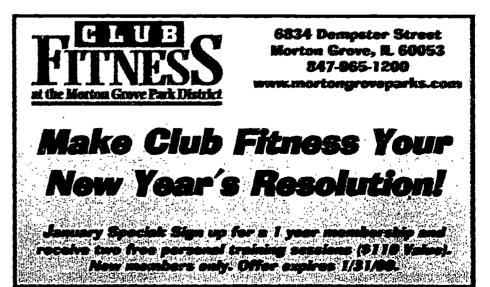


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A final list of candidates for mayor and three open trustee positions is shaping up in the village of Niles.

Acting Mayor Robert Callero, Trustee Kim Biederman, and newcomer Luigi Nitti (see related

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Another candidate promising reform appeared to join the race for mayor of Niles just before the filing deadline Monday.

Krzysztof "Chris" Hanusiak, 40, the vice president and owner of **Roval Kitchen and Bath** in Niles, announced he would file 240 signatures in a bid to become mayor.

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The former software engineer said he had considered running for office for several months but finally decided to jump into

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Luigi Nitti, 46, said he is running for mayor of Niles because he is tired of seeing the same people in charge year after vear

"I see what goes on around town and I think Niles should be run better," said Nitti, who lives with his wife and their four children. "The town

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Quintet of mayoral hopefuls on Niles ballot

story) have all filed signatures to appear on the ballot in the April 7 mayoral election Another newcomer, Krzysztof Hanusiak, was scheduled to file signatures to enter the race before 5 p.m. on Monday. Shortly before the Herald-Spectator's publication deadline **Pioneer** Press learned village resi-

dent Carol Harczak also had filed to run for mayor.

Callero, who filed first Jan, 19, will have the top ballot spot, followed by Biederman, Nitti, and (ostensibly) Hanusiak.

Trustees Louella Preston and Andrew Przybylo will run on Callero's Continuing Economic Stability Party slate along with

businessman George Alpogianis, who will run for the trustee seat Callero is vacating. All are running on the platform of keeping property taxes low and public-service quality high, and tout their experience with village government. 'The slate's trustee candidates filed first on Jan, 19 and will be at the

top of the ballot.

Other trustee candidates who have publicly announced include residents Dan Ryan and Rosemary Palicki. Both have cast themselves as reformers running against the establishment, along with Biederman and Nitti.

Candidates for mayor or trustee must gather at

least 72 signatures from registered village voters to qualify to run for office. The required number of signatures represents 5 percent of the total number of ballots (1,440) cast in the last election.

Candidates had until 5 p.m. on Monday to file.

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Hanusiak on corruption: You either condemn or condone it

the fray when he read in **Pioneer Press** that Acting Mayor Robert Callero had created an ethics committee. Hanusiak said he found the move to the be the height of hypocrisy. "That was the straw

that broke the camel's back," he said. "How could he (Callero) chair the ethics committee? He's acting mayor and he says the old mayor (Nicholas Blase) didn't do anything to hurt the village. Then, he accepted his (Blase's) endorsement."

Blase, who was mayor of Niles for 47 years before retiring in August, is scheduled to appear in federal court April 9 (pushed back from today)



Krzysztof "Chris" Hanusiak

to be sentenced on corruption charges connected to his role in a scheme to steer business owners to an insurance agency that paid him kickbacks.

"Callero should be condemning the mayor for

what he did." Hanusiak said. "If you're not condemning it, you're condoning it."

While praising Blase as a former mayor, Callero has acknowledged that Blase made some "mistakes" while in office but believes the mayor pleaded guilty to corruption charges to spare his family a trial.

Hanusiak also took issue with Callero's new committee because there were no residents on it. The committee, chaired by Callero, will be staffed by Trustees Joe LoVerde and Louella Preston,

"They should not be on that committee," Hanusiak said. "We need residents on that committee,

business leaders, church leaders. Not the same people who are in charge. The ethical problems here are just so deep-rooted. It's the same people on the board, it's the same people in charge. They don't put the village first."

Hanusiak said term limits would also be part of his platform.

"I want to put forth a referendum to limit the mayor to two terms," he said. "People get the job and they take it for a ride. I think mayors should have two terms. But I'll let the people choose it in a referendum."

Despite a common perception that Blase remains popular among residents, Hanusiak said he

does not think running as an anti-Blase candidate against Callero — an incumbent endorsed by Blase — would hurt him with most voters.

"I think Blase is very beloved, but only a couple of thousand people have been voting," Hanusiak said, "The same people have been voting and the same people have been in charge for years. But every person I talked to told me they want change and that they would vote for me'

Trustee Kim Biederman and resident Luigi Nitti are also running for mayor on reform platforms.

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Nitti not afraid to say he's tired of same people in charge

needs a lot of change."

Nitti said the village suffered a great deal from the misdeeds of exmayor Nicholas Blase, who is scheduled to be sentenced in federal court April 9 (pushed back from today) for tax evasion and mail fraud in a scheme to steer Niles business owners to buy insurance from an agency that paid him kickbacks.

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"What he did bothers might be afraid to say it, but I'm not."

"I've lived in Niles for 40 years. I have a a good head on my shoulders and I think I could do a good job"

Luigi Nitti

don't understand why people in charge act like everything is OK. It's not OK with me. People

Nitti said he was troubled by Acting Mayor Robert Callero and village manager George Van Geem's continued support for Blase. Callero has said several times that Blase did nothing to hurt the village and Van Geem, at one time, was overseeing a video tribute to Blase, whom he said is "like family."

Nitti, who works for his father's company at Mike Nitti Cement in Des Plaines, described himself as a blue-collar laborer, and has never

run for elected office be fore "I've lived in Niles for 40 years." he said. "I have a a good head on my shoulders and I think I could do a good job."

Nitti was not prepared to explain his full platform last week, "I have a lot of issues, but I want to keep a lot of that stuff to myself right now," he said.

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State supreme court formally disbars ex-Niles mayor

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

The Supreme Court of Illinois formally disbarred ex-Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase on Jan. 20, according to statements from the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

Blase, who has been a licensed attorney since 1951, pleaded guilty in October to federal counts of mail fraud and tax evasion resulting from his role in a scheme to steer local businesses to buy insurance from an agency that paid him \$420,000 in kickbacks. He was scheduled to be sentenced today (Thursday).

Records show that Blase himself requested he be disbarred, but the disciplinary commission was . taking steps to disbar him pending an investigation of disrepute. his guilty pleas, according to reports from the commission

The commission states that Blase engaged in conduct that reflects adversely on a lawyer's "honesty trustworthiness or fitness," as well as "conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit" and conduct that brings the "courts or the legal profession into

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Blase served as Niles' mayor for 47 years before

retiring in August amid the federal corruption CASE Despite Blase's admit-

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said several times that Blase has done nothing to hurt the village.

Village Manager George Van Geem and village business liaison Denise Me-Creery were working on a tribute video dedicated to the former mayor that reportedly showed Niles business owners praising Blase and his tenure. Van Geem said he pulled the plug on the project when Village Attorney Joe Annunzio became aware of it, and alerted him to the appearance of ethical impropricty given the possibility that Blase could use the

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The sentencing of former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase on federal corruption charges was rescheduled from today (Thursday) to April 9 - two days after Niles' consolidated election.

An official from the

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 has issucd an open invitation to the community, seeking individuals to work with its strategic planning process.

Volunteers are needed for several phases of the project.

The district is seeking nominations of individuals to participate in one of two ways:

About 30 individuals

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

A final list of candidates for the four open seats on the Maine Town ship High School District 207 Board of Education was reported Monday.

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Grandparenting in the 21st century sessions are one of the newest services to be presented by Children's Home and Aid Society at Niles Public Library.

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Blase sentencing delayed

clerk's office at the US District Court of Northern Illinois said Tuesday that government prosecutors had made a motion to reset Blase's sentencing date. Attempts to reach attorneys for comment were unsuccessful.

In October Blase pleaded guilty to one charge of mail fraud and one charge of tax evasion. and admitted to improperly using his elected office to steer local businesses to buy insurance from an agency that paid

him kiekbaeks.

Before retiring amid corruption charges in August, Blase had been mayor of Niles for 47 vears.

- By Tony Bertuca

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Biederman rallies for reform over rhetoric

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Anyone paying attention to news coming out of the village of Niles these days has probably noticed that "ethics" has become a popular buzzword among politicians, especially when followed by the word "reform."

In the wake of exmayor Nicholas Blase, who is scheduled to be sentenced in federal court April 9 (pushed back from today) for tax evasion and mail fraud, nearly all of the candidates for mayor have voiced concerns over ethics reform.

Acting Mayor Robert Callero has created a new ethics committee composed of himself and trustees Joe LoVerde and Louella Preston; the panel is expected to put forth a series of recommendations soon. Newcomers Luigi Nitti and Krzysztof Hanusiak have both said ethics reform is the primary issue fueling both their campaigns. Trustee Kim Biederman, however, has gone public with her own plan to create greater government accountability and transparency.

Biederman has said that she was disappointed with Callero for not including her in his ethicsreform efforts, and not offering her a seat on the new committee.

Her ethics recommendations cover everything from mandatory employee training to greater oversight of village contracts to a total ban of campaign contributions from village employees and business vendors.

"The ethics reforms I propose are safeguards for village operations so residents can be confident their tax dollars are being used openly and honestly," Biederman said in a statement to the press. "The task of restoring the publie's trust should begin at



Kim Sychowski Biederman the top."

Biederman said she would start the reforms in her own campaign by not accepting contributions from any employee or business vendor of the village.

"Banning political contributions from employees and vendors erases any appearance of 'pay-toplay' schemes," Biederman said. "The state recently enacted the same thing because of (Gov. Rod) Blagojevich's corruption. It restores trust with residents and I hope the other candidates will join me in leading by example.

Also, Biederman's proposal calls for Callero's new ethics committee to install at least one resident, "Involving residents is key to real ethics reform in Niles," Biederman said. "If we shut them out of the process, then we haven't learned anything from recent incidents of misuse of public resources."

Similar to something Callero has suggested, Biederman called for a toll-free, independently monitored corruption hotline to report unethical hehavior

Biederman also wants mandatory, annual ethics training for all village employees and additional oversight for village contracts greater than \$10,000 by the new ethics committee. And in an effort to ensure open, accessible government. Biederman said all Village Board meetings should be recorded and made available online or a public access channel.

District 64 seeks strategic planners arc needed to create a Team.

draft strategie plan in an intensive, three-day working session facilitated by an outside expert in school planning. Half will be district representatives: half will be parents and community members. This work will be done on April 23-25. The same group will reconvene in carly 2010 to review work by action teams. Nominations are needed by Fri-

day.

Based on each "strategy" developed in the April sessions, eight to 12 action teams will be assembled to draft specific tasks and activities for implementation in fall 2009. Each team will include 10-20 members who are affected by the strategy. These will be selected in early fall. Action team members will not serve on the Strategic Planning

Nominations should include the person's name, contact information and why they would

be a good candidate. Send them to Dr. Sally Prvor: via e-mail at spryor@d64.org, or by mail to Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge IL 60068.

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Six to vie for District 207 board seats

tos, of Des Plaines, Margaret C. McGrath, of Park Ridge, Edward Mueller, of Park Ridge, Jerry T. Kellogg, of Des Plaines, and Eric Leys, of Des Plaines.

Bustos, Mueller and Leys are all incumbents whose seats are open. Incumbent Jeffrey Bergen will not run for re-clcc-

The General Caucus of School Districts 64 and 207, based in Park Ridge, recently endorsed Mueller, who is seeking his third term, and McGrath, a newcomer and 14-year resident of the district.

The caucus tradition ally only endorses two eandidates with Park

Ridge ties for the District 207 board because the district covers other areas outside that city.

The caucus also makes campaign funds available to candidates it chooses to endorse.

The election will be April 7.

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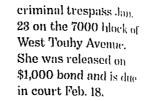
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- Boguslaw Chrohak, 19. of 6337 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, and Arkadisz Krzemien, 18. of 9278 N. Maryland Ave., Niles. were both charged with possession of cocaine Jan. 19 on the 8200 black of North Merrill Street. Both were released on \$15,000 hand and are due in court Jan. 29.
- DUI Sooah Cheung, 23, of 1035 Longaker Road, Northbrank, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Jan, 23 on the 4600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court March. 10.
- Dan Glah, 26, of 9215 N. Woodland Drive, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Jan. 20 on the 9000 black of North Milwaukee Avenue, He was released on \$1,000 band and is due in canrt Feb. 18.
- Fabian Perez, 33, of 352 N. Inland Drive, Wheeling, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Jan. 18 on the 9200 black of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$15,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 29.

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■ Laura Adams, 38, of 2512 72nd Court, Elmwood Park, was



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- Alada Bush, 26, of 3224 W. Cuyler Ave., Chicago, was charged with theft Jan. 20 after she allegedly stale \$8,887 over the course of a year from a store on the 9500 block of North Greenwood Road, where she was employed. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 29.
- A Nissan Sentra was stolen Jan. 23 from the 8700 block of West Dempster Street
- A Chevy Cobalt was stolen Jan. 22 from the 81000 block of West Lyons Street.



By RONNIE WACHTER rwachter@pioneerlocal.com

The inauguration of the president had to bow to the sport of kings at one local off-track betting facility.

Lucky Magee's Racino Grill and Sports Lounge has plenty of TVs, some of them among the biggest in Niles, and the management showed the historymaking inauguration of President Barack Obama on its largest screens. Of the few men inside at noon Jan. 20, however, the unfolding ceremonies were of no interest.

"I'll be honest, I really don't care," said Lee Brummitt, of Park Ridge.

"I don't trust the government," said another man, who requested to not be identified. "It's not the president who runs the country, it's the people he surrounds himself with.

They and about five other gamblers made no attempt to discern the words of Obama's speech, which played at slightly lower volume than the soft-rock background mu sic. All were focused on the events unfolding in Philadelphia and Tampa: horse racing.

Brummitt said Obama



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Not all transfixed by inauguration

struck him as an intelligent man who understood everything that was riding on the race he had just be-

"He knows that we're in trouble," Brummitt said. "Hopefully within his four years as president, he can do it."

The anonymous man

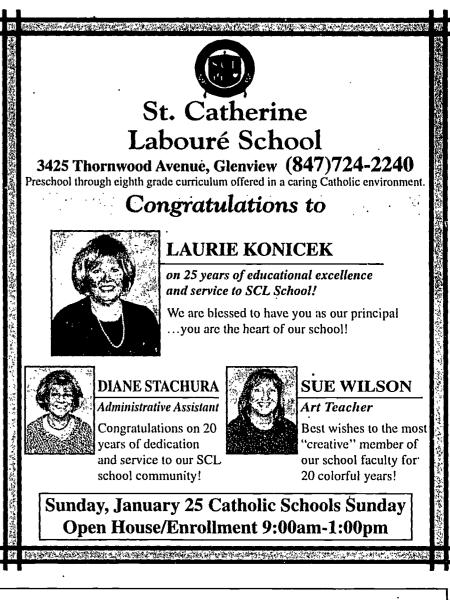
Obama follow his method at the track: Know when to stop pressing your luck, because there are no guarantees. "When you double your money, leave,' he said. "Nobody's got it figured out."

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for a picture with a life-size cutout of President Barack Obama during a reception Jan. 20 at White Eagle banquet hall in Niles.





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BY TODD SHIELDS tshields@pioneerlocal.com

In the chill of the night, they can be found in the dark, solitary corners of the north and northwest suburbs - makeshift homes for the unsheltered homeless.

Known as "homeless hot spots" and often in downtowns, these nighttime landing places could be gangways, empty train stations, strip mall loading . docks, 24-hour laundromats or beneath overpasses of expressways.

"When I was homeless for six months, I would find someplace very dark to spend the night in my car. Maybe big private parking lots," said Tod Douglas, 46, again homeless when let go New Year's Eve from his warehouse job.

Every two years since 2005; the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, Westchester, organizes staff and

volunteers to count sheltered and unsheltered people without homes

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the detailed counts to fund 40 agencies in the Cook County/Continuum of Care program for transitional and permanent sup portive housing.

On Thursday, 164 volunteers fanned out to north, northwest, west and south suburbs, asking willing homeless for demographic information. Results tallied with sheltered surveys will be ready in late February.

In 10 counting groups, leaving the Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) in Palatine, 58 volunteers drove around the north suburbs from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Only the unsheltered were counted; supervisors of sheltered refuges, such as PADS, could more easilv document their guests for the night.

On this night, no un-

sheltered homeless people were found in Lincolnwood, Skokie, Morton Grove, Park Ridge and Niles, though count team leaders crisscrossed the villages in vehicles and on foot for hours.

However, Jennifer Hill, executive director of Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, reported Wednesday morning that 20 homeless people were found in other northern suburbs. Hill also said 40 were interviewed in the west and she was unsure of a total for the south suburbs.

Part of the strategy was asking police officers for to identify homeless hangouts.

"Some police were very helpful. A Lincolnwood officer took my card and cell phone in case he saw people," said Tracy Banks, a housing case manager for Center of Concern, Park Ridge. "Other police were not



Patty Pater and Tracy Banks, volunteers for the Alliance to End Homlessness, review a map Jan. 22 before departing the PADS shelter during the organization's Coek County biannual count of the homoloss

(helpful), even rude. They were like. 'No, no, no. We don't have homeless here." said Banks, shaking her h**e**ad. Douglas, a volunteer

riding with Banks, chimed in while taking a cigarette break at Morton Grove's Metra Station

"When people can't find three hots and a cot, they may commit crimes to get off the streets, especially in winter when you have to eat and have no direction," said Douglas, adding he was homeless in Elmwood Park, River Grove and Franklin Park.

"Some police don't want you around. They look down on the home. less. Others are helpful." he said. . For a longer version of

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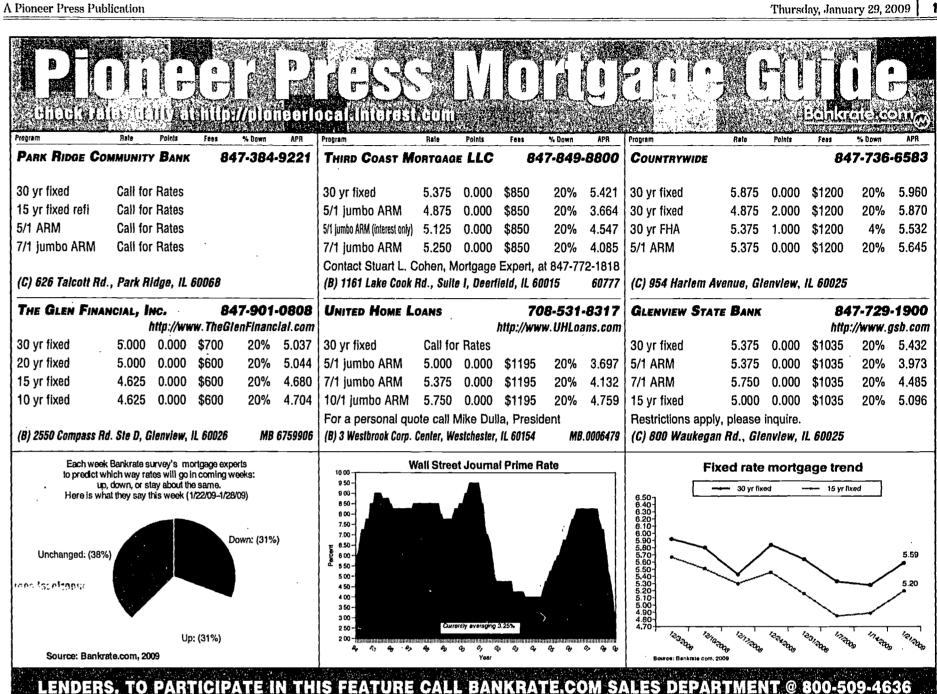
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inflation.

Rates on home loans went up for only the second week week but one -- until now. Bankers point a finger at the "I think it's the Obama spending fear," says Michael since Halloween, as bond and mortgage traders began to size of the proposed economic stimulus package making Moskowitz, president of Equity Now, a mortgage bank worry that the economic stimulus package could bring its way through Congress: \$825 billion. based in New York. That succinct explanation is pretty At that price, the economic stimulus package would much the consensus in the mortgage industry. At the The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 31 amount to about \$2,750 per person, or \$11,000 for a same time, some brokers have been advising customers basis points to 5.59 percent, according to the Bankrate. family of four -- enough to pay for one-third of a nice to float, instead of locking a rate, on the theory that rates com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is minivan, from the headlights to front seats. Mortgage will drop again. one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in bond traders worry that prices for goods and services The steady decline in rates this fall and winter started this week's survey had an average total of 0.30 discount would rise rapidly if the American people borrowed a refinancing boomlet. The workload has exceeded the and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage such a bundle of money to climb out of the recession. capacity of some lenders to process loan applications index was 5.57 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.84 Obama spending fear When lenders reach capacity, they raise rates to slow When bond investors foresee inflation, the result is the flow of applications. That's why it's a good idea to percent. The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage rose higher bond yields. That carries into higher mortgage shop around.

percent.

rate in the last week of October was 6.77 percent, the on the side of overspending, rather than not spending to break their rate locks if rates decline substantially highest of the year. Since then, the rate had fallen every enough.

MORTGAGE UPDATE

Mortgage rates up on inflation fears By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

31 basis points to 5.2 percent. The benchmark 5/1 rates. Maybe it's not a coincidence that, in the last week, Some lenders are telling borrowers that 30 days

adjustable-rate mortgage rose 7 basis points to 5.58 the biggest jump in bond yields happened on President isn't long enough to process the loan, so they're Barack Obama's inauguration day. The new president recommending that borrowers lock their mortgage rates In Bankrate's weekly survey, the benchmark 30-year and his advisers have said that it would be safer to err for 60 or 90 days. That gives borrowers plenty of time resulting in more loan applications and more delays.

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pinion WE SAY **Catholic Schools Week**

Where head and heart meet

By SISTER M. PAUL MCCAUGHEY

Why do parents, already paying stiff property taxes, take on second jobs to pay tuition so that children can be educated in a Catholic school?

Why do Catholic parishes, already strapped to minister to the multiple needs of their congregations, dig deep to help subsidize parish schools? Why do community members of all faiths assist as patrons of schools and sponsors for young people for whom a Catholic education is out of reach?

Intuitively, perhaps, these stakeholders know that Catholic schools are the setting for lessons that last a lifetime, the place where head and heart meet: and the facts bear this out in the Catholic schools of Cook and Lake counties.

The 218 grade schools and 40 high schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago, rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service, stand as a witness to the shared expectations of a community which invests extraordinary resources in teaching its young people.

Since Church (canon) law requires that a Catholic school provide a secular academic education that is as good — or better — than the one offered by the local public school district, test scores meet the mark even in the most affluent suburb.

In the inner city and with struggling districts, however, the gap is dramatic. Young people who graduate from a Catholic elementary school increase their chance of graduating from a public high school to 90 percent, as opposed to the lagging general rate. For those continuing in a Catholic high school, the dropout rate is close to zero and 96 percent go on to college.

At opposite ends of the spectrum, Catholic universities blend scholarship with a commitment to social transformation just as the growing number of Catholic pre-school programs provide opportunities for the richness of language development and support for family systems.

However, the test scores well above the national average and the value-centered school climate are only prerequisites for Catholic school operation. The true unhours of service to others so far this year. Even in the poorest of the schools, students are generous to those with less, both locally and internationally. The theme for Catholic Schools Week promulgated by the National Catholic Educational Association is "celebrate service." Those who choose to answer the invitations of our schools as they open their doors to the community this week will witness their vitality and sense of service.

cese of Chicago have re-

turned over a half million

The University of Notre Dame study of Catholic Schools ("Making God Known, Loved, and Served") calls the schools a "national treasure." In the State of Illinois alone,

"Even in the poorest of the schools, students are generous to those with less, both locally and internationally."

derpinning is the transmittal of the Catholic faith. While non-Catholics are welcome (almost one in five of students in Catholic schools are from another faith tradition). recent research has shown what experience bears out: the Catholic school is the single most effective way of integrating a faith which results in personal practice for young people. In a healthy Catholic school, human dignity is seen as flowing from the recognition that each child, while a "productive citizen," is also a son or daughter of God.

Graced and called, the students of the Archdio-

our Catholic grade and high schools save the taxpayer over \$2 billion annually. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, perhaps it is time to look again at the teachers, administrators, parents, and young people who have freely made an investment in our Catholic schools and celebrate their service to us all.

Sister M. Paul McCaughey is the superintendent of schools for the Chicago Archdiocese. She is a Springfield Dominican nun who attended Catholic school at St. Paul of the Cross and Mary, Seat of Wisdom in Park Ridge before | Fox's new season of "24."



their SWAT vans.

Imagine me playing

has to coach Jack through

stampede. Later, everyone

an abandoned tunnel be-

fore a circus elephant

tracks Jack and his ac-

screen, while Air Force

unbearable stress, I yell

for my kids. "Okay, who

Fast-forward to when

Jack's taking a vacation.

What happens when Jack

Bauer parks his RV next

tent? What would we talk

his family, because they've

about? I can't ask about

all met tragic, horrible

ends. Even poor Eddie's

living on borrowed time.

to my family's camping

left the cap off this

out?"

marker and let it dry

One is emergency-landing

Among the bedlam and

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at Woodfield Mall.

some programmer who

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PATTI GETS SNARLED

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Post-holiday, I'm still receiving dozens of catalogs via mail, including:

Lottery Barn: furniture made from recycled lottery tickets.

L.L. Reamed: for shoppers resigned to mark-

Dow and Darth: Wall Street's answer to Plow and Hearth. As the Dow Jones plunges, Darth Vader light-sabers both the bear and bull.

Jack Bauer: Eddie Bauer's younger brother, Jack, has gone rogue at the mall. "Give me the low price NOW!"

Speaking of Jack Bauer, we're enjoying moving to Olympia Fields. | These guys leap off em-

"Interesting car, too." hurtling locomotives and "It's a DOD vehicle." never get a Denver boot Jack says. when they double-park "Department of De-

fense?" He narrows his eyes. "Dunebuggy of Death." "Is that a Glock I see?" He pats his jacket. "No. Pocket Fisherman."

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"I hear you're an excellent fisherman. You shout. 'Get out of the pond NOW!' and the terrified fish flap onto the grass. They even volunteer to jump into the deep fryer. It's gotta be that five o'clock shadow and dangerous glint in your eye."

"I graduated 45 magnum cum laude from the Clint Eastwood Academy.

"Y-yeah. Impressive. One question, Mr. Bauer. Can I borrow your '24' clock? You know, that Deee-dooomm! Deeedoomm! Deee-doomm!'

