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Maine South graduate Sylvia Zygiel hugs a friend Monday before the school's commencement ceremony at the Rosemont Theatre. PAGE 5 (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

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## More plans detailed for Park Ridge, Northwest Side

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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More than 300 Park Ridge homes north of Higgins Road and 500 residences on Chicago's Northwest Side are earmarked to receive soundproofing under O'Hare Airport's 2009 Sound Insulation Program.

The Park Ridge homes, bordered by Peterson Avenue, Canfield Road, and Higgins Road, are eligible for soundproofing based on the airport's current Noise Contour Map and the anticipation of the construction of a new runway that is expected to bring arriving flights over the south-

ern portion of Park Ridge. Owners of the eligible homes can expect to receive a formal letter in November, said Aaron Frame of the Chicago Department of Aviation. Financing for soundproofing projects through 2013 needs to be secured, Frame said, and actual work is not likely to begin until after 2009.

Included on the 2009 Park Ridge program list are the following:

- 24 homes from 1800 to 1912 S. Ashland Ave.
- 23 homes from 1800 to 1913 Brophy Ave.
- 10 homes from 1800 to 1914 Canfield Road
- 24 homes from 1800 to 1913 S. Crescent Ave.
- 11 homes from 1801 to

- 1905 S. Cumberland Ave.
- 26 homes from 1800 to 1919 S Fairview Ave.
- 21 homes from 1800 to 1913 Linden Ave.
- 13 single family homes and townhouses from 600 to 1205 W. Higgins Road
- 19 homes from 1800 to 1909 Newton Ave.
- 1 townhouse at 915 Peterson Ave.
- A mixture of 19 single family homes, townhouses, and condos from 1000 to 1112 Peterson Ave.
- 26 homes from 1801 to 1925 S. Prospect Ave.
- 2 homes at 20 and 100 Thorndale Ave.
- 24 homes from 1800 to 1915 Vine Ave.
- 23 homes from 1800 to 1915 S. Washington Ave.

Sound insulation work can include installation of new windows, entry doors and central air conditioning. Funding for the residential soundproofing is made available from the Federal Aviation Administration and the city of Chicago Passenger Facility Charges.

To find out exactly if a particular address is eligible for soundproofing, airport representatives recommend that residents call (773) 894-3255 and leave their name, address and phone number. Calls will be returned, although it may take several days, Frame said.

An address locator is also available at maps.city-

ofchicago.org/aviation. However, homes in the 2009 program are not yet included in the database.

About 70 Park Ridge residences have already had soundproofing work completed under an earlier program. Homes just north of Peterson Avenue may also be earmarked in future years.

Not included in the current or future sound insulation programs are homes along the Belle Plaine corridor where residents say the frequency and noise of aircraft have increased since the opening of O'Hare's new northern runway in November 2008.

This area does not qualify for soundproofing be-

cause it does not fall within the current Noise Contour Map. The map outlines areas where noise levels reach — or are expected to reach, upon completion of the O'Hare expansion project — a 65 DNL. The DNL is an average of the decibel levels experienced over a 24-hour period.

Some residents living near Belle Plaine say their own portable noise monitors have picked up decibel levels as high as 80 or more. A permanent noise monitor is recording decibel levels near Gillick and Prospect Avenues, and Park Ridge has three other noise monitors in other parts of the city as well.

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## Longtime principals say goodbye to school communities

By JENNA HASKITT  
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Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Roosevelt Elementary School Principal Mary Jane Cole and Lincoln Middle School Principal Jim Blouch are retiring at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

"I will miss the kids and the staff most," said Blouch, who's been Lincoln's principal for 19 years. "They often say that a good job is something that you enjoy doing 60 percent of the time. So 40 percent of the time there are these mundane tasks that you have to do and survive in your job but really honestly 90 percent of my job I just absolutely love and always have."

He's been in the district since 1981 where he started out at Franklin Elementary School as a special education teacher working with kids with behavior problems in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade.

After Franklin he spent a

year at Washington Elementary School and finally moved to Lincoln in 1983 where he started a behavior disorder program at the junior high school, eventually becoming assistant principal and then principal.

Part of Blouch's philosophy is learning can be fun. "When I started here there was a philosophy among many teachers that you cannot have fun learning and I just so disagreed with that concept and I said, yes, learning can be fun and I'm going to do whatever I can to hire teachers who make learning fun, have a good sense of humor, who collaborate with each other, who want to work with middle school kids and understand their developmental needs," Blouch said. "So that's what I've really tried to do to make this place a climate that's really positive and nurturing and people want to be here everyday and the kids want to be here as well."



Lincoln Middle School students and staff held a surprise assembly May 29 outside in front of Principal Jim Blouch's office, in honor of his retirement after 19 years as the principal at the school. Blouch was treated to "YMCA," his favorite song. (Jon Langham/For STNG)

During his time as principal, Blouch focused on teaching the whole child.

In 1997, Lincoln made it an academic goal to focus on social emotional learning.

"It was kind of like learning how to manage your emotions, to care about others, make good decisions, to behave responsibly and develop positive relationships," Blouch said. "That's what the bottom line of

emotional intelligence is. The key was we made it an academic goal.

Illinois now requires every school to have a social emotional learning program in place, Blouch said.

Lincoln Middle School won the federal No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School award in 2006. It was also awarded the Illinois State Academic Excellence award for 2006, 2007, 2008.

Blouch graduated from Western Illinois University, receiving his undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in special education. He received his master's degree in administration at Northern Illinois University.

Roosevelt Elementary School's Principal Cole is retiring after 11 years in District 64.

She was a middle school principal in Evanston for four years, and before that she was in Chicago for 19 years. She spent nine years as a teacher and 10 as a principal and district level administrator.

Cole said what she'll miss most about Roosevelt is the people.

"I would have to say the children, the staff members, the members of the district, the parents, the community. I just think this is a wonderful, wonderful town," Cole said. "That is going to be hard. This is definitely bitter sweet. I grew up on the south side of Chicago

and actually went to a Catholic school, but I really just feel that Roosevelt is very much like the community that I grew up in.

"It just feels like home."

She's a graduate of Chicago State University.

Cole and Blouch had goodbye parties on May 28.

May 25-29 was Jim Blouch week at Lincoln Middle School.

To complete the week, the entire school gathered outside of Blouch's office on Crescent Avenue to surprise him with singing "YMCA," which has become known as his song.

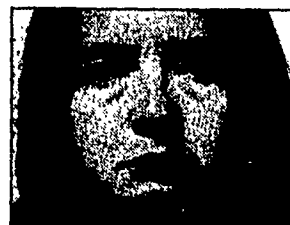
Over the years Blouch has occasionally sung this song with students while inventing different moves outside the regular chorus motions.

"I went out and led them in 'YMCA' for the last time," Blouch said. "It was really touching. My wife was there and my two kids were there. I did not know anything. It totally caught me by surprise. It was a lot of fun."

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## LAST WEEK TOP FIVE STORIES



Jennifer Espinosa

### 1. School board votes to fire Espinosa

Maine Township High School District 207 officials voted to terminate the employment of Jennifer Espinosa, the Maine East teacher charged on suspicion of having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old former student. Board members voted 7-0 on the issue June 1 during a regular Board of Education meeting.

### 2. Suit: Breast cancer misdiagnosed

A Niles couple filed a lawsuit against NorthShore University HealthSystem and a doctor May 29 for allegedly misdiagnosing a woman with breast cancer and removing her right breast only to discover that the woman did not have breast cancer.

### 3. Police Blotter

Incidents listed among the official reports of the Niles Police Department.

### 4. Maine South blanks Niles North for regional crown

The goal for Maine South's softball team this year was simple: win a regional title. Emily Epifanio, Bailey Patt and Nikki Preston have spent four years on varsity but they were never able to win that big game ... until now. The trio, along with five other seniors, came through with a 5-0 victory May 30 over Niles North in the Glenbrook South Regional championship.

### 5. Alpoigianis 'not a convicted felon,' attorney says

After months of speculation regarding his criminal record and his eligibility to serve on the Village Board, newly elected Niles Trustee George Alpoigianis was sworn in May 26 amid assertions from legal officials that he was not a convicted felon as some had claimed. A state law prohibits convicted felons from holding elected office and Alpoigianis' legal status was a major campaign issue.

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## MAINE SOUTH MASCOT

# Building him better than before

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Maine South High School's Hawk is taking on middle age with a makeover. Sporting a bright red body clad in a black, long-sleeve Maine South T-shirt, the school's mascot traded his more-than-40-year-old grayish ensemble for new threads and showed them off during the school's spring assembly last month. He also received a new name: Harley.

It was school personnel who decided now was the time to make some alterations. So to speak.

"It was getting kind of mangy," Assistant Principal Rose Garlasco said of the mascot's former costume. "We pulled it out and spruced it up this year, but really, it need to be replaced."

The new costume, said Principal David Claypool, was custom-made to look more like the red hawk logo the school adopted about four years ago.

"We felt the old hawk didn't represent the new logo," he said.



Maine South High School's hawk mascot, sporting a new look, runs May 15 through the school's Spectator Gym during the spring recognition assembly. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

A video, made by broadcasting students Forest Karner, Max Steiner and Fritz Wilson, accompanied Harley's grand entrance to Maine South's Spectator Gym. Beginning with a summons to the principal's office, where Harley is reprimanded for his "outdated look," the video shows Harley working to transform himself into the new and improved "Hawk 2.0." He lifts weights, shoots hoops, catches up on his

reading in the library (he gets kicked out for being, well, a bird) and attends classes, where he appears mostly confused about the lesson. Technical difficulties prevented the remainder of the video from being shown, but students greeted Harley's appearance with their normal Hawk Pride enthusiasm by loudly cheering, shouting and applauding as he burst through a paper banner and ran circles around

the gym. Harley's name was voted on by students before the assembly, last week. Their other choices, selected by the various class councils, were Champ and Swoop. The new mascot comes at a time when Maine South is still riding high on the varsity football team's state championship win the past fall and the promise of Friday-night games next year when stadium lights and a new turf are installed.

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## MAINE SOUTH CLASS OF 2009

# Maine South grads excited, nervous for future

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Some were nervous about their futures, but it certainly seemed Monday as if all of the about 650 Maine South seniors who made up the graduating class of 2009 during commencement at the Rosemont Theatre were excited about completing high school.

"I'm nervous and excited," said Kristie Wurglitz, a Park Ridge resident who's headed in the fall to Illinois State University to study special education. "Graduating and going to college is like a new start. It is exciting, but it's also a little scary."

Indiana University-bound Kelly Hernandez, another Park Ridge resident, said, "It really hasn't hit me, yet," regarding her graduation from high school.

"I'm undecided about what I'm going to study (in college), but I had relatives who went (to Indiana), and I visited there and liked it," Hernandez said.

Tyler Bravo, a Park Ridge resident headed to Columbia College in Chicago to study film, was "more excited than anything" to graduate.

"I'm just glad to be out of Maine South," he said. "I liked it, but it was the same old routine, and I'm ready for something new. I'll miss a lot of the people from high school, but it will be fun to move on and meet new people in college."

Matt Serpe of Park Ridge is undecided about what he wants to study in the fall high school at Northern Illinois University. But he said he definitely was excited to be experiencing high school graduation.

"It's pretty exciting; I get to go off on my own," he said. "The four years of high school went by very fast."

Marcia Gianakakos, who's headed to DePaul University, agreed that the four years of high school "went by fast." She and Mike Schmalz, who plans to study audio acoustics at Columbia College in Chicago, both said they were excited about graduating as they made their way into the Rosemont Theatre.

"It's pretty exciting," Schmalz said. "I'm not really nervous, either, but I'm not leaving home because I'm going to Columbia."

Graduate Chloe Hawkins already was inside the Rose-



Jaimie Connelly (center) lines up with other graduates Monday before Maine South High School's graduation ceremony at the Rosemont Theatre. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

mont Theatre as her younger sister, Teddy Khan, made her way toward the building. The fourth-grader said she was excited that her sister was graduating. And she also was pretty confident that she knew just how her big sister felt about the occasion.

