avon plus purses, candles, clocks, jewelry, manicures, chair massages, and a 50/50 raffle. Wine, beverages and appetizers will be served. Admission is one can of food for St. Vincent DePaul.

### Poets Judith Valente

and Charles Reynard, husband and wife co-editors of the anthology "Twenty Poems to Nourish Your Soul," will discuss the connection between the poetry of Thomas Merton, a famous 20th century Cistercian monk and writer, and that of some current American poets at 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. They will examine how these poets embody Merton's contemplative spirit and find the spiritual and God in everyday life. Interested persons can buy their book at a discounted price at this event sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. Admission is \$5 for visitors and free to members. For more information, call Mike Brennan at (773) 685-4736 (home) or (773) 447-3989 (cell).

Professionals in Learning Disabilities and Special Education will hold its Fall Seminar from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 22 at McCracken Middle School, 8000 E. Prairie Road, Skokie. "Warm Them Up to Writing: Working with Reluctant Writers" will be presented by Dr. Therese Hogan, director of Graduate Programs in Special

Education at Dominican University. Three hours CPDU credit for the seminar. Limited space. Registration is \$40 for members, \$45, non-members and \$30, students. Lunch included. Register and send check by Nov. 17. For more information call G. Lemme at (847) 432-2061.

### Northwest Suburban

**Council** of Genealogists meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Forest View Educational Center, Room 100, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. Guests are welcome. Visit www.nwscg.com or call (847) 818-9159.

LeTip International, a

business networking or-

### ganization, recently opened a new local chapter. Area

professionals seeking new leads, networking opportunities and valuable business tips are invited to join the group, which meets every Thursday at 7:01 a.m. at Omega, 9100 W. Golf Road in Niles. At each meeting, members exchange qualified business referrals, build professional relationships, create alliances, develop public speaking skills and take turns promoting their products and services. Fellow members serve as your sales force, providing access to clients you would not otherwise be able to contact. Also, in every LeTip chapter, each business category is represented by one member to prevent conflicts of interest (once you join, your competition cannot). To learn more about the Des Plaines/Mount Prospect/Niles chapter of LeTip, contact Janet Hansen at (815) 728-1483 or at jvhansen@letip.com. For more information on LeTip, visit www.LeTip.com.

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

### The Knights of Columbus provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. During

the next few weeks the North American Martyrs Council, Niles, will offer several opportunities to have a Catholic man or woman learn about membership in the organization. For more information contact 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. For more information 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 Sylviawood. Guests of all ages are welcome. Call Roger Ginger, (847) 825-2982, for more information.

The Jerseypine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club meets at 7:45 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Des Plaines Elks Club, lower level, 495 Lee St. (two blocks north of Route 14), Des Plaines. Jerseypine Cruisers' Sunday Breakfast Rides leave at 9 a.m. from McDonald's Restaurant at Oakton and Lee streets in Des Plaines. Rides are usually 25 to 85 miles, Call Betty, (708) 366-3822, or Joe, (847) 217-5876, for more information. Visit www.jerseypinecruisers.

### Niles Chapter Toastmas-

ters 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

An Austrian Community Christmas Party will be sponsored by the American Friends of Austria at 6 p.m. Dec. 7 at Café La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, For more information, call (773) 685-1481.

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Italy, 111 W. Grand Ave.,

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mental and international

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sador. Louis P. Vitullo will

moderate a panel of ex-

J.D. Bindenagel, vice presi-

Chicago. The keynote

### American Friends of

Austria will feature a Chicago Zither Club Concert at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 23 at Catholic Kolping Center 5826 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. For more information, call (773) 631-2854.

perts. Breakfast at 7:45 The Village of Niles will host the fourth annual Ina.m. with program at 8:15 a.m. Cost is \$40, members ternational Taste of Niles (formerly known as the and \$60, nonmembers. Call (847) 676-0222 or go Taste of Sister Cities) from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 23 at to www.reia.org. White Eagle Banquets, The U.S. Census Bureau 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. is conducting Employment This year's event will fea-Testing. Thousands of ture culture and cuisine part-time, well-paid jobs from 18 local restaurants. are available with the US representing more than Census Bureau. All posieight countries around the tions require successfully globe. Also on hand will be passing a qualifying exam live musicians, dancers which will be given from 1 and other entertainment to 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at the that reflects the culture Niles Fitness Center, 987 and history of the Niles Civic Center Drive. For Sister Cities in Greece, Iremore information, call 1land, Italy and Poland. Ad-866-861-2010. ditionally, the International Taste of Niles will also fea-**Norwood Park Historical** ture a full cash bar, a silent Society will host its annual auction and a complimen-Norwood Park Holiday tary prize drawing. For House Tour from 11 a.m. to the kids, there will be a 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Norspecial children's activity wood Park Field House, area, and the adults may 5801 N. Natoma Ave., watch the Bears game in Chicago. Visit five private the White Eagle's lounge. Norwood Park homes, Tickets are \$15 for adults, each stunningly decorated \$13, seniors and \$5, chilfor the holidays plus visit dren ages 3 to 12. Children Chicago's oldest home, the under 3 will be admitted Noble-Sevmour-Crippen free of charge. For tickets House, also dressed for the call (847) 588-8449. Tickets holidays. Tickets are \$20 can also be purchased in in advance; \$25 at the door. person at Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, in Niles or at the White Eagle Banquets, Niles. Participating restaurants are Filipino: Filipiniana Restau-

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In anticipation of the holiday season, select Niles area banks are partnering up with the Niles Fire Department to collect nonperishable foods to pair with meals that will be delivered to households in need, within the Niles community. This collection ef-

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fort will take place through Nov. 17. Visit the following Niles area banks to make your food donation for Nov. 13 at Maggiano's Little your neighbors in need. If you have any questions, call any of the banks listed below. Citibank, 8400 W Dempster St., (847) 296-0402; First American Bank, 7747 N. Waukegan Road, (847) 586-2680; First Bank, 8720 W. Dempster St., (847) 768-0140; Fifth Third Bank, 7100 W. Oakton St., 5950 W. Touhy Ave., (847) 967-5300; MB Financial, 7757 W. Oakton St., (847) 583-7833; or PNA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 966-7900.

### CRAFTS

tion.

Notre Dame High School for Girls, 3000 N.

Mango Ave., Chicago, will host its annual Breakfast with Santa fund-raiser Dec. 6. Crafters who would like to purchase a table to sell their handmade wares are needed. The event will run from 8.30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will take place at the school. Contact Pauline Garrett at (773) 622-1541 for more informa-

The Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, will hold its Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 7. Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. and a traditional Irish breakfast follows. The Irish Heritage Singers will provide music for the Mass. Cost for breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children; reservations are required. To purchase tickets for the breakfast, call (773) 282-7035, Ext. 10. All other events are free. Holiday shoppers can browse the bazaar, where there will be a craft sale from Chicago artisans and an Irish-American quilt will be raffled off. The Jolly Holly Bake Shop sells homemade pies, bread, scones, cakes and cookies. Santa Claus will visit from 1 to 3 p.m., and children can have their photos taken with him for free

Catholic Women's Club will

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host its annual Holiday Craft Fair from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 16 in the new Parish Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles (handicap-accessible). A wide variety of seasonal and vear-round handmade items will be featured. There will also be a selection of cakes, cookies, jams and jellies at the bake table. Shoppers can also enjoy a snack or lunch. Adult admission is \$1.

### New Horizon Center for

the Developmentally Disabled will hold its annual Holiday Crafts and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 14 at 6737 W. Forest Preserve Ave. The sale will feature seasonal items. crafts, holiday decorations and baked goods. All proceeds will benefit the children and adults at New Horizon Center. For information, call (773) 286-6226.

St. Haralambos Ladies Philoptochos Society will host a Holly and Ivy Bazaar and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 21 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov.



St. John Brebeuf

22 at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church. 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles. The event will include crafts, gifts, Greek pastries, coffee shop, lunch served both days, dinner Friday only, visit with Santa on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (847) 647-8880.

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» STAGE » The Spew - an improv comedy show riffing on "The View" performs Friday in the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, Next Theatre mounts the Tony-nominated play "Well." Catey Sullivan reviews an "inspiring" production of "Someone Who'll Watch over Me" at Piven Theatre.

### » MUSIC »

Singer/songwriter Loudon Wainwright III performs Saturday at the College of DuPage. Dorothy Andries reviews a Chicago Philharmonic performance of Tchaikovsky and Chopin at Northwestern's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall.

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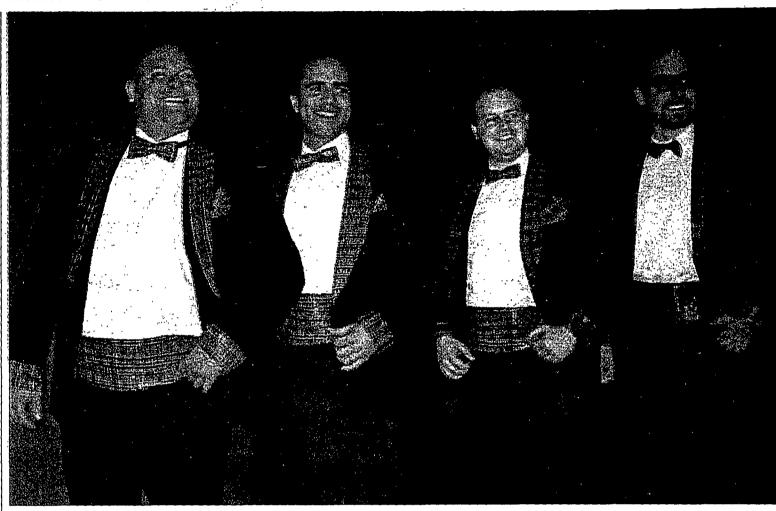
In Entertaining Ideas, Jennifer Thomas writes about an oproing documentary of Barack Obama, recently picked up by HBO: In Reel Time, Bruce Ingram wonders whether the new less-outlandish direction the new Bond films are taking are short-changing us on entertainment value.

### **BRUCE'S TAKE**

"'Slumdog' builds to a high pitch of excitement by cleverly intertwining the nail-biting suspense in the various chapters of the main character's life with the cheesy, but not negligible, tension built into the all-or-nothing stakes of 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." **SEE MOVIE REVIEW PAGE B5** | Falling Star" and "Three

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### **By MYRNA PETLICKI** Contributor

Four singers determined to be the next hot '50s male quartet are killed on the way to their first major concert. This would seem to be an unlikely scenario for a musical comedy staged in Edison Park, but "Forever Plaid" is an audiencepleaser because the Plaids get their chance to perform that concert - posthumously. And they sing such enduring hits as "Catch a

Coins in a Fountain."

The John Waldron Arts Center and the James Downing Theatre are staging Stuart Ross' 1990 musical through Nov. 23, under the direction and musical direction of Chicagoan Micah Fortenberrv.

Fortenberry, who earned a theater performance degree from Augusta State University in Georgia, noted that the initial reason for staging "Forever Plaid" was because they needed a musical that would fit the small venue. "Then, when I read it," he said, "I fell in love with the characters, because they're really fun and they're recognizable."

The Plaids go by their high school nicknames. Jinx and Sparky are half brothers. "They've

both got a bit of shyness in them, but Jinx is probably the most shy, the most humble," Fortenberry related. He's also known for reaching high notes.

"Sparky is the clown of the group. He's the one that's always cracking jokes and trying to make everybody laugh," Fortenberry said. "Humor is his defense mechanism when he gets nervous" Smudge is the worrier and he has an ulcer to prove it.

### Group's glue

"Frankie is the one that holds the group together," the director continued. "He's kind of the rock of the group, even though he can get a little panicky, too."

Steven Lyons of Evanston plays Frankie. Lyons said that playing the member of a dead

quartet is "both exciting and bittersweet. Playing the role is sort of like a dream come true and yet the character is actually living out the dream of giving this concert that he never got to give when he was alive."

Lyons said that Frankie "feels responsible for the other guys. He's not necessarily the leader, but he feels like if things don't go well, it's on him. He likes to take care of everybody. He's the one who interacts with the audience the most, so he has to cover up his nervousness."

The actor admitted that he is not as confident as his character. In fact, even though the 1980 **Evanston Township High** School graduate took some theater classes in college, "I didn't major in it. I was too shy."

Lyons considers acting "a career change for me. I was a journalist for many years working on trade magazines. Then my wife [Janet] encouraged me to audition because she knew I really liked theater. I discovered about five years ago my love for it and I've been hooked ever since."

Because the show has such a small cast, Fortenberry said, "The guys got to know each other really fast and were able to create a nice chemistry onstage that the audience is able to recognize."

"We've become a great group," Lyons added. "I feel like we could go out and perform on our own now'

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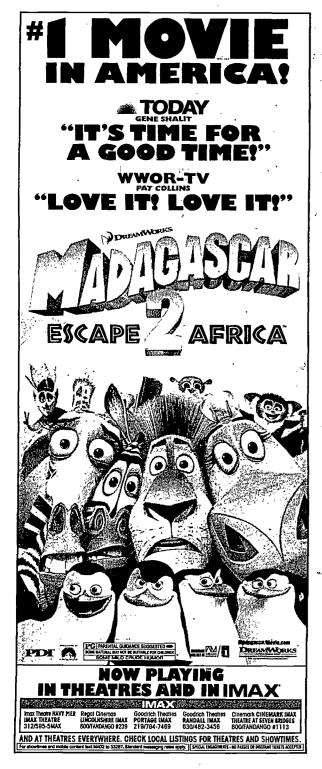
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### LET THE RIGHT ONE IN \*\*\*

The title of this moody and eccentric pre-teen take on vampirism might seem at first to refer to the restriction on bloodsuckers that prevents them from entering the home of a victim without being invited, but I'd say it has more to do with the careful recruitment of a new friend - and notential caretaker – by a savyy 12-year-old vampire girl. Fragile, pallid and frankly omewhat spooky young Oskar Kare Hedebrant) is having a tough time dealing with his divorced parents and the bullies making his life miserable at school when he meets the strange, but strangely intriguing Eli (Lina Leandersson), who is most decidedy not like all the other girls. For one thing, when the boy cuts his palm and offers to make her his blood sister. Eli gets down on the floor and laps up his drippings like a dog: When Oskar finally does figure out that the girl he's come to have fluttery feelings for is actually one of the undead and that she's been draining the bodies of boozebesotted adults in the neighborhood, it doesn't bother him much and it's not much of a leap when he finally has to decide whose side he's on. Swedish writer/director John AjvideLindqvist's grimly 👘 🕔 amusing tale of outsider puppy love was a big winner at this year's Tribeca Film Festival In Swedish with subtitles. (BI) Rated R for some bloody violence including disturbing images, brief nudity and lanquage.

### QUANTUM OF SOLACE \*\*\*

It's hard to know if there's much solace for James Bond in this engeance-driven outing – he tends to be sort of tight-lipped on the subject of his innermost feelings – but he definitely gets a brisk workout. He kills bad guys left and right. hops around the globe from Italy to Haiti to Bolivia, gets involved in high-speed chases in cars, in powerboats in airnlanes and on foot and rivals Jason Bourne when it comes to speed-punching, aerobic hand-to-hand combat. "Quantum of Solace" is basically one long breathless action sequence that's expertly executed and as thrilling as anyone could hope for, but there's not much human emotion to connect with not even grim satisfaction with revenge. Director Mark Foster begins "Quantum" moments after the finale of the franchise-reinvigorating "Casino Royale" - kicking it off in high-gear and rarely slowing down. There's not much plot to speak of, just something about thwarting an evil organization's

attempts to corner the water

supply in Bolivia, but it's pretty clear that Bond's main order of business is wreaking navback on the dastards who did him wrong in "Casino Royale." And that's enough. frankly, to keep the action coming and the adrenaline humming. It would be nice. though, if Craig's Bond could learn to enjoy himself just a little. It's hard to take vicarious pleasure from a story when its hero has all the warmth, humor and charm of a cobra. (BI) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence

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### SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE \*\*\*\*

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Danny Boyle ("Trainspotting." "24 Days Later," "Millions") directed this epic story of a poor Indian slum-kid who has a chance to win 20 million rupees on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" In English and Hindi with subtitles. Reviewed in this section.

### **STILL PLAYING**

### BODY OF LIES

A CIA field agent (Leonardo DiCaprio) in the Middle East clashes with his armchair-warrior boss (Russell Crowe), Ridley Scott ("Kingdom of Heaven") directed the espionage thriller. Rated R for strong violence including some torture and for language throughout.

### CHANGELING **★★ 1/2**

As you might expect, this somber drama about a mother's quest for her missing child has been handsomely mounted by Clint Fastwood, Ron Howard and company and it features an impressive emotional workout from Angelina Jolie. It's a bit too coolly detached to be completely involving, though and it doesn't have the luxury of providing a satisfying resolution to its central mystery. The tailormade-for-the-movies true story revolves around the disappearance in 1928 of nine-year-old Walter Collins and the media circus that develops when the corrupt Los Angeles police department return the wrong boy to his mother (Jolie) and then attempt to force her to accept him to save themselves embarrassment - even resorting to throwing her into a nightmarish psycho ward when she protests to reporters, Unfortunately, "Changeling" has a tendency to resort to melodrama (a few of the more lurid touches in the mental ward could have been taken from the 1948 shocker "The Snake Pit") that calls the entire film into ques-

tion. (BI) (140 min.) Rated R for

some violent and disturbing con-

tent, and language.

### **FILM CLIPS**

### RACHEL GETTING MARRIED in a forgiving mood - like Mintz-\*\*\*\*

Hardcore bad-news girl Kym (Anne Hathaway. achieving the antithesis of her role in "The Princess Diaries") is released from rehab just long enough to throw her sister's wedding into an uproar in this involving (and sometimes exceedingly painful) drama about a family coping with a terrible trauma from its past. Working from a debut screenplay by actress Jenny Lumet (daughter of director Sidney Lumet), which emphasizes naturalism over button-pushing plot manipulation, director Jonathan Demme ("Silence of the Lambs." "Philadelphia") does his best to make us feel that we're not so much watching this story as we are participating in it. And that's not always a comfortable feeling. Demme emphasized spontaneity from his large ensemble cast. shooting without rehearsals with roving hand-held cameras. and the results are fresh, surprising and unfailingly intimate. It will be quite a surprise if Hathaway doesn't receive an Oscar nomination for her complex multilayered performance. (BI) (114 min.) Rated R for language and brief sexuality.

### ROLE MODELS \*\* 1/2

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Considering the somewhateday comic talent involved in "Role Models." it's surprising and a little disappointing that the plot about a couple of man-childs who finally grow up when they have to care for a couple of actual kids turns out to be so thoroughly formulaic. Fortunately, the writers and performers put just enough mildly transgressive spin on the material to make it intermittently amusing and the formula itself provides a modest feel-good payoff. That's an uneasy combination, though, and it doesn't provide complete satisfaction on either count. Paul Rudd (who wrote the script with director David Wain of the MTV sketch-comedy show "The State") and Seann William Scott of "American Pie" star as a couple of slackers who opt out of a jail sentence by agreeing to participate in a Big Brothers-like youth-mentoring program. Naturally, they're assigned nightmarish kids (Bobb'e J. Thompson and Christopher Mintz-Plasse of "Superbad" as a cape-wearing supernerd obsessed with a medievel role-plaving game) who make jail look inviting. It doesn't take long though. for the big boys to bond with the little boys (mutual points of interest include a reverential appreciation for women's breasts) and for the story to slip into paintby numbers mode. But there are a few inspired little touches that could make it worth a look if you're

### Plasse's lament that he looks like a young Marvin Hamlisch. A young Marvin Hamlisch with a cape and a foam-rubber broadsword. (BI) (99 min.) Rated R for crude and sexual content, strong language and nudity.

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### SOUL MEN \*\*\*

A couple of old-school R&B backup singers (Bernie Mac, Samuel L. Jackson) go for a comeback. Malcolm D. Lee ( "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins") directed the comedy. (103 min.) Rated R for pervasive language and sexual content includina nudity.

SYNECDOCHE, NY A theater director whose life is crumbling (Philip Seymour Hoffman) builds a replica of New York inside a warehouse to dramatize his personal struggles. Screenwriter Charlie Kaufman ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind") makes his. directorial debut. (124 min.) Rated R for language and some sexual content/nudity.

### ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO \*\*\*

The raunch is wall-to-wall in "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," but it's really a sweet romantic comedy at heart. As sweet as you can get with former porn star Traci Lords plaving a character called Bubbles - and graphically demonstrating how she got the nickname with a bottle of bubble liquid and ... You don't want to know. Well, maybe you do, but I can't tell you about it here. Gen-X hero Kevin Smith, who has demonstrated a flair for transaression since his 1994 indie debut "Clerks" was slapped with an NC-17 rating for language alone, wrote and directed this surprisingly upbeat and good-hearted story of a couple of lifelong friends (Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks) who decide to produce and star in their own porn movies to restore their squandered finances. What they won't know. until their first sex scene. is that they're in love with each other – a revelation that complicates the scenario in not-especially-interesting ways. The stuff that really resonates for Smith and his excellent cast is the outrageously tawdry comedy that arises from the premise of a crew of gung-ho amateurs going the full monty and much, much more. More evidence that the end of civilization is near, perhaps, but at least there's laughter involved. (BI) (101 min.) Rated R for strong crude sexual content including dialogue, graphic nudity and pervasive language.

Reviews by Bruce Ingram







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"Nutcracker on Ice," presented Dec. 12-14 at the Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St., Evanston. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sal urday; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, General admission tickets are \$8.50; reserved seats are \$9.50. Group discounts available, Call (847) 448-9258. "Mistletoe and Holly," the annual Park Ridge Chorale Christmas concert, will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at St Lukes Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Advance ickets are \$14, \$12 for seniors. Tickets at the door will be \$16, \$14 for seniors. Free admission for students and children under 18. For tickets, call Kyle Cartwright, (847) 825-5499 or Patti Bonk. (847) 825-2216

"Holidays World Tour," presented by Chicago a cappella at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The ensemble will sing music for Christmas from six continents. including works from Australia, Nigeria, Argentina, Canada, Hungary and Japan, as well as Christmas spirituals and Hanukah music by Stacy Garrop and Robert Applebaum. The concert will also feature pieces from Chicago a cappella's latest CD, "Christmas a cappella: Songs from Around the World." Tickets are \$35 for preferred seating, \$28 for general admission, \$22 for sen iors and students. For tickets, call (773) 755-1628 or see www.chicagoacappel-

"Candles and Carols," presented by the Northwest Choral Society at 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$13; \$10 for students and seniors. Call (630) 837-1666 or visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

"An Evanston Symphony Christmas," the Evanston Symphony Orchestra's annual Christmas concert, will be presented at 3 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Evanston Township High School auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave. ABC 7 newscaster Harry Porterfield will serve as master of ceremonies for the performance, which includes selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and Handel's Messiah along with a varied program of other seasonal favorites. The concert also will feature the 100-voice Evanston Symphony Festival Chorus, madrigal and minstrels. The Evanston Dance En emble will also perform. Tickets: \$23: \$10 for children. Special family packages available. Visit www.evanstonymphony.org or call (847) 864-8804 Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra Family Holiday Special, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 and 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The program includes "Brother Heinrich's Christmas," a musical fable by John Rutter, with narrator Peter Van De Graaff. The Maxwell Street Klezmer



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### **Slumdog Millionaire** \*\*\*\*

Most movies about the fulfillment of destiny are concerned with characters rising to rule kingdoms or lead mighty armies or create immortal masterpieces. Is it possible to realize your karmic potential by attempting to go all the way on a TV game show? "Slumdog Millionaire" says yes, indeed, and makes you believe it.

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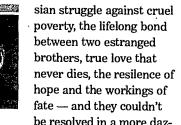


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# **'Slumdog'** hits the jackpot



hope and the workings of fate — and they couldn't be resolved in a more dazzling manner. This one's a must-see. STOLEN AND A DESCRIPTION OF A DESCRIPTIO Based on a novel by the

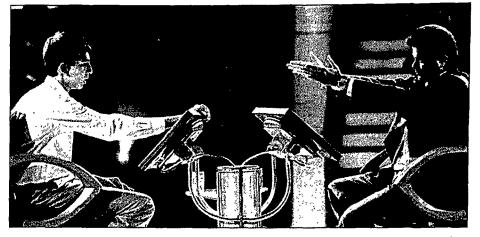
> Indian author Vikas Swarup and featuring a screenplay by Simon "The Full Monty" Beaufoy, "Slumdog" was directed by Danny Boyle (with Indian director Loveleen Tandan). Boyle has already made remarkable films in a wide range of genres including the Hitchcockian thriller "Shallow Grave," the black-comic junkie horrorshow "Trainspotting," the zombie rave-up "28 Days Later," the childhood fantasy-adventure "Millions,"

the apocalyptic sci-fi

drama "Sunshine," but he

may have trumped himself with this Bollywood-inflected rags-to-riches saga about modern India that could almost stand as an update on "Oliver Twist."

"Slumdog" opens on the set of the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," with the uneducated 18-year-old slum kid Jamal (Dev Patel) one correct answer away from winning the ultimate jackpot of 20-million rupees. While he ponders his choice, Boyle cuts away to the previous evening, for scenes of Jamal being tortured and interrogated by police, who are convinced he must have cheated somehow. Then he poses the film's key question in "Millionaire" multiplechoice form: How could a slum-kid who has never gone to school know the answers to questions that should have stumped doctors, lawyers and profes-



Life-schooled: Dev Patel and Anil Kapoor in "Slumdog Millionaire."

sors? Did he cheat? Is he lucky? Is he a genius? Or is it written?

The film then proceeds to demonstrate how Jamal's entire life has led up to this moment — with something much greater than a 20-million rupee jackpot at stake, Each question flashes back to an episode in Jamal's life-from the time of his birth in Mumbai's worst slum, to the murder of his mother during an attack by an anti-Muslim mob, to his recruitment with his criminally inclined brother and his lifelong love Latika by a Fagin-like gangster (only much, much more evil), to his separation from Latika and his desperate search for her - and demonstrates how he learned his answers, sometimes at great cost.

"Slumdog" builds to a high pitch of excitement by cleverly intertwining the nail-biting suspense in the various chapters of Jamal's life with the cheesy,

but not negligible, tension built into the all-or-nothing stakes of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." But it also has a wealth of the cinematic virtues that can be found in most of Boyle's previous films: Breathless pacing, flamboyant visual flair and an almost oldfashioned, spell-weaving approach to storytelling.