"Why, lady?" "Maybe that'll finally get my kids to school on time."

"Er, I noticed the tur-Comment: pioneerlocal.com rets on your trailer," I say.



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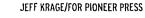
Steve Justman, o Wilmette, plays the banjo during

Sunday's folk-music concert at **Niles Public** Library.

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I NEWS

STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

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warm and fuzzy ending to

an icy story. Last month,

we ran a letter from Jill

Olson who wrote about

how the parents group at

her school got ripped off

tailer in New York.

last April to buy an

icemaker for use at

by an online appliance re-

The group had sent

\$499 to Eppliances.net

school functions and to

soothe sports injuries.

but of course, the ice-

maker never arrived.

Despite some sleuthing

work worthy of Team

Fixer and lots more

Their check was cashed,

Dear Readers: Here's a

Resurrection Health Care: A proven record of quality care

Achieving high standards of clinical care and employee satisfaction are important to us at Resurrection Health Care because it means you receive the best health care.

We are proud to have been named one of the Top 20 Best Places to Work in Healthcare in the nation by Modern Healthcare magazine. In a random survey, our employees give us high scores for salary and benefits, openness of communications, team atmosphere and having the facilities and equipment required to provide quality health care to our community.

Our commitment to openness and transparency extends outside our walls as well. That's why we are pleased to announce that our health care quality scores are now posted on our website for anyone to view in an easy to understand format. We also link back to the government websites where all hospital data is housed so you can see for yourself how we surpass the state and national average on the majority of our scores.

Insurance companies also rate us among the top performers on quality. And our hospitals have achieved numerous awards and quality distinctions from other agencies that make it their business to provide accurate and fair assessments of health care quality.

Recently, a labor union that has been trying unsuccessfully to organize our employees for more than six years, has sent mailers to the community using outdated information to present an unfair picture of our quality record. But the real facts about our quality are now easier to find and understand.

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Who needs icemaker in this weather?

hat, the group was stuck. Oddly, the phone num-

ber listed for the company was linked to a weight loss clinic, and the parents couldn't find a verifiable address.

We tried to intervene but got the same poor results. We figured we'd at least publish their plight, in the hope that someone else could avoid it.

And then came a letter from Elizabeth Tonias, a Fixer reader from Gurnee. Elizabeth said she has a 10-year-old commercial icemaker just cooling its heels in her garage. She wrote that she "would be happy to donate it for a smile.

We were happy to hook them up - and now the school has ice. Thanks, Elizabeth!

Converter coupons?

Dear Readers: We had to cut off our list of people seeking DTV converter box coupons, so



please - no more new requests. Now, we need everyone's help in filling as many of these requests as we can manage. We mailed out 26 coupons last week, but about 200 more people are waiting in line

Do you have an extra. unused DTV converter box coupon from the federal government that has n't expired? If so, please mail it to: Fixer DTV Coupon, Chicago Sun-Times, 350 N. Orleans St., 9th Floor North, Chicago IL 60654

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Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com where you'll find a simple form to fill out. Thanks to contributor Mike Nolan

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Versatility 500 The host, WJJG-radio's Kevin-Moore, and six performers - Daryl Nitz, Becky Menzie, Tom Michael, Anne Burnell, Laura Freeman and KT McCammond - believe the versatility of the music will appeal to a wide age range of ages, especially the way it is presented, Nitz said.

SCORE BY SCORE

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Theater, 7924 Lincoln Ave. (847)

By PAT KROCHMAL

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times when Rodgers &

Hammerstein's classics

live again at the Skokie

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way musicals, will be pre-

sented in cabaret fashion

starting with "Oklahoma"

and ending with "Sound of

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Music."

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Nitz is co-producing the event with Moore, as well as directing and performing, while Menzie is acting as musical director. "The cast is composed

of people who are successful artists in their own right," said Nitz, an artist who performs at Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood, and teaches fifth grade at Glen Grove School in Glenview.

Menzie and Michael are well know for their inventive twists on show tunes. Burnell is famous for her award-winning iazz vocals. Laura Freeman has made a name not only in jazz, but also in R&B and country. And

Diversions Broadway done cabaret style at Skokie Theater





"We are trying to bring great music at affordable prices, especially in these tough economic times." Daryl Nitz

Daryl Nitz

McCammond won the 2005 Chicago After Dark Award for Outstanding Cabaret Artist.

Changing the tune

"Our goal is to present American composers and American theater composers, as well. The show will not be done in a theatrical style, but in a cabaret setting with piano and a vocalist. Sometimes, we will do different takes on a song. Something up tempo, we might make a ballad. Something usually sung by a woman might be sung by a guy, or we might make a solo into a duo." Nitz said. Rodgers & Hammer-

stein melodies will be presented first, followed by those of Lerner and Loewe, and Jerry Herman.

"We are trying to bring great music at affordable prices, especially in these



Laura Freeman

tough economic times. Many cabaret shows are \$15-\$20 with a two drink

minimum for just one artist and one act, but we are providing a two- act

show with a cast of six, plus a host, at a very reasonable price and no drink

minimum," Nitz said.

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NEW IN TOWN

A Miami executive (Renée ellweger) travels to a tiny. linnesota town to fine tune a factory - and finds romance. Harry Connick Jr. is featured. (96 mln.) Rated PG-13 for brief strong lan-

TAKER ***

A retired CIA field agent (Liam Neeson), who has given up the spy biz to be near his estranged teenage daughter, gets back in the game when she is kidnapped in / Paris by white slavers. With a vengeance, Luc Besson (who wrote and produced) excels at faking this sort of standard-issue genre exercise and giving it an unconventional spin (remember "The Professional" and "La Fertme Nikita"?) and this is a prime example. The action is offthe charts, but Neeson anchors it nicely by playing up the worriedsick dad as much as the ruthlessly efficient dispenser of painful payback (BI) (94 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, disturbing thematic material, sexual content, some drug references and lanovade:

THE UNINVITED The recovery of a young

woman fresh out of a mental institution (Emily Browning) is complicated by the unwelcome presence of a ghost in her house. (87 min.) Rated PG-13 for violent and disturbing images, thematic material, sexual content, language and teen drinking.



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CHE ** 1/2

Director Steven Soderbergh's long (nearly 41/2 hours) rambling biopic tracking the famed 3 Argentinian revolutionary through a successful struggle in Cuba and a disastrous one in Bolivia features a memorable performance by Benicio Del Toro in the title role, but it's so shapeless it could almost be called anti-dramatic, (BI) (268 min.) No

MPAA rating.

"Taken"

THE CURIOUS CASE OF **BENJAMIN BUTTON** +++1/2

By far the most sanguing movie David Fincher ("Seven." "Fight Club," "Zodlac") has ever made, "The Curious Case of 🔔 Benjamin Button," Is still shot. through with a strain of melancholy that comes from a constant preoccupation with mortality. After all, the title character (Brad Pitt, striking just the right note of bemused fatalism) is born one step away from the grave and his aging in reverse is a constant reminder to everyone heading the other way that time is limited. The special effects are inventive, the screenplay is charming, funny and unself consciously philosophical and Button's romance with Dalsy (Cate Blanchett) is fresh and original: (BI) (159 min.) Rated PG-13 for brief war violence, sexual content, language and smoking:

DEFIANCE

Daniel Craig stars as the eldest of three brothers who reluctantly take on the job of protecting a large group of refugees in the forests of Nazi occupied Poland during World War II. Directed by Winnetka native Edward Zwick, (137 min.) Rated R for violence and lan-.

DOUBT

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*** 1/2 You're likely to begin this film with your sympathies neatly lined. up in one direction, then change your mind completely by the time it's over. Threatened by the liberal ideas' of the well-liked Father Flynn (Philip Seymour Hoffman); the fearsome Sister Aloysius (Meryl Streep, obviously relishing the part of the old-school knuckle rapper), requires no more than the mere suggestion that he might have made sexual advances to one of the boys in school before she sets out to destroy him. Which is not to say that Father Flynn is innocent of the charge. (BI) (104 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic material.

> FROST/NIXON +++1/2 Screenwriter Peter Morgan

("The Queen") adapted his Broadway play about the epic series of post-Watergate Interviews between disgraced former president Richard Nixon and British chat show host David Frost - which Nixon pointedly regarded as a duel - for this surprisingly suspenseful and funny adaptation by director Ron Howard, (8)) (122 min.) Rated R for some language.

INKHEART **

Children's book author

Cornelia Funke's concept about a husband and dad (Brendan Fraser) who has the ability to transport characters from the page to real life when he reads aloud is a lot of fun And there's a fair amount of kid-friendly fantasy advebture when he winds up battling a story book villain (Andy Serkis) and his gang of thugs while trying to protect his wife and daughter. Somehow, the magic doesn't translate to the movie, though, and you'll soop he wishing you could be ... transported just about anywhere. (BI) (106 min.) Rated PG for fantasy adventure action, some scarv moments and brief language:

GRAN TORINO ***

Dirty Harry goes geriatric. Miserable, cantankerous old SOB Walt Kowalski (Clint Eastwood) isn't happy with the way things are going in his neighborhood or with the world in general – and when he gets sufficiently riled, he's got the gun power to back up his sense of right and wrong. Walt despises his spoiled sorts and their doubly spoiled children, the auto industry he worked in all his life has collapsed and the streets are filled with aggravating young punks who need to be shaken by the collar. And, as a Korean war vet and practicing racist, he isn't happy that he's surrounded by a community of Hmong refugees. He's even less thrilled when he has to become the unofficial protector of the sassy teenage girl next door (Ahney Her) and her hapless brother Thao (Bee Vang) when their family is threatened by gang-bangers. (BI) (116 min.) Rated R for language throughout, and some violence.

FILM CLIPS

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THE READER ***

A strong performance by Kate Winslet as a middle-aged woman in post-World War II Germany, who clearly has a painful secret, highlights this initially erotic, ultimately troubling drama based on the international best-seller by Bernhard Schlink, Stephen Daldry ("The Hours," "Billy Elliot") directed the drama about the dour, distant, Hanna, a woman with a couple of big-time secrets, who begins a summer-long affair with a bookish 15year-old boy (David Kross) based on his love for her and her desire to . hear him read novels aloud to her in bed. (BI) (123 min.) Rated R for some scenes of sexuality and nudity.

REVOLUTIONARY ROAD *** 1/2

Director Sam Mendes didn't do much to make a case for suburban living in "American Beauty," but here he makes it look about as appealing as the plague. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are a 1950s married couple who had hopes, dreams and aspirations once - before having a couple of kids. buying a house and settling in for the American dream. Ten or so years into an increasingly unhappy union, their lives have devolved into unsatisfying work, unwanted children and near-constant bickering - poised to shift into all-out marital warfare. (BI) (119 min.) Rated R for language and some sexual content/nudity

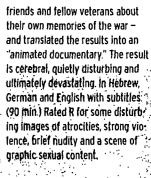
SEVEN POUNDS

.***

Will Smith backs his way into a supercolossal tear-jerking finale in this mysterious melodrama about a man who is haunted by some unnamed but terrible sin from his past, who sets out to atone by saving the lives of seven strangers. (BI) (118 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic material, some disturbing content and a scene of sensuality.

WALTZ WITH BASHIR *** 1/2

In an effort to recapture his own repressed memories of his par ticipation in Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon and the massacre of civilians in two refugee camps, filmmaker Ari Folman interviewed



THE WRESTLER

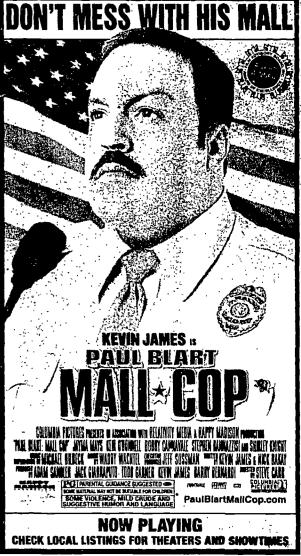
**** "The Wrestler" could have been a sentimental washout, with its story of a long-past-his-prime former



superstar wrestler (Mickey Rourke in a must-see comeback performance) trying to find a way to fit into the straight world after a beart attack forces him out of the ring. Director Darren Aronofsky ("PI, "Regulem for a Dream") doesn't go there, though, and he gives his hero a certain soft of dignity in difficult circumstances and makes his efforts to turn his life around heroic in a way that quietly mirrors his stoicism in the ring. (BI) (109 min.) Rated R for violence, sexuality/nudity, language and some drug use. 👘

- Reviews by Bruce Ingram



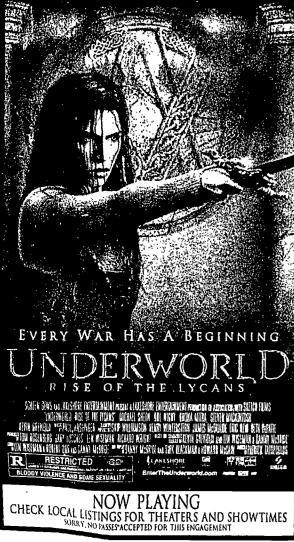




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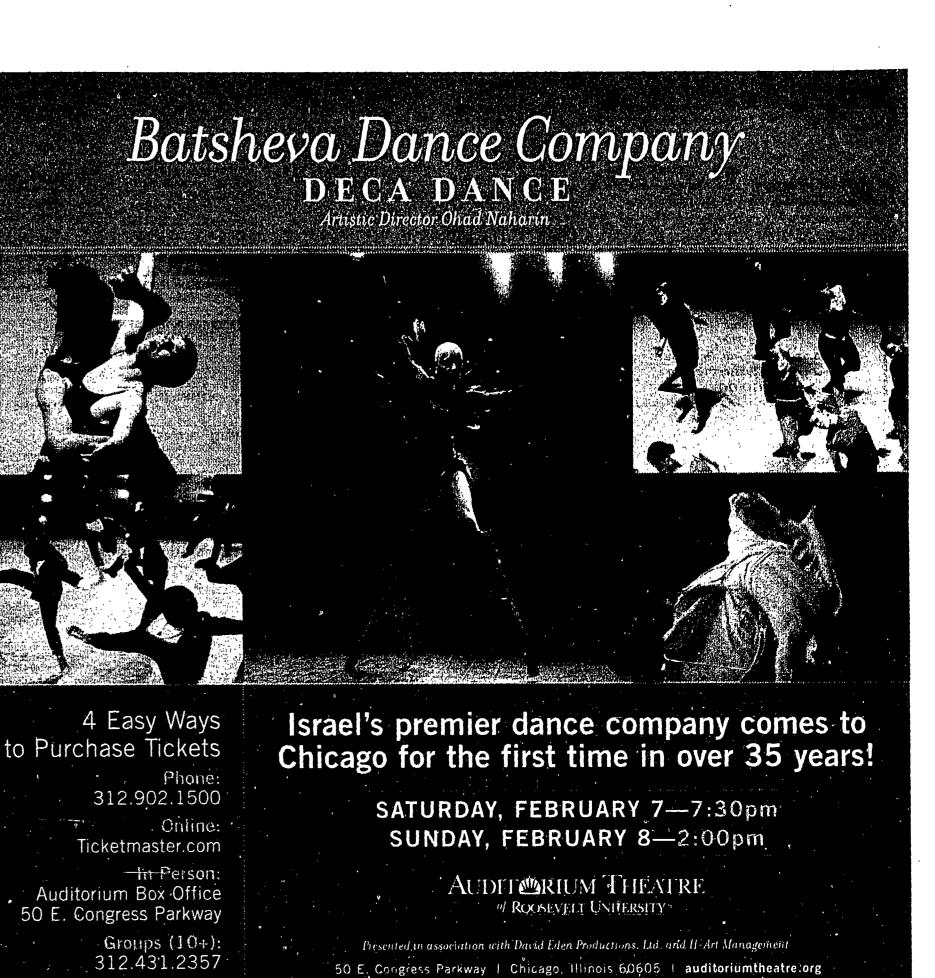
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"Amadeus," Feb 14-March 15 in the Mainstage Theater of the Village Play ers Performing Arts Center, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays: 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25: \$20 for students and seniors. Preview tickets are \$15 for the Feb. 14 performance, www.village-play ers.org or (866) 764-1010. "The Bowery Boys," through Feb. 15 at

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"Far From Freud," a contemporary new musical, 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Village Players Performing Arts Center, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park, Tickets: \$20. Vis it www.village-players.org or call (866) 764-1010

"The Foreigner," through Feb. 21 at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Tickets: \$34-\$42, (847) 577-2121 or www.metronolisarts.com

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The Free Readers Ensemble performs at 3 p.m. the third Sunday of the month, unless noted otherwise, in the second floor Veterans Room of the main branch of the Oak Park Public Library. 834 Lake St. Free admission. www.freereaders.com. Feb. 15: "Frankie and Johnny in the Claire De Lune" by Terrence McNally. March 15: "Wailing for Godot" by Samuel Beckett, April 19 "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash, May 17: "Picasso at the Lapine Agile" by Steve Martin

"Heilo, Dolly!" presented by The Young Actors Ensemble Feb. 19-March 1 at the Elaine and Zollie Frank Theater at MKJCC Children's Center, 5050 Church St., Skokie. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays: noon and 3:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15. For information, contact Terri Hilton at (847) 763-3514 or thilton@gojcc.org. Mrs. Mal-

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presented at intermission of the poon show on Feb. 22. Audience members of both genders attending this perform ance are encouraged to wear or bring a hat. After celebrating all of the hatwear in an on-stage parade staff will award prizes to the most elegant most outlandish, and most colorful hats. "The History of Jewish Match making," a 20 minute lecture, will be delivered at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 by Anita Silvert of the Pritzker Center for Jewish Education. There is no additional cost for either of these events.

"Hizzoner: Daley the First," at 8 p.m Feb. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 2 p.m. Feb. 8. 15 and 22 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 I Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Tickets: \$35, Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethe atre.org.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Feb. 18-May 10 at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. The performance schedule 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays: 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$45, excluding ta and handling fees. A \$5 discount for students and seniors is valid for Wednesday matinees and both Sunday performances. (847) 634-0200 or www.marriotttheatre.com.

"Movin' Out," the Tony Award winnin musical conceived, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp and based on 24 songs by Billy Joel, at 8 p.m. Feb. 20 2 and 8 p.m. Feb. 21: and 1 and 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, Tickets: \$32-\$69. www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212.

"Next Thing You Know," staged readings by the American Music Theatre Project. at 7 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and 2 p.m. Feb. 22 in Northwestern University's Mussetter-Struble Theater, 1949 Cam pus Drive, Evanston, Free, (847) 491-7282.





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"Stop/Kiss." through March 15 at The

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1027ProductionsChicago@gmail.com or call (773) 334-2765.

"Twelfth Night," presented by Piccold Theatre Feb. 13-March 21 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston, Performances at 8 p.m. Fri days and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25: \$20 seniors: \$15 students Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com

"Twice Told." from the works of Nathaniel Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Feb. 6 and 13: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 14: and 2 p.m. Feb. 8 in Northwestern Universi ty's Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater. 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. \$10. (847) 491-7282 or www.tic.northwestern.edu

"The Wizard of Oz," the 2009 Dolphin Show production by Northwestern University students, at 8 p.m. Jan. 30-31 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., on the university's Evanston campus. Tick ets: \$25: \$20 for senior citizens and Northwestern faculty and staff; \$10 for students and children. (847) 467-4000.

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www.arsviva.org. Tickets: \$64 box seats: \$45 reserved; \$40 seniors; \$16 students, Feb. 22, 4:30 p.m., and Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.: "Energy & Ecstasy." fea turing David Taylor. violin. Bernstein: On the Town: Three Dance Episodes: Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Violin Concerto No. 2 ("The Prophets"): Prokofiev: Symphony No. 5, Op. 100, March 22, 4:30 p.m., and March 23, 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, 4:30 p.m., and April 27, 7:30 p.m.: "Beauty & Brilliance," Liszt: Les Preludes: Hindemitt Mathis der Maler.

Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall al the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Tickets: \$30 \$27 senior citizens: \$15 students, Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroque band.org. March 13: Suite Candy, April 14: Handel's "Dublin" Messiah. June 6 Reach for the Skies Cahn Auditorium at Northwestern

University, 600 Emerson, Evanston, Information: (847) 491-5441: tickets: (847) 467-4000 Most ticket prices listed in three categories; general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff: and student rate. Feb. 26-28, 7:30 p.m., and March 1, 3 p.m.: "The Merry Widow." performed in English. \$18/\$15/\$8. Chicago a cappella performs in the Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Insti tute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Tickets are \$35 for preferred seating, \$28 for general admission, \$22 for seniors and students. Call (773) 755-1628 or see www.chicagoacappella.org. Feb. 21, 8 p.m.: "Abundance," fea

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Prokofiev: Overture on Hebre Themes: Debussy: Première Rhapsodio Newman: String Quartet: and Mozart: String Quintet No. 3 in C Major, K. 515. March 22: Debussy: Sonata No. 2: Ligeti Trio: and Spohr: Nonet in F Major. Op. 31 April 19 Beethoven: Piano Trio in C Major, Op. 70, No. 1: Sextet for Winds in E-Flat Major. Op. 71: and String Quartet in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 131.

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sion of the Fiddle," with quest artist violinist Mark O'Connor The program Includes works by Ives, Barber, Schwantner and O'Connor March 22: "The Voice of the Viola," with quest artist Charles Pickter, CSO principal violist. The program includes works by Mendelssohn. Wagner and Berkoz, May 2: "The Passionate Piano," with quest artist Cameron Smith The program includes works by Brahms and Tchaikovsky. 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. Feb. 15. 7:30 p m : Baroque Music Ensemble, "Concertos of J.S. Bach," \$7/\$5/\$4, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Baroque Music Ensemble, "Music for Great Spaces." \$7/\$5/\$4. March 18, 7:30 p.m.: Chicago Symphony Orchestra violist Catherine Brubaker and clarinetist J. Lawrie Bloom join planist Alan Chow for the second concert in the "Trio of S" miniseries, "A Trio of S. Robert Schumann." The program includes Gyorgy Kurtag's "Hommage a R. Sch." and Schumann's "Fantasiestucke," "Romanzen" and "Marchenerzahlungen." \$9/\$7/\$5. Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University 1870 Sheridan Road.

Evanston, Information: (847) 491-5441 tickets: (847) 467-4000, Feb. 4, 7:30 n m · Dutch vocal ensemble Quink. comprised of sopranos Marion Struk and Mariette Oelderik, alto Elsbeth Ger ritsen tenor Harry van Berne and bass Kees Jan de Koning, will perform works by Orlande de Lassus, Samuel Barber and Randall Thompson \$12/\$9/\$6. Feb. 8.5 p.m.: Alice Millar Birthday Concert. Stephen Alltop will conduct members of the Northwestern University Sym-

phony Orchestra and the Alice Millar Chapel Choir in a program featuring Joseph Rheinberger's Organ Concerto No 1 in F Major ("Romantic") and F.J. Havdn's Mass in B-flat Major ("Harmoniemesse"). Free-will offering. Feb. 22. 3 n.m : Newberry Consort. "What a

Difference a Day Makes - Venetian Music for Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday." \$24/\$20/\$11 Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.barogue.org. Single tickets are \$30-\$75; \$25-\$30 students/seniors. Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: J.S. Bach: The Mass in 8 Minor, Nicholas Kraemer, conductor. Featuring the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra, Amy Conn. soprano, Toye Dahlberg, mezzo-soprano, Harold Brock, tenor, and Thomas Meglioranza, baritone, March 29, 7:30 p.m.: "Celebrate! Handel, Haydn, Purrell Mendelssohn," Jane Glover, con ductor. Featuring the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra. Sarah Gartshore, soprano, Emily Lodine, mezzo soprano, Ryan Belongie, alto, Harold Brock, tenor, and Douglas Anderson. baritone. May 17, 7:30 p.m.: "Musical Fireworks," featuring Music of the Baroque Orchestra Nicholas Kraeme 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 Ma jor (Oxford): and Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks

Music Institute of Chicago. Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.mu signst.org. Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.: MIC Duo Piano Mini-Fest featuring Susan and Sarah Wang, \$20/\$15/\$7, Feb. 8, 3 p.m. A Pioneer Press Publication

MIC Performance Series features a multiple piano salute to Steinway of Chicago, showcasing several of MIC's faculty pianists and a special quest. Steinway's L1037 from the documentary film "Note by Note." \$20/\$15/\$7 The Musical Offering, 743 Custer Ave Evanston. (847) 866-6260. www.themu sicaloffering.org. Performances are free of charge; donations are welcome Feb. 1. 4:15 p.m.: The Zephyr Ensemble a woodwind quintet, will perform works by Berlioz. Lefebvre, Malcolm Arnold. Debussy and Paquita D'Rivera North Shore Choral Society concerts are at 3 p.m. Sundays at the Parish Church of Saint Luke, 939 Hinman Ave Evanston. 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. March 1: "Music for the Soul," with guest conductor David Stech. The program includes choral sefections from Sergel Rachmaninov. Leonard Bernstein and Maurice Durufle. May 31: "Ethereal Light," with quest conductor David Edelfelt. The program includes works by Gabriel Faule, Serne Rachmaninov and Morten Lauridsen Northshore Concert Band performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless otherwise noted. Tickets \$15: \$12 seniors: \$6 students. (847) 432-2263 www.northshoreband.org. Feb. 15: Program includes Dana Wilson's "Shortcut Home" and Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis. April 19: Steve Cohen professor of clarinet at Northwestern University, joins the NCB to perform Michael Daugherty's "Brooklyn Bridge," The all-American program also includes Frank Ticheli's "Wild Nights";

Chance's "Elegy": and Tull's "Sketches

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on a Tudor Psalm." June 7: 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 mem her of radio station WEMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult, www.northwestsymphony.org. March 29: "Scotland and the Sea," with lordanka Kissiova, violin, Mendelssohn: Fingal's Cave: Stephen Paulus: Sea Por traits: Bruch: Scottish Fantasy. May 31: Family Pops Concert with Allan Steele. cello, Offenbach: Ballet Parisien: Llovd Webber: "Memory" from "Cals": Williams: "E.T." highlights: Williams: Pieces from "Schindler's List": Dvorak Cello Concerto.