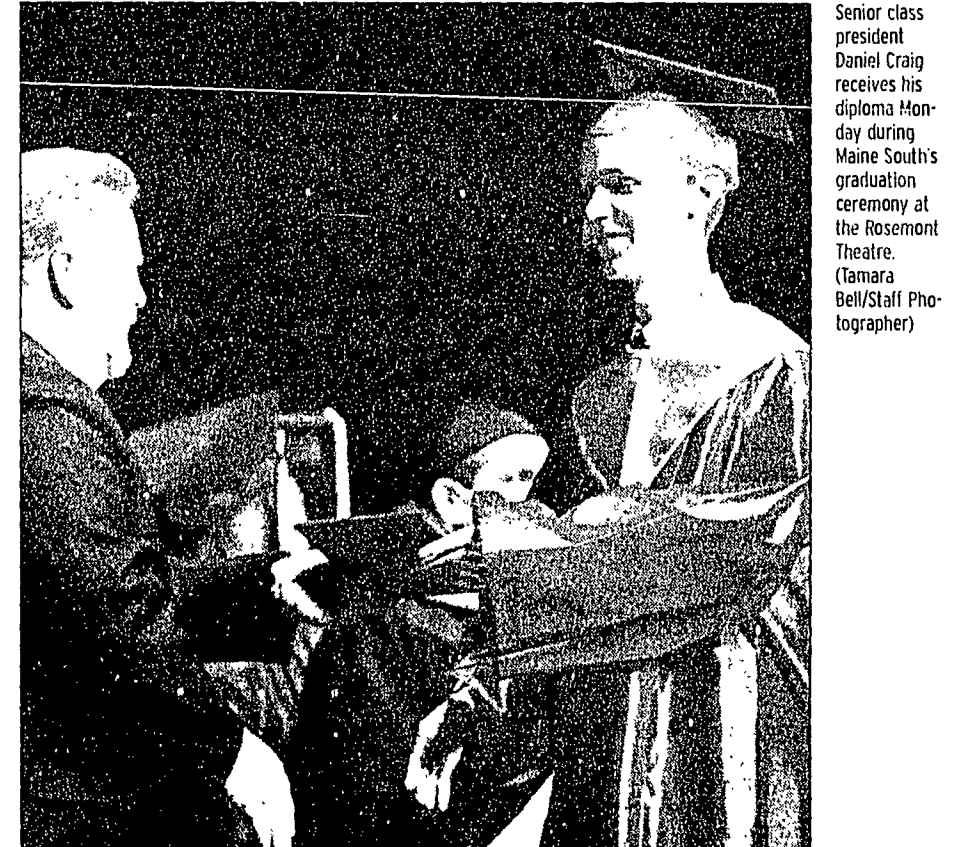
"She's in shock," Teddy said. The Maine South graduation included commencement addresses by Robert

Porter and Kyle Hannon, two of seven Maine Scholars honored for outstanding academic achievement. The other Maine Scholars

were Elizabeth Clarke, Erin Klein, Nicholas Virgilio, Brian Wagner and Laura Walsh. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



Maine South graduates line up Monday before the school's commencement ceremony at the Rosemont Theatre. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)



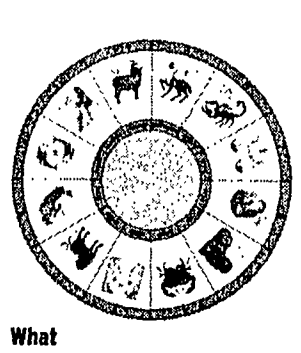
Senior class president Daniel Craig receives his diploma Monday during Maine South's graduation ceremony at the Rosemont Theatre. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

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### NILES DUI

Ghazanfer Aslam, 35, of 1619 S. Charlotte Court, Lombard, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 12:33 a.m. June 7 on the 8200 block of Milwaukee Avenue. His court date is July 21.

Rolando Gonzalez, 24, of 1621 Howard St., Des Plaines, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol June 5 on the 7800 block of Oakton Street. His court date is June 22.

Moises Marin, 23, of 330 Alles St., Des Plaines, was

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charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 12:31 a.m. June 4 near the intersection of Ballard Road and Milwaukee Avenue. His court date is June 17.

Linda Reamer, 50, of 2936 77th Court, Elmwood Park, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol June 21 on the 7100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Her court date is July 9.

### DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Jeffrey Maczek, 26, of 8286 Elmore St., Niles, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia June 1 on the 7900 block of Waukegan Road. His court date is July 24.

### BATTERY

Michael Valentin, 18, of 7524 W. Keeney St., Niles, was charged with battery, disorderly conduct and consumption of alcohol by

a minor at 12:54 a.m. June 5 on the 8700 block of Dempster Street. His court date is July 1.

### THEFT

Kantilal Patel, 59, of 9142 LaCrosse Ave., Skokie, was charged with retail theft June 5 after reportedly taking a watch priced at \$36 from JC Penney, 220 Golf Mill. His court date is June 29.

Danielle Pearson, 36, of 1524 Seymour St., North Chicago, was charged with retail theft at 5:55 p.m. June 4 after reportedly taking merchandise priced at \$88.84 from Walmart, 8500 Golf Road. Her court date is June 29.

Brandon Carver, 21, of 996 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, was charged with retail theft at 1:32 p.m. June 4 after reportedly taking merchandise

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### NEWS BRIEFS

## Firefighters earn 'Excellence'

On May 14, Niles and North Maine firefighters received the Firefighter Excellence Award at the 16th Annual Illinois Firefighter Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony held in Springfield.

Guest speakers included Gov. Pat Quinn and Secretary of State Jesse White.

The honor was bestowed upon these firefighters for the actions they took on the night of Feb. 10, 2008 at a fire in a fifth-floor condominium.

That night the firefighters, working together, extinguished the fire while simultaneously rescuing a victim from the densely smoke filled condominium.

The victim was listed in critical condition at the hospital and has now recovered.

Award recipients in-



Accepting the Firefighter Excellence Award for the Niles and North Maine Fire Departments are (from left) Niles firefighters: Rich Scipione, Greg Schmidt, Lt. Doug Fuller, Deputy Chief John Zeman, Lt. Don Kaderabek and Kyle Richardson. Recipients not pictured: John Crosby, Keith Olsen, Dan Reid, Matt Reider, Byron Tull and former Niles firefighter Craig Williams.

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MAINE EAST CLASS OF 2009

# Mixed emotions flood Maine East graduates

By **CHUCK FIELDMAN**  
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Armando Figueroa didn't expect to be walking through the parking lot of the Rosemont Theatre Sunday, wearing a cap and gown that designated him as one of the 400 students in the 2009 graduating class of Maine East.

Figueroa didn't exactly set the world on fire with his academic performance during his first three years at the Park Ridge high school.

But a big turnaround during his senior year at Maine East got him back on track to graduate with his classmates.

"I came a long way," he said while making his way from the parking lot toward the Rosemont Theatre. "I wasn't supposed to graduate on time, but I really got focused senior year. I had a lot of support from my friends and teachers, and I'm very proud of myself for getting focused and doing what I needed to do so that I could graduate on time."

As Figueroa walked through the parking lot, his sister, Mia, 8, walked right by his side. She displayed an even bigger smile than her brother.

"I feel really happy for him," Mia said. "I didn't think he'd be able to do this, but I am very proud of him."

And the big brother was very happy to be setting a good example for his little sister.

"There haven't always been a lot of good examples in my family," he said. "I want to set a good example."

Figueroa said he plans to take his high school diploma and continue his education at Oakton Community College. He wants to study fine arts/acting and pursue a career as an actor.

The Maine East Class of 2009 includes graduates planning to pursue a wide variety of future plans as they head into a new chap-

ter in their lives. "This is exhilarating — graduating and getting ready to take a next step in life," said Jacob Jones, a Des Plaines resident planning to study nursing at Oakton. "Graduating from high school means being done with childish games."

"It's all very scary. It's scary to have your own life, but it's also very exciting."

Fellow graduates Amalia Bir of Niles and Abby Blan of Park Ridge both said they were "very excited" about graduating from Maine East.

"It's pretty unbelievable," said Blan, who plans to study communications at Western Illinois University. "Graduating from high school is very exciting."

Brian Mathew, a Des Plaines resident headed to DePaul University to study accounting, seemed fairly typical of Maine East grads in having mixed emotions about being finished with high school and heading on to something new.

"It is very exciting to graduate, but I am also nervous," Mathew said. "This will be the first time I'll be living on my own. That's exciting, but it's also scary."

Mathew said he's hopeful that the job market will improve considerably over the next four years.

"It is really bad right now, but it has four years to get better before I graduate (from DePaul) and start looking for a job," he said.

The Maine East graduation ceremony included a commencement address by Jessica Devanique McMillan, senior class president.

Graduates Ravi Shailesh Patel, Seul Ku, Melvin David Thomas and Rehan Ahmed Nizamuddin were designated as Maine Scholars, the highest academic honor that can be given to Maine East students. Recipients must rank in the 99th percentile of their graduating class.

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Raquel Barkan (left) sits on Sara Joyce's lap Sunday while waiting for the Maine East graduation ceremony to start backstage at the Rosemont Theatre. (Jason Han/For STNG)



Julie Buttitta checks her reflection Sunday in the window of the Rosemont Theater before the Maine East graduation ceremony. (Jason Han/For STNG)

COOL STUFF

# Brick by LEGO brick

## You, too, can build and own a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece

By **CHUCK FIELDMAN**  
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The work of Oak Park's most famous architect is coming to the masses — in miniature.

LEGO is introducing two new building sets that are models of Frank Lloyd Wright works. Adam Reed Tucker of Northbrook is the LEGO designer.

"I had been an architect for 10 years and was bored with what I was doing," Tucker said.

"I had the idea of sharing architecture with the world and wanted to explore the LEGO brick as a medium."

Two of Wright's most recognizable buildings, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and Fallingwater are the fifth and sixth buildings that are part of a Tucker-designed LEGO Architecture line introduced in 2008.

Both Frank Lloyd Wright LEGO Architecture sets contain booklets that feature traditional building instructions along with exclusive archival historical material and photographs of each building.

The Guggenheim Museum model, which was released May 15, has a retail price of \$39.99. The Fallingwater model is slated for a July release, Tucker said, with a cost of \$89.99 or \$99.99.

Tucker said he approached the LEGO



Adam Reed Tucker of Northbrook holds a LEGO Frank Lloyd Wright model he designed.

Group in 2006 with the idea of a new architecture line for the popular company. When they said yes, he headed to a nearby toy store and purchased 17 LEGO kits.

"I hadn't played with them since I was a kid," said Tucker, 37. "The LEGO brick is thought of as a toy. I'm an adult, but I didn't see why it couldn't be used for something like this."

"Landmarks aren't going anywhere, so there's really no limit to the shelf life for LEGO models like this."

Tucker partnered with the LEGO group in June 2008 and now has his name on the boxes of the models in the LEGO Architecture line.

Locally, the models will be for sale at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio Museum Store, 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park.

"I think it's a great idea," said Edwin Wald, operations manager for the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust. "We expect to do quite well with (the LEGO models)."

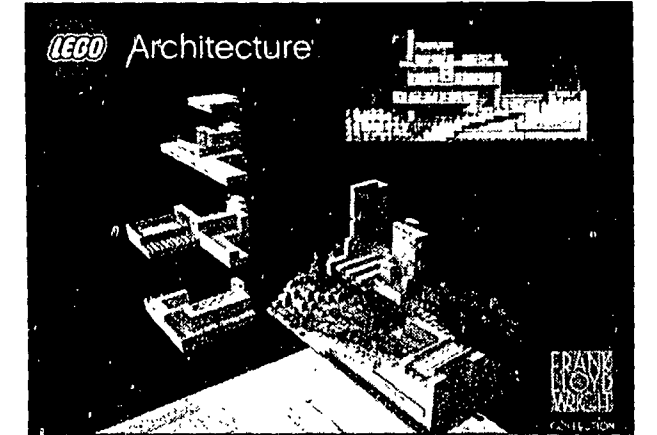
Tucker, a 1990 graduate of Glenbrook North High

School, said he believes the new models are for everyone.

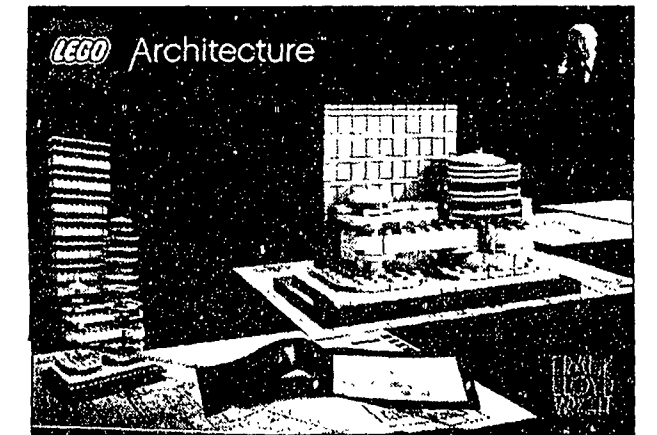
"There really is no target audience for these; they can be for anyone of any age," he said. "These are more of a fine art model; it's not about playability."

With that in mind, the Frank Lloyd Wright LEGO models won't be for sale at most toy and department stores. Instead, they will be available for purchase at various Frank Lloyd Wright shops, cultural centers and on Tucker's Web site, www.brickstructures.com.