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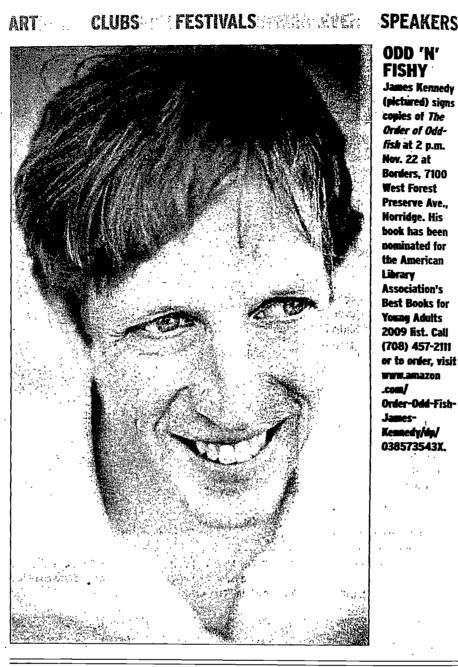
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but also the love of travel, food and music. She has chosen a rich mix of classics (Ellington's "I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart"), lesser-known but great songs (Rodgers and Hart's comic lament "I Like to Recognize the Tune"), and contemporary numbers such as Liza Minnelli's ode to "Sara Lee."

Such an encyclopedia approach reflects the diversity of Nussbaum's influences, which include Chita Rivera and Ann-Margret "who had a sexkittenishness that I was blown away by." She also delved into country music. visiting Nashville during spring break in college, and once joked that she

aspired to be a "Jewish Reba McEntire." But ultimately she re-

turned to her first loves. music theater and pop and jazz standards. Nussbaum occasionally sings this material in private parties with the Maxwell Street band, with whom she has performed for nine years. She hopes "Songs from My Heart" will be the first of many cabaret shows

"There's a ton of music out there that I love and want to put together for a performance," she said. "I'm hoping this will open up the possibility of doing other shows, like songs from the '40s or '50s, or songs from particular composers. This music is so beautiful and I hope interest in it continues to stay strong."

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The marvelous music of Stephen Sondheim will fill the auditorium at 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, Nov. 14-23, when Devonshire Playhouse Children's Theater presents "Into the Woods, Jr."

The junior version is "essentially the first act of the main show," reported director Debbie Price, noting that is the lighter part of the musical, based on fairy tales. "Everybody gets their wish. The witch becomes beautiful. Cinderella gets her prince and they have their baby. The father and the son re unite before he dies."

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Although some of the songs are shortened in the junior version and the orchestrations are somewhat simplified. Price noted, "It's still difficult. Sondheim is very difficult music to sing. The kids have been rising to the challenge."

More than 20 young people, ages 9-17, are in the show.

"There's a great moral to the story," Price concluded. "It teaches getting along-encountering strange people and finding something in common to work together."

Performances are 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. A 'Meet the Characters Tea" after Sunday matinees costs \$10.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

### It's all good

Musician Alan Lieber man promises a good time for all at "Singing Good, Feeling Good," 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. The program for all ages will be held in the first floor meeting room. Tickets must be reserved in advance.

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"Yuletide Treasures," presented by The Lakeside Singers at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. The program includes carols from medieval to modern, holiday fa vorites in pop. vocal jazz. gospel and Broadway arrangements, and an audi ence sing-along. Tickets: \$35; \$25 seniors and students. (847) 577-2121 or www.metropolisarts.com.

Christmas bazaar 9 a.m.-3 n.m. Dec. 7 at the Irish American Heritage Center. 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, The event includes mass at 10:30 a.m., a traditional Irish breakfast, bake sale and visit from Santa Claus. The Irish Heritage Singers will provide the music for the mass. Cost for the breakfast is \$8. \$4 for children, and reservations are required. All other events are free. Call

(773) 282-7035. ext. 10. Radio City Christmas Spectacular, featuring the Radio City Rockettes. Nov. 20-Dec. 7 at the Rosemont The atre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont Numbers include "The Parade of Wood en Soldiers," "The Twelve Days of Christmas " "Sleighride" and "Christmas Dreams." Tickets range from \$25 to \$65. For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (312) 559-1212.

"Santa's Great American Depression Holiday Show! America." sketch comedy and improvisation for mature audiences, presented at 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Nov. 15 and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-Dec. 13. at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwau kee. Chicago. Tickets: \$5 for previews, through Nov. 15: \$10 regular run. Nov. 20-Dec. 13. (773) 283-7071 or www.thegifttheatre.org

New Year's Eve Party, 7 p.m. Dec. 31 in the Fifth Province Lounge at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago, Tickets are \$25, which includes hors d'oeuvres, a champagne toast at midnight, party favors and entertainment by Joe McShane and Joe Cullen, Call (773) 282-7035, ext. 10.

### STAGE

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Feb. 21, 2009; "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," 5 and 8 n.m. \$48. March 24-April 5 2009: Menopause: The Musical." \$46. \*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." at 8 p.m. Nov. 14-15 in Northwestern University's Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater, Theatre and Interpretation Center. 1949 Cam pus Drive, Evanston, \$10. (847) 491-

"Crimes of the Heart" will be present ed by Stage Wright at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14-15, 20-22, and 2 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Wright College Events Theater, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago, General admission tickets are \$10: senior citizen. facuity and student discounts are vailable, Call (773) 481-8037.

"Cupid & Psyche," a play based on a 2.000-year-old Greek myth, will be presented Nov 13-23 at Oakton Communi ty College's Studio One 1600 E. Golf Road Des Plaines, Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays 2 p.m. Sundays, Additional performance at 8 p.m. Thursday. Nov. 20. Tickets: \$10: \$8



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for students and seniors: \$6 for groups of 15 or more. \$5 preview performance will be staged at 8 p.m. Thursday. Nov. 13. (847) 635-1900.

"Forever Plaid," through Nov. 23 at Edison Park United Methodist Church's James Downing Theatre, 6740 N Oliphant, Chicago, Curtain at 7:30 p.m Saturdays and Sundays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors and students, For reservations, call (773) 792-3030

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre 2008 Reading Series, "Powerful Playwrights Under 30," featuring plays by emerging African American writers from around the country. Readings are presented at 3 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Evanston Public Library. 1703 Orrington St. Free. For information, call (847) 448-8260, ext, 109 or e-mail ejov@citvofevanston.org. Dec. 13: "The Skinny" by Samantha Irby "Grey Gardens," through Dec. 28 at Northlight Theatre. in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (except Dec. 10): Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (except Nov. 27 and Dec. 25): Fridays at 8 n.m.: Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (excent Nov. 15) and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Nov. 23, Dec. 7, 21 and 28). Extra show at 1 p.m. Dec. 26. Previews

Nov. 13-19. \$25-\$54: regular run. \$25-\$59. Opening night, Nov. 20. \$75 includes a post-show reception with the company. (847) 673-6300 or www.northlight.org "Indians." at 8 p.m. Nov. 14-15, 20-22; and 2 p.m. Nov. 16 and 23. in North-

western University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston The Tony Award-winning play by Arthu Konit denicts the life of master showman "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Tickets: \$25: \$23 for seniors Northwestern faculty and staff: and \$10 for full-time students. (847) 491-7282.

"Into the Woods, Jr." presented by Devonshire Children's Theater Nov. 14-23 at the Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, Curtain at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sun days. For ticket information. call (847) 674-1500. ext. 2400 .

"The King and I," presented by Rising Stars Theatre Co. through Nov. 23 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Bel mont, Chicago, Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays: 2 p.m. Sundays, Tickets: \$15 \$13 for children under 12 and seniors. Group rates available, Call (773) 736-2490 or visit www.risingstarstc.org. "A Miracle in Miami" will be presented by The Prospect Players at 8 p.m. Nov. 14. 21. 22, 28, 29, with a Thanksgiving Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Nov. 30 at Unity Northwest Church, 259 E. Central Road, Oes Plaines, Tickets: \$10. Call (847) 427-1727 or (708) 579-0787. "Robinson Crusoe." Piccolo Theatre

sixth annual British-style holiday Pan to, Noy. 14-Dec. 20 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston, Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays: 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25: \$20 seniors: \$15 students and children under 10. For ticket reservations. family and group rates call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com. "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me." by Frank McGuinness, through Dec. 7 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St. Evanston. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 2:30 p.m. Sundays. No performances Nov. 27-28. Tickets: \$25: \$23 students and seniors. Group rates available. (847) 866-8049 "The Submarine Mare, and Other Hin

p.m. Nov. 22 in Northwestern Universi tv's Mussetter-Struble Theater. Theatr and Interpretation Center, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. Tickets are \$5 and will only be sold at the door.

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"Well." presented by Next Theatre Nov. 13-Dec. 14 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. 927 Noyes St., Evanston Tony Award nominee Lisa Kron puts herself onstage in a guirky memoir about her mother's fight for racial integration and healthy communities in Lansing, Mich, Performances on Thurs days at 7:30 p.m.: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. with talkback following. Additional per formances at 2 p.m. Nov. 29 and Oec. 6; and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 24. No shows Nov. 27-28. Tickets: \$23-\$38. with discounts for groups, those 25 years and younger, and full-time students. (847) 475-1875, ext. 2. or www.nexttheatre.org.

"The Wizard of Oz," presented by the JCC Young Actors Ensemble Nov. 13-23 in the Flaine & Zollie Frank Theatre at the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center 5050 Church St. Skokie, Perfo mances at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and 20: noon and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 16 and 23. Dress-A-Like and Sing-A-Long presenta tion at noon Nov. 16: audience members will be given a song lyric book and encouraged to sing along with the performers during the show. Also, audience members are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Wizard of Oz character, and there will be a costume contest held during intermis sion. Tickets: \$15. Call (847) 675-2200.

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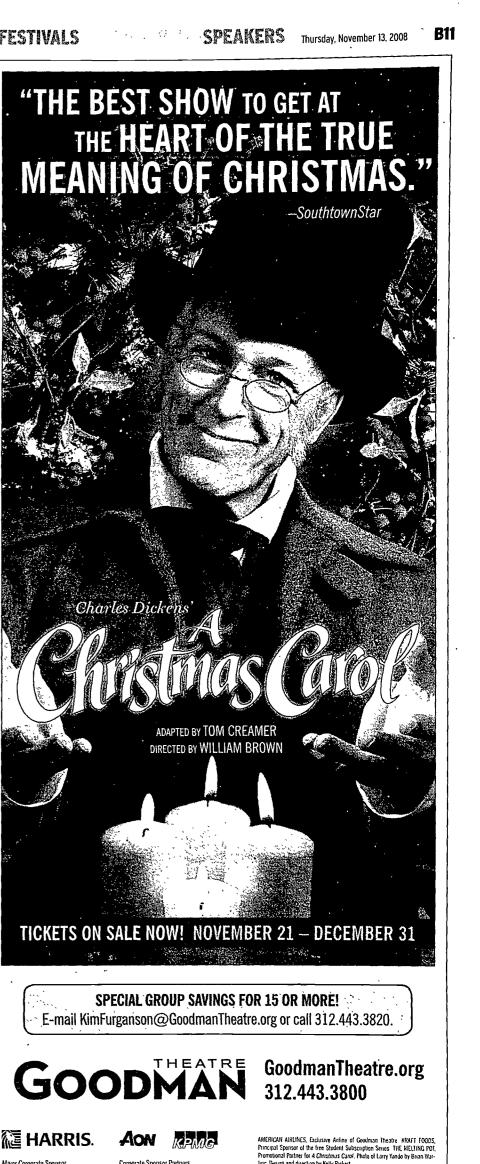
Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212: the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The informa tion line is (847) 635-6601, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Soprano Sarah Brightman. Tick• ets: \$45-\$250.

Ars Viva, conducted by Alan Heatherington, performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts 9501 Skok ie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.arsviva.org. Single tickets: \$64 box seats: \$45 reserved: \$40 seniors: \$16 students. Nov. 23, 4:30 p.m., and Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.: "Passion & Power." featuring Rachel Barton Pine, violin. Bizet: Carmen Suite No. 1: Saint-Saens: Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso Op. 28: Sarasate: Carmen Fantasy. Op. 25: Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E Minor Op. 98. Feb. 22, 2009, 4:30 p.m., and Feb. 23, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: "Energy & Ecstasy," featuring Oavid Taylor, violin, Bernstein: On the Town: Three Dance Enisodes: Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Violin Concerto No 2 ("The Prophets"): Prokofiev: Symphony No. 5, 0p, 100 March 22, 2009, 4:30 p.m., and March 23, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: "Soaring Strings." with Gary Stucka, cello, Bloch: Prayer: Grieg: Holberg Suite, Op. 40; Mendelssohn: String Symphony No 7 in D Minor: Shostakovich: Chamber Symphony, Op. 110. April 26. 2009, 4:30 p.m. and April 27, 2009. 7:30 p.m.: "Beauty & Brilliance." Liszt: Les Preludes; Hindemith: Mathis der Maler.

Barogue Band, a period-instrument orchestra. performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Single tickets are \$30: \$27 senior citizens: \$15 stu dents, Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org. Nov. 20: The

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Cantate, conducted by Benjamin Rivera, concludes its American Music Festival concert series with a cappella works by Bernstein, Barber, Eric Whitacre and others at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 616 Lake, Evanston, Tickets are \$15 at the door or at a discount by joining the email list at www.cantatechicago.org. For information call (312) 804-9783 Chicago Chamber Choir, (312) 409-6890. www.chicagochamberchoir.org.

\$18 in advance: \$20 at the door: \$15 for students or groups of 10 or more. Nov. 15.7:30 n.m : "From Generation to Generation: Sonos of the Jewish People" will be presented in Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 N. Chicago Ave., Evanston. The choir explores Jewish choral music through a program of psalms, liturgical music. folk songs and dances. The program includes Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, with organ, harp, percussion and soloist; two world premieres by Bob Applebaum; and works by Salamone Rossi, Louis Lewandowski, Max Janowski and Israeli composer Yedidvah Admon, Guest musicians in clude harpist Kara Bershad and percussionist Tina Launhlin Chicago Chamber Musicians (312) 225-5226, www.chicagochambermusic.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m.

Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus. 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, Season subscriptions are available in six- five and three-concert packages. Flex Pass subscriptions are also available along with tiered, senior and student pricing. Sinule tickets are \$20-\$40 Nov 16-Böhme: Sextet for Brass in F-Flat Minor Op. 30: Broughton: "Hudson River Vallev": and Dvorak: Piano Trio in F Minor. Op. 65. Feb. 8, 2009: Prokofiev: Overture on Hebrew Themes; Debussy; Première Rhapsodie; Newman: String Quartet; and Mozart; String Quintet No. 3 in C Major, K. 515. March 22, 2009: Debussy: Sonata No. 2: Ligeti: Trio: and Spohr: Nonet in F Major, Op. 31. April 19, 2009: Beethoven: Piano Trio in D Major, Op. 70. No. 1: Sextet for Winds in E-Flat Major. Op. 71; and String Quartet in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 131.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus 50 Arts Circle Drive Evanston (847) 866-6888 www.chicagonhilharmonic.org.Tickets are \$70 on the main floor: \$33 main front wings; \$60, \$33 and \$20 in the balcony: \$20 obstructed view, Feb. 15. 2009: "A Valentine From First Chairs to Music Lovers," Robert Kahn: Serenade in F Minor. Op. 73: Dvorak: Bagatelles, Op. 47; Mendelssohn: Quartet No. 3 in B Minor. Op. 3. March 15. 2009: "Mendelssohn's 200th Birthday," with David Perry violin soloist Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in E Mi-

nor. Op. 64 and Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 56 ("Scottish"), May 31, 2009: "The Emperor Reigns," with Jeffrey Siegel, piano soloist. Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 73 ("Emperor"): Shostakovich: Symphony No. 9 in E Flat Major. Op. 70.

Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, a professionally oriented training orchestra, and its sister group. the Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago. include Sam Park, trombone, of Mortor Grove Jaimie Connelly, oboe of Park Ridge, and Rebecca Goldberg, oboe, of Skokie. (312) 334-7777, Nov. 23, 3 p.m.; The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago and the Protegé Philharmonic of Chicago will present their Fall Showcase Joint Concert in the Harris Theater for Music & Dance at Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago, The program includes works by Verdi Rimsky-Korsakov, Mussorgsky, Ravel and Tchaikovsky, Tickets, \$15, \$10 sen iors and students; \$5 for children under 12.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Stainer Concert Hall 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are \$25; \$20 for senior citizens: \$5 for students. Tickets at the door are \$28. \$23 for seniors: \$5 for students, Feb. 8, 2009; "Made in America: Fusion of the Fiddle." with guest artist Mark O'Connor. The program includes works by lves. Barber, Schwantner and O'Connor, March 22, 2009: "The Voice of the Viola," with quest artist Charles Pickler, CSO principal violist, The program includes works by Mendelssohn, Wagner and Berlioz, May 2, 2009: "The Passionate Piano," with quest artist Cameron Smith. The program includes works by Brahms and

Ichaikovsky Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 in the auditorium of Northeastern Illinois University. 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago. The program includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 1. the Concierto de Aranjuez of Joaquin Rodrigo performed by guitarist Denis Azabagic, and a new medley of Bosnian folk music by Ilya Levinson. Tickets: \$25. Call (847) 920-9569. Lutkin Hall at Northwestern Universi ty 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. Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.: "An Evening of Opera Scenes." featuring graduate students from Northwestern's voice and opera program. Free. Nov. 23, 3 p.m.; Women's Chorus presents a program of choral music from various periods and genres, composed

for treble voices, \$7/\$5/\$4. Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road. Evanston, Information: (847) 491-5441 tickets: (847) 467-4000. Nov, 23, 6 p.m.: World premiere of a musical piece by Max Raimi, CSO violist, commissioned by Midwest Young Artists. and played

by flutist Mathieu Dufour. The program will be comprised of early and new music including a Vivaldi concerto for flute played on period instruments. Tickets are \$7-\$20 and can be purchased by calling (847) 926-9898. Mostly Music Chicago presents pianist Vanessa Perez at 4 p.m. Nov. 23 at a residence in Evanston. As part of MMC's North Shore Series Perez will play works by Albeniz, Villa Lobos and Chopin, with a short reception to follow the concert. Tickets: \$25: \$15 students. Call (312) 287-5761 or visit www.mostlymusicchicano.com Music of the Baroque performs a First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise, (312) 551-1414, www.baroque.org. Single tickets are \$38-\$65: \$25-\$30 students/seniors Holiday Brass and Choral Concert Edward Zelnis, conductor, at 8 p.m. Dec. 18 at Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 W. Division St., River Forest; and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 20, and 3 p.m. Dec. 21 at Divine Word Chapel, 2001 N. Waukegan Road, Techny/Northbrook, Jan. 18. 2009 7:30 p.m.: "Glover Conducts Mozart," featuring the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra, Kimberly McCord. soprano, Jessye Wright, mezzo-soprano, Peder Reiff, tenor, and Peter Van De Graaff, hass-haritone Feb. 22, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: J.S. Bach: The Mass in B Minor. Nicholas Kraemer. conductor. Featuring the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra, Amy Conn. soprano. Toye Dahlberg, mezzosoprano Harold Brock, tenor, and Thomas Mediloranza, baritone, March 29, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: "Celebrate! Handel. Havdn, Purcell, Mendelssohn ", Jane Glover, conductor, Featuring the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra. Sarah Gartshore, soprano, Emily Lodine. mezzo-soprano. Rvan Belongie alto, Harold Brock, tenor, and Douglas Anderson, baritone, May 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: "Musical Fireworks," featuring Music of the Barogue Orchestra. Nicholas Kraemer, conductor, The program includes Handel: Concerto a due cori No. 2 in F Major; Haydn: Symphony No. 80 in D Minor: Haydn: Symphony No. 92 in G Major (Oxford); and Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks Music Institute of Chicago Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave. Evanston, (847) 905-1500, www.musicinst.org. Nov. 14, 7 p.m.; Sundays @ 7 free faculty recital featuring Bill Dresden, in the Thoreson Performance Center. Free. Nov. 15, 9:30 a.m.; Organ master class presented by Chicago organ ist David Schrader. Free. Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m.: High school students in MIC's Academy program present an orches

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North Shore Charal Society concerts are at 3 p.m. Sundays at the Parish Church of Saint Luke, 939 Hinman Ave. Evanston, Single tickets in advance are \$22: \$20 seniors: \$12 students. Tickets at the door are \$25; \$22 seniors; \$15 students, (847) 272-2351, www.northshorechoral.org Nov 23 "The Extraordinary Ordinary" with

quest conductor Julia Davids. The program includes mass movements by Giovanni Palestrina, Antonio Vivaldi, W A. Mozart and Franz Schubert. Soloists are Laura Heimes, soprano, Nina Hee hink mezzo-sonrano Trevor Mitchell tenor, and Ryan O'Mealey, baritone March 1, 2009: "Music for the Soul." with guest conductor David Stech. The program includes choral selections from Sergei Rachmaninov. Leonard Bernstein and Maurice Durufle, May 31 2009: "Ethereal Light," with quest con ductor David Edelfelt. The program includes works by Gabriel Faure, Sergie Rachmaninov and Morten Lauridsen. Northeastern Illinois University, Steinberg Fine Arts Center Recital Hall 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, (773)

sa Perez. Northfield Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago will host a luncheon followed by a lecture. Puccini Heroines in a New Light: Their Untold Stories" on Nov. 20 at the Evanston Golf Club 4401 Demoster St., Skokie, The lecture will be presented by Geoffrey and Ryan Edwards, authors of Verdi and Puccini Heroines. Social hour at 11 a.m.; luncheon at noon, and program at 1:15 p.m. \$40, Call (847) 729-8648 for reservations by Nov. 15.

442-4636, Nov. 21, 8 n.m. Pianist Vanes

Northshore Concert Band performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless otherwise noted. Individual tickets \$15: \$12 seniors: \$6 students (847) 432 2263, www.northshoreband.org, Feb. 15 2009: Program includes Dana Wilson's "Shortcut Home" and Hindemith's ymphonic Metamorphosis, April 19 2009: Steve Cohen, professor of clar inet at Northwestern University joins the NCB to perform Michael Daugher ty's "Brooklyn Bridge." The all-American program also includes Frank Tiche li's "Wild Nights": Chance's "Elegy": and Tull's "Sketches on a Tudor Psalm." June 7, 2009: Program includes Samual Barber's "Commando March" Clifton Williams' Symphonic Dance No. 3. "Fiesta" and a band arrangement of Hello, Dolly

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermel, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road. Des Plaines, Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour pri-Or to each concert individual concert tickets are \$20: \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students, Season tickets for the fourconcert series are \$60; \$45 for seniors \$30 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult, www.northwestsvm phony.org. Nov. 16: "Mozart & Friends featuring Larry Combs, principal clarinet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Debussy: Nocturnes J, IJ; Mozart: Clarinet Concerto: Grieg: Peer Gynt Suites I, II. Jan. 18, 2009: "Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln," with Mel Zellman, WFMT radio announcer, as narrator, Charles lives; The Unanswered Question; Aaron Copland: A Lincoln Portrait, March 29 2009: "Scotland and the Sea," with lordanka Kişsiova, violin. Mendelssohn: Findal's Cave, Stenhen Paulus, Sea Por traits: Bruch: Scottish Fantasy. May 31, 2009: Family Pops Concert with Allan Steele, cello. Offenbach: Ballet Parisien:

l lovd Webber: "Memory" from "Cats": Williams: "E.T." highlights; Williams: Pieces from "Schindler's List". Dvorak-Cello Concerto.

The Orion Ensemble performs at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chica go Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$25: \$22. for senior citizens: SIA for students Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. March 29, 2009, 3 p.m.: Laura Elise idinger's "Celestial City"; Max Bruch's Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano On. 83: and Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No 1 in O Minor On 49 June 7, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: Beelhoven's Variations on a Theme from Mozart's "Don Giovanni": John Williams' "Viktor's Tate" and Theme from "Schindler's List"• Franz Liszt's Fantasie on Theme from Venti's "Rigoletto": and Venti's String Quartet in E Minor. Parix Ridge Civic Orchestra presents

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concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Individual tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861 or visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org. Dec: 3, 7:30 p.m.: Holiday Pops and Sing-Along, with Cheryl Wilson, soorano, Feb. 8, 2009, 2:30 p.m.: Italian Opera at the Pickwick, with Sarah Hibbard, soprano, and James Cornelison, tenor. Featuring selections from Verdi's "I Vespri Siciliani," "Il Trovatore" and "Nabucco." Puccini's "Madama Butterfly." "La Boheme" and "Tosca," and Leoncavallo's "LPanliacci." March 15, 2009, 2:30 p.m.: "Strings 'n Ihings," with Robert Hanford, violin, the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Strings and the Maine South Chamber Orches tra Strings. Vivaldi: The Four Seasons; and Tchaikovsky: Serenade. April 26. 2009, 2:30 p.m.: The Spirit of Brahms: A Requiem, with the Park Ridge

Civic Orchestra Chorus; the Park Ridge Community Church Chancel Choir, the Music Institute of Chicano Chorale Sarah Hibbard, soprano soloist, and Peer Van De Graaff, bass-baritone

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University. 50 Arts Circle Drive Evanston, Information; (847) 491-5441: tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff: and student rate. Nov. 13, 7:30 n.m.: British pianist Stephen Hough in concert. \$22/\$20/\$10. Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble in a prooram that includes Richard Strauss Serenade in F-flat: Boyd and Votta's arrangement of Richard Wagner's "Trauermusik": Bernard Rands' "Cere monial" and more, \$7/\$5/\$4, Nov, 18, 7:30 p.m.: Evening of Brass, "400 years

of Masterworks for Brass Ensemble." \$7/\$5/\$4. Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.: The Inter national Contemporary Ensemble will present a chamber music concert. \$7/\$5/\$4. Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra. "Russian Treasures," including Yuri Falik's "Symphonic Fludes": Sergei Rach maninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor: and Sergei Prokofiey's Sympho ny No. 3 in C Minor. \$9/\$7/\$5. Nov. 23. 7:30 p.m.: Philharmonia, "Great British Composers," including William Walton's "Crown Imperial" ("Coronation March"); Benjamin Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" ("Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcell"): Eric Coates' "London Suite" ("London Every Day"); and Edward El par's "The Wand of Youth Suite" and "Pomp and Circumstance, Military March No. 1 in D Major." \$7/\$5/\$4. Nov 24, 7:30 p.m.: Contemporary Music En-

semble, "Concertinis," \$7/\$5/\$4. Dec. 4 7:30 n m : Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra "First Symphonies." Program includes Elliott Carter's Symphony No. 1: Kennan's arrangement of Sergei Prokofiev's Clarinet Concerto in D Major; and Reethoven's Symphony No. 1 in C Major. \$7/\$5/\$4. Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Band Wildflowers - The Music of Percy Grainger." \$7/\$5/\$4. Dec. 7. 7:30 p.m.: Guarneri String Quartet, with special quest string bassist Peter Llovd. \$25/\$22/\$12. Dec. 11. 11:30 a.m.: Mezzo soprano Denvce Graves will conduct a master class featuring gifted students from the Bienen School of Music's voice and opera program. \$7/\$5/\$4. Dec 12 7:30 n m Pianist Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations program, "Basking in Beethoven," Featured works will include Beethoven "Für Elise" and "Farewell" Sonata in E

flat, \$23/\$21/\$16

Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwest-. ern University. 60 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston, (847) 467-4000. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU fac ulty and staff: and student rate. Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Sax ophone Ensemble will present diverse transcriptions and original music. \$7/\$5/\$4. Dec. 7. 10 a.m.: Guarneri String Quartet will present a master class. Free. Dec. 7.1 p.m.: A Conversa tion with the Guarneri String Quartet. Admission is free.