The Orion Ensemble performs at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicano Ave., Evanston, Tickets are \$25; \$22 for senior citizens: \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger, (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. March 29, 3 p.m.: Laura Elise Schwendinger's "Celestial City": Max Bruch's Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano Op. 83: and Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 49, June

7, 7:30 p.m.: Beethoven's Variations on a Theme from Mozart's "Don Giovanni": John Williams' "Viktor's Tale" and Theme from "Schindler's List": Franz



Liszt's Fantasie on Themes from Verdi's Williams' "Torrata Marziale" and Ingolf "Rigoletto": and Verdi's String Quartet in F Minor

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge, Tickets are \$25: \$20 for students and senior citizens. Call (847) 692-PRC0 or (847) 823-8861 or visit

www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org. Feb. 8. 2:30 nm : Italian Opera at the Pickwick, with Sarah Hibbard, soprano, and lames Cornelison, Lenor, Featuring selections from Verdi's "I Vespri Siciliani," "Il Trovatore" and "Nabucco," Puccini's "Madama Butterfly," "La Boheme" and "Tosca." and Leoncavallo's 'l Pagliacci." March 15. 2:30 p.m.: "Strings 'n Things," with Robert Han ford violin the Park Ridge Civir Orchestra Strings and the Maine South Chamber Orchestra Strings. Vivaldi: The Four Seasons: and Tchaikovsky Serenade. April 26: 2:30 p.m.: The Spirit of Brahms: A German Requiem, with the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Chorus. the Park Ridge Community Church Chancel Choir, the Music Institute of Chicago Chorale, Sarah Hibbard, soprano soloist, and Peter Van De Graaff. hass-haritone soloist Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at North

western 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 pubfic: senior citizens and NU faculty and staff: and student rate Feb 6 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble in a program featuring Richard Wagner's "Huldigungsmarsch," David Amram's "King Lear Variations," Ralph Vaugha

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Dabl's "Sinlonietta," \$7/\$5/\$4, Feb. 7 7:30 n.m.: Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra, with barnist Ben Melsky. The program will include Alber to Ginastera's "Variaciones Concertantes" and Harp Concerto and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 2 in C Major. \$7/\$5/\$4. Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Univer sity Chorale. "Music of the Heart: A Celebration of Love "\$7/\$5/\$4 Feb 17 7:30 p.m.: Evening of Brass, Gerard Morris will conduct a program of brass quintets, small and large ensembles and brass masterworks. \$7/\$5/\$4. Feb 24, 7:30 p.m.: Percussion Ensemble. \$7/\$5/\$4, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.; Symphonic Wind Ensemble in a program featuring Joan Tower's "Celebration Fanlare." Claude Dehussy's "The Engulfed Cathedraf " loor Stravinsky's "Symphonies of Wind Instruments" and Leonard Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from "West Wide Story" and "Prelude, Fugue and Riffs." \$7/\$5/\$4. Feb. 28. 7:30 p.m.: Con temporary Music Ensemble, featuring Matt Coley playing the hammer dul cimer in a performance of Lee Hyla's "Amnesia Variance." \$7/\$5/\$4. March 15. 3 p.m.: The Amsterdam Loeki Star dust Quartet. \$16/\$12/\$8. March 20. 7:30 p.m.: Pianist Jeffrey Siegel pres ents Keyboard Conversations "The Longevity of the Short Piece," The pro pram features "Songs Without Words" by Felix Mendelssohn, "Lyric Pieces" by Edvard Grieg, rhapsodies by Johannes Brahms and nocturnes by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. \$23/\$21/\$16.

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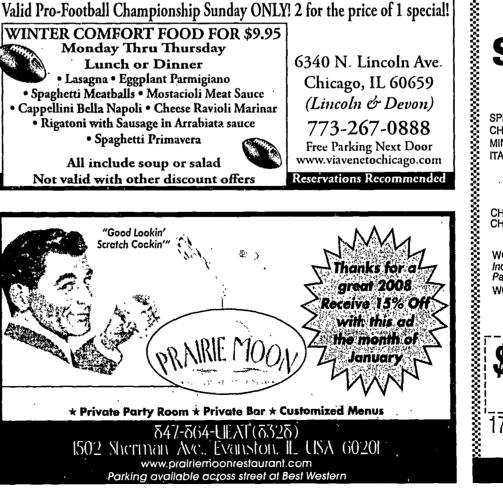
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Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Tickets: \$30 in advance: \$10 students. Tickets are \$35 at the door, (312) 360-3145.

www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org Feb. 15. 7:30 p.m.: "February Fantasy." The program includes Britten's Phantasy Quartet: Richard Wernick's Sextet for string quartet, bass and plano; and Shostakovich's Piano Ouintet. Segovia Classical Guitar Series Feb 14-May 1, will be held on Northwestern University's Evanston campus at Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, or Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Dri-

ve, as noted. Subscription to all four concerts is \$68: \$58 for Chicago Classical Guitar Society members, senior citizens. and Northwestern faculty and staff: \$29 for students, Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Dale Kavanagh will play works by Berkeley, Diabelli, Domeniconi, Villa-Lohos, Milhaud and Kavanagh herself in Lutkin Hall. \$19/\$16/\$8. April 10. 7:30 p.m.: The Canadian Guitar Quartet will nerform in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. The program includes music influenced by old and new tango styles as well as works by Rossini and quartet member Trépanier. The performance will also feature a world premiere by DanceWorks Chicago, \$24/\$21/\$11, April 18, 7:30 p.m.: Oscar Ghiglia performs in Lutkin Hall.

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The program includes works by Britten. Sor and Ponce \$19/\$16/\$8, May 1, 7:30 p.m.: Baroque lute and guitar artist Hopkinson Smith will perform in Lutkir Hall. The program includes works by 17th century French lutenist and composer "le vieux Gaultier," as well as music by Weiss, Bach, Guerau, Santa Cruz and Sanz. \$19/\$16/\$8. Skokie Concert Choir will present its annual winter concert at 2 nm. Feb.8

at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Demoster, Skokie. The program will feature music ranging from Gershwin to Pitoni and more, Tickets: \$10: \$4 children, (847) 674-3219 Skokie 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 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org, March 15: Featuring Karen Frost, Ílute, Jennifer Stucki, oboe, Noah Lambert, trumpet, and Rebecca McCulloch, violin, J.S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2: Haydn: Symphony No. 104 ("London"). Glazunov: Symphony No. 3. May 17: Featuring the Ryan Opera Center Ensemble. Mozart: Overture to "Abduction From the Seraglio"; Symphony No. 38 ("Prague"); and opera scenes, semistaged.

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For 17 years Marcia R. Mahood has been the CEO of Norwood Crossing, formerly Norwood Park Home, which provides nursing care, rehabilitation services and assisted living at the campus at 6016 N. Nina. During her tenure at Norwood Crossing she has expanded services and been responsible for maintaining a consistent history of high level care and services, as noted by the State of Illinois Dept of Public Health. In 1994 she created the Norwood Seniors Network so that high quality services could be expanded into the homes of local elderly by providing geriatric case management, home delivered meals, in-home caregiving

Marcia became an active member of the Norwood Park Chamber in 1996, she has served as

Treasurer, Vice President and President and has represented us well in all these capacities. Marcia has been a leader in the Northwest Highway Revitalization Project. Whenever a place

was needed for a meeting or the Chamber needed a place to hold the annual Fail Fest or stage

the 5K "Going in Circles" race, she has readily volunteered to host these events on Norwood

Marcia has an RN from Cook County School of Nursing, BSN from the University of Illinois

School of Nursing, r MPH from the University of Illinois School of Public Health, and all but

dissertation toward a Ph.D. in Gerontology when she accepted the very demanding leadership

position. She was a resident of Norwood Park for many years and was involved in Cub

Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Parents Club Bazaar during her children's days at Immaculate

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Blues Band, Feb. 7, 3 p.m.: Alton Presents (rock). Feb. 7, 8:30 p.m.: Melvin Taylor & the Slack Band (blues). Feb. 7. 11:45 p.m.: TRC Events Presents (world music).

The Celtic Knot Public House. 626 Church St., Evanston, (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Mondays. 8 p.m. midnight: Bluegrass and coots music with the Mudflanns, Tuesdays, 7:10 n.m.: Irish music session. Feb. 1 and 15. 5-8 nm : Eric Lugosch, Feb. 7, 10 nm.: The Getouts, Feb. 21, 10 p.m.: The Black **Oil Brothers**

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300, www.centreeast.org. March 14, 8 p.m.: "Get Back!" The cast of Beatlemania recreates the era and music of the Fah Four. \$42. May 9, 8 p.m.: The Rat Pack is Back, \$58.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7-10:30 p.m.: Buddy Charles. pianist/singer. Thursdays. 8:30 p.m.·mid· night.: Jazz Jam with John Bany. Charlie Braugham and Don Stille. Sunday music is from 5.9 n m · Friday-Saturday music is from 9 n m -1 a m Ethical Humanist Society Second Sat-

urday Coffeehouse. 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard). Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org. Feb. 14: Steve Justman performs vintage folk and classic country following 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up. all genres. all acoustic), \$5.

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folkarts.org. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.: doors open at 7 p.m. \$15: \$13 for senior citizens; \$5 for students; free for children under 12. Feb. 21: Singer/songwriter Bill Staines, March 7 Jim Craig & Friends. Irish American Heritage Center, 4626

N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. Feb. 5, 8 n.m.; Sa-Ion concert with traditional Irish musician Brian Conway accompanied by ni anist Brendan Dolan. \$15. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover Jan. 30: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore, Jan. 31: Paddy Homan's Band. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, (847) 784-6000

(847) 784-6030 Park Ridge Public Library. 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, (847) 825 3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Feb. 12, 7 p.m.: "Battlefield Balladeers: Songs of the Civil War." presented by David Corbelt and Paul Watson. Pete Miller's, 1557 Sherman Ave., Evanston, (847) 328-0399, www.petemillers com. No cover charge, no

Pick-A-Cup Coffeehouse, 1813 Dempster St. Evanston. (847) 332-2834. Feb. 15, 2-4 p.m.: Singer-songwriter Jay Ein-

minimum, Music from 8:30 p.m.-12:30

a.m. Tuesday-Thursday: 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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horn will perform original songs. loined by fiddler Jordi Kleiner and singer/guitarist Carol Francis. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University. 50 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories; general public: senior citizens and NU faculty and staff: and student rate. Information: (847) 491-5441 tickets: (847) 467-4000 www.pickstaiger.org, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.; Northwestern University Jazz Orchestra. \$7/\$5/\$4. March 7. 7:30 p.m.: The Bienen School of Music's spring festival. "Collaboration Exultation: A Festival of Musical Connections," opens with a program titled "Mando Magnificat." This celebration of the mandolin includes mandolinist Mike Marshall and Big Trip (featuring Marshall violinis) Alex Hargreaves and bassist Paul Kow ert): mandolinist Sam Bush: mandolin ist Caterina Lichtenberg with guitarist Mirko Schrader: and mandolinist Don Stiernberg and the Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra. The concert will feature classical, jazz, new acoustic. Americana, blues and orchestral mu sic. \$16/\$12/\$8. March 11, 7:30 p.m.: SF-JAZZ Collective. \$16/\$12/\$8. March 12, 8 p.m.: Bassist Victor Lemonte Wooten and drummer JD Blair. \$20/\$15. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River

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Road, Rosemont, Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com.or (312) 559 1212: the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater. call (847) 671-5100. May 19-20: "An Evening with !! Divo." \$55, \$85, \$125 and \$150.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie The atre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Call

atre.com. Concert lickets \$20 in advance: \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise, Jan. 30, 8 p.m.: "Welcome to Laborland" with Bucky Halker, Jan. 31. 8 p.m.: "Pop Goes the Classics!" Feb. 1. 2 p.m.: Kevin Moore presents "Score by Score: The Best of Broadway - Rodgers & Hammerstein," starring Anne Burnell. Laura Freeman, KT McCammond, Beckie Menzie, Tom Michael and Darvi Nitz. Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m.: "Rhapsody in Blue" with Adam Marks \$15 in advance: \$20 at the door. Feb. 28, 8 p.m.: Appe and Mark Burnell present "Come Rain or Come Shine: The Harol Arlen Songbook. March 1, 2 p.m.: Shellie Beeman presents "Timeless Journey Through the Classics," March 6-7. 8 p.m.: "Love in the Key of Ouch!" starring Skip Griparis. March 8, 2 p.m.: "Rosiel A Tribute to Rosemary Clooney." presented by Heather Moran, \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. March 8, 8 n.m.: The Chicago Cossacks present a program of Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian and gypsy dances and songs. March 11. 1:30 p.m.: "Forever Frank," presented by Peter Oprisko, \$10 in advance: \$15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents, \$10 in advance or at the door. March 13, 8 p.m.: Blues planist Erwin Helfer, with John Brumbach, March 14, 8 n m · The Nitz & Howe Experience Prime Time Special March 15, 2 n.m.: Joan Curto, \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door, March 15, 8 p.m.: "Celtic Muse." starring Gillian Kelly, March 18, 1:30 p.m.: "Tribute to Nat King Cole." \$10 in advance: \$15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents, \$10 in ad-

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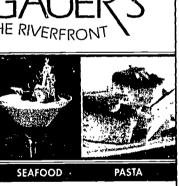
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Feb. 5. 6 p.m.: Suzanne McCullagh.

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"Drawn to Drawings: The Goldman Col-

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Michelangelo to Annibale Carracci: A

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focusing on three different drawing

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March 12, 5 p.m.: David Rosand, Meyer

Schapiro Professor of Art History, Co-

lumbia University, will present "Things

Never Seen: Graphic Fantasy and the

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a.m.-3 p.m.; Panel discussion on Re

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"Polaroids: Mapplethorpe" exhibition.

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Feb. 26, 6 p.m.: Block Museum senior

gallery talk on "Polaroids: Mapplethor

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www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittma obp. Gallery hours are 10 a m.-10 p m daily, Admission is free. Through Feb 8: "Petra Kralickova: Silent Longing," a site-specific installation by Czechoslovakian-born and Ohio-based artist Petra Kralickova, Feb. 12-March 17: "Ex Vivo: Out of the Living " paintings by Eduardo De Soignie, Opening reception at 7 n.m. Feb 13

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoin Ave., Lincolnwood, Gallery hours: 9 a.m. -5 n.m. Monday-Friday, Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinalor, (847) 674-3806. Through Jan. 30: "Etchings of Significant Moments in Time " featuring works on paper, fiber and metal by Sadie Gerbic and Harriet

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian. 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Admission to events is included with an entrance donation to the Mitchell Museum, Suggested donation is \$5 for adults: \$2.50 for senior citizens, students and children. Maximum admission per family is \$10. Through March 29: "Inupiatscapes." mixed-media drawings inspired by northern Alaskan vistas. The exhibit of six letterbox format drawings is the first solo show for Jake Wilson, 39, who is of Inupiat descent

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art. 1600 E. Golf Road. Des Plaines, (847) 635-2633, www.oakfonedu/museum_Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6.p.m. Monday-Friday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 5-March 27: "Pastels Chicago," presented by the Chicago Pastel Painters. The juried exhibition features 100 works representing a diversity of visual styles and subjects. A reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. March S

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

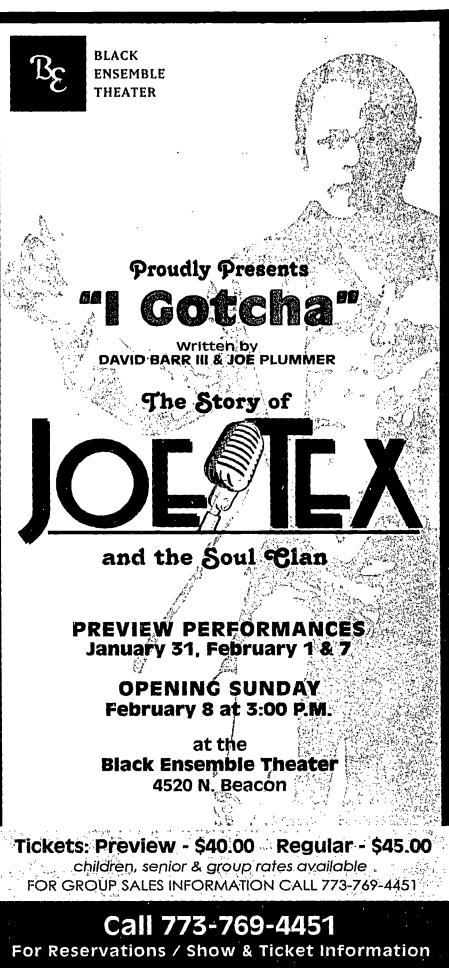
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Auditions for the Performing Arts at Oakton production of "A Bicycle Country" will be held from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 3-4 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road. Des Plaines. The director is casting two men and one woman, ages 18 and up. Prepared monologues and cold readings will be heard. No appointment is necessary. "A Bicycle Country" will be presented as a stage reading Feb. 21-22 at Oakton's Des Plaines campus. For information. call

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(847) 635-1897. Electwood-Jourdain Theatre will hold auditions for its summer production of "Once on This Island" from 7-9 p.m.

Feb. 5-6 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. 927 Noves St. Evanston, Actors, dancers and strond singers are being sought for this production. Those audi tioning should prepare an a cappella song of their choice and a one-minute monologue. Rehearsals begin March 1, and the show will be performed June 13-July 26. Audition appointments are encouraged: call (847) 448-8260, ext.

Play On Theatre will hold auditions for its teen improv team from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 8 at Open Studio, 901 Sherman Ave., Evanston. The team is co-directed by Second City faculty, and will perform at the Teen Comedy Fest on May 2 as well as other local venues. Those cast pay a \$200 participation fee. For information, e-mail info@playonItd.com or call (847) 337-9614. Big Noise Theatre Company (a division of Winnetka Theatre) will hold au-

ditions for Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George" at 7 p.m. Feb. 15-16 at Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, No appointment is required and all roles are open. There is no pay. Prepare a song and bring sheet music in the proper key and a resumé. An accompa nist is provided. Productions dates are April 24-May 17 at the Prairie Lakes Theatre Des Plaines Visit www.win

netkatheatre.org or call (773) 463-4180. Seeking cast members for "And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank," to be presented April 11-12 at the Skokie Theatre. Roles available for one boy. 10-14 years of age: three men, 20-40 years of age: and three women. 20-30 years of age. For information, e-mail William Panek at mwilliampanek@omail.com.

MUSICIANS The Chicago Celtic Pipe Band rehears-

es from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the Joseph Seib Center, 4009 N Ozark, Norridge. 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.

Na Mele Aloha Hawailan music club seeks musicians who play ukulele, upright string bass, keyboards, flute and violin. The group is open to all ages. Rehearsals are held from 7-10 p.m. Thursdays at Oakton Community Collene 1500 F. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call Earl Essig. (847) 272-0762, or email earlessin@aol.com

SINGERS

Biornson 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, Sentember-June, and sing American and Scapdinavian selections at various locations. Call (847) 741-4210 or (847) 546-2050

North Shore Harmonizers, an independent women's barbershop chorus, invites women who love to sing a cappella four-part harmony to attend re

hearsals at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Augustine's Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave.. Wilmette. All voice parts are welcome. For information, call (312) 409-4215 or visit www.northshoreharmonizers.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.

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 Metzner, 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.

ARTISTS

Chicago's Cliff Dwellers Club is puttinn out a call for art to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoin's hirth All interested artists are asked to submit a Lincoln portrait on canvas. The Lincoln portraits will be shown in the club's gallery which has been displaying works of art for more than 100 years. All portraits submitted will be hung. Portraits of Lincoln will be A Pioneer Press Publication

accepted only on canvas, and they do not have to be framed. Portraits can be dropped off at the Frame Warehouse in Evanston anytime before Jan. 31, All artwork will be able to be picked back up at Frame Warehouse after March 1. For more information, contact Cliff Dwellers board member Paul Hamer at paul@fwchicago.com.

Artist applications are now available for the 24th annual Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival, which will be held July 18-19, and the 37th annual Evansion Lakeshore Arts Festival, which will take place Aug. 1-2. Both Testivals are held at Dawes Park along Evanston's lakefront. The Ethnic Arts Festival is open to ethnic artists and art vendors the I akeshore Arts Festival is open to fine artists selling their own original work Deadline for submission of applications for the Lakeshore Arts Festival is March 6. The Ethnic Arts Festival application deadline is April 6. Call (847) 448-8260 for information.

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Jazz Night concert to benefit Building with Books. 5-9 p.m. Feb. 1 at Pete Miller's Restaurant,1557 Sherman Ave. Evanston, Performers include the Springman Wildcat Jazz Band, the Glenbrook South High School Jazz Bands, the BwB Jazz Combo and the John Moulder Trio, Donation Sto. Pro ceeds will benefit a school under construction in Nicaranua (312) 441-7878 "Hearts & Flowers." the eighth annua Park Ridge Civic Orchestra gala 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at Café la Cave, 2777 N. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, Featuring cocktails, dinner, raffle, silent and live auctions, and dancing to the music of

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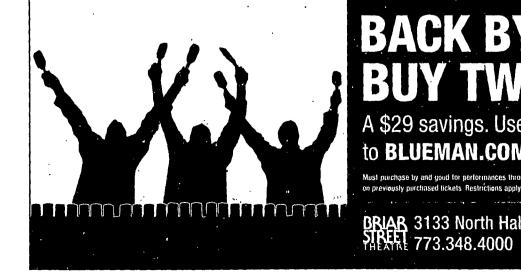
Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. Feb. 13, 6 p.m.: The Poets of Salmon Poetry A group of 12 -Irish and American poets and scholars will participate in a reading and signing event. Some of the group's work focuses on Irish themes and has been published by Salmon Poetry in County Clare, Ireland, Great Irish American Books and Authors book discussion nroup meets at 2 n.m. the second Sunday of the month, unless noted otherwise. The discussion is led by Virginia Gibbons, a teacher at Oakton Community Collene, Feb. 8: Natural History by Maureen Howard, March 8: The Poor Mouth by Flann O'Brien. April 12: Roscoe by William Kennedy. May 3: The Snapper by Roddy Doyle.

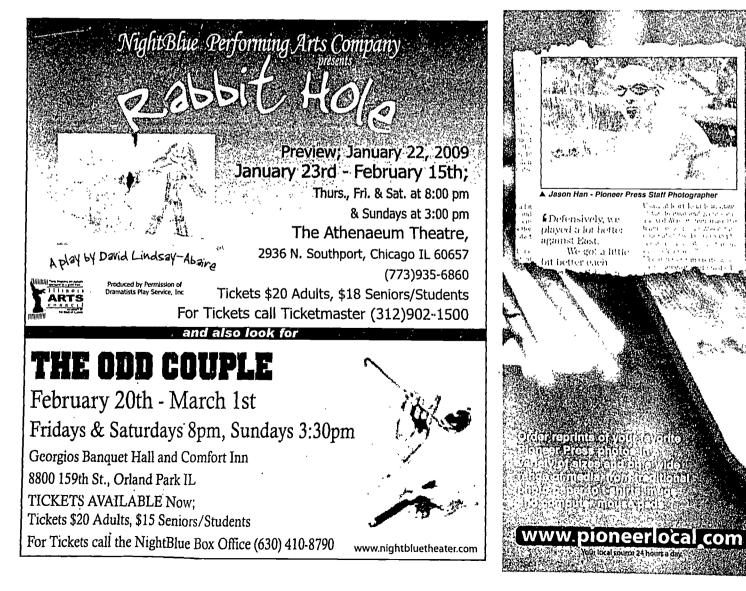
Love is Murder Mystery Conference Feb. 6-8 at the Westin Chicano North Shore Hotel, 601 N. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling. The event includes panels and presentations by dozens of authors, including Jeffery Deaver, Alex Kava, Steve Berry, Sharan Newman and Raymond Benson, as well as a weapons demonstration, a martial arts display. a crime scene reenactment and interviews with agents, editors and publishers. On Friday evening, "Ghost of Honor" Sherlock Holmes will make an apnearance in the person of Aunie Aleksy owner of Centuries & Sleuths history/mystery bookstore in Forest Park, Saturday highlights include High Tea with the Authors, the Lovey Awards banguet, and the "Mystery Jeopardy" trivia contest. Also, booksellers and other vendors will be in the hospitality room throughout weekend. An event schedule and registration forms can be found at www.loveismurder.net or by calling Hanley Kanar. (847) 891-

Skokie Theatre 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie, (847) 677-7761, www.skokietbeatre.com, Feb. 12, 7 n.m.; Author Erin Finhorn will discuss and sign her mem oir, The Pages In Between, Tickets: \$20; \$10 students. Call (312) 322-1773.

CHILD'S PLAY

"Animal Tales and Dinosaur Scales" will be presented by Child's Play Touring Theatre at noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 7 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E.





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Golf Road, Des Plaines, Tickets: \$7: \$5 for children under 12; \$4 for groups of 15 or more. To reserve tickets, call (847) 635-1900

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300, www.centreeast.org. Feb. 28, 1 and 3 p.m.: "School House Rock Livel" \$18. April 19, 1 and 3 p.m.: Junie B. Jones, \$18.

Light Opera Works is currently taking enroliment for its 2009 Musical Theater Summer Workshon, Students anes 8-15 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a public performance in a mini-musical. Four sena rate one-week workshops will be offered, based on a hit musical. Each workshop meets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a final dress rehearsal at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed by the performance at 4 p.m. This year's workshops are Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." July 6-11: "An ie." July 13-18: "The Music Man." July 20-25: "Bye Bye Birdie," July 27-Aug. 1. There are no auditions for roles and every child enrolled in the workshop pets a part. Classes are held in Evanston. The fee is \$350 per student ner workshon Register online at www.LightOperaWorks.com or call

(847) 869-6300 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 traditional Native American objects and engage in other hands-on activities related to native culture. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the mu seum. Kids Craft Workshops are recom mended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is neces sarv, Feb. 14: God's eves, Feb. 28: Plains Indian shields. March 28: Northwest

Coast button blankets. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. (847) 663-6623. www.nileslibrary.org. Feb. 3. 7 n.m.: Family Reading Night. Feb. 11, 7-8:30 p.m.; Reading with Rover for grades K and up (beginners to advanced readers)

"The Princess and the Pea." presented by Chicago Kids Company through March 11 at the Stahl Family Theatre. 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Perfor-

mances at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 30, Feb. 3·6, 10-13, 17, 20, 24-25, 27, March 2-5, 9-11:1 p.m. Feb. 7: and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 16, \$10, Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com

COMEDY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. Skokie (847) 673-6300 www.centreeast.org. April 21-23, 7:30 p.m.: Jacke Mason \$72

The Improv Comedy Showcase and Restaurant, in Woodfield Mall, 5 Wood field Road, Schaumburg. (847) 240-2001. www.improv.com. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays: 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Fridays: 7 n.m. and 9:15 n.m. Saturdays: 7 n m Sundays Must be 18 or older Jan 29-31 Kevin Pollak \$24 Feb 5-8: Dennis Regan, \$17 and \$19, Feb. 12-15; Jeremy Hotz. \$17 and \$20. Feb. 26-March 1: Robert Kelly, \$17. March 5-8: Tommy Davidson, \$23. March B, noon: Charity matinee, "Stand UP" for Equality with Vickie Shaw, sponsored by the PFLAG Northern Council. \$50 per person includes silent auction, admission to the show and lunch March 12-15: Tony Rock, \$17 and \$19, March 20-22; Bobby Lee. \$22. March 26-29: Gary Gulman, \$17 and \$19.