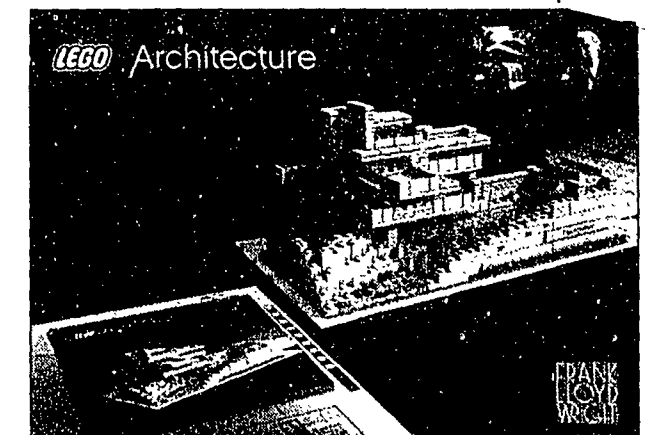
Tucker, who said he is a "huge fan" of Frank Lloyd Wright's work, said he hopes



Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in LEGO form.



Frank Lloyd Wright's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in LEGO form.



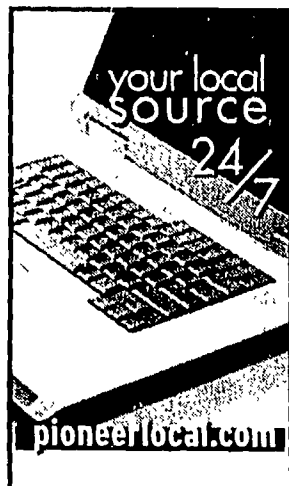
Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in LEGO form.

to add one more Wright building to the LEGO model collection next year.

"Architecture is something most people don't understand, and they are intimi-

dated by it," Tucker said. "Using LEGO bricks kind of levels the playing field and allows everyone to explore architecture."

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**Blotter**

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priced at \$18.97 from Jewel Food Store, 7900 Milwaukee Ave. His court date is June 29.

Milagros Hieras, 61, was charged with retail theft at 3:15 p.m. June 2 after reportedly taking merchandise priced at \$170 from JC Penney, 220 Golf Mill. Her court date is

June 29.

Four tires and rims were reported stolen at 5:52 a.m. June 8 on the 7700 block of Nordica Avenue.

**BURGLARY**

A computer, LCD digital flat screen TV, wallet and telephone were reported stolen at 3:40 a.m. June 5 from a home on the 8400 block of Crain Street.

**Burned up over oven repair service**



**STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN**

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: My high-end double oven wasn't working. Thermador sent a technician to diagnose and fix it.

Once at my home, the rep did not have the part, could not estimate the time to repair (opened at \$120 per hour) and wanted me to sign a warranty absolving Thermador from liability for any damage to the appliance or my kitchen.

I refused to let them proceed with such open-ended terms and felt this was not the service I expected on a \$3,000 oven (which was only 3-1/2 years old). I called Abt and they fixed the oven for a flat rate of \$199.

I twice requested a refund of the \$99 service call from Thermador, since there were undisclosed costs to the repair and its diagnosis was incorrect. Thermador said the problem was a baking element when it really was the relay panel.

I paid \$99 for someone to come and not correctly identify or fix the problem. Mary Gill, Deerfield

Dear Mary: The Fixer sympathizes. It would have been easier to just flush the 99 bucks down the toilet than to make the appointment and wait for the Thermador guy.

Alas, we didn't get any further with Thermador than you did. We convinced customer service to take another look, but they still maintain that the service call charge was valid because he came out. We were told that if you had used him for the repair, the \$99 would have been

waived. But then again, he would have fixed a baking element that you said was perfectly fine.

The good news is you seem to have found a repair crew you like at Abt.

Dear Fixer: I ordered a pair of pants from Shape fx on Jan. 7. I received the wrong style on Jan. 26.

I returned them and waited until March for the correct pants to arrive. However, they again sent the wrong style and size.

There was no return label, so I asked them to send me one. That took six weeks. I returned the pants and have been promised a refund ever since.

First, they told me they direct-deposited it. When I told them I did not get it, they said they would mail a check. When I told them I had not received the check, they said I should wait 15 more days.

I am really, really tired of waiting for my money. It has been five months. No pants and no money.

Caroline Turman

Dear Caroline: Well, at least summer's almost here. Maybe you can order some shorts that won't arrive.

But on to your refund. We got in touch with the media rep at Spiegel Brands, parent of Shape fx, and she was appropriately horrified at this story. She got right on it, and soon after, you received a check for your \$39 refund.

**Shred and forget it**

Everyone's got about a week to finish going through all the old personal and financial documents they want to get rid of before the big annual shredding event set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at the United Center.

The Fixer will be there, and the organizers are planning to have a larger area (in parking lot E, on Wood Street between Madison and Warren) and lots more shredding trucks

than last year. Volunteers will help shred your unwanted papers into tiny bits, right there on the spot. Consumers may shred up to 10 boxes of documents for free, and help keep their private info out of the hands of identity thieves.

Please bring only documents that need to be shredded. Leave ordinary recyclables like old newspapers, brochures, catalogs and phone books at home.

You might win one of 12 free personal shredders (and if you can't come, you can still register to win at www.chicagoshreds.com).

See you there, and don't forget to thank the sponsors: Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois; Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection; Cook County State's Attorney Office; Illinois Trade Commission; U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Chicago Police; FBI and the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

**More help online**

Just a reminder: Team Fixer can't make personal replies to letters not chosen for the column.

Believe us: if we ever figure out how to clone ourselves and make that happen, we will.

For now, though, we've posted direct links and numbers for other consumer agencies that might be able to help. Look for them at www.suntimes.com (click on "The Fixer.") You'll also find info on how to effectively complain and other consumer tips.

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. If you don't have a computer, you can mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Don't send original documents.

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The New Squids on the Dock perform May 8 during Bobbapalooza at the South Park Church. (Jerry Daliege/For STNG)



**BOBBAPALOOZA**

**Maine South bands strike right chord at competition**

New Squids on the Dock and The Break, two bands out of Maine South High School, tied for first place last month in the Audience Favorite category at South Park Church's teen band competition, Bobbapalooza.

The twice-annual competition drew an audience of more than 800 and featured

15 teenage bands.

In the Talent and Creativity category, Stash, a band of Loyola Academy students, took first place, and The Lowdowns from Lincoln Park High School took second place.

The Talent and Creativity prize went to Allison Wonderlin (also known as

Allison Pinesak), of Lane Tech High School, who performed her own original songs on the Bobbapalooza acoustic stage, a new addition this year.

The next Bobbapalooza is scheduled for November. It is organized by South Park Youth Pastor Bob Anderson.

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**MAINE EAST**

**Maine East Social Science** teacher Jennifer Conlon will attend the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers. Conlon is one of only 60 teachers selected nationwide through a highly competitive application process open to teachers who demonstrate outstanding ability in the field of law-related and civic education. The Institute offers participants the opportunity to study in detail recent Supreme Court cases and to learn innovative teaching methods to convey this information to students. Well-known Supreme Court lawyers, reporters, scholars and educators will be among the speakers and instructors. Teachers will visit the Court and attend a reception. Conlon, who earned a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, is finishing up her fourth year at Maine East, where she teaches government, government/democracy accelerated, law in American society and modern American history. The Maine East High School chapter of DECA, an association of marketing students, took 13 members to Anaheim, Calif., from April 28 to May 3 for the 63rd annual International Career Development Conference. Students are given an experience of a lifetime from the start of the dazzling opening ceremony to the finish with the climactic closing awards session. As DECA members

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face real-life business situations, it becomes apparent that each member is representing the "cream of the crop" from their own state. About 16,000 members, advisors, businesspersons and alumni attended the conference this year. The Maine East contingency represented the school well. According to DECA advisor Dale Lasky, the students performed so well that many other Illinois schools were envious of their success. Ten Maine East DECA students were recognized as being ranked in the top 20 percent of their respective business category at the conference. That equates to 10 Maine East students being in the top 1 percent nationally. Maine East's Lauren Rossi of Niles made it to the finals and placed fourth in the nation. East's national qualifiers include: Sherif Aly, Gladys Guzman, Nasir Hussain, Tijo Jose, Brian Kim, Chris Levy, Brian Lov, Farrah Malik, Ravi Patel, Shivam Patel, Lauren Rossi, Jinal Shah and Arjun Verma. In addition to the competency based offerings that the Demon DECA team competed in, all 13 students were able to enjoy Disneyland. Award winners were announced for Maine East High School art students. Their work was on display recently at the Great Frame Up of Niles. First-place winners from the Creative Self-Expression Show were: De-

sign/digital, Kayla Koch, of Morton Grove; drawing, Rinel Tabamo, Des Plaines; mixed media/relief, Eva Bednarczyk, of Des Plaines; painting, Kori Levy, of Glenview; photography, Sahrish Moyeed, of Des Plaines. Best of Show honors went to Rinel Tabamo, whose piece will go to The Great Frame Up corporate headquarters in St. Louis for the national competition and a chance to win a \$2,000 scholarship. Maine East's Fine Arts teaching staff is composed of Michael Mastrolonardo, Britnee Fierro, Magdalen Gorecki and Lauren Matzen. Edward Eubank is the Fine Arts Department Chair.

**MAINE SOUTH**

Maine South High School students are exhibiting handcrafted silver jewelry in collaboration with the Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge. The exhibit, "The Legend Continues: Kalo Silver Then & Now," is featured at the Park Ridge Public Library through June 30. On display are Kalo drawings, tools and original Kalo artifacts. In conjunction with this exhibit will be the silver jewelry created by Maine South Advanced Art students. The Kalo Foundation, established in 2006 to preserve the city's artistic legacy, sponsored a three-session workshop at which art students could design and create their own silver jewelry pieces. Maine South Art three.

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# Old Orchard hosts used book sale through Sunday

By MIKE ISAACS  
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The second 50 years of Illinois' largest annual used book sale kicked off its 10 days of bibliophile-heaven May 29 in the parking lot at Westfield Old Orchard in Skokie.

For decades, the Brandeis Book Sale brought book lovers and even collectors from the region and outside the area to Skokie's shopping center in search of great deals on used books all underneath large yellow tents. Some came simply looking to compile a summer of good reads; others came looking for truly valuable books, special ones for their personal or professional collections.

When Brandeis finally walked away from the book sale a few years ago, book lovers feared that the last chapter of the sale had been written and the epilogue was all but over.

But then came the Little City Foundation in 2007 to take over the sale, not so much to write a sequel to the Brandeis chapters but to put its own stamp on what Brandeis began so many years ago.

The large tents remain, and under those tents are still thousands of books of all genres. And Little City, recognizing the changing times, has increased its offerings of comic books, DVDs, CDs and even vinyl records for nostalgia buffs.

"The used book sale has had a loyal following since it was founded as the Brandeis Book Sale more than half a century ago," said Little City Executive Director Shawn Jeffers.

This year's sale is scheduled through Sunday. The sale runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through today, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

While many businesses have been hurting because of the ailing economy, book sale planners believe that

that won't be the case here.

"In this economy, people don't have as much money," said Julie Schmaus, the book sale's marketing manager. "I think they're looking to find bargains and save money, and the book sale is where they can do that."

Schmaus said hardcover books that cost \$25 or \$30 in a bookstore can sometimes be found at the sale for \$3 to \$5.

"With the troubled economy this year, we expect that people will be more bargain-hungry than ever," Jeffers said. "We've brought in a more diverse mix of merchandise, so not only will everyone be able to get a great buy, but they'll also be able to help raise money for a worthy organization."

This 51st annual book sale is only the third one run by Little City. The sale will include 200,000 used books covering 70 subject matters and is expected to draw at least 50,000 people, comparable numbers to last year.

But Little City planners said they believe the book sale will grow and get better as the years go by. They are still finding their way with the sale, improving it from year to year by taking away some components that don't work and adding new ones they expect to fare better.

The sale this year will not include live appearances by authors like last year. Planners said that that wasn't as successful as they had hoped — partly because it was a difficult venue for gathering people for readings. But there are plenty of other offerings this year including a Children's Day today with a variety of planned activities and a Bargain Weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Little City planners also believe they have done a better job of making people aware of the sale this year. Last year's Children's Day was held when school was still in session just as this year's Children's Day. But

**LITTLE CITY BOOK SALE**

Little City for the first time this year sent notices about the sale to dozens of school districts to get the word out.

The Little City Used Book Sale also features a special collector's section where valuable books range from \$10 to \$1,000. The offerings are eclectic and include the complete 24-volume set of the Waverly Novels by Sir

Walter Scott to an early edition of "Goodbye, Columbus" by Philip Roth.