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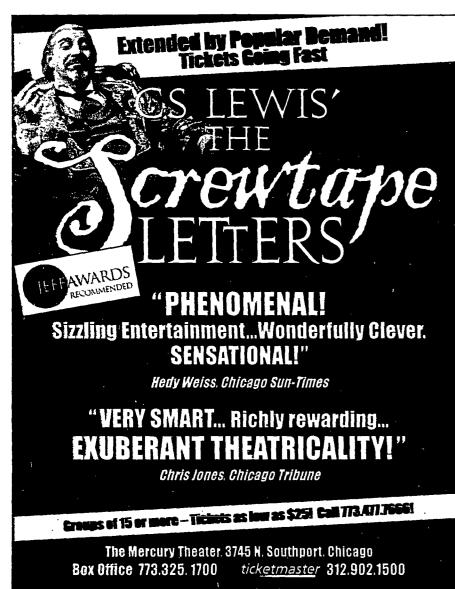
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Dec. 7, 3 p.m.: "Vivaldi's Seasons," with guest artists Emity Lodine, mezzo-soprano, and violinists Teresa Fream, Kathleen Braver and Yuan-Oing Yu. Program includes Brahms' Two Songs for Alto: Bach's Arias from Cantata No 182; Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons"; and Inzart's Quintet for Clarinet and Strings, Feb. 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.; "February Fantasy." The program includes Britten's Phantasy Quartet: Richard Wernick's Sextet for string quartet, bass and piano; and Shostakovich's Piano Quintet

Skolde Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$22-\$36; \$9 for children. Free preconcert lectures begin at 1:30 n.m. Fo tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. Jan. 18, 2009: Featuring the winners of the Young Artist Competition, Liszt: Totentanz: Schubert: Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished); Beethoven: Overture to "Fidelio": Saint Saens: Violin Concerto No. 3. March 15, 2009: Featuring Karen Frost, flute, Jennifer Stucki, oboe, Noah Lambert, trumpet, and Rebecca McCulloch, vio In. J.S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2: Haydn: Symphony No. 104 ("London"): Glazunov: Symphony No. 3. May 17, 2009: Featuring the Ryan Opera Center Ensemble, Mozart: Overture to "Abduction From The Seraglio": Symphony No. 38 ("Prague"); and opera scenes, semi-staged.

St. Luke's Church, 939 Hinman Ave. Evanston, Nov. 16, 5 p.m.: American Guild of Organists, North Shore chapter, presents French organist Sophie Veronique Choplin in recital. The program includes works by Mendelssoh Franck, Rachmaninoff and Widor, Tickets: \$10 for general admission \$5 for students: \$20 for reserved seats near the organ console. Call Jerry Jelsema, (777) 944-0684

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The Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St., Chicago. (773) 478-4408. www.abbey out.com. Sundays: Traditional trish Session with Devin Shepherd, 4 n m Tuesdays: Open Mic Night with Nick Gonzales, 8 p.m. Wednesdays: Swee water Meltdown, 9 p.m. Thursdays: House band, 8 p.m.

Alistate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212: the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The informa-

Young with guests Willie Nelson and Everest, \$50-\$250. Dec. 12, 7 p.m.: Oasis with special quest Ryan Adams & the Cardinals, \$69,50, \$49,50, \$39,50, Jan. 3. 2009, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Trans-Siber ian Orchestra, \$48, \$38, Jan, 26-27, 2009, 7 p.m.: Metallica with Machine Head, The Sword, \$79.50, \$59.50. American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St. Evanston. (847) 573-0443. www.chicanobluegrass.com Bluegrass Legends Concerts - doors open at 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: \$20; \$15 for senior citizens and children. Nov. 14: Carrie Hassler & Hard Rain. Nov 29 The Chanmans Bill's Blues, 1029 Davis St., Evanston, (847) 424-9800. www.billsbluesbar.com. Cover charges vary. Sundays, 4 p.m.: Lilfest Open Mike. Mondays, 9 p.m.: Paul Doppelt and Friends (blues/rock), Tuesdays 8:30 n.m. Blues Jam hosted by The TFB Band, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.: Pro Jazz Jam with Mike Finnerty. dnesdays, 10:30 p.m.: John Nance Urban Dance Mix (DJ). Nov. 13, 7 p.m.: The Railiacks (mck), Nov 14.6 nm The Sidemen Big Band (jazz), Nov. 14, 8:30 p.m.: The Johnny B. Moore Blues Band ov. 15, 3 p.m.: Big Time Entertainment (rock), Nov. 15, 8:30 p.m.: Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater Blues Band Nov 15 11:45 p.m.: TRC Events Presents (world music). Nov. 20, 6 p.m.: Big Time Enter tainment (rock). Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m.; The Prohibition Orchestra of Chicago (jazz). Nov. 21.9 nm . The Sammy Fender Blues Band, Nov. 22, 3 p.m.; Big Time Entertainment (rock). Nov. 22, 8:30 p.m.: Melvin Taylor & the Slack Band (blues). Nov. 22, 11:45 p.m.: TRC Events Presents (world music)

tion line is (847) 635-6601. Dec. 9; Neil

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, (847) 864-1679. www.cellicknotpub.com. No cover un less noted otherwise. Mondays, 8 p.m. midnight: Bluegrass and mots music with the Mudflapps. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session. Nov. 16 and 30, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch, Nov. 22, 10 p.m.: Creek Road Ramblers. Dec. 6, 10 p.m.: The Bluegrass Advocates Centre East in the North Shore Center or the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.cer treeast.org. Dec. 27, 8 p.m., and Dec. 28, 3 p.m.: Mandy Patinkin performs popular standards from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Harry Chapin, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter, with Paul Ford on piano. Tickets: \$85 Jan. 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: Elvis Birthday Tribute. \$49.50. March 14, 2009, 8 p.m.: "Get Back!" The cast of Beatlemania ecreates the era and music of the Fab Four. \$42. May 9, 2009, 8 p.m.: The Rat Pack is Back. \$58. Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave.,

Niles, (847) 647-8282, www.thechambersonline.com. Tuesdays and Wednes

days, 7-10:30 p.m.; Buddy Charles ni anist/singer. Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.-midnight.: Jazz Jam with John Bany, Char lie Braugham and Don Stille. Sunday music is from 5-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday music is from 9 p.m.1 am Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dpol.org. Advance registration re quired for activities unless noted otherwise. Nov. 23. 2 p.m.: "Abraham Lin coln in Sono." Using period music and Lincoln's own stories, folksinger and

songwriter Chris Vallillo will bring Abraham Lincoln to life. Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave (at Howard), Skokie, (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org. Dec. 13: Whiskey Bucket Blues Review with Charlie Rossiter, Henry Berry and Jack following 8 p.m. open mike (7:30 p.m. sign-up, all genres, all acoustic). \$5. Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200. www.famousfreddiesroa house.com. Shows start at 9 p.m. Fri days and 10 p.m. Saturdays, Nov 14:11 bido Funk Circus, Nov. 15: C-Factor (classic to current pop rock covers). Nov. 21: Spunk (party rock) with an opening set by Camouflage Sun. No 22: Bad Medicine (Bon Joyi tribute). Nov. 26: Coverguri (party rock). Nov 28: Revene (atternative rock covers and originals) with an opening set b Sure Fire Groove (blues rock), Nov. 29 JP & the Cats (disco '70s, MTV '80s) Hogeye Folk Arts hosts concerts at Lake Street Church of Evanston, 607 Lake St. (847) 475-6165. www.hogey folkarts.org. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.; doors onen at 7 n.m. \$15; \$13 fo senior citizens: \$5 for students: free for children under 12. Nov. 22: Larry i

Nicole with Rick Veras. Irish American Heritage Center 4626 N Knox Ave. Chicago (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.: Irish Heritage Singers will present Céad Mile Fáilte/One Hundred Thou sand Welcomes." \$15; \$12 for IAHC members: free for children II and ur der. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridavs and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - Nov. 14: Paddy Homan's Band. Nov. 15: Celtic Ground hous Nov 21-22 Dennis O'Rourke Nov 28: Anish, Nov. 29: The Dooley Broth-

Kafein Espresso Bar, 1621 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 491-1621. Mondays 8:30-10:30 n.m.: Open mic event for musicians, poets, and light correct sketches. Sion-up starts at 8 p.m. Lincoln Restaurant, corner of Lincoln, Damen, and frving Park Road, Chicago Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m.: The Windy City Jammers, featuring Jim Pacidor of Glenview, John Pitt and Jack Condor of Park Ridge, Ernie Michaels of Elk

Grove Village, and Phil Schwimmer of Skokie, play American popular songs. Call (847) 208-6055. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lin-

coin Ave. (847) 965-4220. Nov. 16, 2 n m.: Nightclub in the Afternoon, fea turing Mary Anne Riehl. Na Mele Aloha, the Hawaiian music

ensemble from Oakton Community Colege, performs at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at The Tiki Terrace, 7597 Lee St., Des Plaines; and at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at Cheeseburger in Paradise, 1472 Market St., Des Plaines. For information, call Earl Essig, (847) 272-0762 or e-mail earlessig@aol.com.

Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Nov. 18, 7 p.m.: Barrage, featur ing an international cast performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance. The cast of Barrage includes six violinists/vocalists.one drummer.one bass player, and a guitarist. Niles West and Niles North musicians will also perform onstage with Barrage. Tickets: \$15: \$10 students and seniors. For tickets and information, call (847) 626-2116. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S.

Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Nov. 13. 7 n.m.: Jazz Lizards present music of Duke Ellington, the Gershwin brothers, Cole Porter and others.

Pete Miller's, 1557 Sherman Ave. Evanston (847) 328-0399, www.petemillers.com. No cover charge, no minimum. Music from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Fri days and Saturdays. Wednesdays: Bobby Broom Trio, Thursdays: The Skinny. Nov. 14-15: Eddie Harrison's Jump Stars. Nov. 21-22: Bob Dogan Trio. Nov. 26: Dan Zemelman Trio. Nov. 28-29: Brian Gephart Quartet.

Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston, (847) 467-4000, Most ticket prices listed in three categories: gen eral public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Dec. 4. 7:30 p.m.: Jazz Small Ensemble Concert. Admission is free.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethe atre.com. Concert tickets \$15 in advance: \$20 at the door, unless noted otherwise, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.; Doug Lofstrom and the New Quartet present classical, jazz and world music. Nov. 15 7:30 p.m.: Bounding Main (nautical mu sic). Nov. 16, 2 p.m.: "Songs From My Heart," a one-woman cabaret show featuring Kimber Leigh Nussbaum. Maxwell Street Klezmer Band vocalist Nov. 16, 7 p.m.: Sons of the Neve Wrong (folk). \$20/\$25. Nov. 28-29, 8 p.m.: Jim Post, with special guest Randy Sabien (folk), \$20/\$25, Dec. 5, 8 p.m.: Milt Trenier holiday concert. Dec 6-7. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Charlene Brooks presents "Love Stinks." Dec. 12, 8 p.m.: "Holiday For Swing," presented by the Bob Acri Octet, Dec. 13-14, 8 p.m.; Guitars of Spain. Dec. 19, 8 p.m.: The Pinups present "I'll be Home for Christmas." \$20/\$25.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanstor (847) 492-8860.

www.evanstonspace.com, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.: Liquid Soul with My Dear Disco. \$10, \$15. Nov. 16, 2 p.m.: Odetta presents jazz, blues and spirituals. \$40, \$65. Nov. 16. 8 p.m.: Anne Heaton and Rose Polenzani CD release party. \$10, \$12. Nov. 19, 8 p.m.: The Steak House Mints CD release show with Nicholas Barron Band, \$8, \$10, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.; Trina Hamlin and Katie Smith. \$10, \$12. Nov. 21, 8 p.m.: Mike Flynn's North of Memphis with The Tabasco Sound Kitcher SI5. Nov. 22. 8 p.m.: Brendan James with Kelsey Wild. \$12, \$15. Nov. 23, 8

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p.m.: Adrianne with Daphne Willis, \$10. \$12. Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.: Chicago Barn Dance Company. \$6. Nov. 26, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Acoustic Chicago. \$8, \$12. Nov. 28, 8:30 p.m.: Evanston Hip-Hop Night with Prob Cause & the Dysfunk tional Hipnotik. \$8, \$10. Nov. 29, 7 p.m.: Hogeye Folk Arts 30th Anniversary Show. \$20.

### **ART GALLERIES**

Dittmar Memorial Gailery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-2348.

www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar. php. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily Admission is free. Through Dec. 17: "Focus on Africa: Celebrating 60 Years of the Program of African Stud

Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, (847) 491-4000, www.block museum.northwestern.edu. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; noon-5 p.m. Satur days and Sundays, Admission to the museum is free: unless noted, admission to all programs is also free. Through Nov. 30: "A Letter from Japan: The Photographs of John Swope." Swope's photography portrays Alllied prisoners of war, Japan's people, and the country's battle-rayaged landscapes in the immediate aftermath of World War II, Through Nov. 30: "Drawn from Memory: Holocaust and History in the Art of Samuel Bak," in the Print. Drawing, and Photography Study Center, Through Dec. 14: "Magdalena Abakanowicz; Reality of Dreams," in the Alsdorf Gallery.

Irish American Heritage Center Art Gallery, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago (773) 282-7035. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Through Nov. 16: "Samhain/Day of the Dead ... Thinking About Persephone." a mixed media group show that celebrates the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain and the Mexican Day of the Dead. This year's exhibit again includes simila traditions of other groups, including the Greek culture. Exhibiting artists in clude Sean Culver, Charlie Thorne, Laura Coyle, Kim Laurel, Fletcher Hayes, Lourdes Guerreo, Miquel Lopez-Lemus, Kanra Fleming and Pauline Kochanski. Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030, www.mitchellmuseum.org. Admission to events is included with an entrance donation to the Mitchell Museum. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults: \$2.50 for senior citizens, students and children. Maximum admis sion per family is \$10, Through Dec. 24 "Transcending Roundaries: American Indian Traditional and Contemporary Art from the June and Bernard Kleban Collection." The museum recently received a donation of more than 250 works in diverse media from the collection of June Kleban of Wilmington, Del., and her late husband Bernard. About 100 of these new acquisitions will be on display, including oils, water colors, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, bas kets, dolls and wood carvinos. Through Dec. 24: "On the Plains: The Art of Potawatomi Artist Woody Crumbo," featuring oil paintings and prints by Woodrow "Woody" Crumbo (1912-1989), a Potawatomi from Oklahoma Refuge: Center for Artists in Recov ery, 4811 Main St., Skokie. (847) 673-3737. www.refuge.com. Through Dec. 12: "The 12 x 12 Show." The group exhibit

requires all artists to create works of

art that have a 12"x12" boundary.

### **AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

### STAGE

The Open Door Ensemble invites those age 55 and over to join its group of area seniors in creating, directing and producing one-act plays and monologues. The ODE meets at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave Evanston, regularly throughout the year. Playwriting and acting classes taught by professional instructors also are available. Most of the staged read ings are performed in public libraries, schools, community and senior centers, and retirement and nursing homes at no charge. In addition, a more complete showcase of juried plays and monologues is presented an nually. Call Norm Bowers, (773) 274-1981, or Colleen Keaveny, (847) 272-7148

### MUSICIANS

The Chicago Celtic Pipe Band rehearses from 7-9 n.m. Tuesdays at the Joseph Seib Center, 4009 N Ozark, Nor ridge. All are welcome, regardless of age, gender or experience. Free lessons and refresher lessons are provid ed. For information, call Jim Enright, (773) 286-7833.

Mount Prospect Community Band seeks new members. Rehearsals are from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays in RecPlex Music Room, 420 W. Dempster St., Mount Prospect, Anyone with high school or college band experience may ioin. Music and percussion equipmen provided Call (847) 640-1000 Na Mele Aloha Hawaijan music ensemble seeks musicians who play ukulele or upright string bass. Re hearsals are held in Des Plaines. Call Earl Essig, (847) 272-0762, or e-mail earlessig@aol.com.

Northwest Symphony, Orchestra, Paul Vermel, music director, seeks string players. Rehearsals are from 7:30-10 p.m. Mondays in Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines Call June Gordon, (847) 965-7271.

### SINGERS

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

Chicago Swedish Glee Club male chorus is seeking experienced singers who enjoy performing four-part choral music. The club annually performs a Christmas concert, spring classical concert and many summer Swedish events. There is no need to be of Swedish heritage. The group rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, September through June, at Diemasters, 2100 Touhy Ave., Elk Grove Village, Singers must be ane 18 or older. Prospective members may attend a rehearsal and arrange an audition with the music director, Steve Burke, For information call Walter Magnuson, (773) 631-4534. Des Plaines Harmonaires welcome singers to join them from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Church. Howard and Lee streets. Des Plaines. No audition needed. Call Alberta Fisch er. (847) 699-0546.

Mount Prospect Community Chorus seeks singers. No auditions or experience required. The chorus meets from 7:15-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Mount Prospect Park District Rec Plex, 420 W Demoster St.

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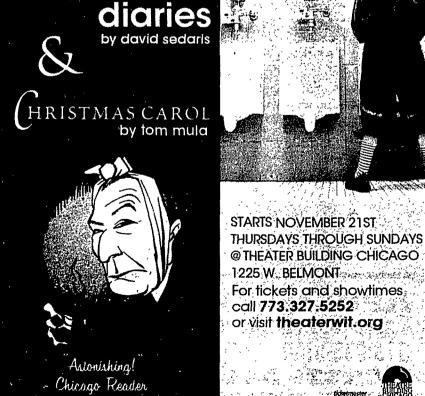
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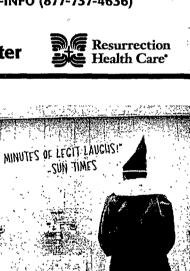
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art choral singing. The group performs throughout the year singing Norwegian and American songs and coordinates a festival of song each spring. The chorus also participates in a bi-annual "Sangerfest," which is held in different locations around the country. Rehearsals are held from 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays at the Estonian House in Lincoinshire. September to June. Call Chuck Kessell, (773) 481-5941, or Karl Tangeros, (773) 631-9682, or visit www.norwaysings.org

Northwest Choral Society seeks bass, tenor, alto or soprano singers with previous choral experience. Auditions will be held during rehearsals on Tuesday evenings, through March 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines. The chorus presents three concerts of classical and popular music each season, including a holiday concert, a winter concert and an early summer concert. To schedule an audition. call (773) 504-3426 or visit

www.nwchoralsociety.org. Paul Lindblad Choristers, a concert children's choir for ages third grade and older, promotes musical literacy, performs quality repertoire with a high evel of artistry, and offers a concert series. In addition to choral music, vo cal technique (breathing, posture), stagecraft, stage presence, improvisa tion, musicianship (ear training, music reading, sight singing), and principles of drama are also taught. Call (847) 120-9200 or visit www.plchoristers.org. Skokie Concert Choir seeks male and female singers at any level of choral experience. No auditions are held. The choir performs a variety of music.

### from classical to Broadway, and performs two concerts annually, under the direction of conductor Michael Lewanski, and with accompanist Adrian Metzger, Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, September through June, at Old Orchard Junior High School, 9310 Kenton Ave., Skokie, For information, visit www.skokiechoir.org or call (847) 674-3219

### DANCERS

The Chicago Rush arena football team will hold auditions for the 2009 Adrenaline Rush Dancers on Nov. 30 at the Stephens Convention Center Rosemont. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and auditions start at 9 a.m. Semifinal ists will continue with mandatory training camp sessions from 7.10 p.m Dec. 2 and 4 in preparation for the fi nal round, to be held Dec. 6. Represent ing the Rush both on and off the field. dancers participate in all home games (held at Alistate Arena in Rosemont) attend community events, take part in media interviews and promotional opportunities and attend photo shoots throughout the year. Dancers wishing to audition must submit a \$25 nonrefundable registration fee, be able to commit to the squad for a full year and be 18 years old by Nov. 30, 2008. For information and to pre-register, visit www.chicagorush.com or call (773) 247-7474

### ARTISTS

St Reatrice School in Schiller Park is seeking crafters for its 26th annual

Christmas Craft Show, to be held Dec. 5-6. Call (847) 678-1752 or visit www.stbeatricecraftshow.com Brickton Art Center, 147 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, is accepting submissions for solo exhibitions. To have work considered, submit the following; a letter of interest stating the type of exhibi-

tion proposed: a slide sheet of 8-20 slides, digital files or prints, with name. title of work, size of work, medium, date of completion: a résumé or curriculum vitae: an artist's statementself-addressed stamped envelope if slides/prints returned are to be returned; and a \$15 non-refundable submission fee made payable to Brickton Art Center, Submissions will be held until reviewed by gallery jury panel. Call (847) 823-6611.

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 Lincoln Ave., seeks artists to exhibit their works. Call Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator, at (847) 674-3806.

### BENEFITS

"Foiled Again," a cabaret act featuring Allison Bazarko, Rob Lindley, Anne Sheridan Smith and Jeff award win ning Doug Peck as musical director will perform in the Wilmette Theatre Education Project's holiday benefit at 7:30 nm Dec 15 at Evanston SPACE 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$30 per person. For information and reservations call (847) 251-1197

"Been There ... Done That ... Here We Go," will be presented at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 W. Golf Road, Mount Prospect, Trinity's chancel choir, praise band and bell choir will be joined by soloists Tyron Mitchell and Tom Weaver, performing selections from the musicals "Singsa ional Servants" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat " A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Trinity's building fund. Call (847) 439-0950 or visit www.trinitvmp.ora.

"An Evening with Rising Stars," an auction, raffle, food, wine and musica gala to benefit North Shore Choral So ciety, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at Jewish Reconstructionist Congrega

tion, 303 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Lyric quired for activities unless noted oth-Opera artist Philip Kraus emcees the erwise. Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion of program starring vocalists chosen by Diaging To America by Anne Tyler the music schools of DePaul, North Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 Park, Northwestern and Roosevelt uni N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. versities Tickets are \$50, \$75 and \$100 www.irishamhc.com. Dec. 7, 2 p.m.: Raffle tickets are \$20, \$50 for three. Writer, producer and performer Mike and \$100 for six. Visit www.northshor Houlihan will read from and sign his choral.org or (847) 272-2351. book, Hooliganism. Great Irish Ameri The St. Patrick Parent's Club and can Books and Authors book discus-Thespian Society will present "Big Top sion group meets at 2 p.m. the second Sunday of the month, unless noted Stop Inn ... Before You Drop" murder otherwise. The discussion is led by Virmystery dinner theatre at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Stahl Family Theatre. ginia Gibbons, a teacher at Oakton 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Adults Community College, Dec. 14: An Irish only Tickets: \$50. For reservations, Christmas by John B. Keane and How the Irish Invented Slang by Daniel Cas-sidy. Jan. 11, 2009: The Whitest Flower contact Patti Fabrizio at (773) 282-8844, ext. 257, or ofabrizio@stpatrick.org by Brendan Graham. Feb. 8, 2009: Nat-The Makem and Spain Brothers. The ural History by Maureen Howard. March 8, 2009: The Poor Mouth by Larkin and Moran Brothers. The Chancey Brothers and The Dooley Flann O'Brien. April 12, 2009: Roscoe by Brothers, all in concert at 8 p.m. Nov. William Kennedy, May 3, 2009: The Snapper by Roddy Doyle. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lin-22 at The Irish American Heritage Cer ter, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, Procoln Ave. (847) 965-4220. Nov. 23, 2 eeds benefit the Tommy and Mary Makem Fund in direct support of Th p.m.: Betsey Means of Woman Lore por American Cancer Society, For tickets, trays the title character in the book. all (773) 282-7035, ext 10. Alicia: My Story by Alicia Appleman Ju-The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra will Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. hold its 12th annual tea at 12:15 n m

Nov. 22 at the Park Ridge Country Club. \$45 per person. Call (847) 692-7726 or visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org "FlvI" a showcase of circus talent, will

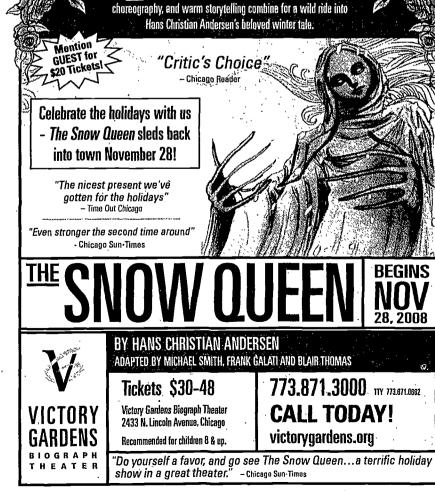
be presented at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 22 at The Actors Gymnasium, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noves St., Evanston, The show will feature a double trapeze act, a magician and more. Proceeds benefit the Actors Gymnasium renova tion project. Call (847) 328-2795.