Laugh Out Loud Theater, Streets of Woodfield Mall, Suite 171, 601 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, (847) 240-0386. www.ioitheater.com. Performances at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. Each show is completely improvised, based on audience suggestions. The 7:30 p.m. performances are family appropriate. The 9:30 p.m. shows are geared more toward adults and usually tend towards a PG-13 rating, Tickets: \$18: \$12 for ages 18 and under Group rates available Through Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Thursdays: "Chick Shtick," an all-female improv aroup, \$15.

Pick a Cup Coffeehouse, 1813 Dempster St. Evanston. (847) 332-2834. Feb. 7.7-9 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman presents a comedy performance based on her books, Still Single and Still Dating. No cover. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212: the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. March 27, 8 p.m.; Robin Williams' "Weapons of Self-Destruction" comedy tour. Tickets: \$95, \$75 and \$49.50.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES

"Alice in Wonderland," presented by the Evanston Dance Ensemble at 7 p.m. March 6: 2 and 7 p.m. March 7; and 2 p.m. March 8 at The North Shore Cen ter for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Tickets; \$21; \$15 for children. students and senior citizens. Premium seats are available for \$25: \$20 for children. Call (847) 673-6300. Centre East in the North Shore Cente for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Feb. 14, 8 p.m.; Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, \$46, April 18, 8 p.m.: River North Chicago Dance Company, \$46.

Northwestern University, Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston, Feb. 27-March 8: "Danceworks 2009." The program will feature tan jazz ballet modern and contemnorary dance forms by Northwestern Dance Program faculty choreographers and quest artists. Performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: and 2 p.m. Sundays.

GROUPS & LESSONS

Chicago Dance Club (847) 622-4466 Dance to D.1 music from the '50s to today from 7:30-11:30 n.m. Saturdays at American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave Franklin Park, Mostly swing dancing. some ballroom. Latin and line dancing. Open to ages 21 and older. \$5 members: \$10 nonmembers. Membership fee \$25. Upcoming dates are Jan. 31. Feb. 28, March 28.

Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s. '60s and more, from 8 p.m.-midnight a the American Legion Hall 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless other wise noted. Admission to club dances is \$5 for members: \$10 for nonmembers. Proper attire required; no jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit www.jitterbuochicago.com. Upcoming dances in clude Feb. 7: Night Club 2 lesson, doors open at 6:45 n.m. dance at 8 n.m.: nonmembers \$15, Feb. 21; Hawaijan Night. Happy Twirlers Dance Club offers

square dancing lessons at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Summit of Uptown. Touhy and Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Calf (773) 685-8407 or (847) 827-6500. Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides

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Leikarringen "Heimhug" dancers wel come those age 16 and older interested in Scandinavian folk dance to join them from 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, 666 Graceland Ave, No pri or dance experience or partner necessary. Call (847) 823-7596 or (847) 692-6616

North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. (847) 674-2216. www.northshoredancecenter.com. Country western line dance class meets from 11-11:55 a.m. Saturdays. starting Feb. 1. No partner needed. Open to teens through adults. Fee for 10 weeks is \$140. Registration required. Prairie Lakes Senior Center, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines, For information call (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637. Feb. 20 and March 20, 8-10:30 p.m.; Alice Lowy will host ballroom dancing to live music, \$25 per couple at the door. Feb. 28 and March 28, 8-10:30 p.m.: Afice Lowy will host ballroom dancing to taped music. \$15 per couple at the

Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, 🖕 dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646, Feb. 9: "Belles, Beaus and Hearts." Feb. 23: "Promenade With a President." Square dance lessons are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Yuesdays at

the Glen Park Center, Room 201, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, First Jesson is

DINING

Shallots Bistro, 4741 Main St., Skokie, (847) 677-3463. Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.: Binvamina Wine Dinner with kosher sommelier Jay Buchsbaum, Fivecourse dinner of kosher Hungarian food and wine for \$65 per person plus tax and gratuity.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. St. Patrick's Day events include March 13, 7 p.m.: Irish Dance Chicago, a dance concert featuring Trinity Irish Dancers, Spriorad Damhsa and the Academy of Irish Dance. Tickets: \$10; free for children under 12. March 14, 1 p.m.-midnight: St Patrick's Festival. The family-oriented annual event includes traditional and contemporary Irish music dance food and children's activities. Confirmed performers include The Irish Heritage Singers, Tim O'Shea and Stephen Carroll, and the Dooley Brothers, Tickets: \$15: \$12 if purchased by March 12. Children 12 and under are free with a paying adult. March 17, noon-1 a.m.; St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the center's Fifth Province Lounge. Activities include Irish dancing, traditional and modern Irish music and food. Live entertainment includes Tim O'Shea and Stephen Carroll. The Chancey Brothers -and the Matt Stedman Band. \$10 at the door

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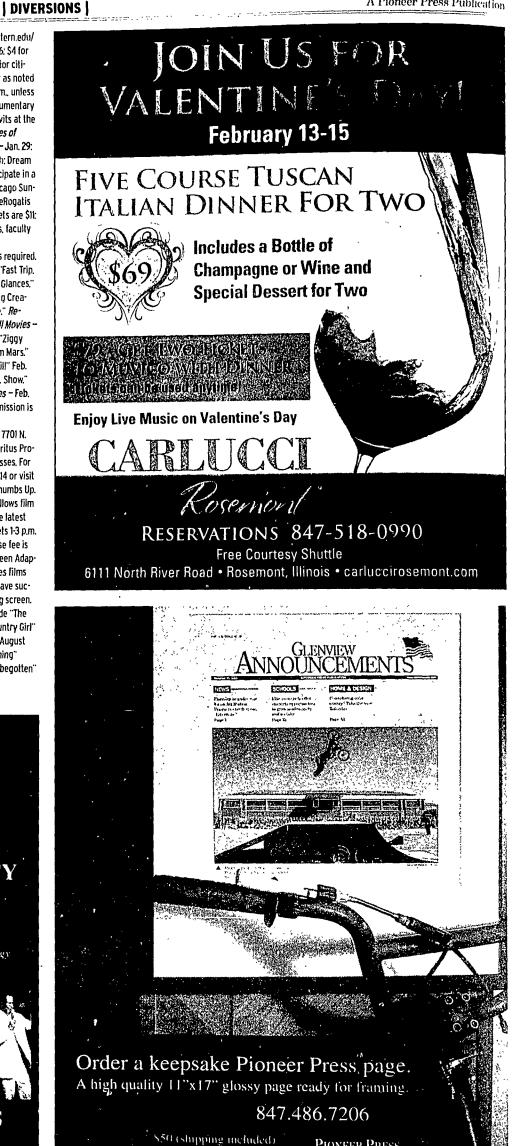
www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu block-cinema. Admission is \$6: \$4 for Block Museum members, senior cilizens and students with ID or as noted below. All films shown at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Feb. 13: Documentary film world premiere "Herskovits at the Heart of Blackness." The Times of Robert Mapplethorpe series - Jan. 29: "Poison." Jan. 30: "Patti Smith: Dream of Life," Patti Smith will participate in a discussion moderated by Chicago Sun-Times pop music critic Jim DeRogatis following the screening. Tickets are \$11: \$8 for Northwestern students, faculty

and staff. Registration at www.nbo.northwestern.edu is required. Feb. 5: "Sebastiane." Feb. 19: "Fast Trip. Long Drop," Feb. 20: "Parting Glances," Feb. 25: "Freaks" and "Flaming Creatures." Feb. 26: "Performance." Remake/Remodel: Rock and Roll Movies Feb 4: "Spice World" Feb 11: "Zinny Stardust and the Spiders from Mars." Feb. 12: "Chuck Berry Hail! Hail!" Feb. 18: "DiGI" Feb. 27: "The T.A.M.I. Show." Art Theory and Practice Series – Feb. 6.7 p.m.: "O'er the Land." Admission is

Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Skokie. The Emeritus Program offers the following classes. For information, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus. Thumbs Up. Thumbs Down (HUM E74-71) allows film buffs to gather to critique the latest movies. Six-week course meets 1-3 p.m. Fridays, starting Feb. 6. Course fee is \$75. The Best of Stage-to-Screen Adaptations (HUM 850-71) examines films based on staged plays that have successfully translated to the big screen Movies to be discussed include "The Hasty Heart" (1949), "The Country Girl" (1954). "The Teahouse of the August Moon" (1956) "The Homecomina" (1973), and "Moon for the Misbegotten

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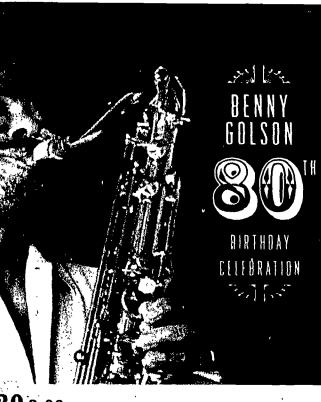


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Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825• 3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Jan. 29, 7 p.m.: "My Father's Glory." Not rated. Feb. 10. 2 and 7 p.m.: "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," rated PG-13. Feb. 19, 7 p.m.: "Frozen River," rated R. Feb. 26, 7 p.m.: "Young @ Heart." rated PG. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave.,

Skokie. (847) 677-7761. www.skokietheatre.com. Feb. 27, 8 p.m.: "Nosferatu."

LECTURES

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. (847) 663-6623. www.nileslibrary.org. Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.: Lyric Opera lecture. "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" Feb. 15, 2 p.m.; Lyric Opera lecture. Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio."

ORGANIZATIONS

Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines, New mem bers are welcome. For information, call Margaret Newman, (847) 924-8952, or visit www.dpag.org, Feb. 10: VanessaWahiko will present a demonstration of bearled sculptures.

Park Ridge Art League meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the South Park Fieldhouse, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge, Guest fee is \$3 Call Dorothy DuSold. (847) 825-3505. Skokie Art Guild meets at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. For information, e-mail Ina-Marlowe@gmail.com March 24, 7 p.m.: Jessica Fine, pastel from a photo. April 28, 7 p.m.: Jamie Thome, book and papermaking. May 26, 7 p.m.: Leslie Riley, quiltmaking, June 23, 7 p.m.; Members'

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WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Des Plaines Art Guild will sponsor a figure drawing class featuring professional live models from 7-10 n m. Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 18, at the

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Fischer Wright Art Center, 815 Center STAGE St., Des Plaines. There is a \$10 charge "Amadeus," Feb. 14-March 15 in the for Guild members: \$15 per week for Mainstage Theater of the Village Play nonmembers. To register, call Beverly ers Performing Arts Center, 1010 Made son St., Oak Park. Curtain at 8 p.m. fri days and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays MISCELLANEOUS Tickets: \$25; \$20 for students and sen Dakton Community College offers Aliors. Preview lickets are \$15 for the Feb. 14 performance. www.village-playliance for Lifelong Learning classes.

ers.org or (866) 764-1010 "The Comedy of Errors," presented by The Shakespeare Project of Chicago at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Wilmette Public Library, Park and Wilmelte avenues, Wilmette; and at 2 p.m. Feb. 15 at the High land Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Ave., Highland Park. Free. www.shakespeareprojectchicago.org. "Far From Freud," a contemporary new musical, 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Village

Players Performing Arts Center, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. Tickets: \$20, Visit www.village-players.org or call (866 764-1010 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," through

Feb. 1 at Circle Theatre, 7300 W. Madison St., Forest Park, Curtain at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday Tickets: \$20-\$26, with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (708) 771-0700 or www.circle-theatre.org. "The Maids," through April 5 at Writers' Theatre, 664 Vernon Ave., Glencoe Curtain times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at / p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m and 6 p.m. There will be no 6 p.m. ner formances on Feb. 8 and April 5. Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m. Feb 4 March 11, 18 and April 1. No shows on March 10 and 17. Discussions with artistic staff and cast members will follow

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performances on March 24, 25 and 31;



Your family will get a warm feeling at."Winter Chilly Fest and Chili Dinner," 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 8, at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. You can have a dinner of turkey or vegetarian chili with toppings, cornbread, brownies and beverages before or after participating in the many all-ages activities.

You can also watch an ice sculptor carve animals, take a hayride and ice skate, reported Manager Lee A. Hansen. "The campfire will be going each night, and people can roast marshmallows," Hansen said. Two marshmallows are free with admission; hot chocolate and ingredients for s'mores will be sold.

"And then we've got the snow and ice games," Lee noted. "Some are active, some are more craftoriented." These include dressing a snowman, an ice cube derby, tic tac snow, chilly blocks to stack, snow painting, snowball toss, ring the icicle and more.

Register by Friday, Feb. 6, and the cost for dinner and activities is \$8

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and April 1. Tickets: \$40-\$65, (847) 242-6000 www.writerstheatre.org. "The Nerd," presented by Indepen dent Stars Playhouse Feb. 20-22 in the auditorium at Village Players Performing Arts Center, 1010 W Madison St Oak Park. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20. Call (866) 764-1010 or visit www.v

lage players.org "Old Glory," Feb. 3-March 29 at Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. There will be no 6 p.m. performance on Sun day. March 1. Wednesday matinees are at 2 p.m. Feb. 25 and March 25. Tickets:

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Heart to heart

Dads can spend Valentine's Day Eve with their favorite little girl at "Daddy & Daughter Valentine Dance" at Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge. From 6:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, there will be dancing, games and refreshments for girls ages 3-8 and their fathers. The cost is \$27 per resident couple, \$45 for nonresidents. For details, call (847) 692-5127

More sweet times

Another great date for dads and daughters is Friday, Feb. 20, for "Girls Sweetheart Dance," 6:30-9 p.m. at Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster, Morton Grove. Refreshments will be followed by a night of dancing to favorite tunes spun by a DJ. There will also be games for girls (ages 5 and up) and their dads. Cost is \$28 per couple for residents, \$31 for nonresidents, \$6 and \$8 per addi-

tional child. Registratic deadline is Feb. 9. For details, call (847) 965-1200.

Fancy that

Dress your preschool ers to second graders in their glitziest attire for the "Fancy Nancy Party," 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. This event, inspired by the "Fancy Nancy" series of books, will include "fantastic stories, ridiculously crazy games and sparkling crafts," accord ing to the library staff. There will also be "elegant treats."

For details, call (847) 677-5277.

Musical inspirations

Show your kids where practicing a musical instrument can lead them by bringing them to the "Young Steinway Concert," 3-4:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Featured artists are 16year-old violinist Ethan Hoppe and Trio Bravo, three ninth-graders.

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\$40-\$65. Discussions with artistic staff and cast members will follow perform: ances on Feb. 17, 18, 24 and March 18. A pre-show lecture will be given by members of the artistic staff at 5 p.m. Feb. 22 and March 8. (847) 242-6000 or

Productions through Feb. 7 at the Piccolo Theatre in the Evanston Arts Depot. 600 Main St., Evanston, Perfor mances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Satur days; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; S15 for seniors, students and industry E·mail

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"Sylvia," Feb. 6-15 in the Blackbox ing Arts Center, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. Real life couple Dan and Jeanne Scurek play middle-aged city dwellers Greg and Kate, whose world is turned upside down when Gree's mid-life crisis results in his bringing home a stra

female dog named Sylvia (played by Jeny Wasiliewski), Curtain at 7:30 p.m Fridays and Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Tickets: \$20, www.village players.org or (866) 764-1010.

"Twice Told," from the works of Nathaniel Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Feb. 6 and 13; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 14; and 2 p.m. Feb. 8 in Northwestern University's Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. \$10. (847) 491-7282 or www.tic.northwest ern.edu.

"The Wizard of Oz," the 2009 Dolphin Show production by Northwestern University students, at 8 p.m. Jan. 30-31 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., on the university's Evanston campus. Tickets: \$25; \$20 for senior citizens and Northwestern faculty and staff; \$10 for students and children. (847) 467-4000.





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Saturday, February 21, at 8 p.m. Sunday, February 22, at 2 p.m. Freedom, hope, and survival are the themes of this stirring drama that follows three Cuban exiles on a harrowing journey across the Caribbean Sea





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foibles of Oral Roberts, Jimmy Swaggart, and other contemporary evangelicals. \$10 general admission; \$8 students and seniors; \$6 group rate

Six Piano Ensemble

Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m. Conducted by Glenna Sprague, this internationally acclaimed group astounds with keyboard precision and dazzling technique. In 2008, the Six Piano Ensemble performed at the Music Teachers National Association annual conference in Atlanta. They also traveled to prestigious music conferences at the University of Oklahoma, and Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. \$17 general admission; \$14 students and seniors; \$12 group rate.



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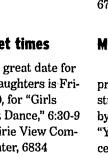
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forms in the Lund Auditorium at Dominican University, 7900 W. Division, River Forest. Single tickets are \$26-\$40, with special pricing for students Call (312) 236-3681, ext. 2, or visit www.chicagosinfonietta.org. March 22, 2:30 p.m.: "Global Voices," with Leslie Dunner, quest conductor, Kiran Ahluwalia, Amanda Tarver, mezzo-soprano, and Alex Udvary, cimbalom. Opening the performance will be the fanfare from Manuel de Falla's El Som brero de Tres Picos, a two-act ballet scored for a large scale orchestra. The ancient vocal Urdu tradition of Ghazal will be sung by Kiran Ahluwalia, who will also perform the U.S. premiere of Chant of Wind and Thunder by Glenn Bhur, May 10, 2:30 p.m.: "Sound Wayes." with Anton Kuerti, plano, Handel: Water Music: Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1: Debussy: La Mer; Abels: Aquadia (world premiere

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Concordia University Chicago, Chapel of Our Lord, 7400 Augusta St., River Forest. (708) 209-3060. www.cuchica go.edu/the_arts. Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.: Clar inetist Kara Bancks, principal of the Elmhurst Symphony and the Millenni um Chamber Players, performs with flutist Jennie Brown and planist Jeffrey Panko as the ensemble Lunaire. Free. March 13, 8 p.m.: Concluding its seven-state spring tour, the Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony performs its Spring Home Concert Free, March 14, 7:30 p.m.: Concluding its four-state spring tour of the American Southwest, the Concordia University Chicago choral ensemble Kapelle performs its Spring Tour Home Concert. Free, March 20, 8 p.m.: The Concordia University Chicago University Band presents a free concert. April 2, 11:30 a.m.; The Concordia University Chicago Department of Music presents a free

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www.orionensemble.org. March 18, 7,30 Spring Music Festival, featuring performances by the university's instrup.m.: Laura Elise Schwendinger's "Cemental and choral ensembles includlestial City"; Max Bruch's Pieces for ing the Wind Symphony, Kapelle. Clarinet, Viola and Piano. Op. 83: and Schola Cantorum, the University Hand Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 1 in bells, men's chamber ensemble Män-D Minor, Op. 49. June 3, 7:30 p.m.; nerchor, women's chamber choir Lau-Beethoven's Variations on a Theme date, the Clarinet Choir and the Chamfrom Mozart's "Don Giovanni"; John Williams' "Viktor's Tale" and Theme Concordia University Chicago, Mcfrom "Schindler's List"; Franz Liszt's Cormick Recital Hall, 7400 Augusta St.,

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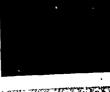
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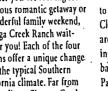


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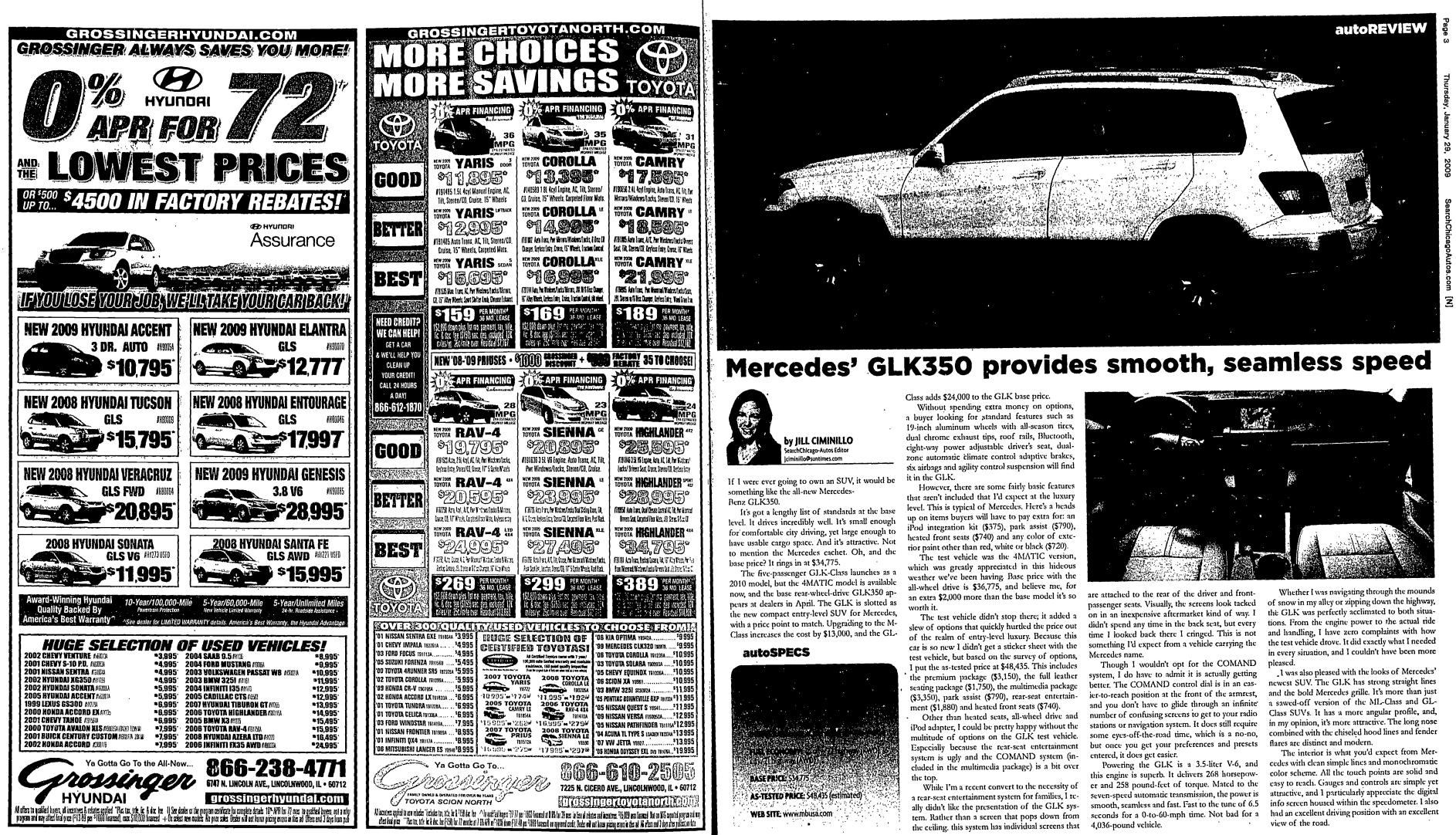
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An audience with the 'King of Kustomizers'

BY JEFF TAYLOR

SearchChicago-Autos Writer

Las, weekend the 47th Annual CAROUEST World of Wheels took place at McCormick Place. As the opening event of the Chicago car show season it did not disappoint.

George Barris (right), "King of the Kustomizers." was one of the highlights. Barris is known for creating memorable machines such as the Batmobile and other cars for TV series like "The Munsters." His creations include the beat-up truck used in "The Beverly Hillbillies" and the original K.I.T.T. for the "Knight Rider" series. But those just scratch the surface. His work has been featured in hundreds of movies, commercials and promotional programs. Generations grew up playing with toys and building model kits based on his full-size creations.

I had the opportunity to speak with Barris about his unique place in the automotive world.

IT: As the acknowledged ambassador of custom car design most people associate you with the West Coast and making cars for the stars and movies and TV. Do you have any local connections?

BARRIS: Well, my brother, Sam, and I were actually horn in Chicago, but we moved out west when we were young. Most people don't know this, but outside of the West Coast the Chicago area contains the largest collection of my vehicles on display over at the Volo Auto Museum

JT: What was your entry into the custom car industrv?

BARRIS: There really wasn't an industry to get started into. My family noticed that I had an interest in cars and when I started driving I got the family's old 1925 Buick.

Now this was in the 1930s, so we didn't have anything [ready] to add on, so I looked for things at the bardware store and the dime store. I also borrowed things from around the bonse, including the knobs and bandles from the cabinets to customize the grill of the car. My mother came home and would go to a cabinet and there wasn't any hardware - well, she knew exactly where to look.

I also learned how to weld at a local body shop and worked on my own car, and I would drive it to school and the kids would notice the work I did and say, "Hey, George, King of the Kustomizers, do some work on my car," and that's how I got started.

JT: What is George Barris doing driving a Toyota Pring?

BARRIS: Well, a while back I was challenged by the New York Times to customize a Toyota Prins. The challenge was to customize a Prives hybrid [leaving the drivetrain untouched], seeing what could be done. The New York Times gave me nine days and \$10,000 cnt them up, paste and sketch changes.



dollars for the project, They allowed me to change wheels. I brought in a custom candy green and gold paint scheme, altered the nose and put cameras in the taillights, and added LED exterior lighting. Before you know it boom: I'm doing hybrids. I get a lot of attention with this car.

JT: Besides the Prius, what current production car would you like to get your hands on?

BARRIS: Well, actually I'm doing custom versions of the [2009] Challenger and [2010] Camaro. On the Camaro 1'm adding 22-inchers [ubeels, tires], special [graphic] impressions on the doors, using carbon fiber on the nose and upgrading the interior. It will be available through selected dealers this summer.

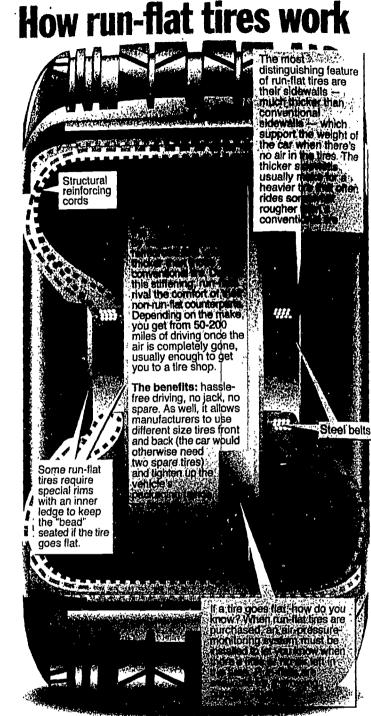
For the Challenger I added more carbon fiber pieces, painted it candy red, altered the doors [scissor style] and call it the Red Demon. I also added a supercharger, and the engine now pumps out 725 horsepower. I'll upgrade the audio system and interior. I want people to say, "Why didn't they [the factory] do that?"