Like every year, admission to the sale is free, except on opening night when a \$10 donation is charged.

To put on such a huge event, Little City, like Brandeis, needs plenty of volunteers, said KC Nelson, volunteer coordinator for the

sale. A handful of volunteers, referred to as "The Brandeis Ladies," have been lending a hand at the sale for decades — even since the sale first got under way. Little City has also recruited other volunteers, and companies send many of their staff members to work full shifts at the sale.

Proceeds from the sale go to Little City. Established in 1959, Little City Foundation develops programs to fully assist and empower people with disabilities in all stages of life. Little City offers a variety of residential options for children and adults, as well as vocational and employment opportunities.

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# Redistricting hearings are step in right direction

This is one of our monthly essays from legislators. We've asked them to use the space to speak to their constituents — why they voted on a particular bill, issues they hope to address, services their office offers. State Sen. Christine Radogno, R-41, represents a number of communities, including Indian Head Park, La Grange, Western Springs, Darien, Willowbrook and Burr Ridge.

Illinois state government has taken some hits lately, and it's not undeserved. With former Gov. George Ryan serving time in federal penitentiary on corruption charges, and Rod Blagojevich's splashy, sensationalistic removal from office, it's not surprising the people of Illinois are fed up. The current system protects insider interests while the public's needs fall to the wayside.



State Sen. Christine Radogno, R-41

While Illinois is obviously in need of reform in many areas, I am particularly interested in reforming the state's antiquated redistricting process. The need for redistricting was stressed by the respected Illinois Reform Commission, and I believe this is one of the most important issues facing Illinois — though perhaps one of the least understood.

The Reform Commission had harsh words for Illinois' system of drawing legislative districts, declaring that it "deprives Illinois voters of fair representation," that it places voters in direct conflict with legislators and, "regardless of which party wins, the people of Illinois are the losers..."

Currently, Illinois' legislative and congressional districts are redrawn every 10 years in a "lottery system." A name is drawn out of a hat to determine

the "winner" — if the Republican name is chosen, then that party gets to create the map. If the Democrat name is drawn, then that party

controls the process. Illinois is the only state in the nation that uses this system, which has been repeatedly criticized as undemocratic and unfair. I support the recommendations of the Illinois Reform Commission, which would abolish the current system, taking the task away from politicians and hiring an independent, non-political outside contractor to draw House, Senate and federal Congressional districts. The expert would not consider election results, party affiliation of voters or the incumbents' residences, yet maintain all the requirements of the Voting

Rights Act.

Recently, I was pleased to see signs that the Illinois Senate Redistricting Committee has taken a step toward tackling this issue.

Beginning this summer, the committee will hold four hearings throughout Illinois to accept suggestions on redistricting reform.

While this is only the first step, I believe it's a good faith effort to rectify what is obviously a system that doesn't work in the best interests of the people of Illinois. It is the citizens and taxpayers of this state who are being hurt by the current redistricting process, which protects incumbents and perpetuates a system that embraces the political needs

instead of the public's. We should embrace a process that is fair, and shows no favoritism to a particular political affiliation or to the incumbent official. A good first step would be the proposal advanced by the Illinois Reform Commission — or a compromise version — to truly enact the reform Illinoisans are demanding. It is only by supporting change that will have a positive impact in how business is done in Illinois, that state officials will prove to the people of Illinois that they are finally putting the public's interests ahead of their political interests.

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## The mad grad rush



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

Some families approach graduation with military precision. "We'll meet at Exit 11A at twenty-one hundred hours. We will snap 14.5 photos of Bryce with his brothers, Gramps, Aunt Phoebe, Mom and Dad, then board the limo rental for departure to Wolf-gang Puck's to celebrate." Yes, others plan. We panic. Clock ticking, we rush around our house, scrambling into clean clothes and sending distress signals for matching dress shoes. "Where is your robe, young man?" I holler to my oldest. "I thought you had it, Mom." "Oh, like I'd wear a graduation robe to Jewel."

"Found it in my backpack." "Dear Lord," I whisper. The blue fabric billows over the ironing board. This thing could have covered a zeppelin and it's got a gazillion wrinkles. "Three minutes, people!" my husband yells from upstairs. "Or we'll end up parking in Wisconsin." Great. I am in curlers and no make-up. My sweaty entrance will rival a Lucille Ball episode. "Kirby!" I nudge our furry pest. Someday scientific proof will validate my theory that when a mother is trying to rally her family for a significant life event or to battle some unforeseen evil force, that the dog will always be panting, weaving between her legs, getting in the way.

Miraculously, we park at the high school and locate Alps seating next to the Von Trapps. The ceremony proceeds. School officials read the graduates' names. The girls teeter on high heels and wear vibrant sleeveless dresses, reminding me of songbirds. My son wanted to wear

sweat pants and a T-shirt under his robe. The moment he picks up his diploma, he searches for us, nods, grins. Memories rush forward. The doctor reassuring me his Appgars were good. Hearing my husband cry for joy. Bedtime lullabies. Making a cape from his blue blanky. Refereeing sibling fights. In Scouts, he won the Pinewood Derby. He was Daddy Warbucks in his sixth-grade musical. And now he is a young man.

Other moms have silk handkerchiefs. I wipe tears from my eyes with a Popeye's napkin. Post-ceremony, a mass of humanity hovers around the exit. I half expect the captain to announce there aren't enough lifeboats. I reflect. Hey, not so bad in the preparation department. We made it on time. We have resting pulses. "Let's take a photo," my husband suggests. "Where's the camera?" My face falls. "I thought you packed it."

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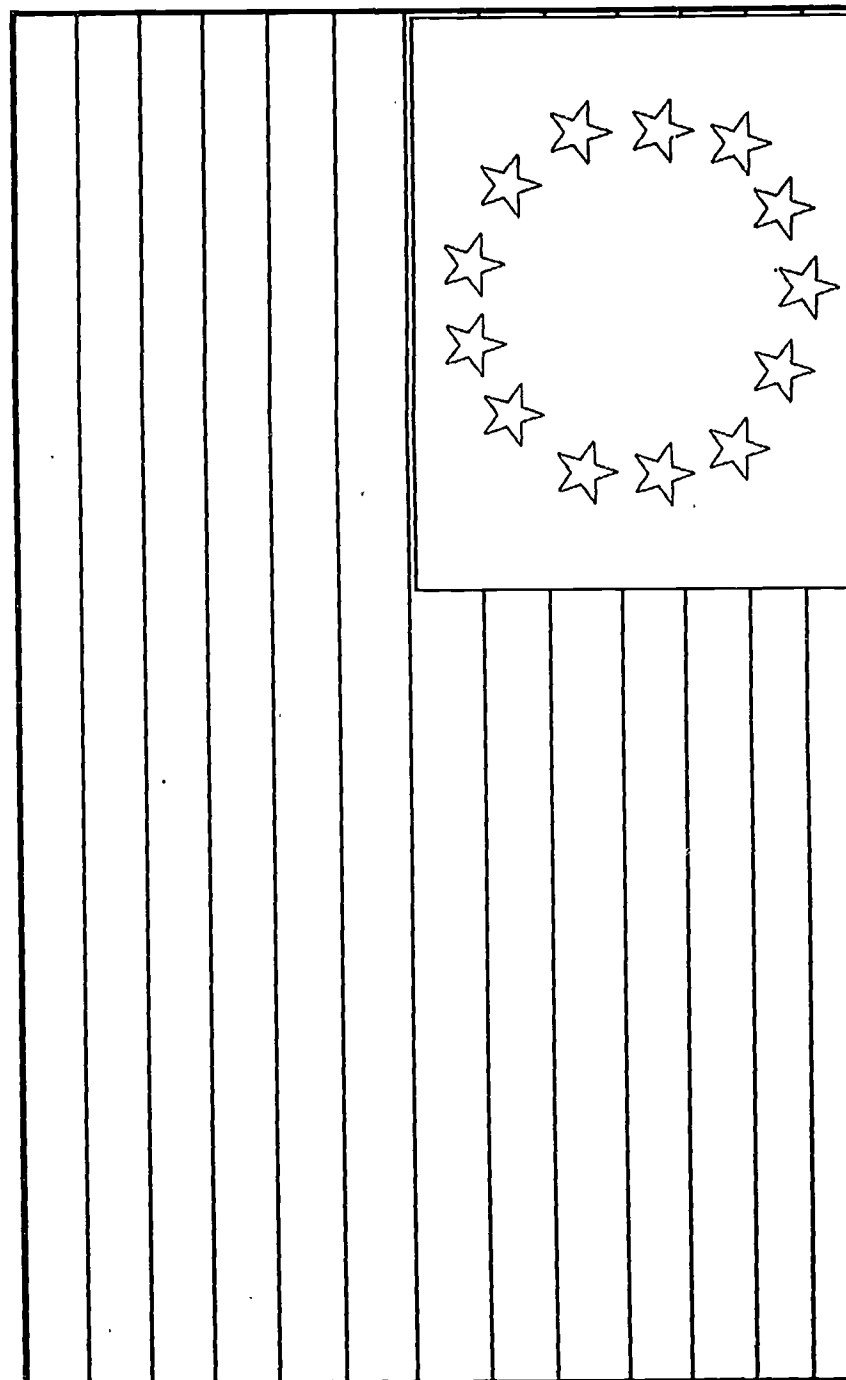


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### fun flag day facts!

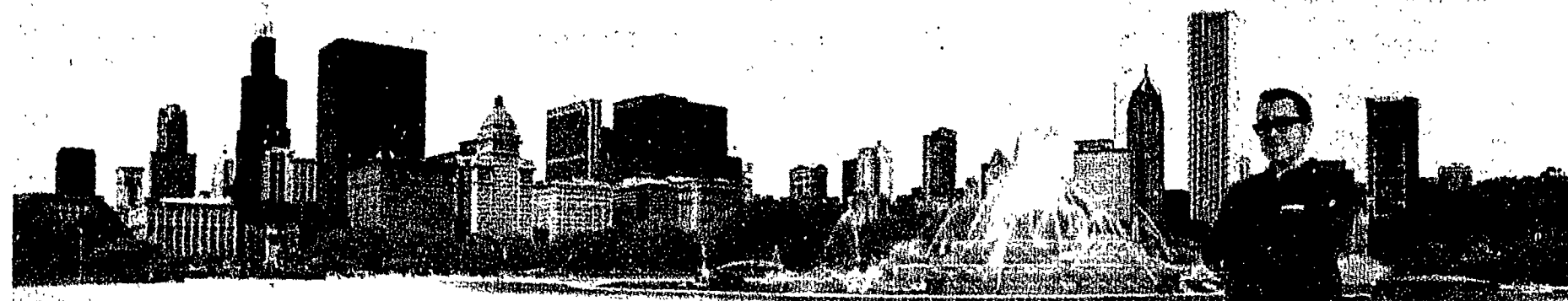
- Flag Day is a day when all Americans celebrate the flag by showing respect for the flag and its makers and its designers.
- The original U.S. flag was authorized by Congress on Saturday, June 14, 1777. It had 13 stripes - 7 red and 6 white - that represent the original 13 colonies. There were 13 white stars in a bluefield representing a new constellation.
- Since 1777, there have been different versions of the flag that have been adopted. Each state in the union is represented by a 5 point star. The number of stars have changed as states joined the union. There are currently 50 states that belong to the United States of America.







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### 4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

**1. Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Concerts in the Park** features Chicago Groove Collective presenting rock, Motown, R&B, contemporary and jazz, 6-7:30 p.m. June 17 at Proesel Park Shelter, corner of Kostner and Morse avenues, Lincolnwood. Free. (847) 677-9740.

**2. "A Little Night Music,"** presented by Light Opera Works at 8 p.m. June 12-13 and 2 p.m. June 14 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. Tickets: \$88, \$67 and \$46 for main floor; \$67, \$46 and \$30 for the balcony. Half-price for ages 21 and younger. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit [www.lightoperaworks.com](http://www.lightoperaworks.com).

**3. The 10th annual Rattlin' of the Joists,** a celebration of the life and works of writer James Joyce, will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 16 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. The evening includes readings, music and song presented by notables from Chicago's theatre and music community. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. Call (773) 282-7035 or visit [www.irish-american.org](http://www.irish-american.org).

**4. Block Cinema** will host a screening of rare films from the Baseball Hall of Fame at 7 p.m. June 11 in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The program will include commentary by David Filipi, film and video curator at Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio State University. Free. (847) 491-4000 or [www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema](http://www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema).

## Ensemble113 clowns around, goes for scares

**'The Best Medicine,'** June 12-14, 19-21, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, McCracken Middle School, 8000 E. Prairie, Skokie. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance, children \$5. [www.ensemble113.org](http://www.ensemble113.org).