### **BOOKS & POETRY**

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Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m.: Discussion of Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louy, led by representatives of the Wildwood Nature Center . Reservations for this special book discussion can only be made by calling (847) 692-3570. Nov. 20, 10 a.m.: Discussion of Whiteman by Tony D'-Souza.

### **CHILD'S PLAY**

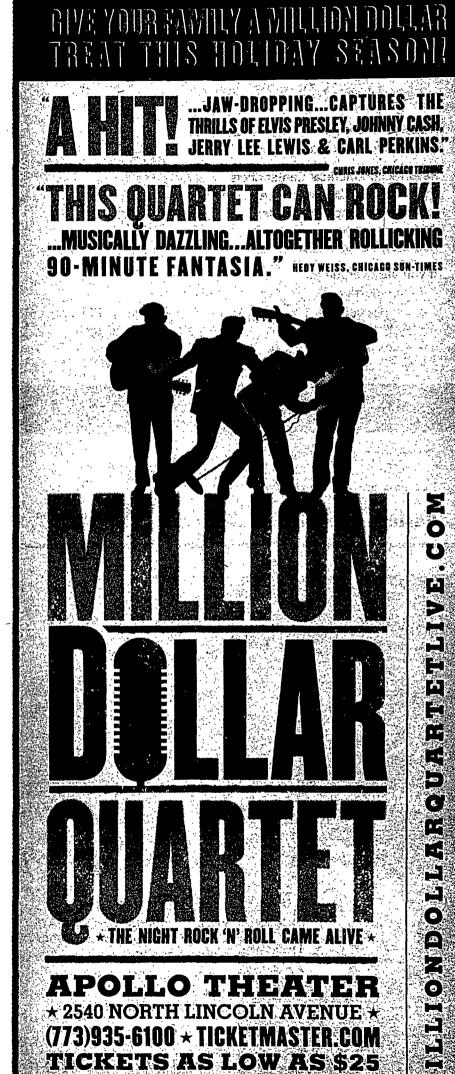
Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.cen treeast.org. Feb. 28, 2009, 1 and 3 p.m.,

"School House Rock Live!" \$18. April 19. 2009, 1 and 3 p.m.: Junie B. Jones. \$18. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Filinwood St. Des Plaines (847) 827 5551 www.dppl.org. Registration required for programs unless noted oth erwise, Nov. 15, 11 a.m., Family Time, for children with autism in grades K-8 Nov. 20, 4 p.m.: Stories & More, for grades K-2, Nov. 22, 1 p.m.: Drop-Ir Thanksgiving craft. Nov. 30, 2 p.m.: Seasons Greetings Magic Show. Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview. (847) 832-6600. www.kohichildrensmuseum.org\_Hours: 9:30 a m -noon Mondays: 9:30 a m •5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Special members-only hours from 9-9-30 a m Monday-Saturday Admission \$7.50; \$6.50 for senior citizens; free for children under 1

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian. 3001 Central St. Evanston. (847) 475-1030, www.mitchellmuseum.org. Suggested donation is \$5 adults; \$2.50 senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. Kids Craft Mornings are offered from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Museum staffers and volunteers lead informal workshops where children learn to construct simple versions of tradition al Native American objects and engage in other hands-on activities related to native culture. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the museum. Kids Craft Workshops are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary. Nov. 22: Miniature woven rugs. Dec. 13. Coup sticks.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincol-

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nwoodlibrary.org. **Tuesdays**, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.: Stories and More. for children ages 3-5. Each 45-minute session includes books, board stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: Stories and More for children ages 3 and under and their caregivers Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. (847) 965-4220. Nov. 14, 4 p.m.: Screening of "Kung Fu Panda," rated PG. Nov. 15, 2 p.m.: Roberts Marionettes presents "A Secret Garden." Nov. 15 3 p.m.: Beads for Teens and Chainmaille Jewelry, Supplies and instruction will be provided. Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m.: Family Reading Night Party featuring Imagination Theatre's Read

All About It. Nov. 28. 2 p.m.: Screening of "WALL'E," rated G. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. (847) 663-6623. www.nileslibrary.org. "Babytime" offers stories, songs and play for children up to 2 years of age at 11 a m Mondays Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at North-

western University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000 www.nickstaiger.org, Kids Fare series, featuring hour-long concerts for children ages 3 to 8 and their families. All Kids Fare concerts begin at 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$6: \$5 for senior citizens: \$4 for children. Jan. 10. 2009: "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra and More' program will feature composer Beniamin Britten's salute to the symphony orchestra, Jan. 24, 2009; "Strike Un the Band!" Trombones, trumpets, horns, tubas, flutes, clarinets, oboes, saxo

phones, bassoons and percussion in struments will be featured during a program of music written for band. Feb. 14, 2009: "Percussion Eruption" concert will focus on lively music composed for percussion instruments. Feb. 28.2009 Northshore Concert Band presents "Musical Gems From the Northshore." April 4, 2009: "I've Got Rhythm and So Do You " featuring dancing by the Jump Rhythm Jazz Pro-

"Robin Hood and Maid Marian," presented by Evanston Children's Theatre at 7 p.m. Nov. 21, 3 and 7 p.m. Nov. 22 and 3 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, Tickets are \$8 and will be available at the door. For nformation, call (847) 448-8250. Rosemont Theatre 5400 N River Road, Rosemont, Tickets are availabl at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212<sup>•</sup> the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more in-

formation about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. Dec. 13, 11 a.m.: The Laurie Berkner Band, \$35, \$25.

Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, Nov. 14, 17, 20-21, 24-26. Dec. 1 4-5 8-10 12, 10:30 a m. Nov. 14, 21, 24-26, noon; and Nov. 15, 1 p.m.: "Sleeping Beauty." presented by Chicago Kids Company. Tickets: \$10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com Wunder Studios Performing Arts Con servatory offers classes in the Pickwick Building in Uptown Park Ridge, 3 S. Prospect Ave. Offerings include group musical theatre quitar and drum classes for children 5 and older. as well as private music lessons for al instruments There are also Musik-

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garten classes that build music and movement skills for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Visit www.wunder studios.com or call (847) 685-2030. The YADI Club (Youth Arts/Dance In-

ternational) holds dance classes for teens and younger students at the Jefferson Park Fieldhouse, 4822 N. Long. Classes are conducted by Tina Mangos Dance. (773) 282-5108 or www.tinamar

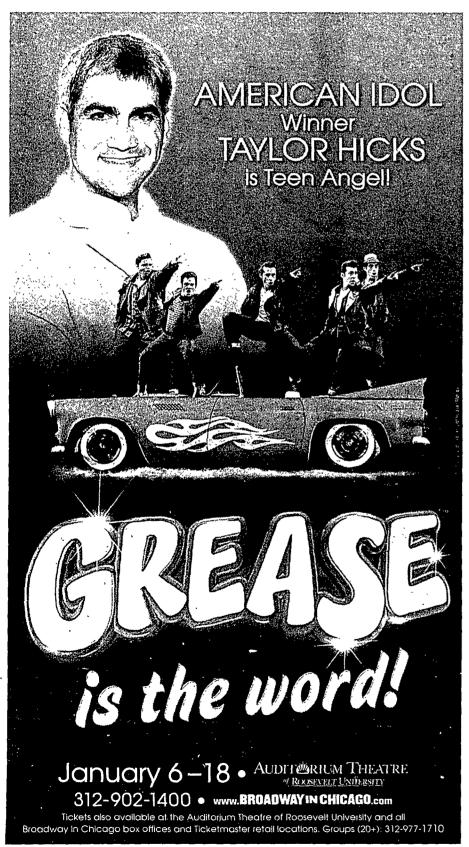
Centre Fast in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.cen treeast.org. Nov. 15, 8 p.m.: Comedienne Susie Essman. Opening for Essman will be Scott Blakeman, a co-hos of NBC's "Sunday Today" and frequent contributor to National Public Radio and Air America, Tickets: \$60. May in clude language not suitable for vounger or more sensitive audience bers. Jan. 22, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Jan 23, 2009. 8 p.m., Jan. 24, 2009. 5 and 8 p.m., Jan. 25 2009, 3 p.m.; The Capitol Steps. \$44-\$48. April 21-23, 2009, 7:30

p.m.: Jackie Mason, \$72. Pick a Cup Coffeehouse, 1813 Demp-ster, Evanston, (847) 332-2834. Nov. 15, 7:30-10 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman presents a comedy perormance based on her two books Still Single and Still Dating. No cover. Skokie Theatre: 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com, Tickets are \$15 in advance: \$20 at the door unless noted otherwise. Dec. 20-21 and 27-28. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. "Late Night Cate · chism." \$30, Dec. 31, 8 p.m.; "Late Night Catechism" New Year's Eve performance with champagne and chocolates following the show, \$50.

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trict, will presents its fifth annual Winter Spectacular at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 E. Thack er St., Des Plaines, Tickets oo on sale Nov. 24. For information call (847) 391-5700 or visit www.desplainesparks.org. Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. Skokie (847) 673-6300 www.cen treeast.org, Feb. 14, 2009, 8 p.m.; Giordano Jàzz Dance Chicago. \$46. April 18, 2009, 8 p.m.: River North Chicago Dance Company. \$46.

Northwestern University Mariorie Ward Marshall Dance Center, 10 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, Nov. 20-22, 8 p.m., and Nov. 23, 2 p.m.: Fall 2008 Dance Concert, an annual performance choreographed and produced by Northwestern's New Movement Project Student choreographers are selected to create original and artistically mature premiere works in a variety of genres. Tickets: \$10: \$5 for children and ull-time students. For tickets, call (847) 491-7282.

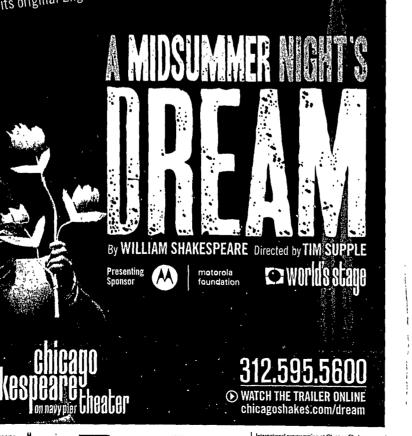
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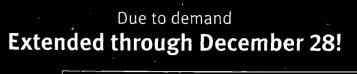
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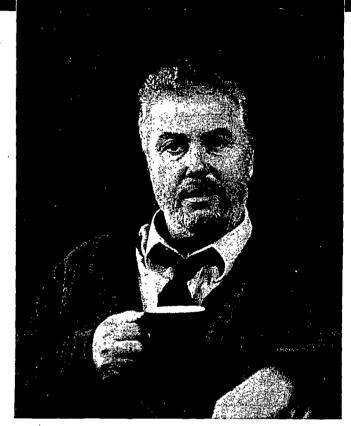
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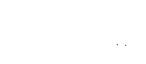
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### Condominiums near suburban downtowns offer best of two worlds

With gasoline prices on a roller coaster, high-ways clogged with rush-hour traffic and endless road construction, today's savuy suburban condominium shoppers are buying homes in town-center enclaves near Metra train stations to ease the commuting hassle, experts sav

"Downtown Chicago workers need to commute to the Loop every day, but they'd also like a quiet place to come home to at night," said developer Ray Franczak of R. Franczak and Associates, who is developing condominiums near town-center en-claves in Des Plaines and Palatine. New construction condominium developments

is developing condominiums near town-center en-claves in Des Plaines and Palatine. New-construction condominium developments nestled near downtown Des Plaines and Palatine are located at the crossroads of quaint suburban living and big-city conveniences, developers say. "The attraction of northwest suburban Des Plaines includes pastoral outdoor spaces, quiet environs, nearby shopping and dining, and easy access to downtown Chicago, not to mention O'Hare International Airport," noted Michael Gla-zier, principal of Sertus Capital Partners, LLC, developers of Everleigh, a 144-unit condominium in downtown Des Plaines. Transit-oriented developments (TOD) have gained popularity as a strategy to address a num-ber of urban home-buying problems including traf-fic congestion, affordable lhousing shortages, air pollution and spravy, Franczak said. Despite recent gasoline price declines, Chica-go-area stations still are charging some of the highest prices in the country. That means more and more people are deciding to take public trans-



Ray Franczak of R. Franczak and Associates is currently selling the remaining nine units of ford Condominiums in Des Plaines. This 118-unit development, which are two-bedroom and room plus den units, range in size from 1,405 to 1,731 square feet. Prices for the remaining the remaining the second sec units of the Wa room plus den units, range in size range from \$289,900 to \$349,90

portation, Franczak said. "Sometimes it's just less stressful — and more affordable — to take a 40-minute train ride to work instead of burning a tank of gasoline," Franczak said. "The convenience of public transportation

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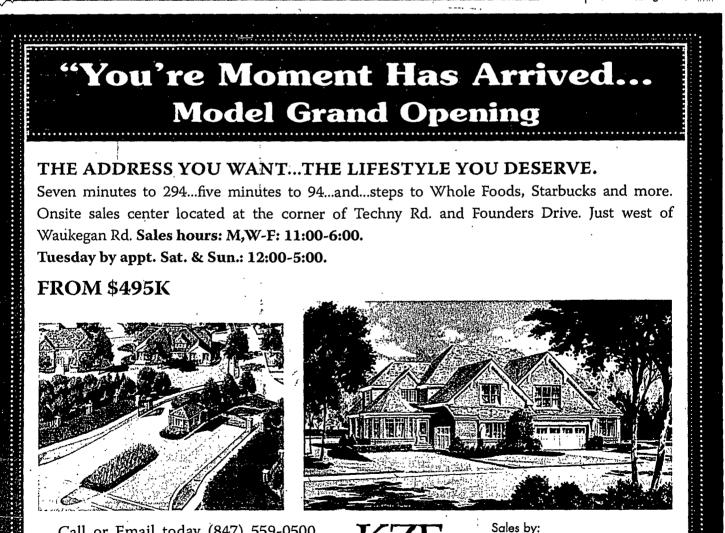
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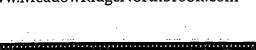
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Westar Properties, Inc., an Oak Brook based real estate auction marketing firm, an nounced it would conduct an auction of 18 brand new luxury condomi ms (six to b sold regardless of price) at The Prairie Path Villas located at 310 S. Main St. in Lombard. The auction will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Nov. 23, at the Westin Lombard Yor-ktown Center, 79 Yorktown Center, in Lom-Westar Properties, Inc., will auction 18 lux-

These are some of the finest new luxury condominiums ever to be offered at public auction in DuPage County." said Steven H. Baumann. president and CEO of Westar Properties. "This is a fantastic opportunity for buyers to get a tremendous bargain on a spectacular new residence located in the heart of Lombard." Condominiums at The Prairie Path Villas include gorgeous one. two- and three-bed-

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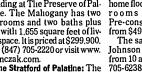
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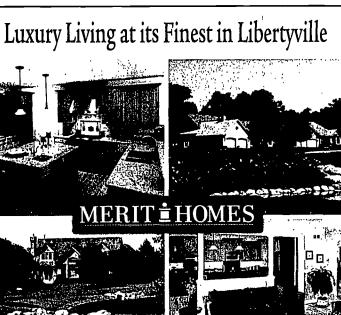
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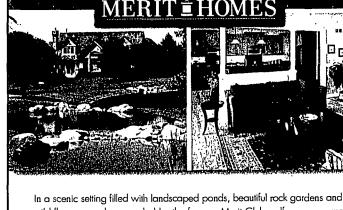
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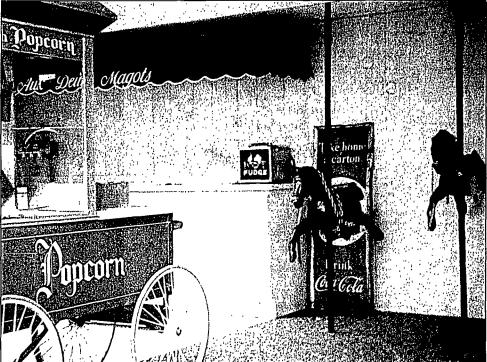
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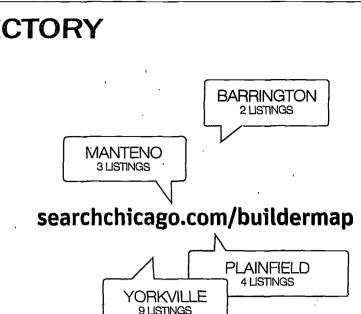
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# Buyer seminar to be held at Westbrook Condos

Westbrook Condominiums, a three-building development by In-terstate Properties Group, Inc., in Hillside, located two miles east of Oak Brook Center, will co-host a first-time buyer seminar with Wells Fargo on Nov. 18. Wells Fargo will give a presenta-

Wells Fargo on 100, 16. Wells Fargo will give a presenta-tion to buyers explaining the gov-ernment's \$7,500 first-time buyer tax credit, as well as additional lending opportunities that are available to buyers in this mar-

"Now is a great time for buyers. especially first-time buyers. First-time buyers will be able to take advantage low interest rates and if they close this year, receive a r fund greater than their down pa low interest rates and

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condo from a starting price of \$95,000 for a studio, \$136,000 for a one bedroom, and \$165,000 for two-bedroom condominium. Th homes include new washer/dr m The ers, thermo-pane aluminum-clad windows, thermostat-controlled hot water, baseboard heat and air

New units also include renovat ed light fixtures, new wall-to-wall carpet and padding, blinds on win-dows, new outlets and cover plates,

dows, new outlets and cover plates, appliances (including dishwash-ers), ground-fault interrupter out-lets, and hard-wired smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The Westbrook Condominiums property includes a swimming pool and picnic area, and each building will have a party room and a fitness center with changing rooms and a sauna. Buvers can rooms and a sauna. Buyers can also expect wireless high-speed

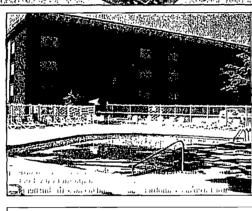
internet access. In addition, golfers can walk directly across the street to play at Fresh Meadow golf course, which

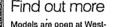
Now that the 2008 Presiden-tial election is history and a mew man is headed to the White House, the nation is look-ing forward to prospects of an economic and housing revival in 2009

Tours of models, including this two-bedroom home (above), are available on Nov. 18 during the special free buyers' seminar at Westbrook Condominiums in Hillside. Westbrook Condominiums of-fers a number of amenities, including a swimming pool (right) and picnic area, as well as a party room and a fitness center with changing rooms and a sauna in each building. Buyers can also ex-part witness birth account access pect wireless high-speed Internet access.

is an 18-hole course with a driving range. Nature lovers will beable to bike or hike through Bernis Woods and Salt Creek Forest Preserve. Brookfield Zoo is just a few miles away.

Brookheid 200 is just a rew hiles away. Westbrook residents will also be able to enjoy the convenience of its location. Wesbrook is just two miles' East of Oak Brook Center mall and is very close to Yorktown shopping center, 'Westbrook is near the expressway hub of the Chicago area. with access to Inter-





brook Cor weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. To visit, from the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) exit at Cermak Road (22nd exit at Cermak Hoad (22nd Street), or take Ogden Avenue during the Cermak exit closure, and go east to Wolf Road, Turn north to 2021 S. Wolf Road, For information, call (708) 236 7220

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Fireplaces offer new energy-conserving options

With the economy in a down-turn, and homeowners worried about falling home resale prices. nore and more Americans are staying put and planning to spend the frigid winter holidays at home with family assued with family around a cozy fireplace hearth. experts say. Adding a fireplace is a home improvement project that will add some sizzle to the value of your home. It could mean a bo

resale value from \$5,000 to \$8,000, Realtors say. "Autumn is the time to start planning a fireplace installation for the coming cold winter." said planning a fireplace installation for the coming cold winter," said Tom Arnold, president of All-Types Fireplace & Patio. The company's retail showroom is at 844 Madison in west suburban Oak Park. "Fireplaces with gas logs cur-rently are the most popular two-

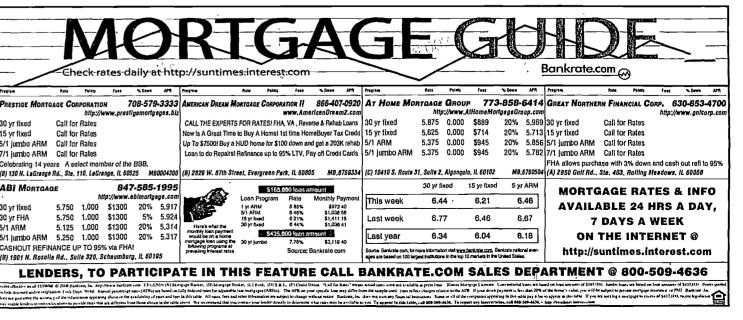
rently are the most popular type for remodeling installations by a ratio of 5 to 1." said Roger Zak. vice president of Budget Con-struction, a Chicago-based home

remodeling firm, Despite the popularity of gas logs, Peoples Energy predicts customer gas heating bills for the winter of 2008-2009 are likely to

available as a separate direct vent fireplace complete with mantel that can be installed in a room vithout a fireplace

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Crystal ball gazing: Is a housing

revival on the radar for 2009?

economic and 2009. With change on the horizon, it it isn't even close to the 10-percent plus unemployment we ex-perienced in the 1980s. If you

With change on the horizon, it is a good time to crystal-ball gaze and look for potential good news about the economy, home and condominium buying and ownership of the American Dream in perhaps the best buy-er's market in 40 years. "The current housing down-turn may be worse than 1981-1982 when home-loan rates hit is percent but the good pays is 1982 when home-loan rates hit 18 percent, but the good news is it is a far cry from the Great De-pression of the 1930s," said vel-eran real estate lawyer and Lincoln Park developer Mickey

Brown. Consider these post-election real estate talking points for holi-day cocktail parties: Exaggerated economic gloom. Despite political speeches that said we are in the worst econom-ic recession since the Great De-pression theore aren't that had

pression, things aren't that bad. Maybe America is eating more hamburger and less filet mi-gnon, but we aren't selling apples on the corner and turning our shoe leather into soup like Char-

lie Chaplin Gas-price future. While the oil crisis is far from over, gasoline prices have tumbled into the upper \$2 per gallon range from far north of \$4. Sharply lower g verga prices may or may not boost Hummer sales, but don't be sur-

Hummer sales, but don't be sur-prised if more smart developers plan transit-oriented develop-ments within an easy stroll of Metra stations as a hedge against future oil-price volatility. Job market outlook. Unemploy ment is running about 6 percent The current job market is a far

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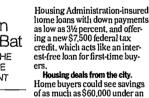
are hunting for a job, the infor-mation technology and medical sectors appear promising, ex-perts say.

Mortgage market stability. De-spite efforts of the Federal Re-serve Board to push interest rates lower, worried lenders ap-pear to be holding home loan rates in the mid-6 percent range. But this is not such a bad deal, assuming you are a borrower with a good credit score, down payment cash and job security. Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages are a little more than 1 percentage point higher than the 40-year historical rock bol-tom of the market, 5.21 percent

tom of the market, 5.21 percent in June of 2003, according to Freddie Mac. Apartment rehab loans. If you are shopping for an apartment rehab loan for a building with

more than five rental units, the Chicagoland Apartment Associa tion reports that there is "no lending crisis at the Community Investment Corp." In late October, the CIC was

In late October, the CIC was offering attractive rates such as 3-year adjustable-rate mortgages at 5¼ percent and 5-year ARMs at 5¾ percent. In addition, the or-ganization is willing to roll con-struction and permanent financing into the same loan. Rates are subject to change. Call (312) 258-0070 or visit www.cic-chicaroc.com.



Home buyers could see savings of as much as \$60,000 under an incentives package put together for "Find Your Place in Chicago."

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residential units which the city has an investment. Nearly 200 available city resi-dences are priced from \$150,000 to \$450,000. They include new or reliabbed single-family homes. townhomes, condominiums and 2-flats in 27 city neighborhoods. For more information on all proan more information on all pro-grams, visit the city's Web site www.findyourplaceies?

rg. Real estate tax breaks coming? Real estate tax breaks coming? Chicago and Cook County home cowners who appeal "illogical" real estate tax assessments like ly will see a reduction to reflect the downturn in the housing market, according to Mayor Richard M. Daley. Cook County Assessor Jame:

Cook County Assessor James Houlihan said he is eager to make assessment "factor adjust ments," based on the consumer price index and other real estate ndicators. However, such a move may require an additional appropriation from the Cook County Board or approval from

the Illinois General Assembly

The Home Front, Don De-Bat's weekly real estate col-umn syndicated by DeBat Media Services, unravels the complexities of home buying, mortgage shopping, home-ownership, renting, building, renovation and remodeling. For more home-buving infor-For more home-buying infor-mation, visit his Web site at

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by the popularity of gas logs. Peoples Energy predicts ustomer gas heating bills for the winter of 2008-2009 are likely to see an average increase of 35 per-cent over a year ago. While a fireplace can add thom sandsofdollars to the resale value of a lome, installing a new one can be a costly enderavor. "De-place where the family cocoms struction ne cessary, a new wood-burning fireplace can rum \$5,000 to \$10,000 with a flue and chimey." Zak said. "Will natural gas bills expect-el to soar this winter, a hot iter fireplace concept called zone heating." Arnold said. Will a harsh winter season in the forecast, AllTypes Fireplace with a harsh winter season in the forecast, AllTypes Fireplace with a harsh winter season in the forecast, AllTypes Fireplace with a harsh winter season in the forecast, AllTypes Fireplace with a harsh winter season in the forecast, AllTypes Fireplace with the forecast, AllTypes Fireplace with the rest as a cut glass bay wint install a zoned leating insert unit, which features glass doors and cornes in a variety of styles. The secoudary-heating device.

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### Homebuilders offer solutions to save on winter heating costs

### **Efficient features**

All homes by Rolling Mead-ws-based Kimball Hill Homes ows-based Kimball Hill Homes include, a package of energy-saving features, says the build-er's regional president Jack

Wexelberg. "With home heating costs increasing nearly 25 percent this winter, homebuyers can keep bills in check by purchasing a home with elements that ill save them money while

Typek home wrap between the frame and the siding. The product wraps the home with a weather-resistant barrier that prevents drafts and moisture

permeation, said Wexelberg, Dual-pane windows are an-other departure from older, homes, which often have just homes, which often have just rec. one pané of glass serving as ä, to "Atrademark of our home de-barrier to outside weather," signs is to provide buyers the Kimball Hill's windows have same livability of a much larger there is a same so f glass, home, but with less square foot

Kimbal Hill's windows have two thinner panes of glass, with air in between for added insulation. "Our double-pane windows keep the air in the home either warm or cool, depending on the season." he said. "The win-dows also have a low-e coating that reflects warmth back into the home in winter and acts as a barrier to heat in summer." Each Kimball Hill home also comes standard with a pro-grammable thermostat, which allows homeowners to set dif-

llows homeowners to set different temperatures by time and day of the week. An Illinois Electricity Council study found Electricity Council study 10000 that adjusting a home's thermo-stat by 10 degrees overnight or during the day while residents are away can save as much as 15 percent on heating costs.