JT: Reality shows are the current rage, why doesn't George Barris, "King of the Kustomizers," have

BARRIS: Well I've been on all the [car customizing] shows, even did two hearses on Monster Garage.' [In the past] I just didn't find a show format I liked. Right now I have a show in development called 'CineCars,' where I take a celebrity's car and make it into something really different they would like to drive.

JT: Any advice to future customizers?

BARRIS: We have to stimulate people get them excited again The key is to draw. Young prople have some great opportunities I didn't have: You can use a computer, take photos, scan them and



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Rosen Motors Group, which owns several automotive dealerships in Algonquin, Gurnee, Lake Villa and Waukegan as well as Milwaukee, is celebrating its 20th anniversary during February.

Despite the negative impact of the current national financial crisis on automotive sales, Rosen's eight franchises are chugging right along thanks to their commitment to keeping customers satisfied and coming back year after year.

"Our goal is to keep people so happy and satisfied that they don't want to go anywhere else to buy a vehicle or

gevity is a direct result of our relationships with our customers," said Saul Rosen (left), founder and president of Rosen Motors Group. "We're seeing second-generation customers as people bring in their grown-up sons and daughters to buy a new or used car. To me, that's the ultimate compliment because it shows that we've been doing things right for the past 20 years."

Rosen, who estimates that he has sold more than a nullion vehicles during his career, has no plans to slow down. Rosen currently operates Nissan, Kia, Honda, Hyundai, for maintenance and repairs. Our lon- Mazda and Suzuki dealerships, His

Kia facility in Milwaukee is undergoing a total reconstruction and is scheduled to reopen in 2009. "Succeeding in the automotive

business is as much about who you know as what you know, and giving back to the community that has supported you," Rosen said. To that end. he serves on the board of directors for the Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center in Gurnee and is active in other local chiarities. Rosen's people first, family orient-

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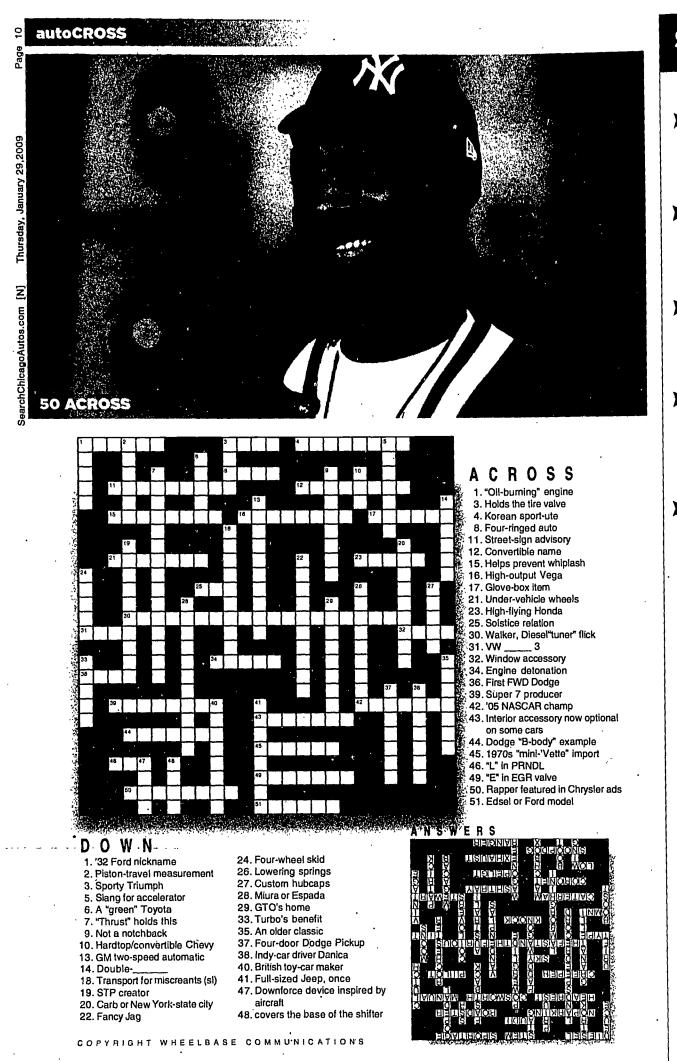
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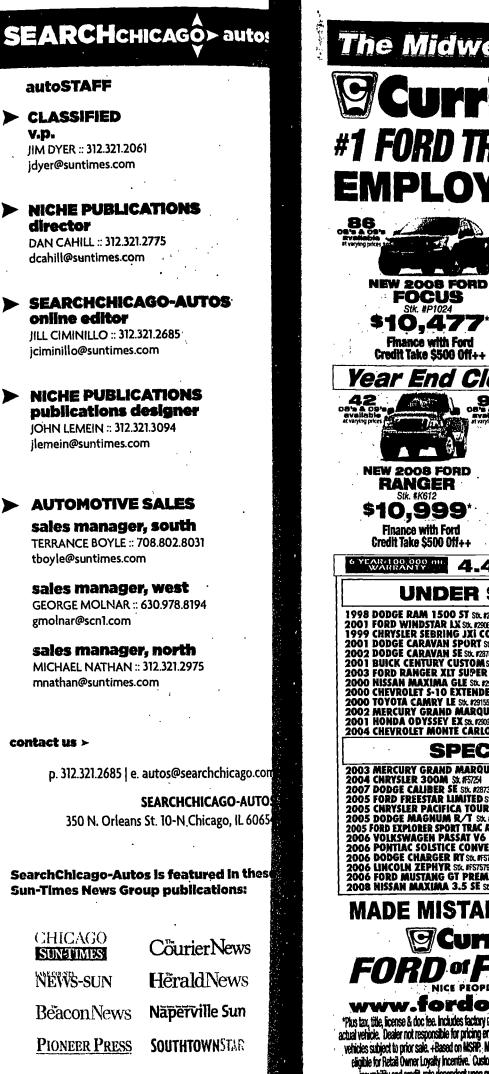
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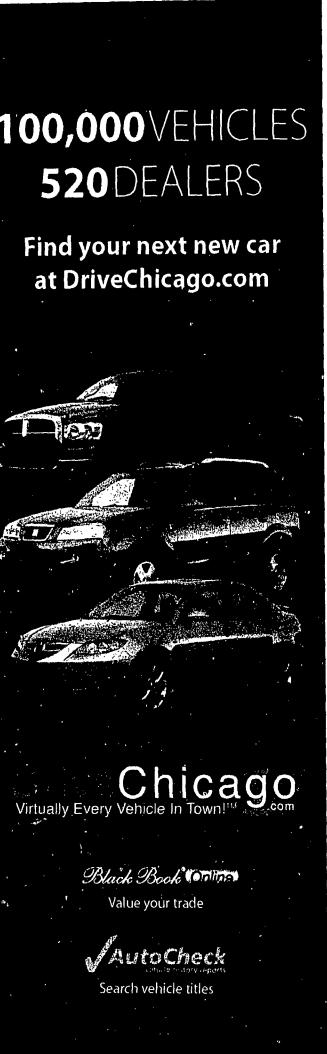


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Liberty ranch showcases rear window wall, scenic views

Low-maintenance lifestyle, stunning grounds make The Enclave a winner

n today's world, mature adults want the convenience of single-level living mainly because it eliminates having to walk up and down stairs. Comfort and relaxed living is their first priority. However, ample space for entertaining is a musthave and spare bedrooins for when their kids are home from college or grandchildren visit is just as important.

At The Enclave at The Reserve at the Merit Club in Libertyville, homebuyers not only get ranchstyle convenience but also an established neighborhood, breathtaking grounds and a low maintenance setting, all in an award-winning community.

Merit Homes offers five different ranch plans with two ranch models now open for touring. In addition to the recently unveiled Forester model, the two-bedroom, two-bath Carrington is making its debut. Breathtaking views of a nationally acclaimed golf course, groves of mature trees, a sparkling pond or beautiful green vistas through a 9-foot rear window wall make this home unique.

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the left is a family room with a granite fireplace. To extend the living space, the model has an optional screened porch accessed from the family room.

screened porch in the new Carrington model.

Surrounded by windows, the master bedroom suite is adjacent to a master bath with a soaking tub, large walk-in shower and double bowl vanity. The bay-windowed second bedroom and fully applianced laundry room, with oak cabinets, complete the home.

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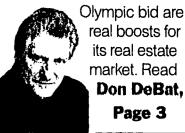
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Working from home is more popular than ever, and custom luxury homes deliver spaces that are organized and practical.

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Guest or in-law suites are perfect for extended family or visiting friends.

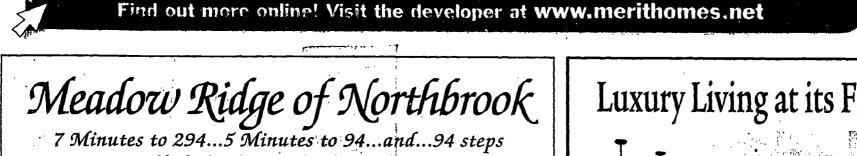
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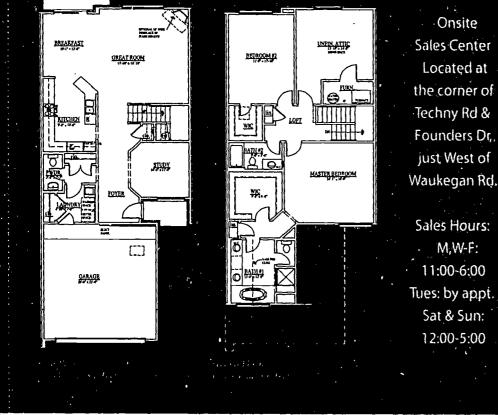


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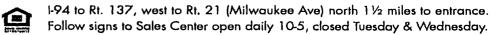


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Homes as the place to work a growing trend

By Marcy Marro FOR THE SUN TIMES NEWS GROUP

From telecommuting to having a retreat, home offices have never been so popular. In today's luxury homes, his and hers offices rank right up there with his and hers walk-in closets as a lifestyle necessity, according to Jeff Samuels of Samuels Homes.

"Years ago, the library or study served as a retreat for the man of the house, but the concept of the library has evolved into the home office and today this space is equally important to both men and women," Samuels said. "With more people working part or fulltime from home, the trend is toward separate offices for husband and wife."

Today, the traditional library is just one mode of expression for this space. Technology and a women's perspective liave revolutionized the uses and look of the modern home office.

"Offices where serious work is being done must not only be decorative but also practical,' Samuels said. "They include plentiful electrical outlets, dedicated phone lines and other computer support technology Workstations should contain plenty of space for attractive organizational units so rooms can remain neat. Other than these functional aspects, today's home offices can have many faces.

formation on Samuels Homes. square-foot personal residence buyers to purchase a unique sion as an architect." Page-designed home.

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His and hers home offices are hot in today's custom homes, and a variety of architectural treatments are being used, says custom builder Jeff Samuels of Samuels Homes.

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"The home is the culmination Winnetka features an office on can be controlled by a laptop said. "I am more excited about this more." The lower level includes a 7860.

fitness room and recreation tions, allowing the environment, The French-style home in access and security of the home



In-law suites are among the lifestyle features in Kirk Homes' single-family floor plans at Apple Creek Estates in Woodstock. Ten flexible floor plans are available, including three plans that can have in-law or guest suites.

Home designs meet demand for extended living spaces

By Marcy Marro

FOR THE SUN-TIMES NEWS GROUP Longer life spans have led to the popularity of in-law or guest 3,306-square-foot home with in-law/guest suites available in affordably priced liomes.

home designs at Apple Creek plus a first-floor den and 21/2 ments and three-car garages. Estates in Woodstock, we offer plans that include options for \$290,000s. Priced from the high main-floor guest or in-law suites \$310,000s, the Stonehurst rang- base-priced from \$232,000. Ofwith full baths," said Janey Am- es from 3,489 to 3,763 square fering 1,716 square feet, the idei, vice president of sales and marketing for Kirk Homes. first-floor den, available loft or Carlo in its detached form, with "These plans afford comfort fifth bedroom and 21/2 baths. and convenience for live-in relatives, returning college students Welcome Center is open from 10 garage. The Monte Carlo is or occasional guests, and they a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through priced from \$271,000. are designed to be an oasis of Saturday; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 The Cambridge Lakes sales privacy within the household." p.m.; and Monday, noon to 5 center is open from 10 a.m. to 5

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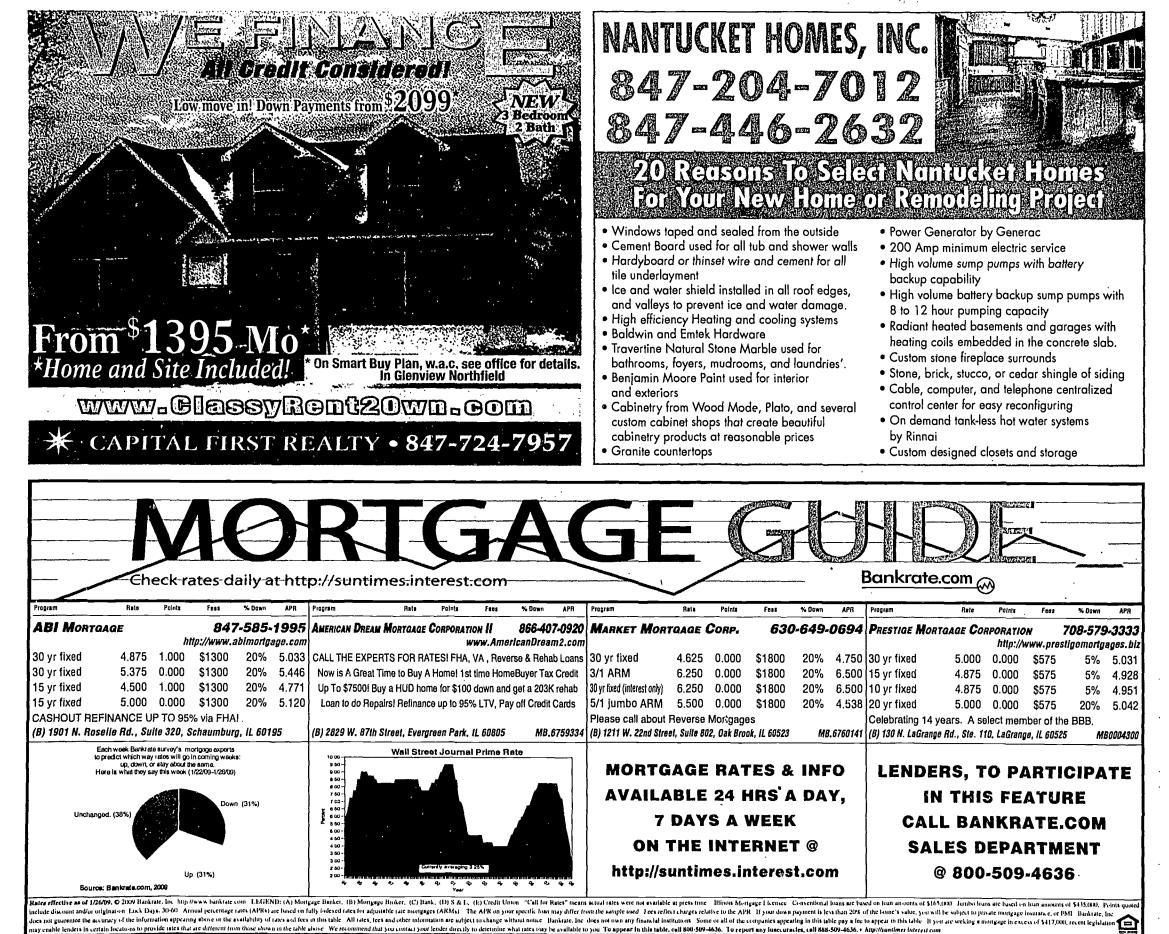
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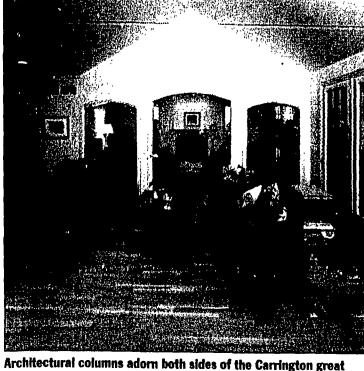
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Lakes, an active adult community suites in many single-family four bedrooms plus den, 2½ by Cambridge Homesin Pingree homes. Kirk Homes offers some baths and a second-floor flex Grove, the Haydn and Beethoven of the most private, comfortable space, priced from the high attached single-family home de-\$280,000s. The Allegheny of- signs are being made into freefers 3,189 to 3,584 square feet standing single-family homes "Among our single-family and includes four bedrooms with available sunrooms, base-

The 1,668-square-foot Haydn from the Composer Series is feet with four bedrooms plus Beetlioven became the Monte two bedrooms and a den, two





room that opens to the kitchen and family room,

Enclave FROM PAGE 1

Another residence worth touring is the three-bedroom, 21/2-bath and has a center island, rounded eating nook and separate break-

fast room. two bedrooms are on the other easement side of the home. A multi-purpose media room with classic French ing room or fourth bedroom.

serve at the Merit Club, which is tion

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and floor-to-ceiling windows. The of the top 100 courses in the world \$655,000. kitchen opens to the family room by Golf and Travel magazines. Several years ago, The Merit Club architectural design of the ranch and patios.

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'Obama effect' and shot at Olympics boosts Chicago real estate

ike a zephyr of hope, the "Obama Effect" is embracing the future of the Windy City.

The inauguration of President Barack Obama happened only a week ago, but a strong wave of positive karma already is lifting the spirits of Chicago's real estate developers and lenders, experts say.

"A new direction for the future growth of the Windy City is about to take shape as a result of Barack Obama, a Chicago resident, ascending to the Presidency of the United States," predicts developer Nicholas S. Gouletas, CEO and

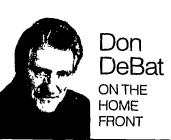
chairman of American Invsco. "President Obama, with the support of Mayor Richard M. Daley, chose to start his political career in Chicago and live Here by choice because he realized what a great city of opportunity and change Chicago represents," said Gouletas, a condoconversion specialist who has developed, marketed and managed over 45,000 units valued at \$4.5 billion since 1969."

Now, many experts believe the Obama Effect will have an uplifting impact on Chicago's chances to host the Olympic Games in 2016. And, this scenario creates promise for new international recognition for Chicago, already viewed as a

world-class city. "The \$22 billion in business growth the Olympics will bring also will have an immediate positive affect on the future of real estate investment in Chicago and Illinois," Gouletas said.

"Chicago is a can-do place ... the Olympics Committee knows Chicago will get the job done. It's all about old fashioned stability, and the City of Big Shoulders has plenty," said Edward J. Kane, senior vice president/chief lending officer for Lincoln Park Savings Bank. Seeing the odds for Chicago

hosting the 2016 Olympic Games on the rise, more than



dozen top residential real estate developers already have responded to the city's requests for qualifications (RFQ) from prospective bidders for the proposed 3,500-unit Olympic Village on the 37-acre Michael Reese Hospital site near 31st Street and Cottage Grove Ave-

nue on the Near South Side. Initial plans call for the city to raze the shuttered hospital and pump millions of dollars of infrastructure improvements" into the site. Then, developers' would build the Olympic Village in stages over a six-year period between 2010 and 2016.

The housing units in this brand new high-rise and midrise neighborhood, similar to Central Station development. could be sold to investors, and rented during and after the games, experts say. The Olympic buzz also would attract thousands of permanent residents to the village.

cited about the prospects for the tremendous positive effect the Olympics will have on Chicago," said Jerry Karlik, partner with Keith Giles in Kargil Development, LLC, one of the development firms who submitted an RFQ for the Olympic Village. Other major developers who have submitted RFQs for the \$1.1-billion Olympic Village in-

clude: The Enterprise Companies, Joseph Freed & Associates, LLC, Magellan Development Group, LLC, and Re-

lated Midwest. "Of course, we won't know if the Games are going to happen in Chicago until October of 2009," Karlik said. "However, a Tax Increment Financing District already is in place, and we think construction financing" for residential projects will loosen up by then.'

With President Obama traveling to Europe this year to lobby the Olympic Committee for a Chicago bid, "Chicago could pull it off," said Karlik, noting that the event would bring as much prestige to the Windy City as the Columbian Exposition of 1893.

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Appraisal Research Counselors Ltd., Chicago's top condominium appraisal firm, is predicting the downtown condo market will rebound within the next 18 months.

"When the consumer regains confidence and market activity increases, buyers will be regretting that they had not purchased during the weaker market when the new construction options were numerous and the pricing was attractive," said Gail Lissner, vice president of Appraisa Research, co-author of the "Downtown Chicago Residen-"

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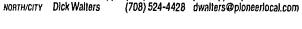


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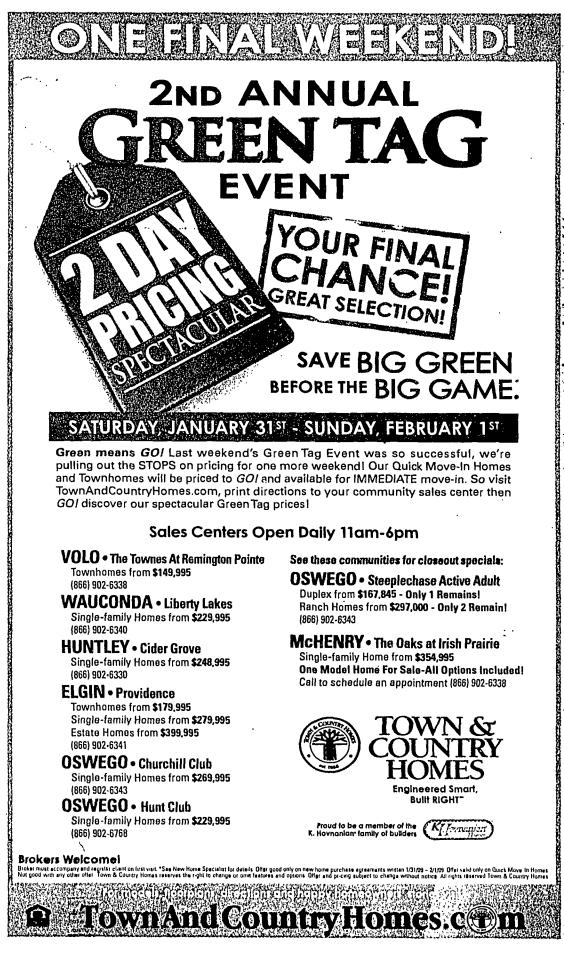
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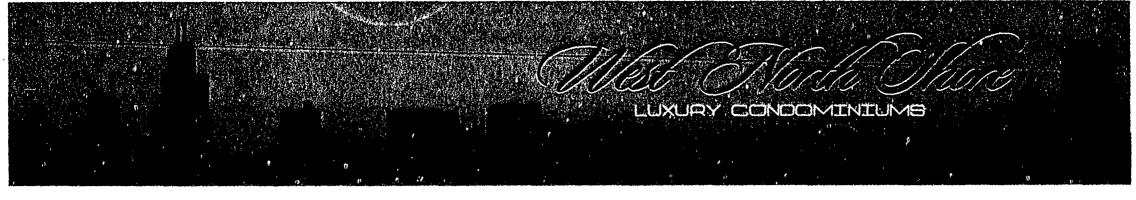




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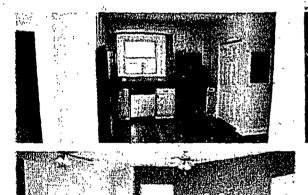
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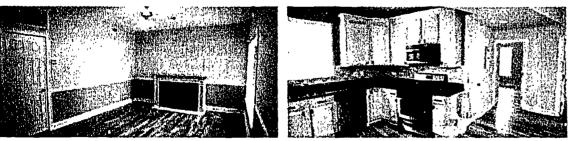
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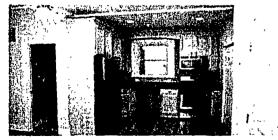
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You may want to curl up and hide after the brutal end to 2008 - but that's just not the American way

BY TERRY SAVAGE

Where did it all go wrong? That's a question that many people are asking themselves today as they confront their personal finances. For some it's a matter of making new investment allocations. But many others are hoping they'll still have jobs to pay the every day bills. And sadly, there are millions of Americans who have already lost their jobs and now are worrying that they could also lose everything they worked for over the years.

Today's economy is simply brutal. And it's also unfair. Some people may have deserved financial punishment. They over-spent, overborrowed, and were overly greedy. But those who played by the common rules have been blindsided by this financial disaster.

Just when you thought you had your finances figured out, everything changed. At least that's the way it seems now that we're living through a stock market crash, a banking crisis, and are well into a deep recession with rising unemployment

Even your best-planned money deci-sions seem to have become a disaster. Contributions made to your IRA or 40l(k) or college savings plan look like you've thrown hard-earned money gone down the drain. Investing in real estate by purchasing the largest home for the smallest down payment now seems like another promised road to riches that has reached a dead end.

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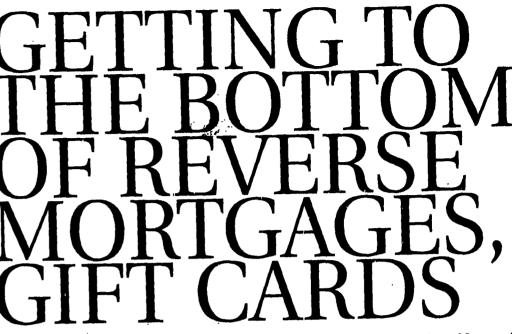
thought you deserved has you drowning in debt

The message to all is: Don't give up! Don't stop anticipating - and planning for — better times. Don't stop believing in the future - your own, and that of our country. And don't lose the certainty that what you do now can make a big difference in your lifestyle tomorrow. America was not built by quitters! Americans have always believed in a

better life, if not for themselves then at least for their children. And our children it seems, took it all for granted. So before we blame others - government, business bosses, show-off movie stars, or financial crooks 7 let's take a closer look at the basic principles of money management so we can all do a better job next time around

Yes, there will be another go round 7 although it may take a few years of financial suffering. We're not the first generation to go through this kind of financial hangover from a binge of debt-driven excess. And we'll all be better off in the end, for having learned the lessons the hard way. And that's The Savage Truth!