**'Brought to Life'** July 31, Aug. 1, 6 and 8, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, Music Institute of Chicago, 2008 Dempster, Evanston. \$15, \$10 in advance. [www.ensemble113.org](http://www.ensemble113.org).

By J.T. MORAND  
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In only their second year of existence, ensemble113 is taking a risk by putting on two original shows this summer instead of producing a play from a pre-existing script.

But, ensemble113 is young and fearless and all about pushing the boundaries to establish themselves as a legitimate acting company.

"The Best Medicine," written and directed by Sarah Scanlon, 26, is a slapstick comedy for child audiences. In it, the town of Townsington is down in the dumps, but Dr. Proboscis claims to have a cure, or the best medicine, to return the town and its people to a lustrous shine.

Scanlon said the physical comedy guarantees that the show will be anything but dull.

"There are pratfalls," Scanlon said. "There are slaps."

Physical comedy is a



Dr. Proboscis, played by ensemble113 member Marty Dubin, listens for a heartbeat in a bottle of medicine in "Brought to Life."

passion for Scanlon, who earned a bachelor's degree in theater from Western Michigan University and a master's from the Institute for Advanced Theater Training at Harvard University and the Moscow Art Theatre School. She has also performed with some circus companies and Aloft Aerial Dance.

"I love it," she said. "I love clown."

The cast, which doesn't have as much acting experience, let alone physical comedy experience as Scanlon, took to slapstick easily, including Scanlon's assigned preparation of watching episodes of the old Carol Burnett Show, the Three Stooges, and anything with Danny Kaye or Charlie Chaplin in it.

"They're so open and flexible, they have a willingness to play and jump in, which makes my job so easy," she said of ensemble113. "They're interested in actually affecting the world with theater. They're dedicated to showing theater is this legitimate thing in the world."

For the adult crowd, ensemble113 is offering "Brought to Life," a collection of scary stories about the supernatural from different cultures, directed by ensemble member Ben Rosenthal, 21.

In August, the cast will attempt to spook audiences with an Indian folktale about a monkey paw used to grant wishes with a sinister twist, a Swedish myth about the revenge exacted by an abused scarecrow and a Russian legend about a witch.

"I think it's interesting to create a show that generates fright on stage," said Rosenthal, who is pursuing a bachelor's from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "This group wants to push boundaries and not stick to the same old thing."

Last summer, ensemble113's inaugural season, the company staged "Election Day," by nationally-known playwright Josh Tobiesen. It was a plucky endeavor by a group of theater kids who had graduated from Niles North High School only a year earlier. They named themselves after the entry number Niles North

received when it participated in the American High School Theatre Festival in 2006.

Clayton Fox, artistic director and founder, said the ensemble couldn't find a script that challenged them for this summer's shows, so they decided to write their own.

"We had a lot of interest in working on a show for kids and I had an interest exploring physical comedy," he said. But, they didn't want to alienate their adult audience, so they also decided to put on "Brought to Life."

Fox, 20, who's pursuing a BFA in acting at New York University, said the group's members may be young, but they're smart enough to bring back every summer the knowledge they've gained in various collegiate acting or theater programs. "Hopefully, at some point, we'll be able to expand our season," he said.

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OPENING

FOOD, INC. ★★★ 1/2

A documentary exploring dangers associated with America's corporate-controlled food industries. (B) (94 min.) Rated PG for some thematic material and disturbing images. Reviewed in this section.

IMAGINE THAT

A financial exec (Eddie Murphy) finds solutions to his career problems in his young daughter's imaginary world. Karey Kirkpatrick

FILM CLIPS

THE TAKING OF PELHAM 1 2 3 ★★★

A Manhattan rapid-transit dispatcher (Denzel Washington) is drawn into a subway hijacking by the chief perpetrator (John Travolta). Tony Scott directed the thriller. (B) (106 min.) Rated R for violence and pervasive language. Reviewed in this section.

STILL PLAYING

AWAY WE GO ★★★ 1/2

After stumbling into impending parenthood, a more-or-less directionless couple (John Krasinsky of TV's "The Office" and "Saturday Night Live" alum Maya Rudolph) hit the road to find the perfect place to settle down and raise their child. But their journey quickly turns into a gantlet of nightmarish moms and dads who make the idea of starting a family seem discouraging at best. Directed by Oscar-winner Sam Mendes ("American Beauty"). (B) (98 min.) Rated R for language and some sexual content.

MY LIFE IN RUINS ★

What can you say about a comedy that's so desperate for laughs it names one of its characters Poupi Kaka (and gives him a cousin named Doudi)? Stay away, comes to mind. Nia Vardalos, who followed her mega-hit "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" with a short-lived sitcom entitled "My Big Fat Greek Life," returns for whatever big, fat, Greek goodwill might be left, with this strained and schmaltzy sitcom about a tour guide for a low-rent outfit providing bus tours of Grecian ruins. Directed by Donald Petrie ("Grumpy Old Men"). (B) (93 min.) Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content, and for language including a drug reference.

THE HANGOVER

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

LAND OF THE LOST

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

THE SEVENTH PYTHON ★★★

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

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

DEPARTURES ★★★

A failed cellist finds artistry of a different sort in this grimly comic, but ultimately touching, drama from Japan. When Daigo (Masahiro Motoki) returns in failure to his home town, he has trouble finding work until he's finally offered a position in the "casketing" business - ritually cleansing corpses in front of the departed's loved ones and placing them in a coffin for cremation.

Daigo's sour-faced boss (Tsumomu Yamazaki), who turns out to be a soulful master of the craft, thinks he was born to do this work. And Daigo does find it deeply satisfying. Unfortunately, just about everyone else, including his generally accommodating wife (Ryoko Hirose), thinks his new profession is ghoulis and disreputable in the extreme. It's often very funny, but it's also a serious contemplation of life and ritual. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. (B) (130 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic material.

DRAG ME TO HELL

An unsympathetic loan officer (Alison Lohman) gets very scary pay-back when she disapproves the mortgage extension of a little old lady with demonic connections. Sam Raimi (the "Evil Dead" and "Spider-Man" series) co-wrote and directed the horror. (99 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences of horror violence, terror, disturbing images and language.

EASY VIRTUE

The marriage of a young, upper-crust Englishman to a glamorous American (Jessica Biel) with a slightly scandalous reputation does not please her very proper mother-in-law (Kristin Scott Thomas). Stephan Elliott ("The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert") co-wrote and directed the comedy. (93 min.) Rated PG-13 for sexual content, brief partial nudity, and smoking throughout.

UP

A grumpy old man and a young cub-scout stowaway see the world in a house airlifted by a large number



"Away We Go"

of balloons in this animated family adventure from Pixar ("Toy Story," "Finding Nemo," "Wall-E"). (96 min.) Rated PG for some action and peril.

ANGELS & DEMONS

When the secret brotherhood of The Illuminati appears to be threatening the Vatican, Harvard symbolist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is called in to help solve the mystery. Ron Howard directed this follow-up to "The Da Vinci Code." (138 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence, disturbing images and thematic material.

DANCE FLICK

Various combinations of the Wayans brothers (the "Scary Movie" series. "White Chicks") wrote, directed, produced and performed in this parody of dance romance movies. Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content throughout, and language.

GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST ★★★

Matthew McConaughey stars as a womanizing fashion photographer who gets his comeuppance in the manner of Ebenezer Scrooge. Mark Waters ("Mean Girls") directed the romantic comedy. Rated PG-13 for sexual content throughout, some language and a drug reference.

MANAGEMENT ★★ 1/2

A melancholy and semi-disturbing romantic comedy that considers the up side of stalking. When exhausted corporate-art sales rep Jennifer Aniston checks into a rundown motel in a dead-end burg on one more wofel road trip, she attracts an ardent admirer in the form of the puppyishly cute and not-quite-frighteningly weird night manager Mike (Steve Zahn) - who pesters her to the point where she agrees to let him touch her back side if he'll promise to go away forever. She's lonely enough to find that little bit of human contact appealing, though, and winds up romping with him in the laundry room before getting back on the road.

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of balloons in this animated family adventure from Pixar ("Toy Story," "Finding Nemo," "Wall-E"). (96 min.) Rated PG for some action and peril.

ANGELS & DEMONS

When the secret brotherhood of The Illuminati appears to be threatening the Vatican, Harvard symbolist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is called in to help solve the mystery. Ron Howard directed this follow-up to "The Da Vinci Code." (138 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence, disturbing images and thematic material.

DANCE FLICK

Various combinations of the Wayans brothers (the "Scary Movie" series. "White Chicks") wrote, directed, produced and performed in this parody of dance romance movies. Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content throughout, and language.

GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST ★★★

Matthew McConaughey stars as a womanizing fashion photographer who gets his comeuppance in the manner of Ebenezer Scrooge. Mark Waters ("Mean Girls") directed the romantic comedy. Rated PG-13 for sexual content throughout, some language and a drug reference.

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## THE DAVE BRUBECK QUARTET

Friday, June 26, 8:00



**DAVE BRUBECK** piano  
**BOBBY MILITELLO** alto saxophone and flute  
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**RANDY JONES** drums

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**SUMMER CONCERTS**

Blues on the Green Bluesfest, 2-10 p.m. June 20 along Emerson Street and Busse Avenue. Mount Prospect. Donation for food pantry requested. (847) 506-4948 or www.downtownmount-prospect.com. 2 p.m.: Tom Holland Duo. 3:30 p.m.: Blues Express with Rodney Brown. 5 p.m.: Mz. Peachez. 5:30 p.m.: Joanna Graham. 6 p.m.: Chick Rodgers. 7 p.m.: Sir Walter Scott & The World Band. 9:15 p.m.: Big James & The Chicago Playboys.

Evanston's 2009 Starlight Concert Series features free concerts on select Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with the music beginning at 7:30 p.m. for every concert. Venues are: James Park at Dodge Avenue at Mulford; Dawes

Park, along the lakefront, Sheridan Road at Church Street; Twigg's Park, at Simpson Street and Dodge Avenue; and Harbert Park, east of Canal and just south of Dempster Street. Rain sites are the Levy Center, 300 Dodge, for James and Dawes parks, and the Heelwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St. for Harbert and Twigg's parks. Up-to-date site information is available at (847) 448-8258 after 4 p.m. the day of a concert. June 18: Paul Ceban Tomorrow Sound (pan-ethnic party music) at James Park. June 23: South Boulevard (blues, soul and rock) at Harbert Park. June 25: ? and the Mysterians (1960s hits) at James Park. June 30: Mill Trenier at Twigg's Park.

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

Golf Maine Park District will host concerts from 7-8:30 p.m. in Dea Park, 9229 W. Emerson, Des Plaines. June 19: Juke Box Band. July 17: Maddrum (Caribbean).

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Concerts in the Park, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Proesel Park Shelter, corner of Kostner and Morse avenues, Lincolnwood. Free. Call (847) 677-9740. June 17: Chicago Groove Collective (rock, Motown, R&B, contemporary and jazz). July 22: The Class of '68 (1960s rock). Aug. 19: Rica Obsession (salsa,

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

Live at the Lake Summer Entertainment Series. 7 p.m. at Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, Lee Street from Howard to Tuohy Ave., Des Plaines. Shows will be canceled in the event of rain. Call (847) 391-5705 for weather updates. June 17: Harris Kal The Game Master Show (children's show). June 24: Scribble Monster (children's music). June 25: Des Plaines Park District Community Concert Band.

Magical Merry Go Round children's concerts will be held 7 p.m. Wednesdays at various Skokie parks. (847) 674-1500. July 15: Ken Schultz (juggling) at Central Park, 9400 N. Emerson (at Central Park). July 22: Gary Kantor (magic) at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. July 29: Geoffrey "Merlin" Akins (bubble artist) at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St. Aug. 5: Nick Kelley at Laramie Park, 5251 Sherwin Ave. Aug. 12: Sandi Sylvester at Devonshire Cultural Center, Greenwood and Kostner.

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

Morton Grove Park District summer concerts are held from 7-8:30 p.m. at

Harrer Park Pavilion, 6250 Dempster, at the north end of the field behind Harbert Pool. Food service by local restaurants available from 6-8:30 p.m. Canned food donations accepted at each concert to benefit Niles Township Food Pantry and the "Needies! Families of Morton Grove" program of the Morton Grove Women's Club. June 16: Popology. June 23: Janesville. July 7: Dave Rudolph's Beach Party. July 14: Runaways. July 21: R-Gang. July 28: Tin Horse. Aug. 4: AC Rock. Aug. 11: The Associates. Aug. 18: Rain date.