Another way new liomes stand apart from older homes and provide greater energy ef-ficiency isin the green features they offer. Winthrop Club, in Evanston by Winthrop Proper-ties, is on track to be the Mid-

The Department of Energy is forecasting home heating costs for natural gas will in-crease 23.6 percent this winter. While there is not much that can be done about rising en-ergy costs, those in the market for a new home can look for a number of money- and energy-saving features. In fact, according to the Na-builders (NAHB), simply own-ing a new-construction home Builders (NAHB), simply own-ing a new-construction home is a major way to reduce energy bills, as they consume less than two-thirds the energy of older homes for heating and air-conditioning. In addition to the overall benefits of owning a new home.

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### Less saves more

Another strategy for reduc ing energy costs is for home-buyers to purchase the smalles home to fit their lifestyles, said John Wozniak, president of Na John Wozniak, president of Na-perville-based J. Lawrence mes.

"The cost of heating a home is directly related to the size of the home." he said. "Obviously, homes with less than 2,000 will save them inducty while taken the neutral results obstrations, also conserving natural re-sources," said Wexelberg. For example, all Kimball homes with less than 2,000 square feet will cost less to heat than homes with more Hill homes include a layer of than 2,000 square feet, in the

than 2,000 square feet, in the same way that a compact car nearly always gets better gas mileage than an SUV." Silver Leaf, a new-home com-munity in Joliet by J. Lawrence Homes, offers several single-family home floor plans that measure less than 2,000 square

feet. Atrademark of our home dehome, but with less square loot age." said Wozniak. "Even at 1.700 or 1.800 square feet, buy-ers still get a master bedroom suite, eat-in kitchen and plenti-ful closets with our efficient floor

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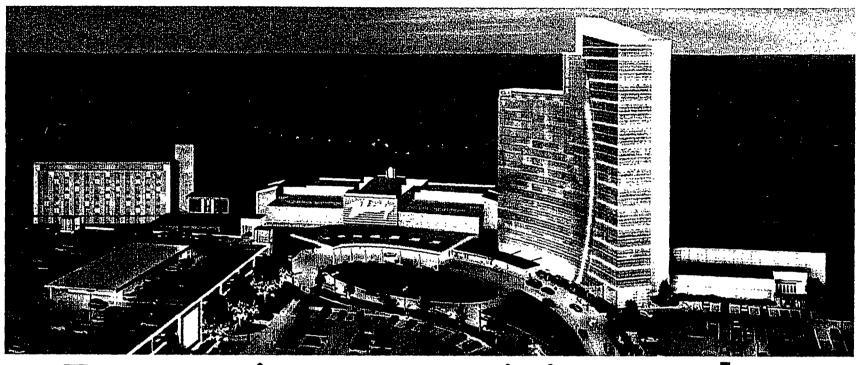
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uests will have an exciting new destination for 2009: Blue Chip Casino Hotel is adding a 22-story, 302-room hotel tower, 20,000 additional square feet of meeting and convention space, new restaurants and even more nightlife. The \$130 million Blue Chip expansion also includes a spa and fitness center.

Located just an hour's drive east of Chicago in Michigan City, Indiana, Blue Chip Casino Hotel offers exhilarating casino excitement in a comfortable, friendly setting. Currently, Blue Chip features a 65,000-squarefoot, single-level casino with more than 2,000 slots, 50 tables

games and a live poker room, a pavilion with three restaurants, a coffee station, gift shop, entertainment lounge and a 184-room hotel.

The new additions bring a touch of Vegasstyle glamour which starts at the entrance, with a striking metal porte cochere to embrace guests as they arrive. The contemporary focal point will be a 286-foot-tall hotel tower, with a curtain wall of aluminum and varying shades of blue vision glass that award-winning architect Lucien Lagrange says, will echo its waterfront location: "The nautically-inspired design will be reminiscent of a tall light tower, like the prow of a ship." The new tower will feature 242 upscale rooms and 60 suites; bringing Blue Chip's room total to 486. In addition, the 20,000 square foot event center will be one of the largest in Northwest Indiana, and will accommodate stage productions, concerts, conventions, trade shows, boat and vehicle exhibitions, weddings and other special events. Combined with the existing 5,500 square foot ballroom and three meeting/

function rooms at the current facility, Blue Chip will offer more than 30,000 square feet of convention/ entertainment space, in all.

For concerts or theatre productions, Blue Chip's event center will include a sizeable 2,000-squarefoot stage with a 46-foot proscenium in its ballroom, which will seat 1,300 people theatre-style. For conventions and exhibitions, the 26-foot high

ceilings in the main ballroom will accommodate most large-scale displays.

An added attraction for conventions and special events will be Blue Chip's luxurious, 10,000-square-foot spa blu. The spa, which will be located on the second floor of the new hotel tower and accessible from the spacious and elegant hotel lobby, will feature individual lounges for men and women, nine spa treatment rooms, a salon and a fitness room.

Guests can get a sneak peek at this exciting transformation by visiting Blue Chip Casino Hotel in Michigan City, Indiana. They can play all day and then stay the night. Reservations can be made by calling (888) 879-7711.

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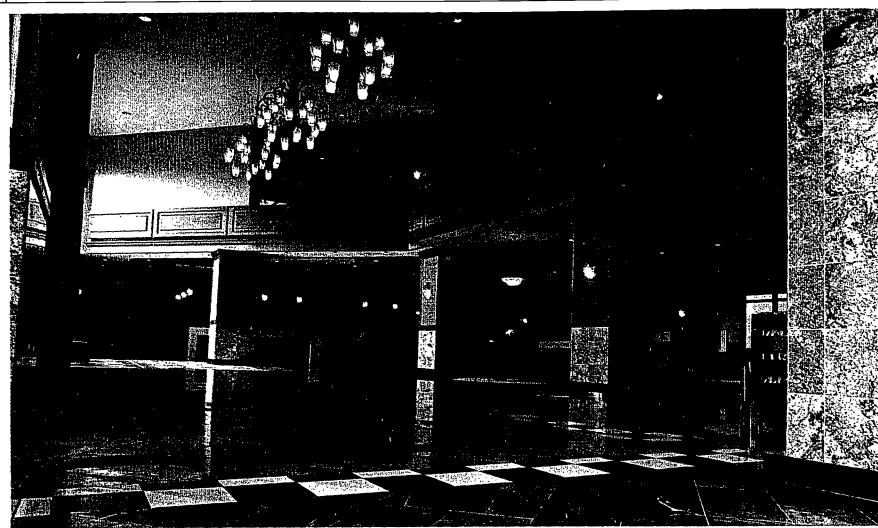


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With the recent completion of a \$50 million entertainment and convention center addition, Treasure Island Resort & Casino is the Midwest's premier entertainment destination, offering guests a number of unique amenities.

Located in Red Wing, Minnesota, a short drive from the Twin Cities, the Treasure Island hotel features 480 beautifully furnished rooms that include flat-screen televisions and walk-in showers. Presidential and Governor suites

offer guests the essence of luxury with upscale amenities and floor to ceiling windows that maximize the sweeping views of the Mississippi River bluffs. The lobby features Brazilian granite tile floors and walls and decorative glass chandeliers.

One of the main highlights of the addition, The Island Event

and Convention Center, offers 3,000 seats, all within 125 feet of the stage, and attracts nationally known artists such as Brooks & Dunn and Martina McBride. The event center is home to state-of-the-art Elacoustics Linerray V-Dos Sound System,

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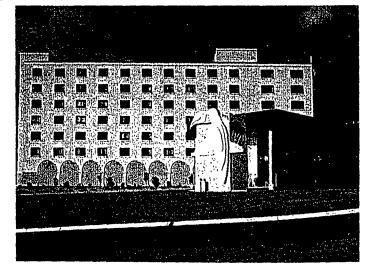
> free live music every Friday and Saturday in two venues on the Island: Parlay Lounge and Emerald Bay. Parlay Lounge features an illuminated bar, ten 42-inch plasma LCD screens, sofas and armchairs, a fireplace surrounded by a video wall and an exclusive drink menu. Emerald Bay offers guests a fully stocked

bar in a tropical theme lounge. Families will enjoy the 30,000 square foot family fun center, Island Xtreme Bowl, featuring a 24-lane bowling alley, arcade, party rooms, snack bar, and lounge area.

Outdoor enthusiasts can play 18-holes or take a relaxing cruise and experience breathtaking views of the Mississippi River Valley. Mount Frontenac, a par-71 golf course owned by the Prairie Island Indian Community, features spectacular views of Lake Pepin and the Hiawatha Valley and is only a short drive from Treasure Island. Stay & Play packages are available.

The Spirit of the Water, a 120-passenger luxury cruise yacht offers brunch, lunch and dinner cruises down the Mississippi River. Regal bluffs and sparkling water surround passengers on their voyage, and dinner guests may witness a gorgeous sunset on the river.

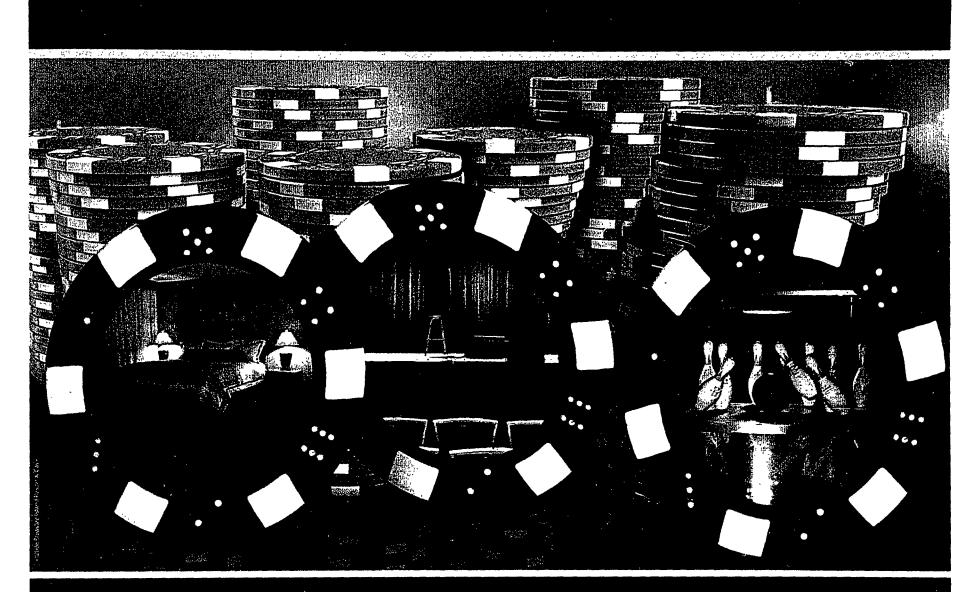
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# A bigger, better Potawatomi Bingo Casino

# \$240 million expansion brings more excitement to Wisconsin's No. 1 entertainment destination

lot can happen in two years. And nowhere is that more evident than Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee, Wis., where after two years of construction, a bigger, better entertainment experience now awaits its guests.

Since August 2006, tens of thousands of yards of concrete have been poured, millions of feet of wiring have been laid and miles upon miles of foundation piling have been driven. The result: a \$240 million, 500,000 square foot expansion that has tripled the size of the Casino.

On the expanded gaming floor, guests can choose from more than 3,100 slot machines—an additional 1,300 were installed as part of the Casino's expansion. The number of table games at the Casino has doubled to almost 120. Guests will be able to choose from their

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old favorites-such as Blackjack, Roulette and Craps-to some new options-War and Big Six. The poker room has moved and expanded, now featuring 20 tables. and an Off-Track Wagering room, opening later this summer, will provide a exciting new amenity to guests.

Dining at Potawatomi Bingo Casino has always been an experience unto its own. With two new restaurants, a food court and a center bar lounge added as part of the expansion, variety is, even more so, the operative word. Wild

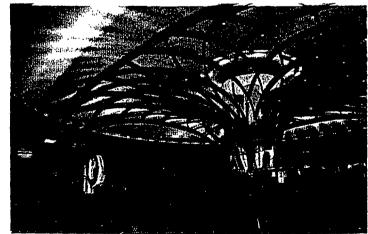
Earth, an American cuisine, casual restaurant, and RuYi, an Asianconcept restaurant with a heavy emphasis on noodle dishes from throughout the Far East, are sure to be two of the hottest new outlets in the area. The Menomonee Valley Food Court, featuring four outlets, will give guests a chance to grab a quick snack or sit-down meal. And Bar 360, situated at the center of the new gaming floor, will be a place for friends to meet and take in all of the action on the gaming floor.

Two restaurants guests have come to know and love have expanded and moved to the first floor as part of the Casino's construction. Four-Star, Four Diamond Dream Dance has expanded and moved to the Casino's first floor. Highlighted by Chef Jason Gorman's "New Wisconsin Cuisine," guests will enjoy an expanded bar and dining area, but will appreciate the restaurant's still-intimate setting.

Two private dining areas and a new street-level entrance are just a few of the upgrades. The Buffet, where six action stations bring the freshest entrees to our guests, will not leave hungry guests disappointed. An atmosphere full of fun, The Buffet will satisfy the most discriminating

structure to the James E. Groppi Unity Bridge was opened in June 2007. Both additions have made accessibility to Casino easier for guests and have helped alleviate congestion in the Menomonee Valley.

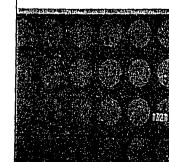
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As part of the Casino's expansion, a 1,700-stall parking structure opened in November 2007. Additionally, a bridge connecting the Casino's parking are truly in for terrific experience when they visit a bigger, better Potawatomi Bingo Casino.

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# Getting casino comps involves give and take

By John Grochowski

player once complained that he'd never received a casino comp, even though he ayed regularly and

wasn't afraid to bet. "I've never been offered so much as a buffet," he said, shaking his head.

Was he using a player rewards card? "Nó," he said. "I don't sign up for those. I don't want them to have my information."

That runs smack dab into the purpose of casino comps and player rewards programs. Casinos want to offer you rewards – meals, rooms, cash back and more - to encourage you to return and play again. To do that, they need your name and address, the information that the comp-less player was unwilling to give.

And they need to know how much you play. Rewards are based on your play, which is tracked either manually at most table games or through a reader that tracks every bet at the slots, video poker and video keno games.

Only when the casino knows how much you play can it kick back a percentage in comps and perks.

To get the most out of player reward systems, you need to check a few things out.

Same-day rewards or direct-mail vouchers: In some player rewards systems, you earn points as you play and can redeem them for cash back on the same day. For example, you might be told that each \$5 wagered brings you one point and each 100 points brings you \$1 in cash back. You know going in that if you make \$2,500 in wagers – and that's far easier than you think, even on a limited budget as you replay winnings – you'll be able to redeem for \$5 at qualify for a comp. Make sure you the end of the day.

Other clubs don't let you in on the formula. Instead, they'll calculate rewards based on your play and send you a voucher redeemable on your next visit. If you're a frequent player, this makes little difference. If you don't play often, watch for expiration

dates on the vouchers.

Meals and other comps: Here's something to ask about at the player rewards booth when you sign up for a card. Some systems put all rewards points in the same pool, and it's up to you to decide whether to redeem for cash or meals. Others track comp points separately from points redeemable for cash.

Often, clubs that don't offer sameday cash back accumulate comp points separately, so you can still get your free buffet on the same day you play. Check it out.

Discounts and perks: Many clubs will offer discounts on meals just for qualify for a comp. Make sure you get all the details at the booth.

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# With Grand Victoria everyone's a winner

hen casinos talk about big winners it's easy to conjure up images of high rollers sitting behind piles of chips stacked on a blackjack table or ringing slot machines pouring out bucketfuls of coins. But there's one casino proving that not all who hit the gaming jackpot can be found inside a casino. Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin has dedicated an unprecedented amount of their net profits to benefit education, economic development, and environmental causes throughout the state of Illinois, and these funds have helped create winners who have most likely never pulled the handle of a slot machine.

These funds, distributed by the Grand Victoria Foundation, have helped to develop programs that address issues related to early childhood education, workforce development, and land use and protection. This includes helping protect thousands of acres of important natural areas across the state and pioneering workforce

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development programs in three Illinois regions to assist low-wage workers with the training they need to gain higher paying jobs.

Not content to simply be a source of funding, Grand Victoria Casino has encouraged their employees to get directly involved in the community. In 2007 and 2008 alone, Grand Victoria's employees contributed over 15,000 hours to charitable and civic groups including United Way, Habitat for Humanity, the Well Child Center, holiday toy and blood drives, and a number of other worthwhile local organizations and community events.



Another way Grand Victoria is making a positive impact on the community is through their hiring practices and vendor relationships. Women and minorities make up a majority of Grand Victoria's total workforce, and almost half of their management team. Grand Victoria is extremely proud of their

team's diversity, which reflects the diversity of the Elgin area. Additionally, Grand Victoria is committed to using local and minority vendors and was the first casino in Illinois to initiate a diversity networking event, which was designed to bring together minority and women-owned

businesses with purchasing agents from the gaming industry.

These are just a couple of reasons Grand Victoria is consistently named Chicagoland's Best Casino by influential gaming publications like Casino Player and Strictly Slots magazines. Grand Victoria is always looking for ways to create a better gaming experience for its patrons. Just this year Grand Victoria has opened an all-new high limit room and introduced doubledeck pitch blackjack, dubbed "... one of the best blackjack games you will find at any casino in the United States," by expert gaming columnist John Brokopp. And once approval is granted from the Illinois Gaming Board, Grand Victoria will open what promises to be Chicagoland's most exciting poker room. Improvements like this and their generous contributions to our Illinois communities just go to show that Grand Victoria Casino is Chicagoland's best casino, and will be, year after year.

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### By JOHN GROCHOWSKI

"Interactive" has become something of a buzzword in the casino industry when it comes to video games. The original interactive hit in electronic casino games, of course, is video poker. Video poker players have been happily interacting with their cards, deciding when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em, for a quarter century now.

At any casino, players can get more for their money with a little practice and skill. Here are a few tips for improving your game.

Watch the pay tables: Either on the screen or on the glass above the screen, you'll find a pay table that will tell you how much each winning hand will pay, depending on how many coins you wager.

Take the game Double Double Bonus Poker, one of the most popular games around. On one high-paying version, full houses pay 9-for-1 and flushes pay 6-for-1.

Why mention those hands in particular? When casinos and manufacturers want to change a



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# Practice these tips to improve your video poker game

game's payback percentage, they usually do it by changing the payoffs on full houses and/or flushes. If you see Double Double Bonus games where all else is equal, but one pays 9-for-1 on full houses and the other 8-for-1, the 9-for-1 payoff yields the higherpaying game.

Do a little comparison shopping on the casino floor before you play.

Watch your bet size: On most games, royal flushes pay 250 coins for each coin wagered if you're betting one, two, three or four coins, but the jackpot soars to

Overall, the house makes all its profit on coins 1 through 4, and gives a little back on coin No. 5. If you're short-bankrolled and must bet one coin at a time, that's fine. It's important not to over bet your bankroll. But don't bet three coins or four coins. Such bets give the house its maximum take.

Also, if a dollar game and a guarter game have the same pay table, and you're on a tight budget, don't bet just one coin at a time on

4,000 coins with a five-coin wager.

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Watch the low pairs: Expert strategy at video poker can be long and detailed, but one common mistake is that players will hold a single Jack or higher rather than a low pair. That will

result in more winning hands, since payoffs usually start at a pair of Jacks, but the average win is higher if you hold the pair instead. That gives you a better shot at three of a kind, full houses and four of a kind.

Don't undervalue low pairs. Watch your bet size. Watch the pay tables. And good luck to you

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# NOT YOUR DADDY'S SLOTS. Today's innovative machines don't take money and lack arms

### By JOHN GROCHOWSKI

The days when playing slot machines meant dropping coins in the slot, pulling the handle and watching the reels spin seem quaint, a relic of times gone by.

Few slots even accept coins or tokens anymore. Instead, you buy credits by sliding currency or bar-coded tickets into a bill validator and you're paid off in tickets that can be redeemed for cash or played again.

Not many machines even have handles the one-armed bandits are mostly armless. On those that do, pulling the handle yields results no different than the more common method of play, pushing the buttons.

Watching the reels spin? Ah, that you can still do, though the reels are as likely as not to be on a video screen. But there's so much more to playing the slots in the electronic era.

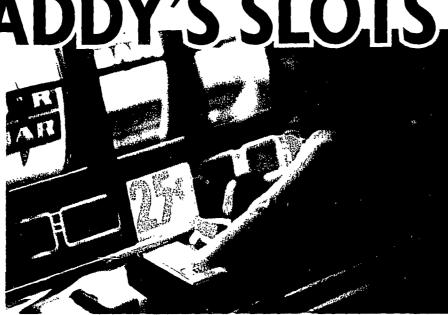
The move from physical spinning reels

has given game designers the freedom to go anywhere their imaginations can take them, constrained only by legal standards for randomness and payback percentage, and the public's willingness to wager on a game. There's plenty of room for games within a game, multiple progressive jackpots and unlockable features - just about anything you can do on a computerized game.

Take Star Trek, one of the latest and greatest from Waukegan-based WMS Gaming. It's really three games in one, with unlockable games within a game and the ability to store player information so that you can pick right up where you left off the next time you play.

When you first climb into the Bosespeaker-equipped chair and warp ahead into the initial game called Star Trek: Explore





New Worlds, your journey includes two video bonus rounds, one where the onscreen reels are replaced by a screen full of aliens, which you pick off to reveal bonus awards.

In the course of the bonus rounds, you collect medals. Collect enough and you unlock a second game, Trouble With Tribbles. The screen changes and you get new graphics, new game play and new bonus rounds. Collect more medals and again everything changes, this time to a game called Trek Through Time.

What if you don't play long enough to unlock the extra games? Never fear. Pick a Star Trek character, create a screen name and next time you play you can log back in and the game will remember you. If you've earned 10 medals in the past, you start with 10 medals. If you've unlocked Tribbles and not Time, then you can still play Tribbles and work toward Time. At casinos logged into WMS' wide-area network, games will remember you even if you're playing at a different casino.

That's just one of the ways this generation of slot machines will keep you coming back. As you explore casino slot floors, there are plenty of high-tech innovations to watch for:

WINNING TOGETHER: WMS has a big hand in here, too, with its Community Gaming line of slots. The pioneer here was Monopoly Big Event, where, in addition to playing their own games with their own results, players sometimes will find themselves in one of six shared bonus events. The big one is Once Around, where everyone shares a trip around a Monopoly board on a giant plasma screen, collecting credits for each property on which they land.

The success of Monopoly Big Event has led WMS to extend the line with Press Your Luck, the pig-themed Bigger Bang Big Event and other Community Gaming Entries.

Other slot manufacturers put a different spin on playing together. International

Game Technology, the Reno, Nev., company that is the world's largest slot maker, got things going with Wheel of Fortune Super Spin. Players sit around a giant wheel. If more than one player qualifies for the bonus event at the same time, they can win on the same spin of the wheel.

What could follow Wheel of Fortune? How about the auction-themed eBay slots, where players can win together on giant reels the width of an entire bank of machines. MULTILEVEL PROGRESSIVES:

A walk through the casino will take you past progressives, progressives and more progressives, where a percentage of each wager is added to the pot until someone wins. Especially popular on lowdenomination games down to pennies are multilevel games with four, five or more progressive jackpots. They might be \$5 at the bottom level, they might be thousands at the top, but everyone has a chance to win.

The breakthrough system here was the Australian firm Aristocrat Technologies' Cash Express, railroad-themed, steaming through four progressive levels. Aristocrat has since added many themes to its Hyperlink line, with Bank Buster as one of the latest.

Other companies have jumped on the bandwagon, with IGT's Fort Knox, WMS' Jackpot Party Progressives and Atronic's Game of Life among the multilevel hits.

That just scratches the surface of slotmachine innovation. In fact, programmers will tell you that they're still just scratching the surface.

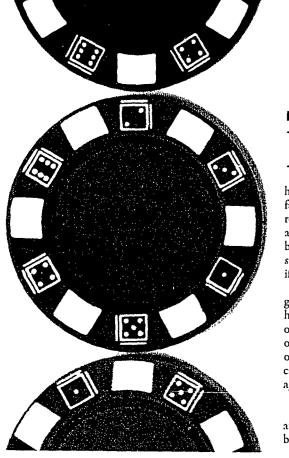
Are they just spinning their wheels while you're spinning the reels? Far from it.

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# Basic strategy table can help blackjack players

### By JOHN GROCHOWSKI

f you're a blackjack player and have never looked at a basic strategy table, you should.

It's a tidy little grid, with possible player hands down the side and possible dealer face-up cards across the top. Find the rectangle directly across from your hand and directly down from the dealer's. The basic strategy table tells you whether to hit, stand, split, double down or even surrender, if the house permits such a thing.

Mostly the plays fit into neat little groupings, with large blocks of hands having the same correct play. It's very orderly. The charts don't tell you to make one play against one dealer up card, the opposite play against the next higher card and then go back to the original play against the next card. Except...

When you have a pair of 9s, the blocks aren't quite so neat. Sure, there's a big block that tells you to split the pair. Whenever you have a 2 through 6, the chart tells you to split. But when you have a 7, it tells you to stand. Then it says to go back to splitting if the dealer has an 8 or 9, and back to standing against a dealer's 10-value or Ace.

The hands to focus on are those three rectangles that tell us just to stand on our pair of 9s.

We stand when the dealer has a 7, and we stand when the dealer has a 10-value or an Ace. What the basic strategy chart is telling us is that in blackjack, sometimes we play offense and sometimes we play defense.