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With the holidays over, it's time to get back to basics - like dealing with your finances. Here are some reader questions about reverse mortgages, minimum distributions and gift cards.

If you have a personal finance question that you'd like to see answered by an AP Personal Finance Writer, send it to yourmoney@ap.org, with "Your Money" in the subject line. Please

include your full name and hometown.

Paying off a reverse mortgage

Q: What is the best way to pay off a reverse mortgage if you don't have the cash?

A: That's an unusual situation. A reverse mortgage, to brief other readers, is for people age 62 and older to convert equity in their homes to cash. It works the same way as a regular mortgage except in reverse: A lender would determine the value of the home and provide you with the money. It comes due only when you sell, move out for 12 consecutive months or die.

If you sell, the buyer's money could pay off the bank. If you move, you most likely should sell the house to pay for it, says Scott Tucker, a mortgage broker in Chicago and author of the newly published "Reverse Mortgages ... from Z to A."

If you do decide to prepay the reverse mortgage early, you can do so in any number of ways and with no prepayment penalties. But because you aren't currently making required monthly payments, Eric Bachman, CEO of Oakland, Calif.-based Golden Gateway Financial, says there are very few times when it would make sense to consider an early payoff.

If you move or sell your home and the reverse mortgage becomes due, then it's important to know that because it's a non-recourse loan you never have to pay more than the value of your home, even if the loan amount is larger. This protects you or your heirs from owing more than the home is worth.

-Dave Carpenter

Retiree distribution rules change

Q: I've heard a new law was signed in December that suspended the required minimum distribution rules for retirees turning 701/2. Can you explain the law and how it affects retirees?

A: The required minimum distribution rule is designed to give the government its share of the taxes on retirement account money.

Retirees, at 701/2 must begin taking a specified amount of money out of their retirement accounts to pay taxes on their untaxed holdings in an IRA, 401(k) and other similar accounts. Failure to take out the money normally results in a 50 percent penalty on the amount you should have taken out.

President Bush signed the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 on Dec. 23. The bill temporarily waives the penalty imposed by the IRS for failure to take the annual minimum required distribution from retirement accounts in 2009.

Suspending the mandatory withdrawal allows people to keep the money in the account and possibly recover some of their losses.

Because of the way IRS rules are written, the required withdrawal for 2008 was based on account balances as of Dec. 31, 2007. Since many people lost significant amounts in the stock market in late 2008, they had to take withdrawals based on significantly higher balances than they had in their accounts, said David Certner, legislative policy director for the AARP.

—David Pitt

Gift card fee gouging

Q. I received a \$50 Visa gift card for Christmas, but when I used it at a local restaurant, I learned that 20 percent of the value went to cover fees, and I had only \$40 to spend. How is this possible?

A. Gift cards that bear the Visa and Mastercard logos, called "network branded cards" are issued by banks and other third parties, not the parent corporations. Just like credit cards, the fees that are associated with them can vary widely, although experts agreed that \$10 in fees on a \$50 card was extremely high. Among the most common fees charged are for the initial purchase or activation for checking balances and monthly "maintenance" fees if the card is not used within a specified period after

purchase. About 30 states have passed laws that limit fees or when they may be imposed — for instance in some. maintenance fees can't be imposed for the first 12 months. But cards that are issued by national banks are not subject to limits put in place by states.

The only way to know what fees will be applied to a specific card is to read the fine print on the packaging before purchase. The cost for purchase and any other fees imposed should be spelled out.

Gift card purchasers are more likely to see lower fees on American Express-branded cards, which are issued by American Express itself and are charged only a purchase fee and maintenance fee after one year, or with store-branded cards. Cards sold at banks also tend to have lower fees than those found on multi-card kiosks at grocery or chain drug stores.

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Millions to Refinance in 2009

Expert advises to "watch your step"



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Timing is

loan is now.

n these economic times, many are tightening their belts and L searching for ways to improve their financial health. If you own a home, your mortgage loan is likely your single largest debt. While it's

important to manage investments, it's equally important to optimize debt. Focusing on both sides of your personal balance sheet will help improve cash flow and grow net worth.

With interest rates at historic lows, it is very important to "balance" the decrease in the interest you earn on deposit accounts with lower loan rates. Timing is everything in life, and the time to consider a refinance of your mortgage loan is now.

Pastor Doug Johnson and his wife Mary agree. They just refinanced out of a 5-year adjustable-rate mortgage

into a competitively priced 30-year fixed-rate. "Even though our mortgage payment did not change radically, we are able take the money we would have spent on a higher mortgage payment and apply it towards our principal balance," Johnson comments. "We entered the process with a high level of confidence and it proved well-founded."

While Pastor and Mrs. Johnson are taking advantage of the current refinance environment to move from an adjustable

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mortgage to a fixed-rate solution, many others look to refinancing as a quick way to improve cash flow by reducing their monthly mortgage payment.

According to a recent forecast report published by the Mortgage Bankers Association, millions of homeowners will join Pastor and Mrs. Johnson in refinancing their homes in 2009. Historically low interest rates are the driving force for more people considering a refinance. Just last summer; 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rates hovered near 6.50 percent. Today, those same mortgages are available below 5 percent. On a \$225,000 mortgage, that's a monthly savings of around \$225. Since not all loans are created equal and not all lenders offer the same level of professional consultation to their clients, it is important you consider all factors when choosing a lender and a loan program. It is no less important now than it was when you purchased your home and, quite frankly, in these difficult economic times, more crucial you "watch your step" as you complete this important financial transaction. Determine if you should refinance.

Do the math to determine your "payback period." Start by

loan. Ask your lender for the Good Faith Estimate of closing costs and review it carefully with your lender. Once you know everything in the cost of the loan, calculate the monthly life, and the time savings from the refinance. Then, analyze how many months it will take to recoup to consider a your investment in this new loan and at what point you will be truly saving money. refinance of Understand your loan program. your mortgage Loan programs can be confusing;

however, a reputable lender will take time to explain the features and benefits to you. Take notes. Ask questions. Read all disclosures carefully and highlight any

assessing the true cost to refinance your

words or sentences you do not understand. When choosing a loan program, consider factors such as how long you plan on owning the property, your risk tolerance for adjustable rates. the ability to modify the loan, and any prepayment penalty the lender may charge.

Find a reputable mortgage lender.

Start with a bank. Despite popular belief, banks are making



Doug and Mary Johnson of Chicago discussing lending options with Fifth Third Mortgage Loan Originator Reed Brunzell.

mortgages to qualified borrowers. Plus, having a broader relationship with your bank may qualify you for special discounts. For example, at Fifth Third Bank, you can qualify for a mortgage rate discount when you maintain other accounts with the Bank.

Ask about a streamlined refinance.

You may qualify for a refinance that is faster and requires less documentation.

Consider a bi-weekly mortgage payment.

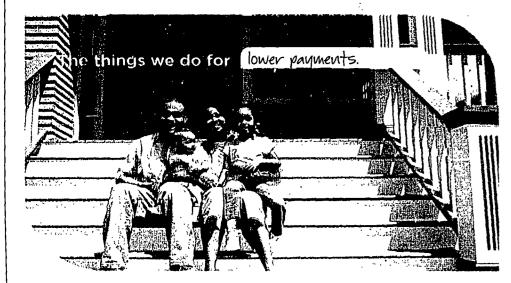
Paying half your monthly payment every other week has significant financial benefit. On a \$225,000 30-year fixed-rate loan, you can save over \$60,000 in interest and pay off your loan as much as six years earlier.

Put your savings to work.

Dedicate a plan to put your savings toward reducing other debt or into a regimented savings plan, like Fifth Third GoalSetter Savings.

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The Importance of Asset Allocation in Your 401(k) or IRA



IRA statement.

This past year was particularly difficult for the financial markets. In fact, it was the nation's most unstable financial environment in 80 years. No matter what type of assets you hold in your 401(k) or IRA, more than likely they fell in value during the past year. That is why it is important to allocate your assets in a variety of investment types.

Asset allocation gives you the opportunity to lessen your overall portfolio risk. Investing in broad groups such as stocks, bonds, commodities and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) may have lower risk than putting it all in one asset type. Generally, one of these investment types is going up in value, or holding its value, when others may be going down in value during a business cycle. That is the basis of diversification. Investors then trim gains and reinvest the proceeds periodically to take advantage of varying price moves for the long-term betterment of their portfolios.

Fifth Third Private Bank heard from many clients saying they lost sleep because of their 401(k) or IRA accounts. The assets to help them retire five, 10 or 20 years down the road are now worth substantially less. In an attempt to recoup some of the value of their assets, they reallocate often in reaction to the markets and hope for the best.

However; that type of "trading on emotion" is one of the most common mistakes individual investors can make during this time. Investors will try anything to stop the hemorrhaging in their 401(k) or IRA. Unfortunately, there is no quick fix in restoring the confidence that has eroded over the past two years in financial markets. Patience is truly a virtue during a period of contraction.

Now is the time to go back to the basics with your 401(k) or IRA account. Given the stress of the financial market, it is advisable to take another look at your overall financial plan and how your 401(k) or IRA fits into it.

Step back and look at your time horizon.

When do you want to retire? With your 401(k) or IRA losses, will you have to add another three, four or five years to that horizon in order for your assets to rise in value? Look at your risk tolerance.

How much are you willing to risk? If you are up at night fretting about how much you have invested, you are risking too much. Seek to comfort yourself mentally by incrementally shifting your asset allocation to safer investments to calm yourself.

Look at your asset allocation ranges.

A conservative rule of thumb is to hold your age in fixed income securities. For example, a 40-year-old should invest 60 percent in equities and 40 percent in fixed income. Conversely, a 60-year-old should invest 40 percent in equities and 60 percent in fixed income. This is only a general guideline; a different allocation may better suit your specific situation.

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oday, many Americans are feeling nervous about opening an envelope they used to look forward to - their 401(k) or

Have a deliberate rebalancing approach in mind.

Fifth Third Private Bank found most people are falling into two categories - trading just to trade or not trading at all. Seek to rebalance your portfolio on a semi-annual or annual basis to instill discipline in your investment decisions and take advantage of the benefits of diversification.

Finally, do not hesitate to ask for advice. A qualified financial planner should give individual investors professional, unbiased assistance that will help them through business and investment cycles. We believe the next few years will likely bring a reincarnation of the markets and the financial system, and a

wealth management advisor should be able to help you make the most of it.

Once again, these financial times are extremely unique. Being deliberate and incremental in decisions involving asset allocation will help individual investors sleep a little easier during turbulent market conditions.

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Given the stress of the financial market, it is advisable to take another look at your overall financial plan.



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Not sure how to proceed with your finances in this brutal economy?

BY TERRY SAVAGE

weren't being taught in school.

Those principles evolved into four books, all with the same message, the same Savage Truths about money. And in spite of today's frightening stock markets and deep recession, I believe they will hold true for the next 20 years, and on into the future.

The Savage Truths have one common denominator: All require your willingness to face reality, learn the basics, and trust your instincts. You do not have to become your own financial expert. Few have the time or inclination to do that. But you must take the ultimate responsibility for your decisions, no matter whose advice you seek. It's your money - and no one cares about the outcome more than youl Don't be overwhelmed, even

when the economy is most frightening. Tough times bring great opportunities -- even for those who are touching bottom these days. Deal with the issues, one at a time. Here's a guide for getting started, using those ba-sic Savage Truths:

DEBT IS DANGEROUS

It's a truth that wasn't always apparent - whether the issue was home mortgages or credit card debt.

I argued in vain for many years that people should lock in fixed-rate mortgages and try to pay down their mortgage debt as soon as possible by making additional principal payments each month. Entering retirement with a paid-off mortgage is a luxury that too few people will enjoy now. But it's not too late to start a mortgage paydown program.

What to do now

You're about to get a once-ina-lifetime chance to lock in very low mortgage rates, likely below 5 percent in the coming months. Of course, that presumes that you still have equity in your home, and a good credit report. Even those who don't think they'll qualify for a refi should be alert to new mortgage programs designed to rescue those who are in jeopardy of losing their homes.

Crisis advice

I believe that soon banks will make creative "negative equity" mortgages - loans beyond the current value of the home -

The Savage Truth on Money Never Changes! When I started writing my weekly Chicago Sun-Times column exactly 20 years ago this month, my goal was to explain the basics of money management — the things we

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CREDIT CARD DEBT

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Today, Americans have

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Crisis advice

What to do now

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enough cash available, they'll negotiate a settlement *after* taking out their feesl Banks are wise to this and may trigger a suit and wage garnishment against you after you've missed a few payments and further ruined your credit.

Instead, contact Consumer Credit Counseling at (800) 388-2227, which will put you in touch with the nearest local office. They'll be able to advise whether they can help you work with your creditors, or refer you to bankruptcy.

BUILD 'CHICKEN MONEY'

It's a term that I coined long ago to describe the cash that cushions the blows of tough times like these. You'll never "save" money if you see it sitting in your account at the end of the month. So I've always advised an automatic monthly withdrawal - much as Social Security is taken out of your paycheck before you see it and spend it! Chicken money is placed in short-term insured accounts, such as CDs or money markets. These accounts pay very low rates of interest, but that's not the point. You're looking for safety, not yield.

What to do now

Use a separate money market deposit account at your bank, or a money market mutual fund to have a monthly deduction from your checking account. Or buy Series I savings bonds through the payroll deduction plan at work, or Treasury bills direct from the government at www.TreasuryDirect.gov (minimum purchase \$100). Remember, they're taking Social Security from every paycheck, and you "can't afford" that, either!

Crisis advice

By definition, you won't face a crisis if you have chicken money. If you don't, you'll have to raid whatever savings you have. In a crisis, and without a job, you can't pull any remaining equity out of your home. A hardship withdrawal from a retirement plan is your next place to turn, although it will create a tax bill down the road. And with no place to turn, you have to start selling personal posses-sions, calling friends, or seeking help from church or community organizations. Don't let pride stand in your way. When you make it back - and you will you'll be able to help others.

INVEST FOR THE LONG RUN

In spite of the stock market crash, and more declines that may be coming, I continue to believe that the best way for individuals to make their money work for them is through the stock market. But it's important to understand that the "long run" can be a very long time. That's why it's important to keep a balance between enough "chicken money" that lets you ride through a bear market, and a diversified long-term investment portfolio. How much you should have in each category depends on your own financial situation, your age, and risk tolerance. Qualified advisers can give you perspective; only you can listen to your heart.

What to do now

Face facts, and don't mourn money that was lost. You weren't surprised when the money grew in your investment account: don't be shocked when it shrinks in a bear market. Now vou must evaluate vour personal situation and make plans for the future.

People always react to their most recent experience - buying when they see others making money, and selling in a panic. Absolutely no one can guarantee when the market will bottom, so you're best off using historic returns. And there has never (since 1926) been a 20year period when you would have lost money in a diversified portfolio of large-company U.S. stocks, with dividends reinvested. Do you have 20 years, knowing you'll need investment growth even beyond your hoped-for retirement?

Crisis advice

The one thing you must never do is make investment decisions in a crisis mentality. Never sell - or buy - out of emotion. Don't blindly seek help, but do find trusted advisers. Almost every major mutual fund company (Fidelity, Vanguard, T. Rowe Price) now offers investment diversification services to their clients. Or go to www .TerrySavage.com and click on the box that says "Financial Engines" to get investment allocation advice from the company that serves America's largest company 40l(k) retirement

MAKE A SERIOUS FINANCIAL PLAN

You're not expected or trained to do this yourself. Some people have the interest, inclination and time to take on this project. Others retain advisers. Everyone should understand the advice being given before making a move. Some advisers specialize only in investments. But that's not enough. You must coordinate tax advice, life insurance, estate

planning, health and long-termcare insurance, along with your investments. It may seem like a daunting task, but help is availahle

What to do now

I don't advise getting advice from the same person who got you into this messi Your losses are partly your fault if you failed to tell your broker or adviser that you needed a conservative plan. Or if you refused to ask and understand the risks involved. But that's all history.

Make the next decision in a sensible manner. You don't want to incur more transaction costs or tax hits because you suddenly decide to make a switch. Instead, set up meetings with other advisers, and get their take on your situation. Be honestl

To start, go to either www .cfpboard.org, to search their registry of financial planners near you, or www.feeonly.org, to find financial planners that do not charge commissions on the products they sell.

Discuss their services over the phone, set up more than one interview, and take all of your financial documents. The first meeting should come at no charge and give you both an idea of whether you're wellsuited. Ask for and check references

Crisis advice

I recognize that some people who have read this far are only thinking about a plan to survive for the next few months or years, having fallen into the abyss of job loss and/or retirement plan losses.

Let me once again recommend you call Consumer Credit Counseling, at (800) 388-2227, to be connected to the nearest local office. Just talking with their qualified and concerned advisers can help you gain your footing in these treacherous times.

If you've lost your job, health insurance will be a big issue. The COBRA provision allows you to maintain the same insurance for 18 months - but without a job, how will you pay for it? Go to www.ehealthinsurance.com and at least purchase a lower-cost, high-deductible plan that will cover major expenses, so you don't lose your home to unpaid medical bills.

Rolling over your retirement account is another job-loss task. And it can be costly if not done correctly. Guard against the temptation to dip into that money until absolutely necessary, since you'll incur a tax bill and penalties if you're under age 59%. Make retirement withdrawals a last resort.

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Mages, Rita R. Rita R. Mages, nee Ross, passed away Janu-ary 25, 2009 in Chicago. She was born Febru-ary 24, 1909 in Chicago. Married to (the late) Bernard; loving mother to Lawrence (Mary); grandmother of Elizabeth (Chris) Mages Van Den Berg; great-grandmother of Sasha and Luisa. She was preceded in death by her brother, the late Col. Gilbert Ross. Funeral service was Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at Piser Chapels, 9208 N. Skokle Bivd., Skokle, IL 60077 - 847/679-4740. Inter-ment Westlawn Cemetery. Memorials may ment Westlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201. Nign Guestbook at legacy-pioneerlocal.com

theatre. Beloved husband of Stille D., hee Stake, for 62 years; proud father of Judith (Robert) Oberlander, Gregory (Sandi) Novak, Linda (Kenneth) Smentek & Melissa (Dennis) Jensen; loving grandfather of Lisa (Eric) Narges, Kristin Oberlander, Kevin Smentek, Brian & Janan Jensen. Smentex, Brian & Janan Jensen. Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Jan-uary 24, at St. Lambert Catholic Church, Skokie. Entombment followed at All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, Des Plaines. Cemetery Mausoleum, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jesuit Seminary Associa-tion, c/o Development Office, Chicago Prov-ince of the Society of Jesus, 2059 N. Sedgwick St., Chicago, IL, 60614, or to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Haben Funeral Home & Crematory, Skokie. 847.673.6111.

Rasmussen, Craig John Craig Rasmussen, age 52, son of Willard and Irene; loving-brother of Robb (Joyce), Jay (Barbara), and Ned (Carole); uncle of seven nieces and nephews. Donations can be made to Rainbow Hospice Ark, 1601 North Western Ave., Park Ridge, Illinois 60068. Craig lived at the Ludemann Center in Park Forest for many years. Service will be held privately. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illi-nois. Info 1-800-622-8358. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