Mount Prospect Veterans Memorial Bandshell, 411 S. Maple, presents concerts sponsored by the Mount Prospect Park District at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and 7 p.m. Thursdays. In the event of rain, concerts move inside the Lions Recreation Center. Monday concerts feature the Mount Prospect Community Band - June 15: Kids' concert. June 22: Broadway's Best with the Messengers. June 29: Star Spangled Concert. Thursday night concerts - June 18: Roots Rock Society (reggae). June 25: ABBA salute.

Niles Park District and the Village of Niles will offer free family concerts at Oak Park, Main and Ottawa, on Fridays. For information, call (847) 967-6633. June 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Penny Carnival Night, with music by The Saxophones. July 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Music in the Park. Children can enjoy face painting and a balloon artist while the band 215 West presents Motown, Latin dance and classic rock. July 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Down Home Family Fun, featuring pony and tractor-pulled wagon rides, with The Ragtopps playing music of the '50s and '60s. July 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Vehi-

cle Adventure, with music by the White Saddle Band. July 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Hawaiian Fest, featuring the Barefoot Hawaiian Band and Dancers. Aug. 7: Pocket Circus performance from 6:30-7 p.m., followed by music by The Sling Rays from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Aug. 14: Magic By Randy from 6:30-7 p.m., followed by music by The Associates from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Aug. 21: Sue Black's Stories on the Wild Side from 6:30-7 p.m., followed by contemporary jazz and popular standards by Breeze from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Norridge Park District's Island in the City Festival features live music at Norridge Community Park, 4631 N. Overhill. (708) 457-1244 or www.islandinthecity.com. July 9, 7:30 p.m.: 7th Heaven (rock). July 10: 7:30 p.m.: BBI (variety); 9 p.m.: Yard Fulla Cars (country). July 17: 6 p.m.: Piano Man (Billy Joel/Elton John tribute); 8 p.m.: Hi Infidelity ('70s-'80s rock). July 12: 5:30 p.m.: The Legends (oldies); 7:30 p.m.: World Class Noise (soul/funk).

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

Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony performs at 8 p.m. Fridays at Hodges Park on South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge (Maine East Athletic Field on July 3 only), under the direction of Barbara Schubert. (847) 604-0026 or www.parkridge.info. June 19: Czech Mix. June 26: Pictures and Portraits. July 3:

American Monuments. July 10: Across the Footlights. July 17: Opera Gala. July 24: Variations. July 31: Brian Patti Big Band (swing). Proesel Park Shelter, Kostner and Morse, Lincolnwood hosts a Summer Concert Series from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org. June 17: Chicago Groove Collective (rock, R&B). July 22: The Class of '68 ('60s rock). Aug. 19: Rica Obsession (salsa, merengue, Latin jazz).

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, will present a summer concert series featuring a variety of entertainment opportunities for all ages and interests. Free-will donations at the August concerts will benefit Maine Township Food Pantry. Guests are also encouraged to bring canned goods to donate. Call (847) 825-6659. July 25, 7 p.m.: The Park Ridge Chorale will present "Current Broadway," featuring songs from "Mama Mia," "Jersey Boys," "Mary Poppins," "South Pacific," and other shows enjoying Broadway and Chicago runs. Tickets purchased by July 19 are \$14; \$12 for seniors. At the door, tickets are \$16 and \$14. Free admission for children 18 and under. For tickets and information on this concert, call (847) 825-5499 or (847) 825-2216. Aug. 23, 4 p.m.: Sixth annual Congregation Recital and Art Gallery, a program presented by musicians and artists of all ages from St. Luke's congregation.

Skokie's Backyard Bash features main stage entertainment Aug. 28-30 along Oakton Street between Lincoln and Laramie. www.BackyardBash.com. Aug. 28: 6 p.m.: Skokie Battle of the Bands

winner; 8 p.m.: Tributosaurus (Grateful Dead). Aug. 29: 1 p.m., Mark Cleveland Band; 2:45 p.m., The Goldstars; 4:30 p.m., The Bon Mols; 6:30 p.m., Farewell Captain; 8:30 p.m., Cracker. Aug. 30: noon, Jimmy Sulton and his Rock 'n' Roll Guitar; 2 p.m., Duwayne Burnside; 4 p.m., Melvin Taylor; 6 p.m., The Dynamites with Charles Walker.

Sunday Sundown Concerts at 7 p.m. at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie, are sponsored by the Skokie Park District. (847) 674-1500. July 12: Popology (swing). July 19: Mill Trenier Band (R&B). July 26: Maddrum Sonata (island). Aug. 2: Best of Devonshire Playhouse. Aug. 9: 8 Miles South (rock, blues). Aug. 16: Underwater People (pop/rock). Taste of Park Ridge, July 9-11 at Summit Avenue and Prospect Avenue. www.tasteofparkridge.com. July 9: 4:45 p.m., Celtic Groundhogs; 6:30 p.m., Chicago Rat Pack; 8:45 p.m., Chicago Catz (Motown/funk). July 10: 4:45 p.m., The Sales (classic rock); 6:30 p.m., Cover Gurl (rock); 8:45 p.m., Backstage Pass ('70s and '80s rock); 8 p.m., Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony (at Hodges Park). July 11: 11:30 a.m., Filipiniana Dancers; 1 p.m., Lynette's School of Dance; 2:30 p.m., Joe G & the Wheels (rock); 4:45 p.m., K Michaels Band; 6:30 p.m., The Legends (1960s); 8:45 p.m., 7th Heaven.

**STAGE**

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en Middle School, 8000 E. Prairie Road, Skokie. Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; \$5 for children 12 and under. Visit www.ensemble113.org.

"A Little Night Music," presented by Light Opera Works through June 14 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. Performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$88, \$67 and \$46 for main floor; \$67, \$46 and \$30 for the balcony. Half-price for ages 21 and younger. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.lightoperaworks.com.

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

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

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**CLASSICAL**

"A (Light) Night at the Opera," presented by the Prospect Players at 8 p.m. June 12-13 at Unity Northwest Church, 259 E. Central Road, Des Plaines. The program includes grand opera, light opera and operatic Broadway, with vocalists and instrumentalists from the Chicago suburban area. Featuring tenor Nicholas Zelmhmayr and baritone Kagenas Health, with Ellen Zelmhmayr-Lolakos at the piano. General admission of \$10. For tickets or information, call (708) 579-0787 or (847) 427-1727, or e-mail The\_Prospect\_Players-owner@yahoo.com.

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will perform as part of the "Remembering the Day of the Srebrenica Genocide" program at 2 p.m. July 11 at the Conrad Sulzer Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave. Music director Philip Simmons will conduct works

by J.S. Bach, Gideon Klein, and traditional Bosnian folk and spiritual music, with vocalist Mensud Basic. The event will include speakers, testimonials, and a photographic exhibit. Free admission. (847) 920-9569.

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Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. June 12, 8 p.m.: Tenor Andrea Bocelli in concert as part of a U.S. tour celebrating the release of his new album, "Incanto." Tickets: \$75-\$25. June 26, 7:30 p.m.: Earth, Wind and Fire and Chicago. July 10-11: Jonas Brothers with Jordin Sparks and Honor Society. \$89.50, \$69.50, \$49.50, \$29.50. Sept. 26: Pink's Funhouse Tour, with special guests The Ting Tings, Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.bluesbar.com. June 27, 9:30 p.m.: Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials. \$5. Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse,

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By LILLI KUZMA  
Contributor

"Oh, my goodness, this is the biggest, most prop-heavy show I have ever done!" said Liz Yerkovich, director and choreographer of "Big."  
The musical version of the 1987 hit movie starring Tom Hanks will be staged June 19-21 at the Devonshire Playhouse in Skokie. Most are familiar with the charming film, in which a boy in the early stages of adolescence wishes he were "big" and his wish is granted. But, although Josh Baskin wakes up the next morning with the body of a grown man, he

has not aged intellectually or emotionally. As he attempts to deal with life as an adult, he finds work and love, but also yearns for a return to his boyhood life with his family and friends. The story is funny, but also quite moving and insightful.

"The sets involve Coney Island, Josh's bedroom, office, so much to cover," continued Yerkovich. "But (our set director) Nate is so creative, and is making sure that the sets work, that the scenes are easily moved."

The challenges of staging "Big" also involved casting, finding an actor able to play an adult who is actually a boy in the early stages of adolescence. "Christopher Patrick, of Chicago, is just brilliant in the role character," said Yerkovich. "I was a little nervous about

casting the older Josh because everyone is so familiar with the Tom Hanks character. But Christopher has nailed down the 13-year-old character."

And then there was the matter of the Zoltar fortune telling machine, a critical part of the plot line in "Big."

"We have a Zoltar 'machine' with a live Zoltar, played by 81-year-old Jack Rasof of Wilmette," said Yerkovich.

Other cast members include: Francesca Curtis as Susan Lawrence; Richard Centeno as Billy Kopecki; Jimmy Hogan as young Josh Baskin; Caesar Vitale (Wilmette) as MacMillin; Manny Ortiz as Paul; Tamara Drew as Mrs. Baskin; Jamie Arvizu (Skokie) as Mr. Baskin; and Julianne Arvizu (Skokie) as Mrs. Kopecki.

So what is the musical version of "Big" like?

"It's very upbeat, and a lot of fun," Yerkovich said. "We kept all the music in, as there isn't a single song that drags on, there is something special about all the numbers."

"And, in the musical, there is a kid's chorus. Our chorus involves kids ages 6 to 17, from Skokie, Mount Prospect, and Chicago."

"The music in "Big" is performed live by a six-piece orchestra.

"Piano, drums, brass instruments — trombone and trumpet — a very big sound," said Yerkovich.

The show's producer, Robin Landford, spoke proudly of the "Big" cast: "I can definitely appreciate the fantastic talent here. New York has nothing on Chicago!"

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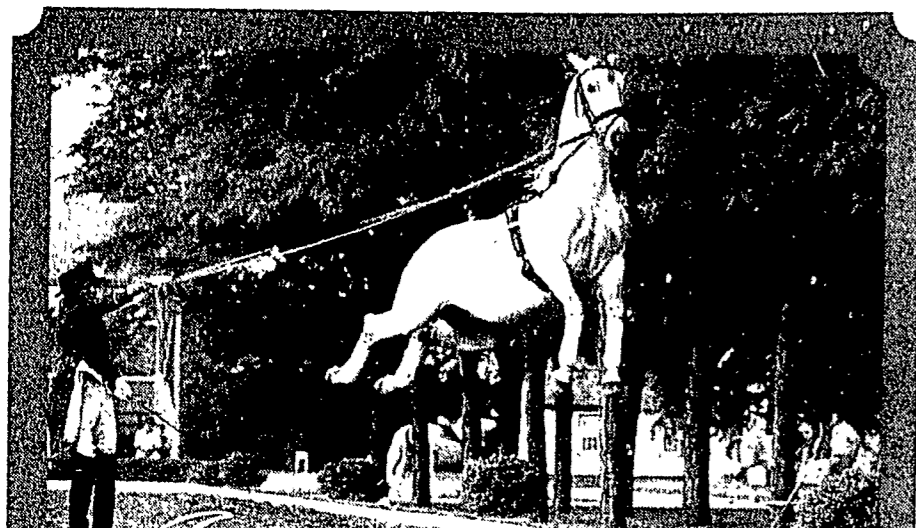
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Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - June 12: Anish, June 13: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore, June 19-20: Dennis O'Rourke, June 26: Donofinn, June 27: The Dooley Brothers.

Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200. www.morettischicago.com. June 12: He Said She Said (pop rock). June 13: Inline Six (classic rock and jazz).

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. July 7: "An Evening with JJ Divo." \$55, \$85, \$125 and \$150.

call (773) 250-SING. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Concert tickets \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. June 11, 8 p.m.: The Dana Legg Stage Band (big band music). \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. June 14, 2 p.m.: Samasama Project: Independence Day III. June 14, 7 p.m.: "Beckie Menzie Has NO Standards." June 17, 1:30 p.m.: "That's Amore" - Jack Muicco salutes America's great Italian crooners. \$10. June 21, 2 p.m.: "A Sentimental Journey" - Laura Freeman's Tribute to Doris Day.

ART GALLERIES

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. June 19-Aug. 28: "Essence of Nature," featuring artwork by Clark Bending of Elk Grove, Ann Haberl of Hoffman Estates, Howard Jacobs of Highland Park, Carol Qualkinbush of Evanston, Piotr Wolodkowicz of Park Ridge and Chicago residents Laura Coyle, Kathryn Gauthier, Robert J. Johnson, Pauline Kochanski, Gregory Mejia, Karen Wieneisel and Jill Zylke. Opening reception from 7-9 p.m. June 19.

Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. (847) 475-5300. www.evanstonartcenter.org. Through June 28: Contemporary Arts Council exhibition, "From a Position." Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. (847) 674-3806. Through June 30: "The Artists of Albion," featuring works by seven artists of distinct styles who were all students of Ann Roman Siegel and have continued to paint together.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road. (847) 492-8860. www.evanstonpace.com. June 11, 8 p.m.: Legends of Chicago Blues Guitar with Jody Williams, James Wheeler, Billy Flynn and Lurrie Bell. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$25 reserved table seats. June 12, 8 p.m.: Blues on the North Shore with The Blue Four, Dennis Binder, John Primer and David "Honeyboy" Edwards. \$20 standing room; \$30 middle seats; \$50 front row seats with table. June 13, 8 p.m.: Cary Pierce of Jackpierce with Dick Prall (acoustic rock). \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$30 reserved table seating. June 14, 7 p.m.: Carrie Rodriguez with Naomi Ashley Band (country). \$14 in advance; \$18 at the door; \$25 reserved table seating. June 17, 8 p.m.: Judith Owen with Shanta Loecker (jazz/pop). \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door; \$22.50 reserved table seating.

Uncle Dan's Pizza & Pub, 27 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. For information, call (847) 698-9800 or visit www.uncledanspizzaandpub.com. June 18, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.: Benefit for Suzanne Stenholt (Maine South Class of '83) with music by Mr. Blotto and Chocolate Covered Karma. Cover: \$20.

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ditions will begin at 2 p.m. July 11. On July 12, the sing-off between the four singers chosen from each division will be held at 2 p.m. Winners will be announced during a special Grand Finale on the Main Stage at 4 p.m. Advance registration is required; visit www.irishfestchicago.com or call (773) 282-7035.

DANCERS

North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie, will hold group auditions for Showstoppers (hip-hop, jazz, modern style) and Take One (musical theater, modern style) at 6 p.m. June 16. Auditions open to ages 7 and up; male and female welcome. Call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.northshoredancecenter.com for information.

ARTISTS

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

years or older. Early entry deadline is June 15; late deadline July 15. Call (847) 584-5044 or visit www.svaj.org/artshow.

Call for artists for the Skokie Art Guild's 48th annual Art Fair, to be held July 11-12 on the Skokie Village Green, 5211 N. Oakton, Skokie. Prizes and awards. E-mail skokieart@aol.com or call (847) 677-8163.

BOOKS & POETRY

Little City Foundation Used Book Sale, through June 14 at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds benefit the Palatine-based Little City Foundation, which provides programs for people with disabilities. For details, visit www.littlecitybooksale.com.

The 10th annual Rattlin' of the Joists,

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Denzel Washington (left) and James Gandolfini in "The Taking of Pelham 12 3."

MOVIE REVIEW

'Pelham' rides again

By BRUCE INGRAM Film Critic

'The Taking of Pelham 12 3' ★★★

There's bad-guy crime and good-guy crime on display in "The Taking of Pelham 12 3," which doesn't really bother to parse out distinctions and shows a surprising amount of sympathy for both varieties.

John Travolta, looking thuggish with pointy sideburns, a prison tattoo and a creeping case of Catholic guilt, plays a New York City subway hijacker named Ryder, who masterminds an expertly executed heist of a train with 18 hostages and demands a ransom of \$10-million in one hour — or else he'll start executing one hostage per minute.

Denzel Washington plays Garber, a Manhattan transport system exec who's been demoted to working dispatch while under investigation for bribery, who — lucky day — winds up taking Ryder's demands and becoming his go-between with the city.

Admirers of solid, well-executed thrillers will find a lot to like here, with the ticking time-bomb plot keeping a tight rein on the suspense, but a big part of the pleasure of "Pelham 12 3" is the interaction between Ryder and Garber as they play cat and mouse and bandy philosophical

asides about guilt, innocence and fate.

Listen, you've got an Oscar winner (Brian Helgeland of "L.A. Confidential") supplying the dialogue.

What do you expect them to talk about — the Mets? Novelist John Godey's simple and effective pulp-fiction scenario, which has now weathered three movie adaptations, and still works remarkably well, made its first, minor-classic appearance in 1974, with Walter Matthau as the disgruntled dispatcher and Robert Shaw (the macho charter-boat captain from "Jaws") as the hijacker.

Directed by Joseph Sargent (following up yeoman service the previous year with Burt Reynolds' "White Lightning"), in a dark and gritty style that reflected the city's early-'70s era of urban decay and economic disaster. The economic disaster bit is still well-represented, actually, with a Wall Street angle that takes financial manipulators to the perhaps-predictable next step in their evolution as villains. Who says white-collar criminals can't handle wet work?

Director Tony Scott (continuing his association with Washington in thrillers such as "Déjà vu," "Man on Fire" and "Crimson Tide") doesn't bother much with atmosphere in this incarnation, but he delivers the

action in his signature, crowd-pleasing style: moxy, flashy and amped to the max.

'Food, Inc.' ★★★ 1/2

Check out the marketing imagery on a lot of the products being sold in your average supermarket and you'll see images of America's agrarian past: pictures of farmers and barns and cows grazing on meadows. But this well-researched, balanced (considering that reps from the food companies it spotlights declined to be interviewed) and convincing documentary makes the case that the reality of America's mass-market food-production industries is much closer to factory than farm — with alarming results.

In addition to the inhumane treatment of livestock and the near-subjugation of farmers, "Food, Inc." emphasizes the dangers arising from a handful of companies monopolizing the majority of the marketplace — and attaining such economic clout that they can influence laws about key issues such as food labeling and genetic engineering. And serious threats to health including E. coli, obesity and diabetes.

Appetizing? No. Important to see? Absolutely. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



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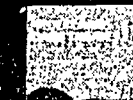
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# Big Balloon Show all about over-the-top fun

By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

Giant wild animals will be on the prowl at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., 2-2:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 17. If anyone is screaming, though, they will be screaming with laughter because the creatures are made out of balloons and The Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show is all in fun.

"The theme of the show is a wild tour around the world to visit all of the world's most amazing balloon animals," said Smarty Pants, who performs the shows with his wife, Miss Dena. "For example, I built a life-sized shark costume that I wear in the show and Miss Dena wears a life-sized octopus hat."

Other attractions include super-strong fleas, "that do fantastic feats of super strength," Smarty Pants said. "It's a really over-the-top, fun show. The end of the show features a daring escape from the heart of a volcano about to erupt — which is, of course, made out of balloons."

Most of the props in the show are premade, because it takes 2-4 hours to construct the balloon structures but there will be some balloon-twisting.

Registration is required. For details, call (847) 825-4527.

### Mother Goose is also loose

Tots can enjoy an animal adventure, too, with "Mother Goose and Her Friends," 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, at the Park Ridge Public Library. Adults and little ones will sing and play with Mother Goose and her friends at this event that is open to all ages. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 825-4527.

### Jump for joy

David Fischer has earned his self-proclaimed title, Rope Warrior. A Guinness World Record holder, he can jump backwards and sideways, and do many amazing feats with a jump-rope. Each week, you can find one of his tricks at www.ropewarrior.com. All ages are invited to watch Fischer in action, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 15, at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, Harwood Heights. For details, call (708) 867-7828.

### Return of the Dinos

Four huge, but extremely loveable, dinosaurs visit New York City in "We're

Back: A Dinosaur's Story." The 72-minute, 1993 G-rated film will be shown at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., 4 p.m. Friday, June 12. The Steven Spielberg film features the voices of John Goodman and Jay Leno. For details, call (847)

965-4220.

### Stars and stripes

Children will learn that the United States flag didn't always look the way it does today during Sunday Craft Series: Paper Flag, 12-1:30 p.m. June 14, at Skokie Heritage Museum,

8031 Floral Ave. In celebration of Flag Day, kids ages 5 and older, accompanied by an adult, will create a historic flag. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for nonresidents. Drop-ins are welcome.

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a celebration of the life and works of writer James Joyce, will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 16 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. The evening includes readings, music and song presented by notables from Chicago's theatre and music community. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. Call (773) 282-7035 or visit [www.irish-american.org](http://www.irish-american.org).

**CHILD'S PLAY**

"Cinderella" will be presented by Chicago Kids Company at 10:30 a.m. June 24-26, July 1-2 and 7-10; and 1 p.m. July 11 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit [www.chicagokidscompany.com](http://www.chicagokidscompany.com).

Gand Music and Sound, 780 Frontage Road, Northfield, (847) 446-4263, [www.gand.com](http://www.gand.com). Rock Music Summer Day Camps for ages 9-15 will be held June 22-26; June 29-July 3; and July 5-9 at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Guitar, drums, bass guitar, keyboard and vocalists welcome for all sessions. Visit [www.campmusictech.com](http://www.campmusictech.com).

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. [www.irish-american.org](http://www.irish-american.org). July 7-Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Summer in the City 2009: Exploring the Arts in Chicago. The five-week program

is designed for children ages 7-14. Participants will explore Chicago's cultural offerings, attend sporting events, take architectural tours, visit museums and take nature hikes. \$325 per child, with discounts available for families with more than one child.

Light Opera Works is currently taking enrollment for its 2009 Musical Theater Summer Workshop. Students ages 8-15 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a public performance in a mini-musical. Four separate one-week workshops will be offered, based on a hit musical. Each workshop meets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a final dress rehearsal at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed by the performance at 4 p.m. This year's workshops are Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," July 6-11; "Annie," July 13-18; "The Music Man," July 20-25; "Bye Bye Birdie," July 27-Aug. 1. There are no auditions for roles and every child enrolled in the workshop gets a part. Classes are held in Evanston. The fee is \$350 per student per workshop. Register online at [www.LightOperaWorks.com](http://www.LightOperaWorks.com) or call (847) 869-6300.

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

Northlight Theatre Academy, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 679-9501. [www.northlight.org](http://www.northlight.org). Offering

summer performing arts camps for students in grades 3-10; registration is in progress. Camps include Junior Camp for grades 3-6. June 15-July 10 and July 14-Aug. 7, featuring acting, improvisation and musical theatre as well as swimming and field trips to Chicago area theatres. Senior Camp for grades 7-10. June 15-July 10 and July 14-Aug. 7, featuring ensemble-based acting, playwriting, comedy and improvisation, musical theatre and audition technique. Audition Workshop for grades 8-10. July 14-Aug. 7.

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

Virtuoso Performing Arts, 8321 W. Golf Road, Niles, is holding auditions for "Alice in Wonderland," to be presented as part of its annual summer musical theater camp. Seeking actors, singers and dancers, boys and girls, grades 4-12. All levels welcome. No prior experience required. Call (847) 583-0740 for an audition appointment. For detailed camp information, visit [www.virtuosoperformingarts.com](http://www.virtuosoperformingarts.com) and click on Summer Classes.

**DANCE**

**PERFORMANCES**

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

North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. (847) 674-2216. [www.northshoredancecenter.com](http://www.northshoredancecenter.com). Registration is ongoing for summer classes and camp; classes begin June 22. Square Spires & 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. June 22: "Frankfurter Frolic."

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**GROUPS & LESSONS**

Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and more, from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission to club dances is \$5 for members; \$10 for nonmembers. Proper attire required; no jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com). Upcoming dance is June 20. Sweet Home Chicago dance convention will be held July 2-4. Call the hotline or visit the Web site for details.

Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance, the national organization representing amateur ballroom dancers. Lesson begins at 7:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:15-11 p.m. Admission: \$8 members; \$10 nonmembers; \$6 college students with ID. Dance music for all swing, Latin and ballroom dances. Partners not required - singles welcome. Beginning dancers

noted otherwise. Through June 20: Mike Toomey's "TV & Me." Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokietheatre.com](http://www.skokietheatre.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door, unless

encouraged. For information, call (847) 577-9014 or visit [www.usadancechicago.org](http://www.usadancechicago.org). June 13: "Waltz of the Flowers" at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison. Franklin Park. June 27, 7:30-11 p.m.: Social dance at DuPage Dance Center, 1163 Ogden Ave., Naperville. [www.dupagedancecenter.com](http://www.dupagedancecenter.com) or (630) 369-3699.

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from local restaurants, and free main-stage entertainment will be along Summit Avenue next to the Park Ridge Metra station. Thursday includes a Community Day salute to Park Ridge organizations. Friday has special events for senior citizens, and Saturday features children's activities at Hodges Park. For information, visit [www.TasteofParkRidge.com](http://www.TasteofParkRidge.com).