If you start with a pair of 9s and the dealer has a 7, you have an edge. Your 18 will win whenever the dealer has a 10-value – 10, Jack, King or Queen – face down and it will push whenever the dealer has an Ace face down. There are no cards that turn the dealer's 7 into an instant winner against you. Standing pat is your best offense in that situation. But if the dealer has a 10-value or an Ace, your 18 will lose more often than it wins. Splitting the pair just leaves you with two hands that lose more often than they win.

Time to play defense. We stand on the 9s when the dealer shows a 10-value or Ace because we don't want to make a second bet and increase our risk.

So we play that little game of backand-forth-and-back on the basic strategy chart. Dealt a pair of 9s, we play offense and maximize our potential winnings by standing when the dealer shows a 7, and we play defense, minimizing losses, when the dealer has a 10-value or Ace.

All very neat, don't you think?

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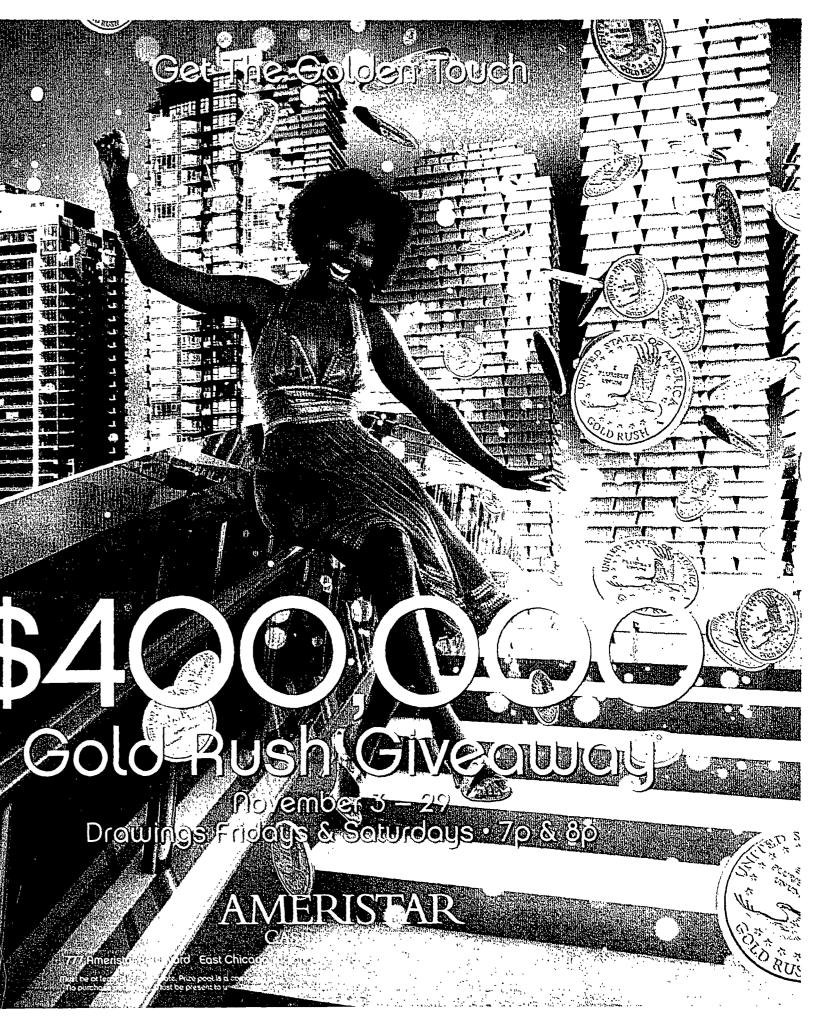
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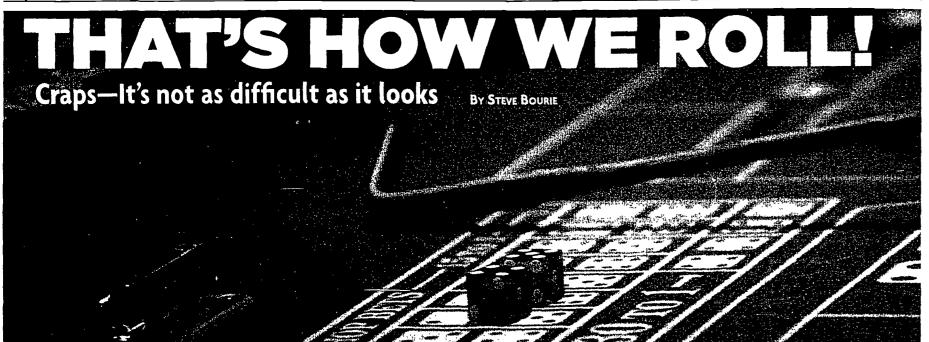


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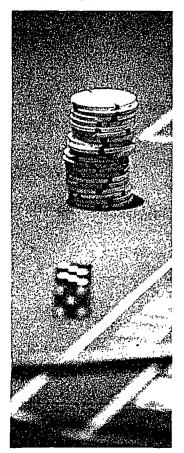
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t first glance the game of craps looks a little intimidating because of all the various bets you can make but actually the game itself is very simple, so first let me explain the game without any reference to the betting.

Everyone at the craps table gets a turn to roll the dice, but you don't have to roll if you don't want to. The dice are passed around the table clockwise and if it's your turn to roll you simply take two dice



and roll them to the opposite end of the table. This is your first roll of the dice, which is also called the "come-out" roll. If you roll a 7 or 11, that's called a "natural" and you win, plus you get to roll again. If you roll a 2, 3 or 12, those are all called "craps" and you lose, but you still get to roll again. The only other possible numbers you can roll are 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 and if one of those numbers shows up, then that number becomes your "point" and the object of the game is to roll that number again before you roll a 7.

If a 7 shows up before your "point" number does then you lose and the dice move on to the next shooter. If your "point" number shows up before a 7 does, then you have made a "pass." You then win your bet and you get to roll again. That's all there is to the game of craps.

Two of the best bets you'll find on the craps table are in the areas marked "pass" and "don't pass". When you bet on the "pass" line you're betting that the shooter will win. To make a pass line bet you put your bet right in front of you on the pass line. Pass line bets are paid evenmoney and the house edge on a pass line bet is 1.41 percent. You can also bet on the "don't pass" line in which case you're betting that the shooter will lose. To make a don't pass bet, you put your bet in front of you in the don't pass area. Don't pass bets are also paid even-money and the house edge on them is 1.40 percent.

In reality, the odds are always 1.41 percent against the shooter and in favor of the "don't pass" bettor by that same amount. Of course, if you're a "don't pass" bettor the casinos don't want to give you a bet where you have an edge so they have a rule in effect on "don't pass" bets where on the come out roll if the shooter throws a 12, you don't win. You don't lose either, the bet is just considered a "push," or tie, and nothing happens. In some casinos they may make 2 instead of 12 the number that's a push.

All right, let's say you put \$10 on the pass line and you roll the dice. If you roll 7 or 11 you win \$10 and if you roll 2, 3 or 12 you lose \$10. So, what happens if you roll any of the other numbers? Well, as I said before, that number becomes your point and you have to roll that number again before you roll a 7 in order to win your pass line bet.

Once your point is established the dealer at each end of the table will move a marker into the box that corresponds to your point number to let everyone at the table know what your point is. The marker that's used has two different sides. One side is black with the word "off" and the other side is white with the word "on." Before any point is established the marker is kept in the Don't Come box with the black side facing up until you roll a point number, and then the dealer turns it over to the white side and moves it inside the box that contains your point number,

For example let's say your comeout roll is a 4. The dealer simply turns the marker over to the white side that says "on" and places it in the 4 box. This let's everyone know that 4 is your point and that you will continue to roll the dice, no matter how long it takes, until you roll a 4, which will make you a winner, or a 7, which will make you a loser.

Now, keep in mind that once your point is established you can't remove your pass line bet until you either win, by throwing your point, or lose, by rolling a 7. The reason for this is that on the come out roll the pass line bettor has the advantage because there are 8 ways to win (by rolling a 7 or 11) and only 4 ways to lose (by rolling a 2, 3 or 12). If a point number is rolled, no matter what number it is, there are then more ways to lose than to win and that's why the bet can't be removed. If you were allowed to remove your bet everyone would just wait for the come-out roll and if they didn't win they would take their bet back which would give them a big advantage over the house and, as you know, casinos don't like that, so that's why you can't remove your bet.

As previously noted, the pass line is one of the best bets you'll find, but there is a way to make it even better because once your point number is established the casino will allow you to make another bet that will be paid off at the true odds. This is a very good bet to make because the casino has no advantage on this bet.

In this instance, since your point was 4, the true odds are 2-to-1 and that's what your bet will be paid off at: \$2 for every \$1 you bet. This is called an "odds bet," "taking the free odds" or "betting behind the line." To make this bet, you simply put your chips directly behind your pass line bet. There is a limit to how much you're allowed to bet and for many years most casinos allowed a maximum of 2 times the amount of your pass line bet.

Because the casino has no advantage on these bets you are effectively lowering the house edge on your total pass line bet by taking advantage of these free odds bets. For example, the normal house edge on a pass line bet is 1.41 percent but if you also make a single odds bet along with your pass line bet you will lower the house edge on your total pass line bets to .85 percent. If you were to play in a casino that allowed 10 times odds the edge would be lowered to only .18% which means that, statistically speaking, over time, that casino would only make 18¢ out of every \$100 you bet on that table. As you can see, the more the casino allows you to bet behind the line, the more it lowers their edge, so it's always a good idea to take advantage of this bet.

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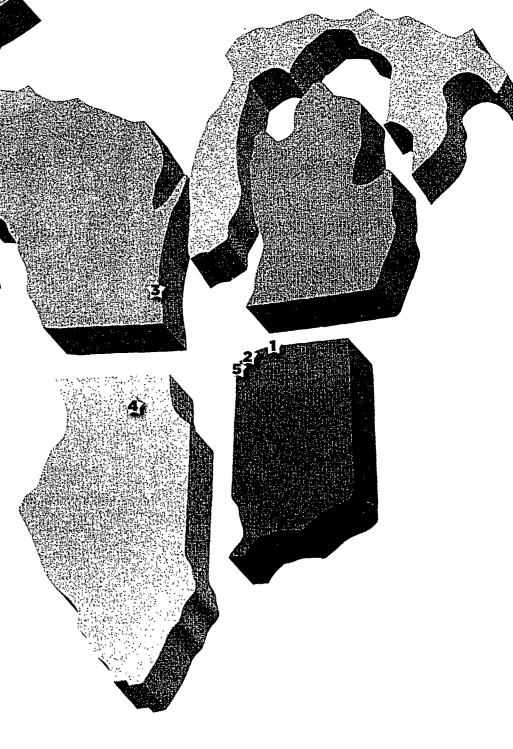
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I picked up the 2009 Jaguar XKR Coupe at the airport after coming back from a visit with my parents in Florida. I'd been up since 4 a.m. and still had a full workday ahead of me by the time my feet hit the floor at O'Hare at 10 a.m. Needless to say, I was dragging just a little bit.

But my first view of the merlot-colored XKR in the parking garage perked up my senses and my heart rate.

After the drive to the office, I was fully awake and ready to tackle the day - quickly - so that I could head back to the car for another chance to drive.

Hands down, I think the rear-wheel drive XKR is one of the most elegantly stunning vehicles I've had the opportunity to test. And with the supercharged engine under the hood, it's got the grunt to back up the good looks.

The sporty coupe from Jaguar comes as both

4.2-liter V-8, but the supercharged XKR delivers 420 horsepower and 413 pound-feet of torque. This translates to a 0-to-60-mph time of 4.9 sec-onds, which is a full second faster than the XK

Of course, the tremendous power also translates to city/highway mileage figures of 15/23 mpg, which isn't great. And I was lucky during the test week if I hit 15 mpg. As one of my passengers remarked during the test week, this car just isn't one you can drive slowly. But I have to imagine that if you're spending almost \$100,000 for a car, fuel economy and a premium fuel requirement are the least of your concerns.

The ride and handling of the XKR are sublime. With its low center of gravity, the XKR is incredibly fun to fling around corners and sweep on ramps. And stomping on the accelerator when merging with highway traffic is pure joy as the rear wheels dig in and propel the vehicle forward. You definitely get a good connection with the road, but the XKR is pure luxury and you won't feel every divot, groove or bump in the road.

As an XKR, the base price of the test car was \$88,175. And that's one well-stocked vehicle with a 525-watt surround-sound audio system,

an XK and XKR model, with the main difference adaptive front lighting, bi-xenon headlights with being 120 horsepower. Both vehicles come with a power wash, Bluetooth wireless technology, navigation and heated 10-way power adjustable front seats.

The test vehicle managed to add \$10,000 options, including adaptive cruise control (\$2,200), 20-inch Senta wheels (\$5,000), a luxury interior with walnut burl (\$2,300) and a Bowers & Wilkins premium sound system (\$750).

The exterior of the XKR has long sleek lines reminiscent of a shark that could easily devour an innocent bystander if given half the chance. The supercharged hood scoops add a little mean to the sexy, giving the XKR the overall air of a vehicle that means business.

The coupe always has been a personal favorite, but if you're a top-down kind of person, the XKR also comes as soft-top convertible. But add an extra \$10,000 for the advantage.

On the inside, all the textures were luxurious from the suede ceiling liner to the sumptuous leather. The wood accents complimented the caramel-colored leather, and I liked the look, but not the feel, of the plasticky brushed aluminum accents on the center stack surrounding the navigation system.

Actually, the whole info screen setup on the center stack needs an overhaul. This was the one jarring, dare I say ugly, element in the vehicle. First and foremost, the color scheme is a nightmare of drab lifelessness, and the overall setup comes off looking cheap. Furthermore, I'm not a fan of having to manipulate your climate, au-dio, navigation and phone through a single touch screen that you have to lean to reach.

And, by the way, if I turned off the car with the map screen on top, it'd be nice to turn on the car and have the map screen still showing. Instead, it defaults to the split climate/audio screen. Plus, hello, rear back-up camera, please. The car graphic with red lines indicating your closeness to an obstacle are OK, but I really do expect more for \$90,000.

I do like the shape of the seats, and the lumbar

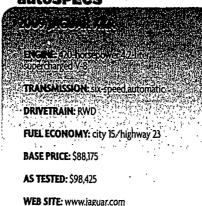
support is really nice. The 10-way power adjustable seats gave me a great driving position with excellent visibility for such a low-slung vehicle. The oddly shaped rear window is going to create a bit of a blind spot, but that's what side mirrors are for

The rear seats are mostly for show, even when you have a driver like me who's going to push the seat to its far-forward position. Someone in the area of 5-feet tall would fit back there, but it's still going to be a tight fit, especially in terms of head

My favorite interior feature by far is the heated steering wheel. We had a chilly patch during the test week, and it was really nice to click that on and have my hands nice and toasty within min-

Really, outside of that dastardly info screen, there isn't much I didn't like about this car. From the ride and handling to the break-neck acceleration to the comfort level, this is one hot car that will continually top my list of favorite luxury vehicles

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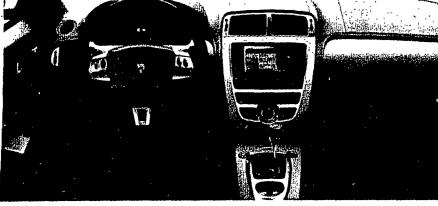






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low the film. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Films @ the Library – No registration needed. Doors open for seating one-half hour before show time. Nov. 25, 7 p.m.: Pieces of April," rated PG-13. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. Skokie, (847) 677-7761, www.skokietheatre.com, Tickets: \$13 for feature films, \$11 students and seniors: \$10 for documentaries, \$8 students and seniors. Nov. 21-23: Polish Film Festival in Amer ica. Friday: "Katyn" at 6:30 p.m.: "Chronicle of the Gettho Uprising According to Marek Edelman" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday: "Death to Zygelbojm" at 6 p.m.; "The Purim Miracle" at 7 p.m.; "Deborah" at 8:30 p.m. Sunday: "The Sendler's List" at 3 p.m.: "Photoamateur" at 4 p.m.; "Far from a Window" a 5 p.m.; and "Austeria" at 7 p.m.

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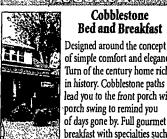
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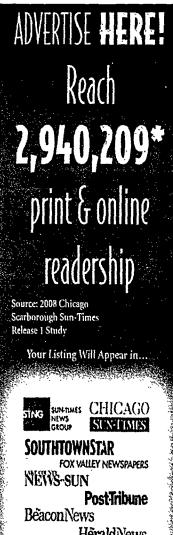
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Norwood Park Historical Society, 5624 Newark Ave., Chicago, (773) 631-4633. www.norwoodparkhistoricalsoci etv.org. The Norwood Park Historical

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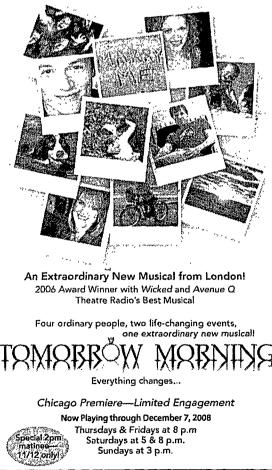
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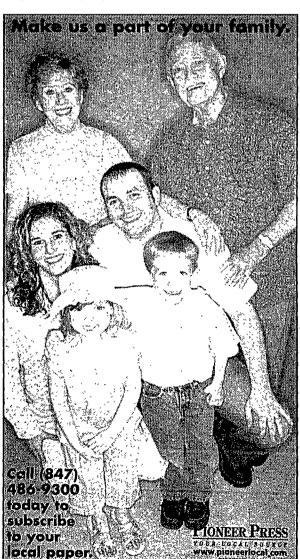
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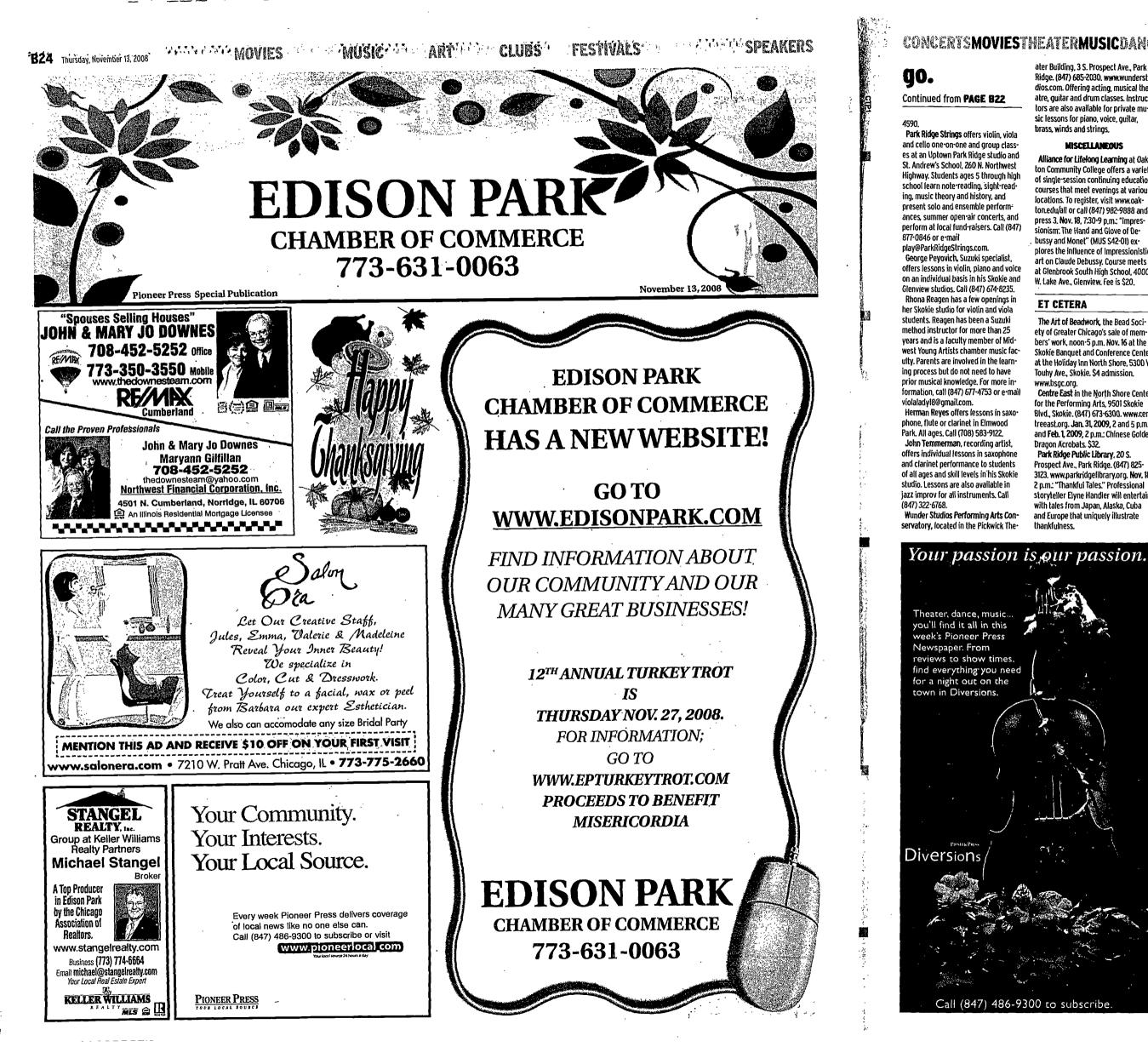
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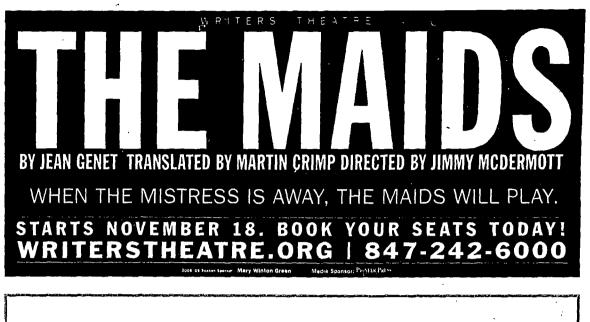
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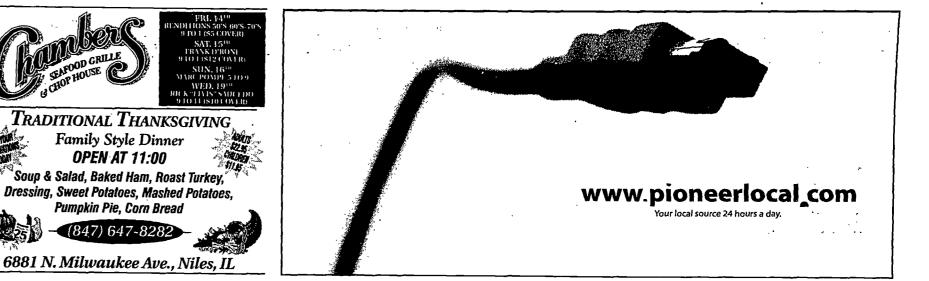
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Personally, Thanksgiving is my favorite mean and it isnt hard to imagine how much our dogs would enjoy some of the leftovers of our feast. However, we have to remember that no matter how human-like our pets act, their bodies function differently than that of a human. Their gastrointestinal tracts are not equipped to handle the amount of fat that comes with drippings, stuffing, and buttered mashed potatoes.

Most dogs usually eat the same meal every day. Their diets are much less varied than that of humans, and adding new foods can result in diarrhea or vomiting, a scenario best avoided.

Also, many dogs become lactose intolerant as they get older. The rich, creamy fare of Thanksgiving provides a sure way to an upset stomach.

If you must give holiday treats, try to stick to the more bland provisions, such as simple starches like boiled potatoes or non-spiced meats. It is best to avoid anything with a lot of spices in it.

For behavioral reasons, if you want to feed your dog people food, this should not be done directly from the table. Your pooch, or even your cat, will think that the dinner table means an opportunity for delicious snacks and begging is a tough habit to break.