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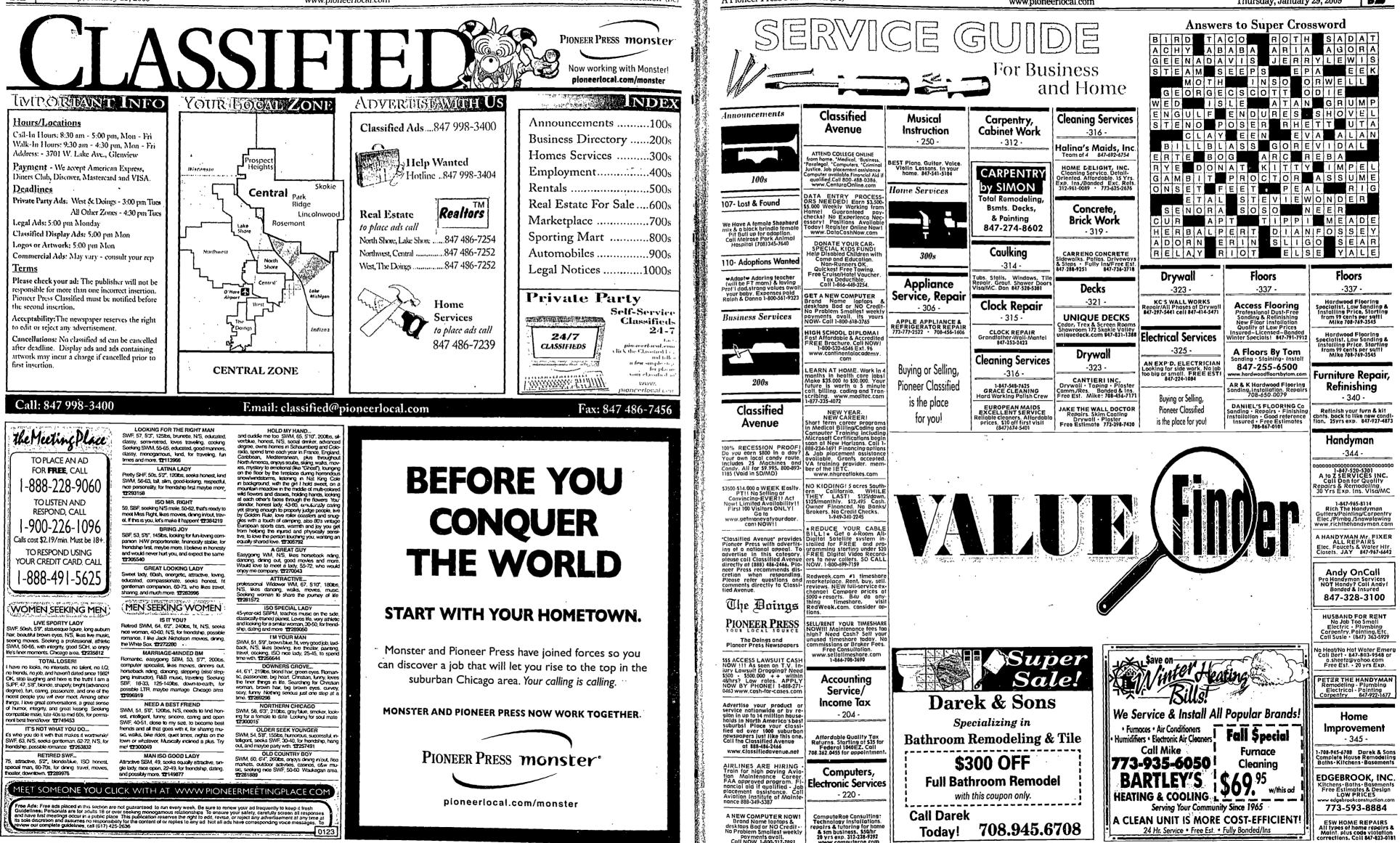
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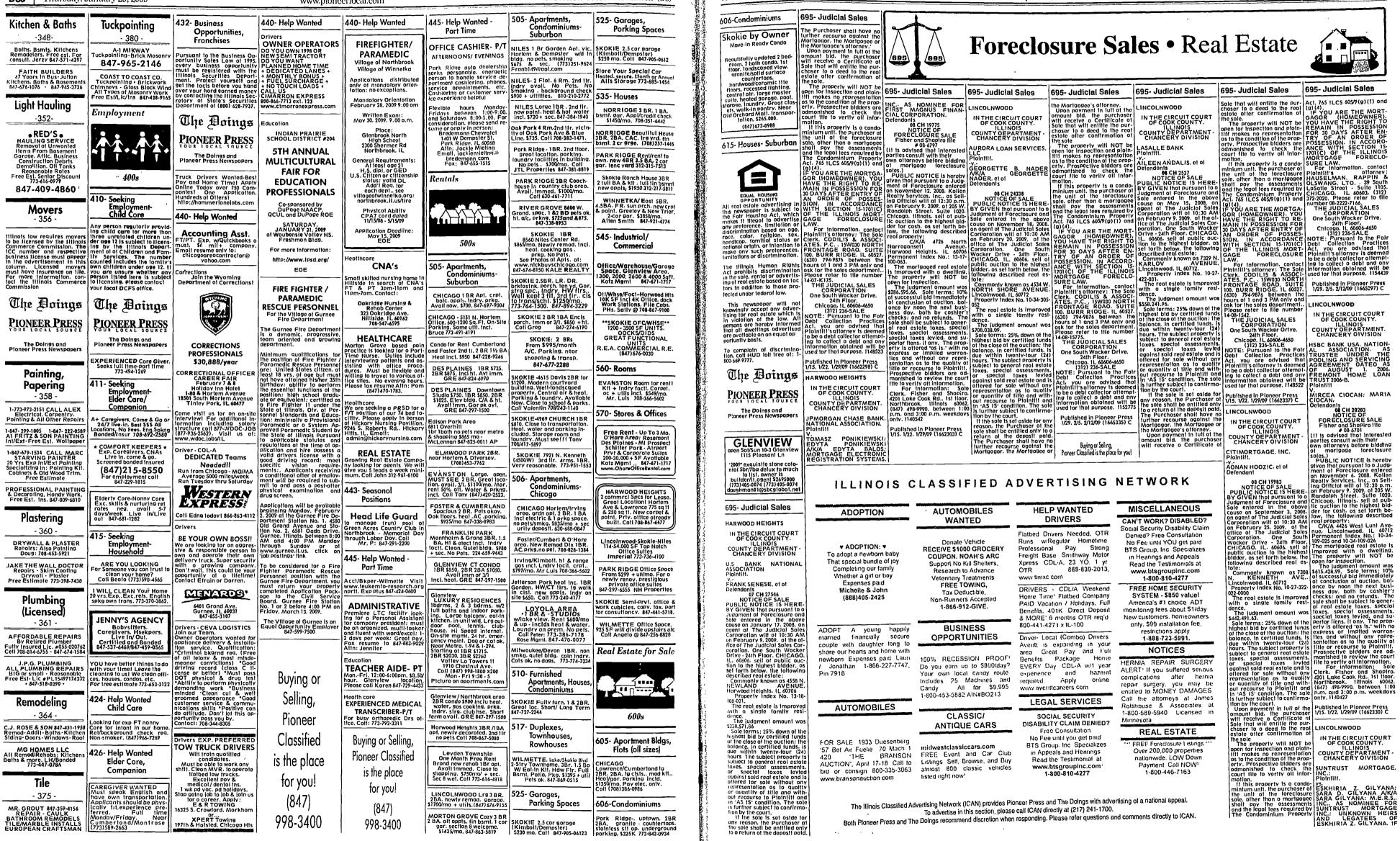
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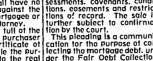
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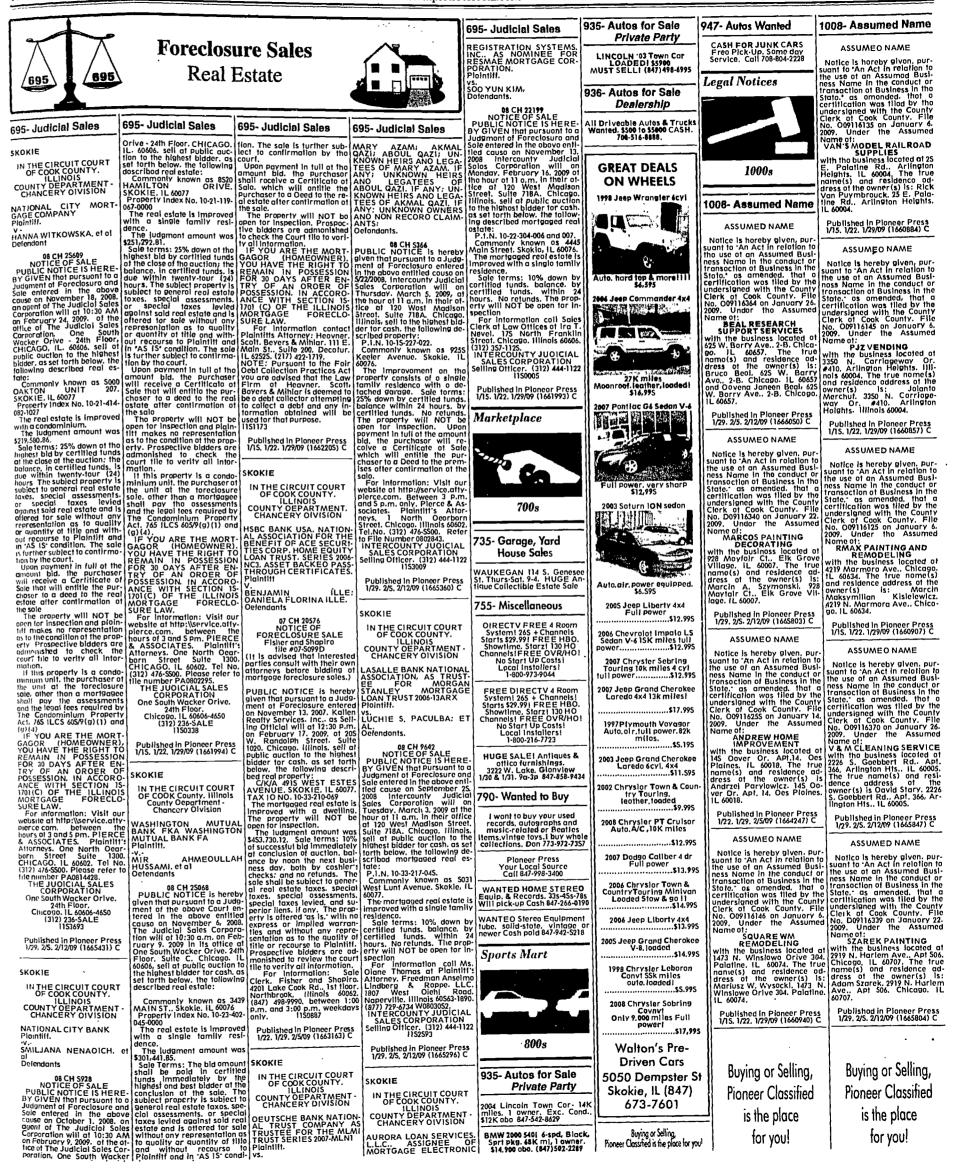
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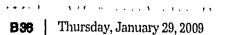
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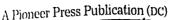
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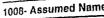
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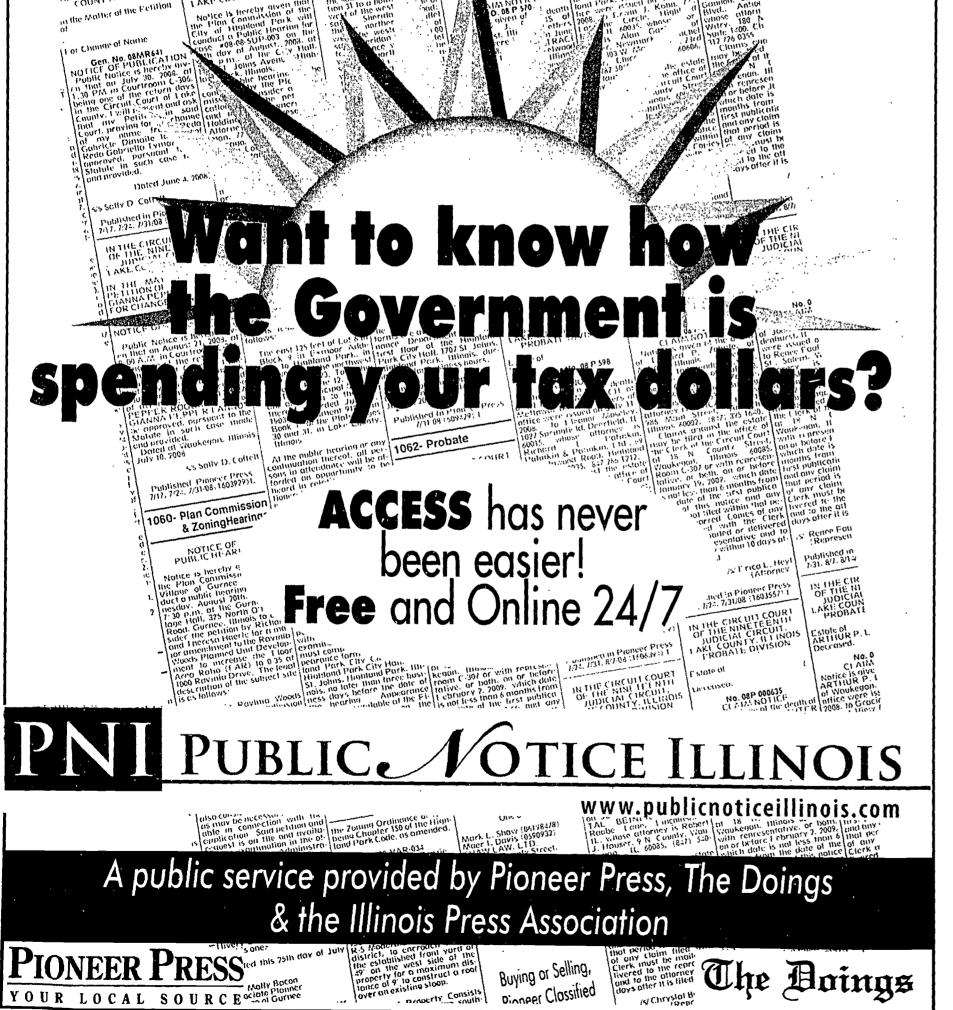
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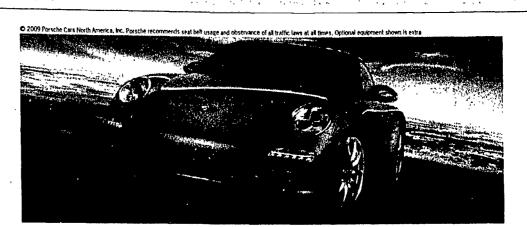
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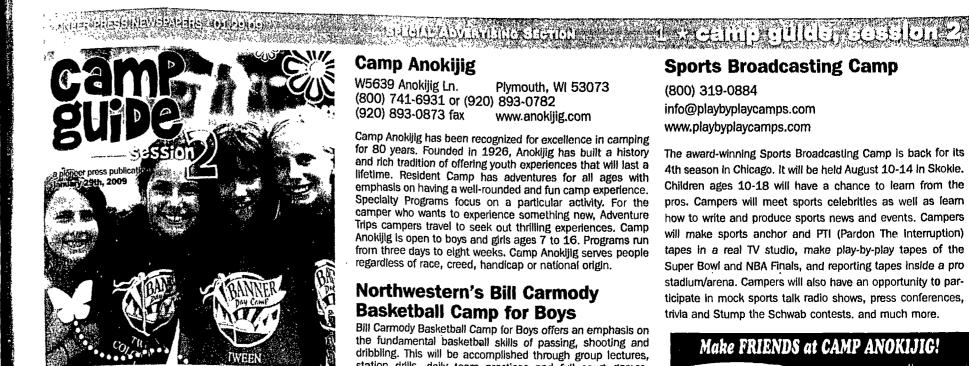
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take campers backpacking, mountain climb-"We find that getting kids into the natural world is transforing, rafting, and more - all with an eye to building awareness mational," explains Sandy Schenk, owner and director of in the natural surroundings. Green River Preserve camp of Cedar Mountain, North Carolina Regardless of which you choose, nearly all campers leave "Nature's a magnificent teacher because everyone is treated with an enhanced appreciation of the outdoors, and some the same. Pushing yourself is something that happens natueven take environmental skills into their own communities. rally in the out of doors. And when you see kids helping each "One of our campers who enjoyed our garden wrote to tell other over a slippery rock wall, it's amazing. We see each child us that he's volunteering his time to a community garden projcome out of the program with a greater understanding of ect." Herman says. nature and better sense of self." Camps foster a lifelong love for nature.

their own communities.

Eagles' Nest Camp of Pisgah Forest, North Carolina, has "Fear of the woods and nature walls off so much excitement been teaching kids to take care of their natural world for for too many children," says Schenk, "We feel like we're opendecades. "In our Explorer's Club class, kids are out in the ing a door for many of our campers, so they can enjoy natural woods, streams, and bushes, really getting a feel for the amazparks and wildlife preserves for the rest of their lives." ing biodiversity of the Northern Appalachians," explains Noni - Courtesy of the American Camp Association Waite-Kucera, executive director of Eagle's Nest Foundation "To have kids be able to explore and be a part of that is a real E-mail your comments to nichepublications@pioneerlocal.com gift for them." We welcome your feedback.

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favor.' Sometimes, a camp's location can provide built-in environ-



Whether a child makes his home in the heart of the city or the fields of the heartland, daily life can make getting back to nature hard for any family. Yet experiencing the outdoors helps children gain enhanced abilities to learn, lead, and experience contentment, as well as gain a lifelong interest in caring for

get to know first-hand a very important family member: Mother

Eagle's Nest also sponsors camp craft classes. helping chil dren learn to read a map, build a fire, and leave no trace. "We teach every camper how to respect and avoid making an impact on the environment," she says. Even an earth art class uses items found in the forest for woodland sculptures, which campers then leave behind to biodegrade and contribute to

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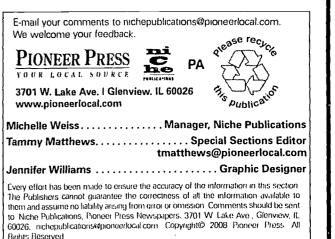
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mental lessons. At Windsor Mountain (formerly Interlocken), camp life centers around a small farm and camp garden nestled in the foothills of New Hampshire on the edge of a 4,000acre nature preserve.

"We offer kids a chance to get their feet wet in the morning dew. to feel the grass under their feet, to lie down in the field Parents who want to be sure their kids know a toad from a and look up at the stars. Our activities help them understand frog and a catfish from a crawfish don't need to go it alone. how Mother Nature is delicate and why we care about helping Camp programs are among the very best ways for children to to protect her," says Sarah Herman. director of the camp.

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Campers harvest vegetables from the garden for the salad bar and help take care of Regardless of which you the farm animals. Children with a special choose, nearly all campers leave interest in nature also can go directly into with an enhanced appreciation the marsh to learn about its animal habiof the outdoors, and some even tats, into the woods to create natural art. or take environmental skills into on a bog-wading ecological adventure. For older youth, three-day, off-campus trips can



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District 219 will charge same fees for summer school

By KATHY ROUTLIFFE kroutliffe@pioneerlocal.com

Students who want to take 2009 summer school courses in Niles Township High School District 219 will pay the same fees the district charged this year, district school board members decided at their last meeting.

Board members who met Dec. 15 unanimously endorsed the recommendation from business office staff. That means students will pay tuition per course of between \$150

and \$190 depending on whether they sign up for lab or non-lab courses, and whether they are district or out-of-district students. Other unchanged costs include a \$50 and \$100 in-district and out-ofdistrict registration fee, and \$50 and \$100 bus passes

Anne Roloff, the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum, included fee information in her report on the 2008 summer session which took place at Niles West High School. (In addition

to credit electives or remedial courses, the district also offered athletic summer camps. Its applied seiences and technology department offered career exploration courses at Oakton College.)

Roloff told the board it attracted 1,609 registrations for credit courses, and 242 registrations in so-called readiness courses for incoming freshmen deemed to be at risk for not meeting academic standards.

There were almost 60 fewer registrations this

year than in 2007 for credit courses; the number of readiness course registrations was almost 30 higher for reading, and marginally fewer for math this year than last year.

Board President Robert Silverman said that the drop in summer school credit course registrations seemed to be mostly in driver's education.

"What was surprising to me is that we still made money," he added. The district brought in \$365,350 in revenues for

the 2008 summer school, and paid \$329,127 in expenses. The \$36,223 profit added to a \$41,241 profit from the 2007 year, and staff believe they will make a very small profit again in 2009.

As has been the case in several recent summer school board-level discussions, members wondered whether courses taught over three weeks or six weeks benefited students more. The condensed three-week courses are better for older students. and freshmen can't sign

up for them, Roloff said. Board members also asked about the balance of remedial and elective courses offered in 2008. More than half were remedial, they learned. Jeffrey Greenspan said allowing more students to take elective courses in the summer could make their school year easier: "I think students would like to take courses in the summer to free themselves up during the school year, so they don't have to take seven courses during the school year."

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Niles: Patricia Katsigiannis, College of Letters and Science and Katharine Veronica Waller, School of Human Ecology.

Park Ridge: Daniel Thomas Cirillo, College of Engineering; Luke Walter Frey, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Vanessa Ann Grosskopf, College of Engineering; Mary Grace Habschmidt, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Laura Ann Pagliari, School of Education.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Schools or colleges typically require students to rank in the top 10 percent of their class or achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in order to receive this honor.

Northridge Prep

Juniors James Petros and Peter Knapp and soph-

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omores George Adams and Ben Sturgeon finished second and third, respectively, at Northridge's debate tournament Jan. 10.

Combined with their other qualifying tournament at Fenwick, they are eligible to compete in the National Catholic Forensics League tournament in Albany, NY over Memorial Day Weekend.

This is the third consecutive year that coach **Tom** Herman and the Northridge debate team have successfully met the requirements for the national tournament, with different teams each year.

Oakton

Students can receive an instant admission decision from DePaul University at an Accelerated Transfer Admission session from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 5 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines. To be accepted, applicants still must meet DePaul's admission criteria, but the normally four- to six-week processing period is eliminated or greatly reduced.

The event is designed to eliminate the stress and frustration of waiting for an admission decision. Students simply go online to

www.depaul.edu and submit an online application in advance of the event they will attend and then bring sealed transcripts from all post-secondary institutions they have attended to the admission event. If a student has completed fewer than 30 semester credit hours, he or she will need to bring an official final high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores. De-Paul staff will review these materials and make a decision on the spot.

Once admitted, the student can meet with an admission counselor to get a preliminary review of how prior credits will transfer. Students also will have an opportunity to ask questions about financial aid, orientation and any other issues they need to address in order to make their enrollment decision. As a bonus. DePaul will waive the \$40 application fee.

Students with international educational credentials are not eligible to attend this event but have other admission options. They should contact the In ternational Admission Office at (312) 362-5620 for more information.

The event will take place at Oakton Community College's Student Street in

front of the cafeteria. For more information, contact DePaul's Admission Office at (312) 362-5551 or visit depaul.edu/transferinfo. $\diamond \diamond \diamond$

The silver screen is the focus of courses offered by Oakton's Emeritus Program. All featured courses meet at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down (HUM E74-71) allows film buffs to gather to critique the latest movies. Sixweek course will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Fridays starting Feb. 6. Course fee is \$75.

The Best of Stage-to-Screen Adaptations (HUM B50-71) examines films based on staged plays that have successfully translated to the big screen. Movies to be discussed include: "The Hasty Heart" (1949), "The Country Girl" (1954), "The Teahouse of the August Moon" (1956), "The Homecoming" (1973), and "Moon for the Misbegotten" (1975). Six-week

For more information, call (847) 635-1414 or (847) 982-9888, press 3. For a

class will meet from 1 to

3:45 p.m. Fridays starting

Feb. 6. Course fee is \$100.

complete list of Emeritus classes, course fees, seminars, and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

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Register now for Passport to the World, a series of foreign relations lectures offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton. This fourweek session will meet 1 to 2:15 p.m. Tuesdays starting Feb. 3 at Covenant Village, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook. Seating is limited.

The series begins with "The Many Faces of Latin America," which looks at

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social, political, and intellectual developments in Bolivia, Venezuela, Mexico, and Brazil. Other lectures include: "A Question of Leadership: Who Rules Russia Today?" (Feb. 10);" Arabs and Muslims in America" (Feb. 17); and "A Woman's Place: Middle East and Asia" (Feb. 24).

The series-only fee is \$24 for in-district residents age 60 and older, and \$39 for out-of-district residents and those under age 60. Halfprice tuition does not apply.

Oakton's Emeritus Program offers credit and noncredit courses, lectures, seminars, and tours, while providing a chance to share learning experiences with peers age 50 and better.

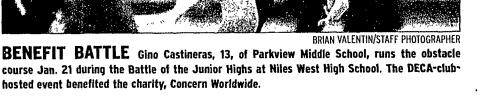
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 $\diamond \diamond \diamond$ Future small business

owners are encouraged to attend workshops hosted by SCORE Chicago and the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College. SCORE Chicago is a nonprofit, professional resource affiliated with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Going into Business: Evaluate Yourself and Take the First Step (BUS S45-01) is scheduled 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 28 at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Counselors and guest speakers will provide an overview of what it takes to successfully operate a small business. Registration fee is \$50. Deadline for registration is Feb. 6.

After completing this introductory workshop, participants may sign up for a five-week workshop series that meets 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays starting April 4. The cost for this series is \$150. Deadline for



registration is Feb. 13. Series topics include:

Marketing and Selling: Targeting to Get Customers (April 4); Financials: Master Cash Flow and Profits (April 18); Accounting, Taxes, and Risk Management: Track and Protect Your Assets (April 25); Business Plan: A Roadmap to Success (May 2); and Getting Financing: Learn Sources and Impress Your Banker (May 9).

For details, contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888, press

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Enroll in a variety of single-session continuing education courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton.

Pet First Aid (REC S19-01) offers a review of medical information that may save a pet's life, including how to perform CPR. Course will meet 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 4 at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie. Course fee is \$45

Sell Your Manuscript (COM S26-01) provides tips on how to get a manuscript noticed. Course is taught by a published author and will meet 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 5 at Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview. Course fee is \$25.

The Business Voice That Sells (COM S25-01) helps to improve speaking skills to deliver messages with more clarity and impact. Class will meet 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 7 at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Course fee is \$50.

Food Safety Refresher Course (BUS R99-01) satisfies the continuing education requirement by the Illinois Department of Public Health for state sanitation certificate renewal. Class will meet 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at Oakton's Skokie campus. Course fee is \$80.

Unique Kitchen Skills: Polish Cooking (HEC CO2-02) demonstrates how to make Polish cuisine, includ-

ing pierogi, boiled dumplings, and golabkistuffed cabbage rolls. Class will meet 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 9 at Niles North High School. Course fee is \$35.

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

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Enjoy fitness or history

classes offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Beginning Hatha Yoga (PED S10-71) demonstrates how to practice stretching, breathing, and relaxation techniques from an instructor certified by the Himalayan Institute, Students are asked to bring a small pillow and a mat or towel to class. Five-week course will meet 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays starting Feb. 4. Course fee is \$60.

Intermediate Hatha Yoga (PED S11-71) is for students who wish to advance in their practice. Elevenweek course will nieet 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Wednesdays starting Feb. 4. Course fee is \$132.

The Civil War: Leaders and Battles (HIS T35-71) analyzes the Civil War from the perspectives of many of its famous leaders, including Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, and Abraham Lincoln. Fourweek course will meet 9:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays starting Feb. 6. Course fee is \$60.

Religions of India, Part I: Beginning Hinduism and the Origins of Buddhism (PHL E88-71) offers an examination of early Hinduism and Buddhism. Eight-week course will meet 10 a.m. to noon Fridays starting Feb. 6. Course fee is \$100.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or (847) 982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes, course fees, seminars, and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

PEEK AT THE WEEK

CHAMBER

Join Niles Chamber of

Commerce for a multichamber bowling tournament Feb. 5 at the Edison Park Inn. It is \$20 per person and includes three games, shoe rental, house ball usage and pizza. A cash bar is available. Call Brenda at the Chamber office to register (847) 268-8180. Please register by Feb. 3 to receive two free

raffle tickets.

CLASSES

The following classes

are held in the Niles Township Schools ELL Parent Center, 9440 N. Kenton Ave., Skokie:

Citizenship classes will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 6 to April 24. In-person (required) registration will be

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Submissions for Com-

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taken from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 30. Classes will be taught in English by volunteer teachers and will prepare participants for the citizenship interview and exam. For more information, call HIAS Chicago, (312) 357-4666.

Immigrants with professional backgrounds looking to restart their careers are invited to attend employment classes at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 2 or 5 p.m. Feb. 3. Topics will include career development; assistance with resume-writing; job search strategies; interviewing and networking skills; Internet job search instruction; job leads; assistance with licensing, certification and evaluation of foreign credentials. Call (847) 568-7611 for information.

Computer classes will be given from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 2, 9, 23, March 9, 16, 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Call (847) 635-1426 for registration or information.

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

CLUBS

Les Bavards, a monthly francophone dinner group, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 for dinner and conversation at a restaurant in Des Plaines to practice using the language in an informal setting. Participants, including a few native speakers, have various levels of proficiency in speaking French. Participants must have the ability to carry on general conversations in French. No membership is required, merely listening in French. For full details or to respond, e-mail lesbavards@yahoo.com or call (847) 720-4502 by the preceding Monday evening.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the

Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328

COMMUNITY

Grandparents As Care**givers**, a program sponsored by Children's Home + Aid will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns, and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. The next meeting will be Managing Your Anger from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 4 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Free childcare, howev er 24 hour advance notice is needed. Ongoing, monthly meetings. Bev Wessels and social workers for Niles Senior Center will give strategies on dealing with the anger we feel. Call Linda at (847) 640-9590.

St. John Brebeuf Parish's annual Super Sunday Party, hosted by the Holy Name Men's Club, will be held Feb. 1 in the Parish Ministry Center, 8303 N. Harlem Ave. Doors will open at 2 p.m., and activities will continue throughout the afternoon and evening. The football game will be viewed on a large screen. Tickets are only \$15 which includes admission, snacks, chili, hot dogs, dessert, soda, beer and wine. Everyone over 21 years of age is welcome. For more information, call (847) 966-6961 or (224) 5166-0753.

HEALTH

The American Cancer So-

ciety. Chicago office is seeking partnerships with faithbased organizations to outreach in various Chicago communities to provide resources involving cancer issues. In organizations where no health ministry exists, ACS will help the organization begin a ministry, or will provide health related information. Through this program, Churches Against Cancer (CAC), ACS will provide a comprehensive health awareness campaign within the organization to help

build capacity, provide culturally appropriate resource materials and technical assistance to member church es. To participate, faithbased organizations must approve joining CAC. For more information about CAC, contact Desmond Konadu at (312) 279-7278 desmond.konadu@cancer: org.

LIBRARY

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., (847) 663-1234, www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for programs

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

MAINE TOWNSHIP

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

PARKS

Ailes

Parents interested in Niles Park District's Bright Beginnings Preschool 2009-10 school year are invited to observe preschool classes in action. An Open House is scheduled for the week of Feb. 2 during scheduled preschool classes. An appointment is required to visit a classroom. The evening Open House will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St. Call (847) 967-6633 to make an appointment or to have information mailed. Preschool Registration will take place Feb. 23 for residents and March 2 for nonresidents. Niles Park District helps

plays on a computer screen Jan. 20 at Niles Public Library.

plan children's birthday parties. Party packages include: Tie-Dye, Crafty Creations, Rumble Jumble, Princess Party and Dora & Diego. Parties are 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, and 10:30 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633.

Resident and non-resident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2008-09 is being taken. Spaces are available in the mornings and afternoons for 3- and 4year-old classes. Registration will be accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. For more information stop in the Howard Leisure Center, or call (847) 967-6633.

Golf Maine

Golf Maine Park District is taking registrations for:

Preschool. Sign up now for the fall 2008 semester. Early registration is urged. A five-day morning program and four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1.

For more information visit one of the Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lone (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles: or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000.

Park Ridge Park District

The Park Ridge Commu nity Center's amenities include: new fitness equipment; indoor pools; run-

ning track; racquetball & basketball courts; sauna & whirlpool; child care services: fitness and spinning classes; private adult lockers; party rentals; personal trainers. Call (847) 692-5129 or visit www.prparks.org.