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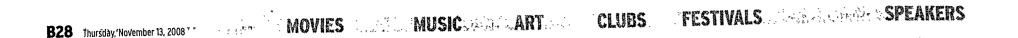
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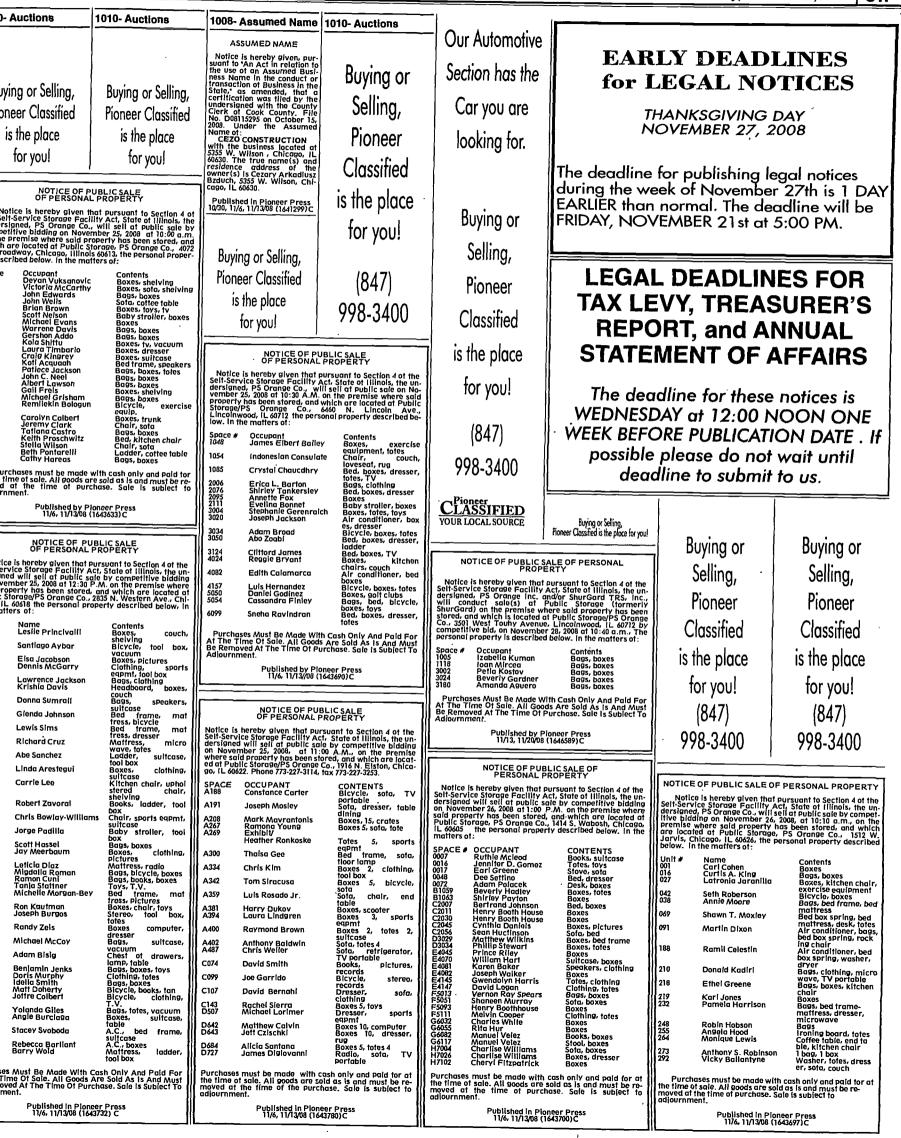
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STATE OF BETTY L. FUMBANKS HAMBERLAIN, Deceased	in the matter of the estate of Bette Strassman Deceased	ministrative Office, 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350, Chi- cago, Ilinois 60604 A dratt copy of the Plan will be available for review and Inspection by the public start- ing on Monday, November 10,	school board election. The tirst day for candidates to tile nominating papers is Tuesday, January 20, 2009	The conducte has the a Statement of Economic inter- ests. Such receipt shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Education not later than the last day ta tile nomi- thating petitions. By order of the Board of Ed- ucation of Maine Township	State of Illinois, County of Cook, In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Department, Chancery Olyision, Founders	
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ng the First and Final Ac-	were issued on September 25, 2008 to Robert Strassman,1333 W. Brichwood 302,Chicago, IL	Central Administrative Office	than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 5:00 p.m. Candidate' names will appear on the election bailot in the order in which their permettee	Cheryl Johansson, Secretary Published inPloneer Press 11/13/08(1646108)C	Notice is hereby given to you, Ramon Medina, Detendant in the above entitiled suit, that the said	
. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NA-	Strassman, 1333 W. Brichwood 302, Chicago, IL 60626, whose attorney is Cary A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd. Sutte 407, Arlington Hts, IL 60005. 847-577-0030. Cicines against the extate	working hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Section 8 recipients, public housing residents, resident councils, organizations, and the general public are encour-	Papers are received. Further information may be obtained by contacting Laurie Kolpas, in the Superinten	The Law Office of Shari Sheimadine 53 W. Jackson Blvd.,	suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, bythe said plaintiti against you and other defendants, praying that the Court deter- mine and adjudicate the rights and responsibilities of the unforce section in end to	
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HANIEL CHAMBERLAIN pon diligent inquiry cannot e ascertained and their last nown place ot residence is	months from the date of the first publication of this notice	accommodations to attend or	Board of Education Published in Pioneer Press 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/08 (1643437) C	Cook County, Department, Chancery Division. Founders Insurance Company v. Irving Camargo-Salgado, et al.	Intervation and responsibilities of the various parties in and to Founders insurance Compa- ny Policy #QAILISI865 with respect to the occurrence of January 5, 2008. Notice is also hereby given to you that said Complaint prove for other ratiest that	Worth
/s/ Cary A. Lind	of any claim filed with the	542-4728, at least one (1) week	PUBLIC NOTICE MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207 PARK RIOGE, ILLINDIS	No. 07 CH 35683 Notice is hereby given to you, Irving Camargo-Salgado and Concepcion Camargo,	to you that said Complaint prays for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the	
ubscribed and sworn to be- bre me September 15, 2008 s/s Jan Baliatore Notary Public	livered to the representative and to the altorney within 10 days atter it is filed. /s/ Robert M. Strassman (Representative)	Lorri Newson Executive Director Published in Pioneer Press 11/13, 11/20/08(1645585)C,NWs	Notice is hereby given that nominating petitions to membership on the Board of Education of Maine Township	entitiled sult, that the sold sult has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook	said suit is now pending. Now, theretore, unless you, the said above named Octend-	
ARY A. LIND, P.C. Attorney for Representative	/s/ Cary A. Lind (Attorney)	PUBLIC NOTICE	County, Illinois for members to be elected at the election of	by the sold plaintitt against you and other detendants, praying that the Court deter-	otherwise make your appear- ance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery di- vision, Room 802, Richard J.	1,000
rlington Heights, IL 60005 847) 577-0030 Attorney No. 23703 Published in Ploneer Press	Published in Ploneer Press 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/08 (1642938)C 1066- Public Notices	BOARD OF EOUCATION SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 73½ COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS	sentative There will be town	the various parties in and to Founders insurance Compa-	ington St., in the City of Chi-	
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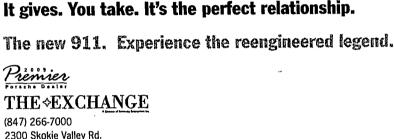
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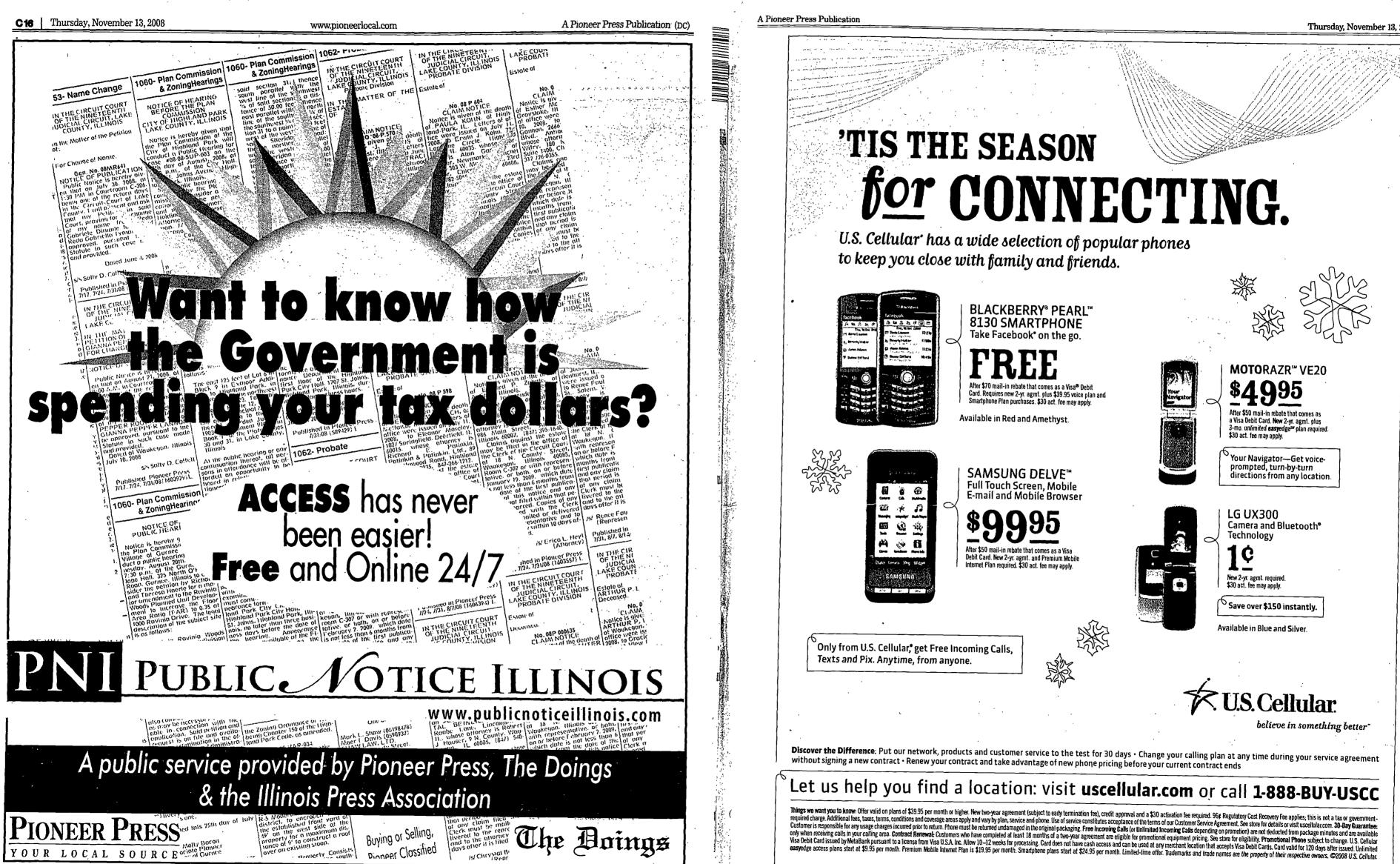
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## Neighbors . www.pioneerlocal.com 'Tour' Saturn with NASA Ambassador Vittallo

### By JENNIFER JOHNSON ijohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Audiences around the Chicago area are getting a front row seat on a mission to Saturn aboard the Cassini orbiter, thanks in part to Park Ridge native John Vittallo

Vittallo is a NASA Solar System Ambassador, giving him an opportunity to speak to audiences about NASA missions and share actual images taken from space. Vittallo's latest series of programs, presented with co-worker and fellow ambassador Jim Kovac, focus on NASA's Cassini-Huygens mission to study Saturn, its-rings, and its many moons.

"This was the next best thing to working at NASA," he said of joining the ambassador program.

The Solar System Ambassadors program. gets the word out to the general public about NASA's missions and scientific discoveries, and generate excitement about them, Vittallo said. He conducts about 10 presentations each year, with the Cassini-Huygens mission being the current focus.

"If I can get one audience member to check out the Cassini web site, that's success to me," he said. "It's to get that little bit of interest going."

The paperthin rings of Saturn can be seen in this image captured by **NASA's** Cassini orhiter. The two small dots are two of Saturn's . moons.



Park Ridge, attending Franklin Elementary School and Emerson Middle School. His family moved away by the time. he reached high school, but as an adult he returned to Park Ridge where he still resides.

"always had an interest in space.'

this giant atlas that has some spectacular images some of the gas giant planets, Jupiter, etc.," he said. "I loved opening that giant book up and looking through it as a kid."

Vittallo's interest in space propelled.him to NASA's Solar System Ambassadors program in 2002, his first space presentation taking place at the Park Ridge Public Library.

Vittallo, who works intelecommunications design and engineering for

Motorola, has made dozens of NASA presentations with Kovac, the latest taking place at the Deerfield Public Library on Oct. 23.

## Exploring mission

The presentation drew a crowd of about 40, including a number of children who stared at the images sent from the Cassini orbiter with rapt attention. The mission is named

after 17th Century astronomers Giovanni Cassini and Christian Huygens. Cassini discovered several of Saturn's many moons (60 are known to exist) and Huygens discovered Titan, Saturn's largest and probably most well-known moon.

The Cassini orbiter reached Saturn seven vears after its launch in 1997; and the mission has been extended two more vears

Vittallo and Kovac's

presentation includes close-up images of Saturn itself, its unique rings and the terrain of several of the planet's moons, with craters and mountain ranges clearly visible.

The mission made a number of discoveries. The Huygens probe landed on Titan, Saturn's biggest moon, sending back data of a surface that has "the same consistency of wetsand," Kovac said, and images of a hazy, orange atmosphere of methane fog. The surfaces of other moons were also photographed up close, mountain ranges and other terrain quite visible.

At Saturn's South Pole, the probe captured what appears to be perpetual hurricane measuring 45 miles deep and 5,000 miles wide.

"On Earth this would be a category 200, I'd assume," Vittallo joked.

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for added chances at beautiful gifts and items. Proceeds benefit the parish. For more information, call the Ministry Center at (847) 823-2550.

### Miracle House will sponsor a Holiday Boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 15 at Asbury Court, 1750 Elmhurst Road, Des Plaines. Get a jump start on holiday shopping with Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Partylite and many craft items.. Admission is free. For more information, call (847) 296-5258.

The Norwood Park His-

torical Society announces Victoria's Annual Holiday Boutique & Cafe which will be held Dec. 4 through 7 at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$1. The event will feature handmade holiday gifts from local artisans and crafters including ornaments, holiday kitchen decorations, stained glass, painted decorations, and hand-sewn items. The Cafe will offer homemade goodies, including sandwiches. soups, bread, cookies, pies and cakes, and other pastries. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Norwood Park Historical Society members enjoy an exclusive Members' Night on Dec. 3, 7 to 9 p.m. To become a member, sign up and get admission to this exclusive event. Victoria's Boutique is connected to the society's other major holiday event, the Holiday House Tour on Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance ticket sales for the tour will be available at the craft fair on Wednesday (members' night), Thursday, and Friday only. To purchase advance tickets for either event or for more information, call (773) 631-4633 or visit www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

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NASA Solar System Ambassador John Vittallo of Park Ridge speaks at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. As an ambassador, Vittallo speaks to the public about NASA space missions. His specialty is the Cassini-Huygens mission to Saturn.

## Explaining space

In his presentations. Vittallo combines scientific data with explanations the average audience can understand, throwing in a little humor as well.

"Some of the times the data is very, very detailed and technical. I try to be able to appeal to an audience of nine-year-old kids as well as adults, so I try to mix it together," Vittallo said.

Growing up, he says he

"I remember having

**Club** is looking for crafters for its 2007 Holiday Craft Fair. The fair will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 in the St. Juliana's Ahearn Center. across from the church, at 7201 N. Oketo Ave. The fee for each table is \$55. Electricity is available for an additional fee, but is limited. For more information or an application form. vendors should contact Patti McDonagh, (773) 792-3931, or the St. Juliana parish business office. (773) 631-4127.

The Parents Club of Guerin College Preparatory High School seeks crafters for its annual craft show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 29, featuring only handcrafted items across the first floor of the school, 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. Admission is \$2; children younger than 12 are free (strollers are not permitted). Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information about the show, or to receive an application form, call (708) 453-6233. Crafters may also download an application at www.guerinprep.org.

St. Raymond de Penefort Church of Mount Prospect is looking for artists to participate in its annual Old St. Nicholas Holiday Boutique from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 7. Applications are available at www.st-raymond.org/. All items must be handcrafted.

## FITNESS CENTER

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

The Fitness Center has scheduled some Funtastic programs for children to correspond with its popular aerobic classes. Instructors will even escort the children to and from the Clubhouse. A half-hour in the ClubHouse is included in all Funtastic class fees. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays: sports, fitness, art, science, cooking and more. Stop by or call; ask for Jenny or

Joy at (847) 588-8400.

Friday Night Fun for ages 5 to 12 offers an evening filled with swimming, gym, crafts, snack and more from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 14 and Dec. 19. Fees are \$10, members: \$15. nonmembers.

The following is the Group Fitness schedule. Daily drop-in fees are \$8 for residents; \$9, nonresidents. Express cards are available for numerous visits

Cardio Fusion: Cardiovascular workout with muscle shaping, using interval Step, plyometrics, Kickboxing or BOSU combinations with strength training. Finish with core work and stretch; intermediate to advance.

Core Cardio & Strength: Improve core strength and tone your body. Class will include functional strength exercises, ab and back work, and end with a yoga inspired stretch; beginner to advance.

Fantasy Fight: 60 minutes of choreographed lowimpact simulated fight sequences derived from the martial arts, boxing and basic self-defense, designed to condition the heart, burn calories and improve self-confidence.

Heart Rate Up & Pump: Get your 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, and body toning with ab and back strengthening; beginner to intermediate.

Step, Drills & Strength: This Step class will offer 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 advance.

A.I.S. Stretch: Isolated stretching to increase flexibility; 8-8:50 a.m. Tuesdavs.

Aerobic Medley and

Tone: Low-impact aerobics, kickboxing with some toning exercises for beginner and advanced participants, working at their own pace; 5:15-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Body Flex:** Increase lean muscle mass and boost resting metabolic rate with this strength-training class 6:20-7:20 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 10:05-11:05 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 9:05-10:05 a.m. Saturdays; and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Cardio Dance: Instructor will teach a variety of moves: intermediate to advanced level; 8:45-9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Cardio Interval: Try this cardiovascular workout with muscle shaping. Participants will interval Step, Hi/Lo, Kickboxing or BO-SU combinations with weight training. Intermediate to Advanced levels: 9:20-10:20 a.m. Wednesdavs.

Cardio Kickbox: This 60minute workout combines high-intensity aerobics, boxing, kickboxing and conditioning exercises. Handwraps are required and are available at the Membership Service Desk for \$5; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mondavs.

Cardio Step: This step class includes a warmup, high-intensity step aerobics, abdominal exercise and a cool-down stretch; 6:10-7:10 p.m. Tuesdays.

Core Challenge: Challenging core stability with cardiovascular and strength drills on the BO-SU balance trainer; 9:10-10:05 a.m. Mondays.

Easy Does It: Offers mature adults the opportunity to exercise under the close supervision of a certified instructor to achieve individual desired level of fitness. The class consists of low-impact aerobics, step or walking, resistance work, floor work and stretching; 10:10-11:05 a.m.

Mondays and 10-11 a.m. Fridays.

Dance Aerobics: Includes a mix of dance and aerobics, followed by an abdominal workout for intermediate to advanced levels; 6:10-7:10 p.m. Mondavs.

Step, Drills and Strength: This class will offer variety from week to week for intermediate to advanced levels: 6:10-7:05 p.m. Thursdays.

Total BodyToning: Participants will develop muscle tone using higher repetitions of lighter weights; for beginner to advanced levels, 5:15-6:05 p.m. Tuesdavs.

Yoga: Stretch and soothe your mind from 8-9 a.m. or 5:20-6:20 p.m. Mondays, 7-8:05 p.m. Tuesdays, 8:15-9:15 p.m. Wednesdays, 6:50-8 p.m. Thursdays, and 10:10-11:20 a.m. Fridays.

Spinning is indoor cycling to motivating music. Everyone rides at their own pace in a team atmosphere. Reservations are required at the Service Desk before each class. Bring a towel, heart-rate monitor and a water bottle to class. Classes are 45 minutes. Class times vary. Daily drop-in fees are \$6 for members; \$9, nonmemhers.

Spinning-Yoga Blend class will flow from Spinning right into yoga. Express Yoga will focus on stretching and include core strengthening. Express Spin is from 6 a.m. to 6:35 a.m., and Express Yoga from 6:40 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., Wednesdays.

Niles Family Fitness Center. 987 Civic Center Drive, offers Fall Funtastic Children's Programs. The goal of the programs is to provide a stimulating environment that will encourage learning and fun. Beginning classes are for parents and children to explore and create together. For class schedule go to www.nilesfitness.com, or call (847) 588-8400.

Parents and children are

invited to join in a special Thanksgiving celebration with crafts, games stories and more. Holly Day Party, 1 to 5 years. Holly Day games, crafts, stories and more will fill a child's morning. Friday Night Fun 5 to 11 years. Join the enthusiastic staff for an evening filled with swimming, gym, crafts, snack and more. Girls Spa Night, 5 to 11 years. Girls get ready to be pampered in an evening of hair, nails, lotions, jewelry-making and anything else "girly." Aqua Antics, 1 to 5 years. Play group in the pool! non-instructional swim class is designed to help children become comfortable in the water. Splash around while participating in active songs and circle fun. Water toys will be available. Parent/child. Mini Picasso's, 18 months to 3-years: toddler to explore their creative side with painting, play dough and bubbles. Class may be messy, so dress accordingly. Parent/child. Romp. Stomp & Roll. 10- to 20-months. This class is a social experience for both parent and child. Mats, balls, tunnels and age ap propriate toys will be offered in this active free play class. Your toddler can climb, jump and roll around in our carpeted multi-purpose room. Parent/child. Tiny tot Playtime, 1 to 2 years. Meet other parents and interact with your child during movement, activities, free play and a simple craft. Music and circle time will add to the FUN Parent/child Me Two 2 years. Stories, music and art to ease fears and encourage independence in a semi-structured environment. Child only. Mini sportsters, 2 to 4 years. An introductory sports class for your active toddler. Try out a different sport each week. Have fun while getting fit. Parent/child. Tumble bees, 2 to 4 years. Introduction to basic tumbling skills by participating in activities that teach gross motor skills and organized movement. Basic

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introduction to the balance beam, floor and horizontal bar. Parent/child. Just For Me. 3 to 4 years. Designed for children who missed the Sept. 1 cut-off for preschool, but are ready to be on their own in a social environment. Letters, numbers and colors will be taught through active play. Daily gym time and snacks are provided. This class





tinuing curriculum through spring 2009. Body Flex Kids, 3 to 6 years and 5 to 9 years. Scheduled during adult Body Flex, this high energy exercise class will get your child moving and grooving. Class ends with kid's yoga. Instructor escorts children to and from the Clubhouse. Funtastic Fridays, 3 to 6 years. Children play games, make crafts, swim and make new friends. Must be toilet trained. Playtime Picasso's 3 to 6 years. Arts and

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crafts, painting, play dough along with age appropriate play. Messy class. Recipe for fun. 3 to 6 years. Make simple recipes. Measuring, mixing, pouring and stirring. Each chef will get to eat or take home their own creations. Silly science 3 to 6 years. Hands on science class is designed to combine learning and fun. Using everyday household items, kids become a silly scientists with simple experiments. Sports kids 4-6 years. We introduce your child to a variety of sports:

T-ball, basketball, bowling and more. Class is designed to improve listening skills, instill a sense of teamwork and encourage physical development.

The Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, is taking registration for fitness classes, including: Aqua-Arthritis, an opportunity for people with arthritis and post-rehab conditions to help improve flexibility, coordination and muscle strength (a doctor's note is required); **Big Event**  Boot Camp, which is designed to help participants lose weight and tone up for a special event, combines cardio with resistance training and ends with a stretch; Core Strength, which offers total-bodystrength exercises using weight and the BOSU and includes abdominal and low back exercises (all ability levels are welcome); Laughter Yoga, a technique that uses simple laughter exercises, interspersed with gentle breathing, stretching exercises and

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rhythmic clapping; Senior Strength, designed to improve the strength, agility, balance and flexibility of older adults, using light weights, flexible tubing, and small resistance balls; Zumba, a Latin-dance-inspired fitness class featuring aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt. Call (847) 588-8400 for days, times and fees, or go to www.nilesfitness.com.

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**Niles Family Fitness Cen**ter offers the following Pilates classes: a nine-week program of MAT Pilates, using a series of controlled exercises that engages the mind and body to develop strong flexible muscles without building bulk. Each movement begins with the abdomen, focusing on controlling core muscles. Routines alternate stretching

with strengthening. Pilates for Golf is designed to im-· prove balance, coordination and flowing movement. This class will help with spine and shoulder stabilization and core strength. Bring an iron to class. The Fitness Center offers classes Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Call for times and details. For those experienced in Mat Pilates private and semi private training sessions are available in the Pilates Reformer Training Room. All sessions are 50 minutes.

and members and nonmembers may purchase 1-, 5-, or 10-session packages. Call Danielle Desherow. (847) 588-8410, for times and pricing options.

## FOOD DRIVE

Saint Andrew Life Center, 7000 N. Newark Ave., Niles, will accept food donations to support the Chicago Food Depository until Dec. 31. Each year, the Chicago Food Depository feeds thousands of Chicagoarea residents. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Saint Andrew Life Center, and donors will be entered into a free raffle. Winners will be notified in January. For more information, call (847) 647-8332

## FUND-RAISERS

The Service League of Advocate Lutheran General will sponsor a Silver Leaf Jewelry Sale fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24 and 25 in the Grainger Atrium of Advocate Luther-

an General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. The sale will include a variety of discounted designer silver, costume jewelry, accessories, gift items and more. For more information, contact Elsa Rivera-Araujo at (847) 723-6105.

The Men and Women's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital will present a rousing folk music tribute featuring The "Choirboys" Folk Revival Trio at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the hospital's Olson Audito-

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rium, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. The music group features the '50s and '60s sounds of the Kingston Trio, The Chad Mitchell Trio, Peter, Paul & Mary, the Limeliters and others. Tickets are \$20, and includes refreshments. Free parking will be available. Proceeds from this performance will benefit Lutheran General Hospital special projects. To purchase tickets, call Elsa Rivera-Araujo at Lutheran General Hospital, (847) 723-6105

Food BY DAVID JAKUBIAK Contributor

Sheila Lukins recently called in to Tom Ashbrook's "On Point" radio show on National Public radio to talk about her latest cookbook Ten: All the Foods We Love and 10 Perfect Recipes for Each (Workman, 2008).

Towards the end of her interview, a woman called in and held back tears as she described making Sunday dinners for her children for 25 years out of the book Lukins cowrote with Julee Rosso in 1982. The Silver Palate Cookbook

Lukins said it has happened before.

She's written seven books, for a quarter century she's been the food editor of PARADE, and all along her goal has been making gourmet food accessible. "No weird recipes," Lukins said.

Her fans, she said, "feed their children these foods, like pork chops and potato gratin, and they say they love these recipes because they always work, they can find the ingredients in the supermarket and they taste delicious."

## **Craveable foods**

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Queen corn."

passions. "We love chocolate, we adore spare ribs. baby backs, and we all adore ice cream, or most of us do." And when you add the recipes for additional sauces, like tomato-honey jam, Lukins had nearly

In this book, Lukins dives into international flavors "I have Asian-style in-

more deeply into the souls gredients, I have Indianof cooks. It goes after the style ingredients. I have foods that are so deep in southern-style ingrediour subconscious that we ents, and I have flavors can always count on them from around the world, which is really what "We all love and crave America is today."

## Nothing weird

But she stresses they are all standard ingredients

"They're just my recipes, it's not weird food It's not weird food to do 10 roast chickens. To do a brined roasted chicken or an Asian roasted chicken or an herbed roasted chicken is not odd, or a tandoori style with Indian spices is not weird."

A lot has changed since Lukins and Rosso opened their gourmet shop, The Silver Palate, in New York City back in 1977. Then, arugula and even button mushrooms were exotic items.

Now, she says, shoppers can step into a supermarket and "you would find chipotle chili powder and you will find ancho chili powder, and you will find smoked paprika, and that's because McCormick makes it."

But just to be sure, Lukins explains all of her ingredients in the book, and even offers tips on where to find them. "In the beginning I used to get where to buy lemon zest, and then I realized that's not funny. They need to know exactly what lemon zest is so they don't have to worry about where to buy it."

calls asking

As she talks it becomes clearer why pork chops and potato gratin could, after all these years, reduce a caller to tears. Lukins

has opened pantries and filled

them with deliciousness, helped to raise children with flavor, helped men and women feel empowered at the range.

She suggests that they're saying thanks because life in the kitchen was a drudge, and now it's not. "They're saying "Thanks for helping us with recipes our kids like. thanks for making our life in the kitchen a lot more fun, and thanks for making it easier."

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## **Roasted Carrot Ginger Soup**

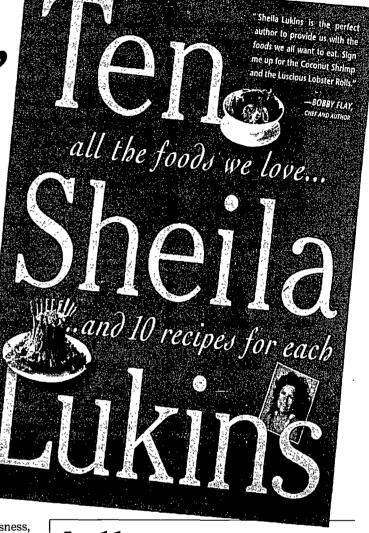
11/2 lbs. carrots, peeled and halved lengthwise 1 lb. parsnips, peeled and quartered lengthwise 1 large onion, sliced. 1 piece (3 inches) fresh ginger, peeled and chopped 6 T (1/2 stick) unsalted butter 3 T (packed) dark brown sugar

8 C chicken broth, preferably homemade

or more if needed Salt, to taste Pinch of cavenne pepper 1/4 C crème fraîche, for garnish Snipped fresh chives, for garnish hours.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Combine the carrots, parsnips, onion, and ginger in a shallow roasting pan. Dot with the butter and sprinkle with the brown sugar. Pour 2 cups of the



## Author appearance

Sheila Lukins, cook, author and food editor at PA-RADE, appears at a special event at Mirani's, 727 Elm St. in Winnetka at noon. Thursday, Nov. 20. Reservations for the event, which is being held in partnership with The Book Stall at Chestnut Court. are \$50 and will include lunch, wine and an auto-



graphed copy of Lukins' new book Ten: All the Foods We Love and 10 Perfect Recipes for Each. Call (847) 446-2894 to make a reservation

broth into the pan, cover tightly with aluminum foil. and bake until the vegetables are very tender, 2

Transfer the vegetables and broth to a large soup pot, and add the remaining 6 cups of broth. Season to taste with salt and cayenne pepper, and bring

to a boil. Then reduce the heat and simmer, partially

Puree the soup, in batches, in a blender or food processor until smooth, adding more broth if needed. Return the soup to the pot, adjust the seasonings if necessary, and heat through. Serve each portion dolloped with a teaspoon of crème fraîche and sprin-

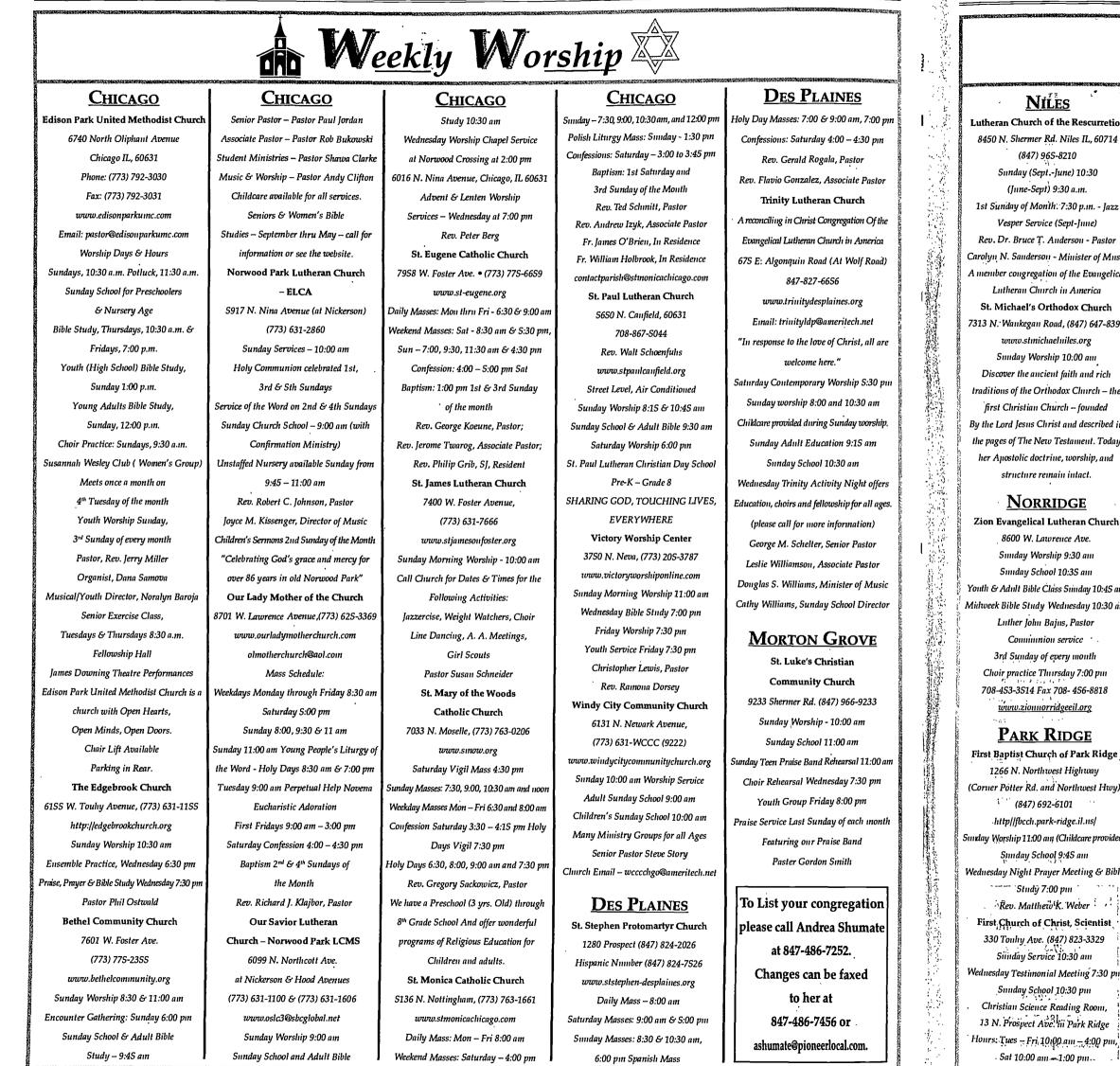
kled with chives.

covered, for 10 minutes.



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## Niles

8450 N. Shermer Rd. Niles IL, 60714 (847) 965-8210 Sunday (Sept.-June) 10:30 (June-Sept) 9:30 a.m. 1st Sunday of Month: 7:30 p.m. - Jazz Vesper Service (Sept-Inne) Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Anderson - Pastor Carolyn N. Sanderson - Minister of Music A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America St. Michael's Orthodox Church 7313 N. Wankegan Road, (847) 647-8398 ununu.stunichaeluiles oro Sunday Worship 10:00 am Discover the ancient faith and rich traditions of the Orthodox Church – the first Christian Church – founded By the Lord Jesus Christ and described in the pages of The New Testament. Today her Apostolic doctrine, worship, and

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Swoboda - Veasev

and James Veasey was the bestman.

Jacqueline Ellen Swoboda, of Park Ridge, and Tito

Donyelle Veasey, of Rock Island, IL, were married

August 9, 2008, at St. Paul of the Cross Church in

officiated. A reception was held at Fountain Blue in

Park Ridge, Fr. Carl Morello and Fr. Joseph Mulcrone

Des Plaines. Victoria Swoboda was the maid of honor

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Linda

Swoboda, and the late Lynn Swoboda, of Park Ridge.

She is a 2003 Maine South High School graduate,

and earned a Bachelor degree from Western Illinois

University. Jacqueline is a Police Officer in Grayslake.

Rock Island, IL. He is a 1994 Rock Island High School

Western Illinois University. Tito is currently an Assistant

Ron and Diana Kosach

45th Wedding Anniversary

Ron and Diana Kosach, of Park Ridge,

will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary

couple met during a neighborhood softball

game in Forest Glen. The Carl Schurz high

school sweethearts married November 16,

1963, at Saint Sylvester Parish in Chicago.

The Kosachs have two daughters: Deborah

Niles.

(Shane), of Des Plaines, and Susan (Scott), of

"May you both enjoy many more years

of happiness together with

your family and friends!"

Congratulations!

with a family trip to Hawaii later this year. The

graduate, and earned a Bachelor's degree from

Plant Manager with Malcolm Meats in Bensenville.

Jacqueline and Tito honeymooned in St.

Thomas, US Virgin Islands, and make their

home in Elk Grove Village.

The groom is the son of James and Ruby Veasey, of



The couple honeymooned in Pupita Cana, Dominican Republic, and resides in Chicago.

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- 8363 W. Kay St., Countrywide Bank Fsb to Timothy Schneider. \$285,000, Sept. 4.
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- 7249 W. Lee St., Willie Hopp to Joy Hess, \$278,000, Sept. 8.
- 8319 N. Oleander Ave., Rafal Kolbiarz to Vito Battista, \$625,000. Sept. 9.

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- 8928 W. Heathwood Circle, Theresa R. Carpino to Teofila B. Dejesus and Mary Jane D. Russell, \$255,000, Sept. 10.
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- 9128 W. Terrace Drive, Ok Jin Kim to Jung Choo, \$110,000, Sept.

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- 8970 W. Heathwood Circle, Byung Joo Yoon to Joanne Nice L. Flores, \$288,500, Sept. 15
- 6660 W. Wood River Drive, Waldemar Rydzewski to Rachel E. Stryjak, \$213,000, Sept. 18.
- 8132 N. Odell Ave., Marek Pyzik to Margarita Sisoi, \$390,000, Sept. 19.
- ■7846 W. Oakton St... Dorothy M. Dobosiewicz to Mohamed A. Elgarawany, \$210,000, Sept. 22.
- 8529 W. Normal Ave.,

Vitale Trust to Nina G. Mikhail, \$245,000, Sept. 23.

- 8101 W. Courte Drive. Peter Arvanitis to Pat Arvanitis, \$300,000, Sept. 23.
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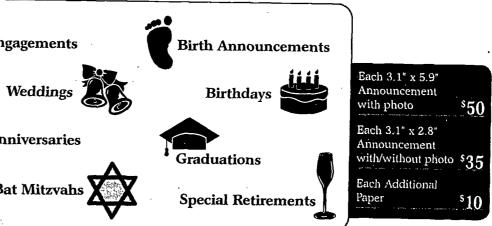
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- 7913 N. Oconto Ave., Grazyna H. Rzeszutko to Tudor and Cornelia Vacaru, \$342,000, Sept. 26
- 7027 W. Carol Ave., Robert S. Applebaum to Fitsum B. Andegergish and Fireweini T. Medhin, \$257,000, Sept. 29.
- 7918 N. Neva Ave., Stone Gate of Des Plaines LLC to Richard and Lin Choy Chin, \$305,000, Sept. 29.
- 6913 W. Jarvis Ave., Homesales Inc. to Matthew and Norma Diaz, \$319,000, Sept. 29

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- 8422 W. Johanna Drive. Antoni Pedzisz to Cecylia Koscielniak. \$463,000, Oct. 2.
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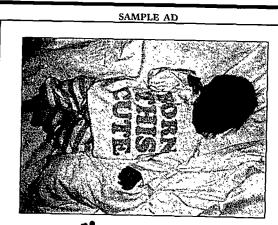
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Congratulations to her loving parents Mike and Tressie Brichta

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**Death Notices** 

Burns, Mary P. Mary P. Burns, nee Shannon, 78, former res-ident of Park Ridge, IL, passed away No-vember 3, 2008 in St. Matthews Center for Health Born in Winthrop, MA in 1930, she was the loving daughter of the late Laurence and Nora Shannon. Beloved wife of Robert Burns of Park Ridge, IL; cherished mother of Ellen (Ken) Cetera of LaGrange, IL, Robert Jr. (Liz) of Capron, IL, Jane (Richard) Bonahoom of Arlington Heights, IL, and the late Jennifer Burns of Park Ridge; proud grandmother of Carolyn Cetera, Julie Bonahoom, Peter Bonahoom, Jay Bonahoom, and Laura Burns. Mary attended school at the Academy of th nption in Wellesley Hills, MA, and later attended college in Boston and Nova Scotia. She was well known for many years in Chicago as a sales and management executive with TWA, and later was manager of inter-national tourism for the Illinois Department of Commerce

Memorial Mass to be held at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge, IL, at 10am of Friday, November 28, 2008. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

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## **Death Notices**

Cherry, Norma Emma Norma Emma Cherry, nee Tess, of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of the late Roy Allen; herished mother of Allen, of Des Plaines Robert (Jamie Leigh), of North Carolina and the late Joan (Abbey Botkin) and the late Michael; loving daughter of the late Emma and Walter Tess; dear sister of Mildred "Babe" (Howie) Schalk, formerly of Park idge, and the late Jane (Vin) Hruby; dear sister-in-law of Jean (Phil) Nelson and Ruth Huston) Bouslog; proud grandmother of Michael and Kelly Cherry-Leigh and Allie otkin; dear aunt of many nieces and nephws and beloved friend to many.

rma was a graduate of Lake Forest Colege and served many years as a teacher's de in the Park Ridge school system. She was also proud to be an activist who worked political campaigns and contributed to causes she believed in. A Memorial Service will be held at Park Ridge Community Church, Saturday, November 22, at 1:00 p.m. n lieu of flowers, memorials to Medical loset, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068 or he Center for Concern 1580 N. Northwes lwy., Suite 310, park Ridge, 1L 60068 woul be appreciated. Arrangements by the M.J. uerth Funeral Home, for further inforn ion 773-631-1240 or 847-823-6540. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

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## Death Notices

### Drag/Gerard

Gerard Drag, 80, beloved husband of Helma; loving father of Robert (Lynn Marie) and Ridear Grandfather of Glenn and Kaylin.

Memorial Mass Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 5t. Isaac Jogues Church, 8149 W. Golf Rd., Niles, 1L 60714, 10:00 a.m. Inurnment to fol-low at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Isaac Jogues Church app ciated. Info 847-581-0536 or w.colonialfuneral.com

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### Hall, Sheldon "Ray"

Sheldon "Ray" Hall, 71, longtime resident of Glenview, died suddenly October 18, 2008 in Wisconsin. Survived by his wife Carol nee Berg; three children, Michael (Patty) Hall, Diane(Steve) Labahn and Mark (Diane) Hall; and six grandchildren. Memorial Visi-tation Sunday, November 16 from 1pm until 3pm, Service following at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Rd., Glenview (just South of Lake Ave. on West side). In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle,#900, Chicago, IL 60604. Funeral Info 847-998-1020.

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Riha, Daniel G. Daniel G. Riha, age 67 of Morton Grove, IL Parsed away November 4, 2008 at Rainbow Ark Hospice in Park Ridge, IL. He was born in Chicago June 11, 1941, to the late John and he late Mary, nee Stoffel.

Dear brother of the late John (Marian) Riha. Geraldine (Roy) Hattendorf of Morton Grove, Marge (Jack) Tures of Huntley, and he late Ruth (Karl) Tegert; and devoted uncle of many nieces and nephews. Daniel was a craftsman of tools and dice. A memorial mass was held Monday, Nov. 10 at St. Martha Church, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove. Interment private. Arrangements made by Simkins Funeral Home, 6251 Dempster St., Morton Grove. (847) 965-2500. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

## **Death Notices**

### Robins, Ernest

Ernest Robins, age 84, passed away Novem-ber 4, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ. Born in Montreal, Canada, and a previous resident of Skokie, L, he attended Northern Illinois University ind received a masters at Northwestern Uni versity. Ernest taught 5th grade for 35 years n Evanston, IL at College Hill, Kingsley and Lincoln Schools. He was married to the late Bertha (Birdie) Marie, and is survived by children Thomas & Laura Robins, Phoenix, AZ, Diane Robins, Scottsdale, AZ; grandchildren Brittany Mariah & Seth (great grandchildren Sedona Skve, Sienna Rae, and Saige Marie) of Phoenix, Beau John Robins, Glendale, AZ, Christian Robins, Phoenix; and brother Fred Robins Gueltph, Onatario, Canada.

Graveside Memorial Service will be Novem-ber 24, 2008 at Phoenix Memorial Park at with burial to 10:00 a.m.,

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## Stecher, Adolph "Tony"

Adolph "Tony" Stecher, age 90, a 50 year resident of Park Ridge passed away November 8, 2008. Dear hus f the late Elizabeth, nee Banach, for over 60 years; loving father of Lee (Cynthia Stecher; proud grandfather of Jeffrey R Stecher (Stacey Ford). Mr. Stecher was longtime member of the Park Ridge Senior Center and an avid golfer. His military service during WWII included serving in the 774th Grand Division, the Army Artillery ind part of the contingent responsible for

Pope's safety. Visitation was Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 Talcott Rd. (at Cumberland) Park Ridge. Funeral was Wed nesday, Nov. 12 from the funeral home to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church for Mass. En-tombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. Funeral info 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com

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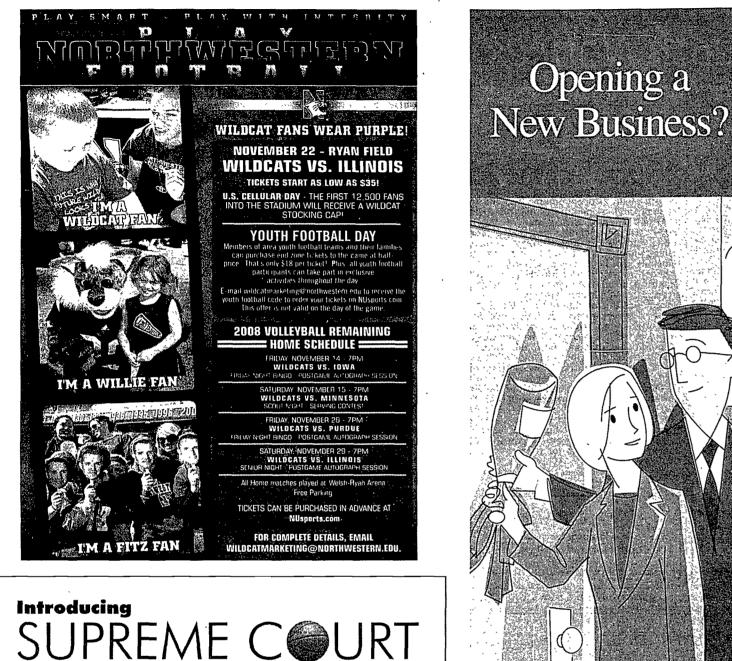


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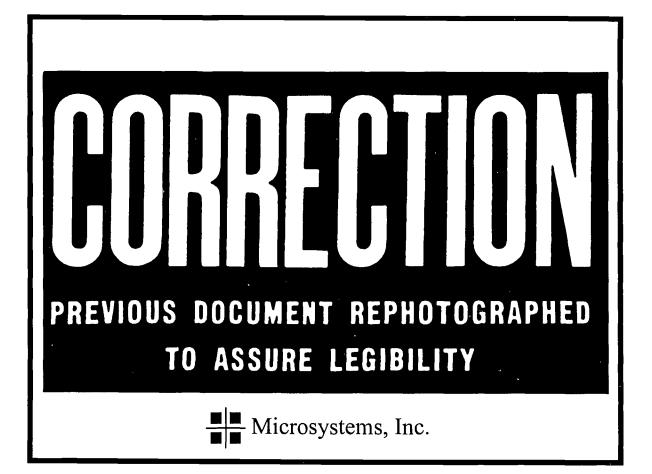
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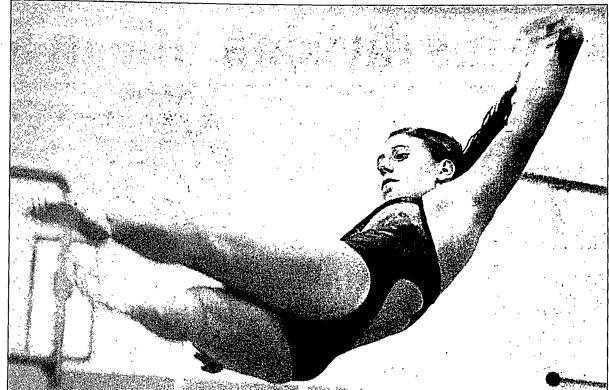


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Central Suburban League

North meet, the Demons

received a stellar effort

from Natalia Bialecka in

first league champ in 14

GBN's Caroline Bendarht

with a time of 24.85 sec-

"It was certainly one of

my proudest moments in

a long time," said Guilfoil,

who has been both girls

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double-medal winner as she placed third in the 100 freestyle with a time medal came from Jelena Krstic. Krstic, the team's captain, overcame a sore shoulder to land sixth in

"Even though we placed last in the team standings," Guilfoil said, "I was very happy to see we had 13 season-best times. I think that will give us some good momentum as we head to the (Stevenson) sectional on Saturday (at 1 p.m.)."

Other good swims were turned in by Krstic in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.06), Lauren Laluz in the 200 freestyle (2:29.90), Felice Chan in the 200 individual medlev (2:49.95), Susanne Purc in

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# **Notre Dame squads** piling up victories

The Notre Dame Ice Dons varsity squad defeated Brother Rice, Latin School and St. Ignatius — and the JVteam defeated Mount Carmel White — marking the first time in school history that both teams have secured double-digit wins before Veterans Day.

On Nov. 4, the varsity team played Brother Rice in a Catholic League

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game and were victorious over the Crusaders 4-1. Goals were scored by seniors Matt Dunne and Mike Coca, with freshmen Jeff Levar and Tim VanDermeir also putting the biscuit in the net. Assists were credited to Micah Orchard, Alex Murphy, Coca and Anthony Lupo. Goaltender Jeremy

Krautstrunk stopped 18 shots in the victory.

On Friday, the Ice Dons' Metro Central opponent was the Latin School of Chicago. The Dons started out slowly in the matinee event at Johnny's Ice House, in Chicago, and trailed going into the third period. Notre Dame then exploded for five goals and won 5-3 over the Romans. Goals were scored by Kevin Orchard, Levar,

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season.

are on the road against top ranked Barrington and top-10 ranked Prairie Ridge. They play at home against Providence on Thursday, vs. Jacobs on Saturday and against Maine Township Nov. 18. All home games are at the Iceland in Niles.

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West was third with 270

points, followed by Niles

North (132), Highland

The JV Ice Dons traveled to Southwest Ice Arena on Saturday and played Mount Carmel Caravan White of the Catholic League. The Dons struck twice in the opening period and held on to a 2-1 victory over an older, bigger and stronger team.

Brandon Taylor opened the scoring with a shot from the point that beat the Caravan goalie on the

Peter Prestia. Goalie Kevyn Frost stopped 21 shots in the victory. The JV team's record is 11-3-1. This week, the JV team plays road games against presently undefeated **Barrington and Prairie** 

a tough seven days for the JV this season. The be at Iceland in Niles.

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Maine East's Jelena Krstic competes in the 200-yard individual medley during Saturday's Central Suburban League North Division meet at Glenbrook North. Krstic, the team's captain, medaled with a sixth-place finish in the event.

the 100 backstroke (1:18.66) and Nicole Tagle in the 200 freestyle (2:38.56)

As expected, Deerfield and GBN battled it out for the team title. In the end, Deerfield edged the host

**Bialecka wins division title in 50 free** 

Johnny Blaus, Steven Leick and VanDermeir. Assists were credited to Kyle Gronset and Murphy, with Mike Coca getting three assists. Goalie Ryan Maize was in the

The Dons returned to Johnny's Ice House on Sunday against St. Ignatius and were victorious 10-1. It was a total team victory, with everyone on the Dons either scoring or assisting. Crisp passing, wicked shooting and standout goaltending were the highlights as Notre Dame' record swelled to 23-2 for the

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Park (120) and Maine

East (72).

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David Fabris in the slot on

Ridge — and a home game against Jacobs on Saturday in what will be Saturday home game will

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## Mortgage rates plunge By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

Mortgage rates continued riding a seesaw this compared with a week before. week, plunging one-third of a percentage point Cause of volatility? compared with the week before.

the benchmark 30-year fixed has zigged or zagged get the picture.

A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage the Treasury has been responsible for at least Don't apply, won't be turned down point. The mortgages in this week's survey had one sharp rate drop by buying lots of mortgage- Meanwhile, few new loans are-being originated.

25 basis points, to 6.21 percent. The benchmark Network Inc., a mortgage bank based in Westford, week a year before. 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage fell 21 basis points, Mass., traces the rate drop to something more That decline probably was a result of that

a week before. This week the 30-year fixed fell they are steadily running out of loans to manage, it's going to be difficult." This is the case with 33 basis points compared to a week ago, but in in a process called runoff. Mortgages are being loan applicants who are self-employed or collect last week's survey, it had risen 45 basis points paid off when houses are sold, either willingly commissions.

or in foreclosure. Because servicers are in the business of servicing mortgages, they don't This week's rate drop didn't appear to be related really have the option of allowing all their loans The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell to the presidential election. In fact, no one is to run off. If they did that, they would be out of 33 basis points, to 6.44 percent, according to the quite sure why mortgage rates have been so business. So Koss' theory is that servicers are Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. volatile lately. There has been speculation that buying loans, and indirectly pushing rates down.

an average total of 0.35 discount and origination backed securities. That would have the effect of The Mortgage Bankers Association reported that, points. One year ago, the mortgage index was driving up bond prices, which would cause yields in the week ending Oct. 31, loan applications fell 6.34 percent; four weeks ago, it was 6.2 percent. to drop -- and mortgage rates would follow. 23 percent compared with the week before, and The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell Brian Koss, managing partner with Mortgage were down 43 percent compared with the same

prosaic than the Treasury putting its thumb on week's rise in rates. But lenders also worry Bankrate's survey is conducted weekly, each the scales. He hears that mortgage servicers are that borrowers are scared away from applying Wednesday -- and for six Wednesdays in a row, buying loans, thus driving up prices and ... you for mortgages, fearing that they will be turned down. "Loans can be done," Koss says, but adds, sharply in a direction opposite to the direction of He says servicers are buying mortgages because "If you have anything unique about yourself,

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