RELIGION

Registrations for the St. John Brebeuf "Joy in Jesus" Sunday preschool program are now being taken. The program is open to children ages 3 1/2 through kindergarten-age. Classes are during the 10:45 a.m. Mass each Sunday. The registration fee is \$40 and covers all materials for the year. Special emphasis is given to the development of self-awareness in children and their place in the Christian community. The goal of the program is to

provide a foundation for a

future understanding of faith. To register, or for more information, call Charlotte Lindquist, (847) 470-1434

Mary Seat of Wisdom, at Cumberland and Granville avenues in Park Ridge, offers a once-a-month Mass for young adults at 4:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month. A priest who works specifically with young adults and a choir that incorporates both voice and instruments to provide upbeat music for liturgies will be featured. Liturgies will be prepared and presented by young adults. All young adults, ages 22 to 40-plus, married or single, with or without children, are invited. For more information call Peg Barry, (847) 720-7914, or e-mail peg.barry@bjbpartners.com

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

Registration is open for the 2008 fall programs at

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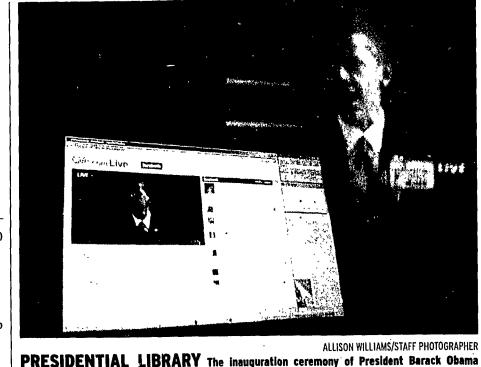
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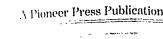


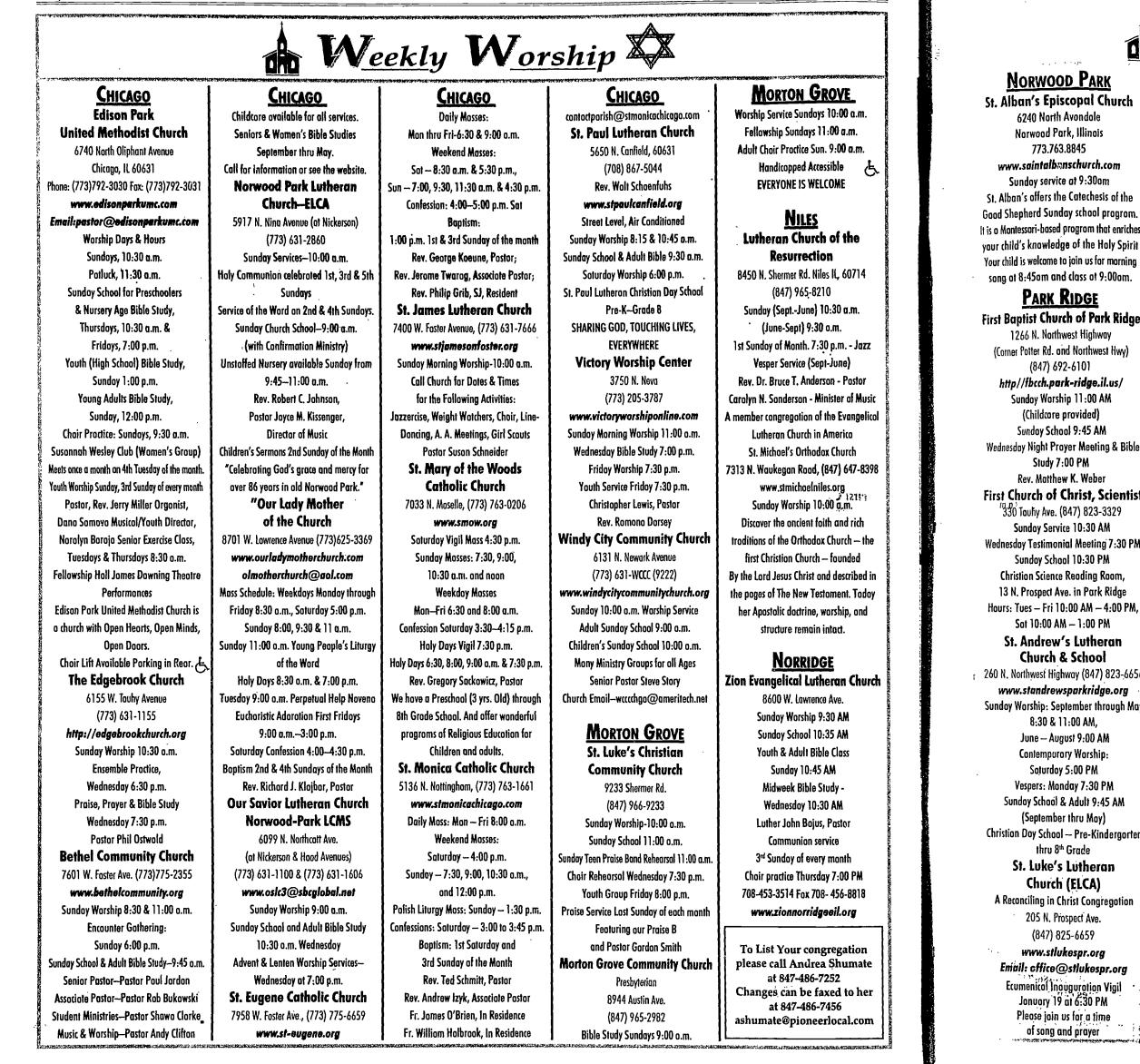
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Weekly Worship



6240 North Avondole Norwood Park, Illinois 773.763.8845 www.saintalbonschurch.com Sunday service at 9:30om St Alban's offers the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program. It is a Montessori-based program that enriche your child's knowledge of the Holy Spirit

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1266 N. Northwest Highway (Corner Potter Rd. and Northwest Hwv) (847) 692-6101 http//fbcch.park-ridge.il.us/ Sunday Worship 11:00 AM (Childcore provided) Sunday School 9:45 AM Wednesday Night Proyer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 PM Rev. Matthew K. Weber First Church of Christ, Scientist 330 Touhy Ave. (847) 823-3329 Sundoy Service 10:30 AM Wednesday Testimonial Meeting 7:30 PM Sunday School 10:30 PM Christion Science Reading Room 13 N. Prospect Ave. in Park Ridge

Sot 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM St. Andrew's Lutheran **Church & School**

260 N. Northwest Highway (847) 823-6656 www.standrewsparkridge.org Sunday Warship: September through May 8:30 & 11:00 AM, June - August 9:00 AM **Contemporary Worship:** Soturday 5:00 PM Vespers: Monday 7:30 PM Sunday School & Adult 9:45 AM (September thru Mov) Christion Doy School -- Pre-Kindergorten thru 8th Grade St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA) A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 205 N. Prospect Ave. (847) 825-6659 www.stlukespr.org

Email: office@stlukespr.org Ecumenical Inouguration Vigil January 19 at 6:30 PM

Please join us for a time of song and prayer

Park Ridge

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM (School Year), 8:30 & 10:00 AM (Summer) Thursday Worship (Summer) 7:00 PM Sunday – Christion Education for all ages 9:45 AM (School Year) Child Core Provided Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Lorson, Lead Postor Rev. Kristino C. Weber, Associate Postar Rev. Dr. Molcolm Minnick, Jr., Postor Emeritus, Anne Krentz Orgon, Director of Music Ministries Melinda Romseth Hoiland Director of Children's Choirs, Noncy Olson, Member Core Coordinator St. Mary's Episcopal Church 306 S. Prospect Ave. (847) 823-4126 www.stmaryspr.org Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 AM Wednesday Service: 9:00 AM Sunday School & Nursery during worship, Youth Fellowship The Rev. Soroh D. Odderstol, Rector WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME! Check website for all activities. Ę Hondicop Accessible Park Ridae Presbyterian Church 1300 W. Crescent Ave. (847) 823-4135 www.parkridgepresby.org Sundoy Worship 10:30 AM Nursery core during service Children's Programming for Ages 3 - High School Adult Education 9:15 AM Rev. James P. McCrocken **PROSPECT HEIGHTS** St. Alphonsus Liquori **Catholic Church** 411 N. Wheeling Rd. (847) 255-7452 www.saintalphonsus.com Worship Doys & Hours: Mondoy-Soturdoy 8:15 AM Moss of Anticipation: 5:00 PM Soturday Sunday Mosses: 8:30 & 11:00 AM Postor: Rev. Curtis A. Lombert

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REUNIONS

St. John Brebeuf is look-

ing for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni, Alumni should contact Libby Ryder; (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sibschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address. and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

Plans are under way for the St. John Brebeuf class of 1978 (Niles) to hold a 30year reunion. Many alumni still have not been found. Anyone who knows some-

one from the class may call Sandie Lindquist-Beierwaltes, (847) 965-6725, or email andielb@hotmail.com.

Immaculate Conception

School on Talcott Avenue in Chicago is establishing an Alumni Association. In preparation for its 100th-anniversary celebration the school is searching for its missing alumni. If you attended Immaculate Conception School or know someone who did, e-mail ICalumni@icparish.net, or call the

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rectory, (773) 775-3833. Alumni who prefer to reach the association by mail are encouraged to send their first, maiden or last name, phone number, e-mail address, the year in which they graduated, along with their favorite IC memory and favorite IC teacher, to: IC Alumni Association, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL 60631. Submissions may also be dropped off at the IC Parish Rectory during normal business hours or after Masses on Sunday.

Taft High School, class of June 1959, will hold a 50th

reunion Sept. 24-27, 2009. For more information contact Larry Marsh at fairseas2u@cox.net. or (703) 444-6255; Pat Santell Lutz, patlutz@comcast.net, or (847) 259-0120); or Kent Meyer, carolekent@accelplus.net, (765) 362-9262). See also www.taftreunion1959.com

Wildwood School classes of 1959 will be celebrating their 50th reunion in June

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2009. January and June graduating classes will be included, as well as people who were classmates sometime between kindergarten and eighth grade, but moved away before graduation. For more information e-mail wildwood09@gmail.com, or call Kathy Anderson Walsh, (773) 775-5011.

SENIOR CENTER

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

SINGLES

Young at Heart Singles Club (ballroom dancers of all ages) will feature a dance at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at the VFW Hall, 16th Street and Harlem Avenue, Berwyn, with the Variety Pak. Members pay \$7 for each dance;

guests, \$9. Attire is semidressy/dressy. Call the hot-

line at (630) 415-3499 for more information, or for directions, call (847) 678-7068. Thunderbird Singles will host a super dance at 8

p.m. Jan. 30 at the Hyatt Woodfield Hotel, 1800 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, \$7; and a dance at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 at 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 1070 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, \$8. For more information, call (847) 604-3446.

The Single Gournet will enjoy dinner and entertainment at an Italian supper club, Volare, 1919 S. Meyers Road, Oakbrook Terrace, on Feb. 6. Reception will begin at 6:15 p.m., with dinner at 7. Cost is \$45. For reservations or information, call (773) 772-3535.

SUPPORT

A Widowed Support Group is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general guideline, who have been widowed less than two

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years. It will meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month: Feb. 10 and 24. March 10 and 24. at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Cost is \$5 per session. For more information, call (847) 685-9900.

A Younger Widowed Support Group for widowed persons 55 years of age or vounger with dependent children, will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 and March 10 at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care. 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Cost is \$5 per session. For more information, call (847) 685-

Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N.

9900

Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, will present "Adult Loss of Sibling," a six-session group for adults grieving the loss of a sibling, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and 28 and March 14. Fee is \$90 for six sessions. For more information, eall (847) 685-9900.20 policia



By JON YEE Contributor

Maine East has firmly established itself as one of the top two teams in the Central Suburban North this season, and the Demons (14-4) have earned such a lofty reputation by not overlooking any team on their schedule.

With a 5-1 record in conference play, Maine East is in prime position to challenge current CSL North leader and seventime reigning champion Genbrook North for the conference crown. And while a rematch with the Spartans looms on Feb. 13 - GBN defeated the Demons 61-59 on Jan. 9 head coach Glenn Olson has his team focused solely on its next game against Niles North on Friday night

"We don't talk about it, we don't think about it. and our next concern is Niles North. We are focused on them until that game is done."

BOYS SWIMMING

By JIM EDISON jedison@pioneerlocal.com

With just two weeks left before the conference meet, Maine East boys swimming coach Scott Guilfoil is patiently waiting for his team to hit full stride.

The Demons competed in three dual meets over the past two weeks. And while East's tankers



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Sports Maine East avoids looking too far ahead

"The Glenbrook North game isn't even on our radar yet, in all honesty."

Coach Glenn Olson

Maine East has won four straight games since its loss to GBN and has claimed victories in eight of its last nine contests, including Friday night's 51-37 win over Highland Park.

But like any good coach. Olson still feels there are overall progressions to be made, and he would like to see his team improve on its ball movement and offensive execution. However, one area where the second-year head coach believes his players don't need much fine tuning is their work ethic.

The Demons have relied on their solid core of seniors — Dwight Davis, Shareq Khan and Danhi Wil-

were unable to earn a

als continue to make

are hanging in there,"

Guilfoil said. "We really

had no school for a cou-

ple of days (because of

weather) and then last

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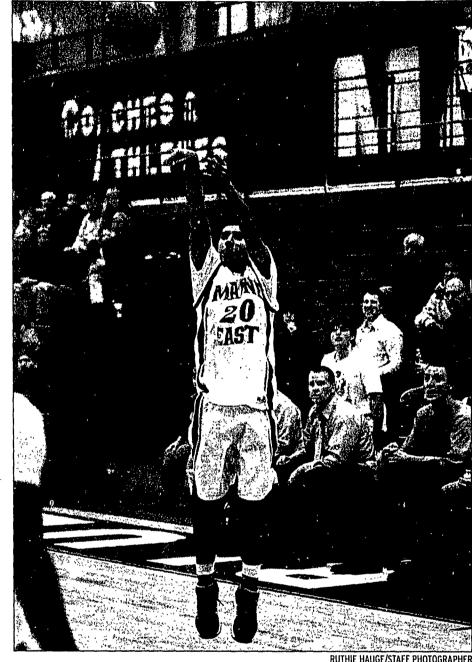
GAME MVPS

Maine East 51 **Highland Park 37** Nuse Khan: 16 points Charles McKinney: 10 points, 5 rebounds Dwight Davis: 9 points, 6 rebounds GAME DAY Next: Maine East at Niles North, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

son – and their talented juniors --- Nuse Khan and Charles McKinney — to ensure that they don't become lazy with their newfound success.

"I think the boys are playing well and they are playing hungry," Olson said. "It's a little different role for them being 5-1 in the league, but I think they are handling that well and they are continuing to work to get better. We talk all the time about building to February and March and we aren't there yet."

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Maine East's Shareg Khan, shoots the ball during the Jan. 9 game against Glenbrook North at Maine East. The two teams square off again Feb. 13.

Demons' coach waiting for team to hit full stride

land Park meet (Friday) l victory, certain individuhad to make some coaching decisions with a few guys that had been AWOL. I swam them out "I guess I could say we of their regular events to send them a message. We probably could have won got out of our routine the a few more events." past two weeks. First, we

The Demons lost to Highland Park 132-48. And while the loss was a huge one, there was one bright spot in Derek

Chavez. The talented junior swam to victory in the 100-yard freestyle (56.84 seconds) and the 50 freestyle (25.47).

One week earlier, the Demons traveled to Niles North and fell to the Vikings 125-60.

The Demons had a big night from Steven Tom, who won the 100 freestyle (52.97) and 50 freestyle (24.11). He also

anchored the 200 freestyle relay to victory (1:41.75), along with Chavez, Chris Scanlon and Danny Ward. Also in that meet, Scanlon took second in both the 200 individual medley (2:26.50) and 100 breaststroke (1:14.82).

On Jan. 13, East hosted St. Patrick and dropped a 127-53 decision. Tom provided the Demons' only two victo ries against the Shamrocks as he won the 100 breaststroke (1:07.41) and 50 freestyle (24.20).

"We're hitting that point in the season when the guys are swimming tired." Guilfoil said. "But that is a good sign. It means they are working hard."

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Local pitcher tabbed for Women's World Cup

Niles resident to play on North American team

BY MIKE CAMERON Contributor

Niles resident **Jennifer** Liu has nothing against softball, but her game is baseball - our national pastime. The crafty righthander will be the ace pitcher on the North America team that will compete at the Women's Baseball World Cup, in Hong Kong, in February.

Liu, 32, was one of 12 players selected to play for the Liberty Belles. Defending champion Japan tops a field that includes teams from Australia, China and Korea.

The 5-foot-2 Liu posted a 10-2 record last summer, leading the Chicago Riveters to the championship of the Chicago Women's Baseball League. She pitched her Chicago all-star team to a bronze medal at the Roy Hobbs Women's World Series, in Ft. Myers, Fla., in 2007.

"I am so excited to have an opportunity to play toplevel baseball and learn about my Asian culture at the same time," said Liu. who was born and raised in Chicago's Rogers Park by parents of Chinese and Japanese descent.

But the road is never easy for female baseball

BOYS BASKETBALL

的现在分词 martialized Contraction on Niles resident Jennifer Liu, who fashioned a 10-2 record in leading the Chicago Riveters to the

championship of the Chicago Women's Baseball League this summer, was selected to play for North America in the Women's Baseball World Cup. The tournament will be held in Hong Kong, in February.

players. Raising funds is an ongoing challenge. Teams and leagues frequently fold due to tepid financial sup-

Liu also has been invited to play on an American allstar team that will travel to

Holland this summer to promote women's baseball in Europe. Needing at least \$10,000 for the two trips,

she has two sponsors so far - Line Drive Baseball Academy and Flat Top Grill both of Chicago.

"I want to be an ambassador for women's baseball. even after my playing days are over. A lot of girls just prefer baseball over softball, and they should have that opportunity. I dreamed of playing professional baseball since I was nine years old," said Liu, who played on Little League boys teams in Chicago and annually dealt with gender bias.

"There was resistance to me as a girl. I would be the last person picked in the drafts," she recalled. "I usually wound up as the best pitcher on my team, and I won Cy Young awards. But it would take me most of the season to earn respect."

Liu attended Lane Tech and was quickly rebuffed. when she asked the baseball coach if she could try out for the team. A friend pestered her to play softball, and Liu became a standout third baseman for the Indians her junior and senior years, but her heart wasn't in it.

At age 18, Liu played in the American Women's **Baseball Association and** made the all-star team. The league folded after one season, and her baseball dreams were shelved for several years.

Liu --- who studied theater at Columbia College and landed several acting roles - now teaches im-

10 guys,"

The Dons, who hoisted their overall record to 14-3 with the win over Fenwick, had big games from a pair of starters. **Jimmy** Martin led the offense with 21 points, while **Billy** Hughes racked up 20.

On Friday night, the Dons took care of business once again in the ESCC. Hosting Carmel, 58-25 to lift their league

provisational acting classes at Second City and performs with Kidworks, a children's theater company, Warm and outgoing, she's also a corporate teambuilding instructor.

Two years ago, a former coach called Liu and told her about the new Chicago Women's Baseball League. She quickly got herself back into baseball shape and made her mark on the diamond all over again.

Liu exasperates rather than overpowers hitters. Her 65-mph four-seam fastball - average velocity for women's pitchers - is complemented by a two-seamer, curve, slider and change-up. Her typical line for a seven-inning game last summer? Seven strikeouts, two walks, three hits, one earned run.

A similar pitcher drew big headlines last fall. Knuckleballer Eri Yoshida, a 16-year-old who stands 5-0, was drafted by an independent-league team and will become Japan's first female professional baseball player this year. Liu stands an excellent

chance of making the 2010 **USA** International team and hopes that will lead to a bro career

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mark to 5-1. Mike DiGregorio had 11 points and Dallas Moreland had 10. "The defense was out-

standing in that game," Les said. "We held Carmel to no baskets in the third quarter"

The Dons will have double duty again when they travel to St. Joseph Friday night and host Marist on Saturday, Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tip-offs.

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When Notre Dame head coach Augie Genovesi brings his team to the East Suburban Catholic Conference meet on Friday, he'll be seeking consistency from his athlotes.

While the Dons have compiled a solid dual-meet record of 22-11, they're still trying to advance to the next level as the season approaches crunch time. Following the ESCC gathering at Joliet Catholic, NI) heads to the Glenbrook South Regional Feb.

The Dons closed out their home season by hosting a double dual meet with Marian Catholic and St. Viator last Thursday. Genovesi's team had to





Dons top Fenwick at Loyola U.

By JIM EDISON iedison@pioneerlocal.com

Prior experience may well have been a key advantage for Notre Dame in a high-profile game.

Playing against Fenwick in front a huge crowd at Loyola Univer-

sity Sunday afternoon, the a good Chicago Catholic Dons displayed both confidence and poise as they rolled to a solid 71-54 victory. ND beat the Friars in the last of four games, which were part of the Chicago Conference Challenge.

"We played well against 19-9. That was the third

League team." Notre Dame coach Tom Les said. "We jumped ahead 15-10 by the end of the first quarter. We were ahead by seven going into the fourth (quarter) and then we outscored them

time this season that we played on a college court. We previously had games against Whitney Young at Xavier (University) and then in Peoria at Bradley (University). I thought we were comfortable out there. Plus, we sub a lot of players. We actually play

ND toppled the Corsains

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Notre Dame prepares for conference meet

settle for a split, as it fell to Marian 40-27 but bounced back to drub St. Viator 56-11

The Dons actually gave state-ranked Marian a scare in the first half of the meet, winning six of the first nine matches. That included victories from Denis Walsh (160 pounds) by pin; Brian Ridge (189) 15-1; Anthony Czahor (215) 16-7: Mark Nunes (275) 7-2; Matt Sommers (103) by fall; and Kevin Heneghan (112) 3-0.

Unfortunately for Genovesi's young men, Marian won the next five matches in row — three by fall — to snag the triumph. "We were right there

against a team that is ranked seventh in the state." Genovesi said. "I told our kids, 'Make yourself better by wrestling



TAMARA BELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Notre Dame's Jimmy Wallenberg (top) battles an Argo opponent at 135 pounds during a meet at Oak Park-River Forest High School on Saturday.

hard against state-ranked competition.' "

In the win over St. Viator, ND was awarded forfeit victories at four weights. Actual winners on the mat were Tim Donnelly (119) by fall: Vince Metzger (130) by pin; Tim Gavin (152) 3-2; Walsh (160) 3-2; Eric Damlos (171) by

fall; Ridge (189) 5-4; and Nunes (215) 19-4.

"(It) was a very important meet because it was my last one here (at ND) ever," said Walsh, a senior with a record of 26-9. "Mv goal this year is to get to State."

On Saturday, the Dons participated in the eight-

HIGH HONOR

ND Wall of Fame

Notre Dame High School will honor the newest members of the school's Wall of Fame in a ceremony at the school at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 between the sophomore and varsity asketball games.

The new inductees re: Daniel Jones, baseball, asketball & cross country athlete from the Class of 1997; Eric Markey, football player from the Class

team Oak Park-River Forest Invitational. With a number of exceptional teams in the field, the Dons finished last with 82 cumulative points.

The Dons did manage to capture a number of in-

of 1997; Michael Meyer, basketball player from the Class of 1988; Thomas Migon, hockey player from the Class of 1986: Kevin **O'Malley**, football player from the Class of 1999; Andrew Pope, baseball and football player from the Class of 1977; and Michael Ranos, football player from the Class of 1969.

There will also be a Mass and induction cere mony held at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 1 in the chapel. The induction ceremony will begin at about 10:30 a.m.

dividual honors. Earning medals were Jim Wallenberg (2nd at 135), Tim Gavin (3rd at 152), Ridge (3rd at 189), Nunes (3rd at 215), Walsh (4th at 160) and Matt McNulty (5th at 140)

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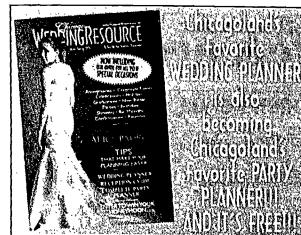




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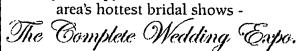




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CONFERENCE CHAMPS Northridge Prep won the City Suburban Catholic Conference 8th-grade boys basketball championship with a 43-40 victory over Mary Seat of Wisdom in the championship game played Jan. 18. The championship was the first middle school basketball title for Northridge. The team finished with a conference record of 19-1. Members of the team were (front row, from left) Joey Kelly (manager), Greg Knapp, Peter Buna, Tom Carter, (back row, from left) coach Joe Donnelly, Will Sander, Jason Ostojic, Mariano Gomez, Martin Kiernan, Mike Hanretty, Mike Gigante, Dan Klein and coach Mike Keesey.

ICE HOCKEY

Big crowd helps ND celebrate Senior Night

Before a crowd of more than 300 passionate supporters Saturday, the Notre Dame hockey program celebrated Senior Night and Sponsor Appreciation Day.

A total of 18 ND seniors were honored for their contributions to the program. In a special ceremony, the seniors presented flowers to their parents and took pictures with them, along with Father John Smyth, Notre Dame's President, and Principal Daniel Tully. Senior forward Ben Pecoraro presented Notre Dame hockey director Michael Giangrand with a timepiece from the players for all the time and support he has given them over the last four years.

In addition, senior forward James Dewayne "Grant" Robertson sang our national anthem a cappella. Amid helmet taps and congratulatory pats on the back, this was the first time all season

that every ND senior was on the ice at the same time. The evening's festivities concluded after the game with family, friends, supporters and Dons' opponent Crystal Lake South joining the team for food and conversation in the party room at the Iceland, in Niles.

The 2009 Ice Dons senior members are **John** Blaus, Michael Coca, Matt Dunne, Nick Dziadosz, Anthony Fabris, Kevyn Frost, Anthony lovino, Jeremy Krautstrunk, Steven Leick, Dino Loverde, Anthony Lupo, Alex Moser, Kevin Orchard, Peter Prestia, David Swearingen, team manager Billy Gavin --- and the aforementioned Pecoraro and Robertson.

Amid the Senior Night festivities, the Dons lost to Crystal Lake South 4-1. The lone ND goal was scored by Robertson, while goalie Krautstrunk was outstanding in net with 31 saves.

Two days earlier, Fen

wick defeated Notre Dame 2-0 despite the fact that Krautstrunk stopped a whopping 47 shots.

Playing at Iceland Jan. 20, the Dons lost to fifthranked St. Rita 3-2 in a Catholic League game. In a contest marred by an injury to sophomore forward Alex Murphy, the Dons took an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Blaus, assisted by Orchard. The Dons scored again when Blaus notched his second of the night — assisted by Orchard and Tom O'Brien - but ND surrendered three unanswered goals to lose 3-2. Ryan Maize was exceptional in net, stopping 36 shots.

The 13th-ranked Dons are preparing for the Metro Central playoffs, in which opponents will be Barrington, Prairie Ridge, Crystal Lake South, Maine Township and Libertyville.

Notre Dame's JV squad defeated Crystal Lake South 2-0 Saturday night.

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Baseball sign-up The Niles Baseball

eague will hold registration for the upcoming season from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 14 at Golf View Recreation Center. 7800 N. Caidwell Ave. Registration is for players born on or after

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The winning goal was scored by Kevin Sanetra (unassisted) with an insurance marker tallied by Kyle Gronset (assisted by David Fabris).

On Sunday, the team traveled to Crestwood and fell to No. 1-ranked Mt. Carmel 3-1. Goalie Kevyn Frost turned aside 33 shots in the loss

In the upcoming Metro Central playoffs, the JV Dons will face Barrington, Crystal Lake South, Jacobs and Prairie Ridge.



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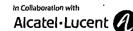
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