Irish American Heritage Festival, July 10-12 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Avenue, Chicago. Hours are 6 p.m.-midnight Friday; noon-midnight Saturday; and noon-11 p.m. Sunday. The festival features three days of music on five stages, and the Folk Tent, with demonstrations of Irish instruments, dances and sing-alongs. Irish and American food is available throughout the weekend, and dozens of vendors and artisans will sell Irish clothing, music and jewelry. Activities and contests include The Hooley Hook-up, a matchmaking event with live music and dancing, The Mashed Potato Eating Contest and the Sham-Rock Stars Singing Contest for children ages 12-18 and adults. Tickets: \$14 per day; \$8 in advance until the end of day on July 9; seniors \$7. Free admission for children under 12 when accompanied by a paid adult. Call (773) 282-7035, ext. 10, or visit [www.irish-festchicago.com](http://www.irish-festchicago.com).

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

**WORKSHOPS & CLASSES**

Oakton Community College offers Alliance for Lifelong Learning classes. For information or registration, visit [www.oakton.edu/all](http://www.oakton.edu/all) or call (847) 982-9888, press 3. Continuing education courses offered at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. include: Drumming Circle (MUS B52-31) demonstrates playing techniques for a variety of percussion instruments. Six-week course meets 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting June 16. Course fee is \$97. Mozart's Women (MUS B23-31) examines how the women in Mozart's life, including his mother, wife and students, influenced his emotional and artistic sensibilities. Two-week course meets 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting June 16. Course fee is \$43. Writing Children's Books (COM M02-31) explores children's literature through character, plot, description and setting. Emphasis will be placed on getting published. Six-week course meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting June 16. Course fee is \$132.

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at various locations. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit [www.oakton.edu/emmeritus](http://www.oakton.edu/emmeritus). Concience and Controversy: The Films of Elia Kazan (HUM C56-92) explores the work of the director who turned informer during the anti-Communist "witch hunts" of the 1950s. Movies to be viewed and discussed include: "A Streetcar Named Desire," "East of Eden" and "On the Waterfront." Seven-week course meets 3:30-6:45 p.m.

**SINGLES**

Jewish Social Singles, for ages 21-plus. Cash payments only; activities are subject to change. Call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066. June 20, 6:30 p.m.: International House of Pancakes (IHOP), 9500 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$30. Reservations required.

**ET CETERA**

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. [www.dppl.org](http://www.dppl.org). June 12, noon-7 p.m.: "Held in the Heartland," a traveling exhibit about German POWs held in Midwest camps during World War II, will be on view via a mobile museum that will be parked in front of the library. "Held in the Heartland" includes narrative panels, short documentary films, artifacts and more. At 7 p.m. talk and reception. Irving Kellman, a docent for TRACES Center for History and Culture, will speak about the German POW experience in the United States.

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Fountain Square Art Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. June 27-28 at the intersection of Sherman and Church streets, downtown Evanston. Featuring works by more than 200 juried artists, an entertainment stage and a children's tent with hands-on art activities. There will also be strolling musicians and food by local restaurants. Gale donation of \$5 benefits the Evanston Chamber of Commerce. For information, call (773) 868-3010 or visit [www.chicagoevents.com](http://www.chicagoevents.com).

Summer Festival, June 28 at The Danish Home, 5656 N. Newcastle Ave., Chicago. Opening ceremonies start at 2 p.m. Featuring music by the Bjornson Male Chorus and Earl's Pearls, a petting zoo, children's games, food and Scandinavian souvenirs. Admission: \$3; free for children under 12.

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Morton Grove Park District Free Movie Nights are held at the Harrer Park Pavilion, 6250 W. Dempster, at the north end of the field behind Harrer Pool. July 10: "Journey to the Center of the Earth - 3D." July 24: "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa." Aug. 7: "Hotel for Dogs."

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. (847) 673-7774. [www.skokieli.org](http://www.skokieli.org). Chicago YIVO Society 2009 Summer Festival of Yiddish Culture presents films at 12:15 p.m. All movies with English subtitles when Yiddish, Hebrew or Polish is spoken. June 15: "My Grandfather's House." June 17: "Ha-Ashkenazim." July 8: "Yiddische Momme McCoy & Shtetl." July 22: "Where Neon Goes to Die." Aug. 26: "Yiddish Theater: A Love Story."

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# Nature in the plein-air

**'Essence of Nature'**  
at the Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, Skokie. The exhibition opens June 19 with an artist's reception from 7 to 9 p.m., and runs through Aug. 28. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The public can observe the artists in action from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 12, working on the grounds of the center. Free. www.anatomicallycorrect.org.

By **SHERYL DEVORE**  
Contributor

Debra Hatchett challenged local plein-air (outdoor) artists to visit the Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie, and create a piece for the exhibition, "Essence of Nature," opening June 19.

The results: Watercolors, oil paintings and photographs each with different viewpoints of the outdoors. One artist created an oil painting of an autumn scene with brilliantly colored fallen leaves leading to an inviting bench. Another artist created an oil painting of the same scene, only in winter, stark and leafless with a lone figure in the distance, reminiscent of Thoreau's Walden Pond in January.

"To have artists interpret the same place so differently is so interesting," says Hatchett, a Skokie resident and the executive director and founder of not-for-profit Anatomically Correct. Hatchett, a realtor by trade, is a sort of one-woman-show, working since 1991 to find spaces for artists to show their creations, for example at the juried Highland Park Art Walk running through June. "Artists are always looking for spaces where their work can be appreciated and respected," says Hatchett, who serves as a juror for various art shows.

When Hatchett learned the Emily Oaks Nature



This watercolor of a fallen tree log by Carol Qualkinbush is part of the "Essence of Nature" exhibit at the Emily Oaks Nature Center.



This oil painting of a snowy scene by Piotr Wolodkiewicz of Park Ridge will be on display at the exhibition, "Essence of Nature," at the Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie starting June 19.

Center was creating a small, dedicated space for artists to show their work, inspiration came knocking. "My family and I go to Emily Oaks for native plant sales and free child-friendly events. The grounds and the pond are so beautiful," she says. "I wanted the artist to actually visit the area, explore the pond and the surroundings, take photos or paint on the scene," she recalls. "Some went to set up their boards and painted right there, others painted outdoors for a while and then finished their work in their studio. "It was so interesting what they edited out or put into their work," says Hatchett. She noticed

and could not find a view she saw as the essence of the nature center. But walking back through the wooded area, she discovered three logs. "With the snow covering them and the bright light, they were sculptural," she says. "I liked the spiral movement and the snow as it clung to the face of the log. I could envision children inspecting the log for insects and other crawling things during the other seasons of the year. But now the woods were silent and the beauty of the frosted face of the log was engaging."

Qualkinbush said her photographs and memories of that cold day in February served as her references for painting. "I only like to paint what I have observed myself," she says. Fifty artists including Qualkinbush will bring their easels outdoors on July 12 at the Emily Oaks Nature Center, answering questions from youngsters and adults as they make new artistic creations. Qualkinbush is looking forward to the event. "I always enjoy talking to children while I am painting."

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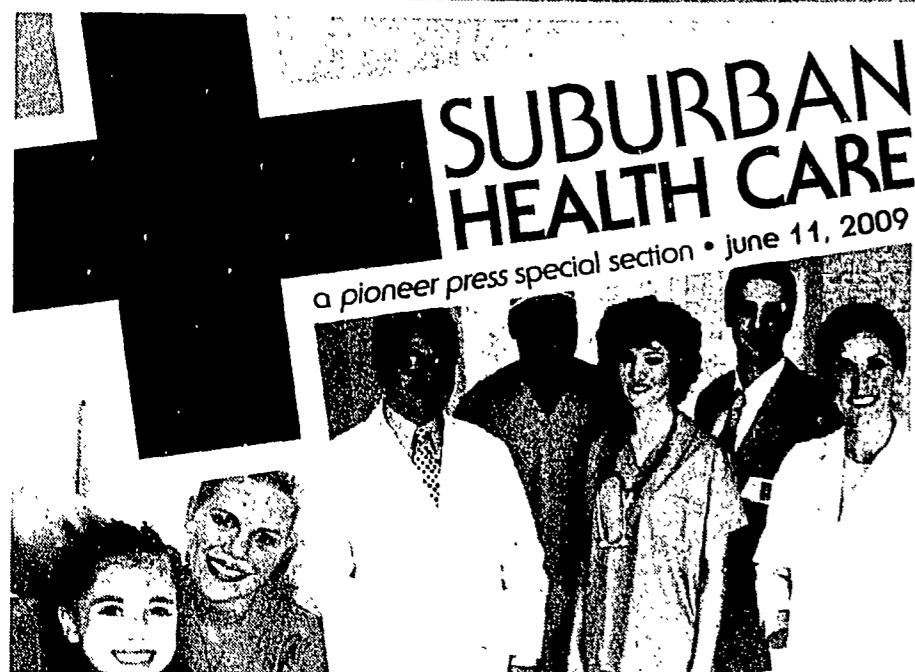
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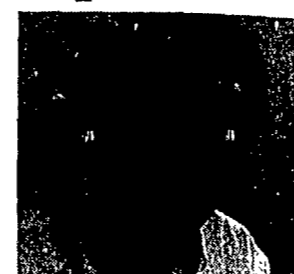
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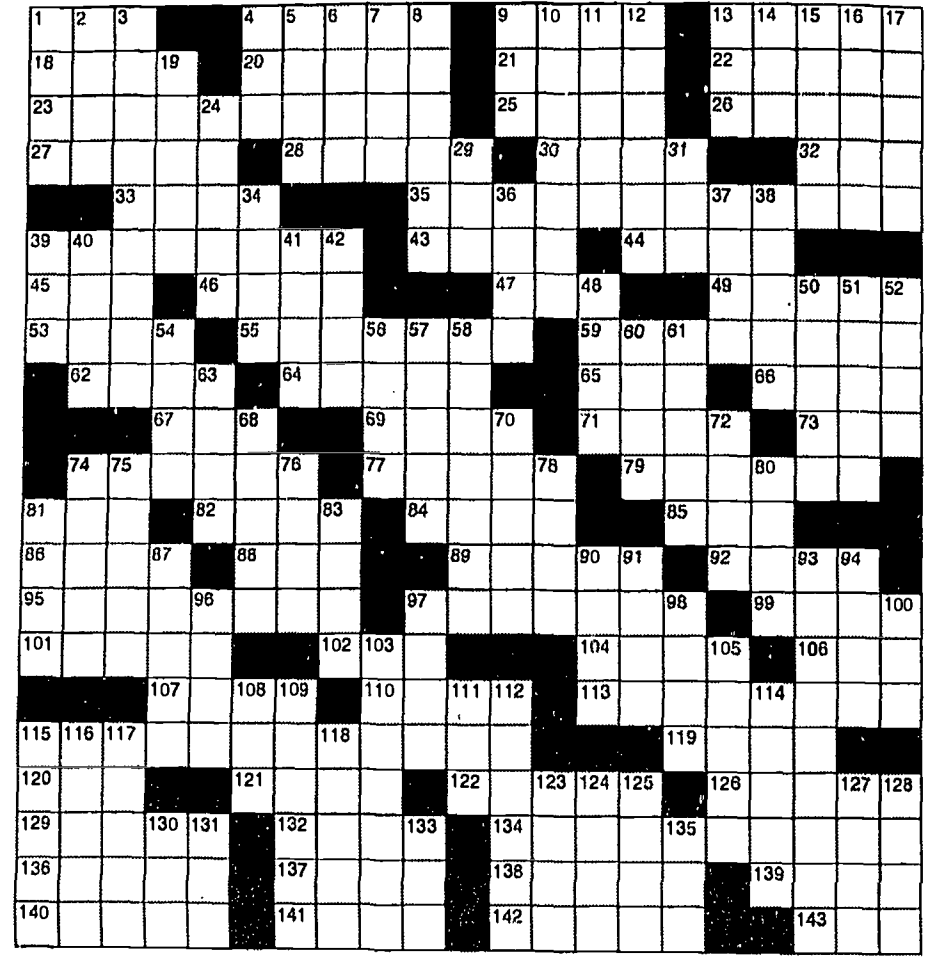
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  - 9 Pinza or Challapin
  - 13 Alice's restaurant?
  - 18 Aroma
  - 20 Jeopardy
  - 21 Vivacity
  - 22 Writer Rogers St. Johns
  - 23 Start of a remark by 134 Across
  - 25 Parisian pronoun
  - 26 Raj address
  - 27 "Gladiator" extra
  - 28 Stick
  - 30 "Glad All" ("64 hit)
  - 32 Lowe or Morrow
  - 33 Valuable
  - 35 Part 2 of remark
  - 39 Barron area
  - 43 "Under the Yum Yum" ("63 film)
  - 44 Mail event
  - 45 Kimono cummerbund
  - 46 Plunder
  - 47 They may be personal
  - 49 Donizetti ditties
  - 53 Male kangaroo
  - 55 More minute
  - 59 With docorum
  - 62 Abound (with)
  - 64 Actor Ryan
  - 65 Mongrel
  - 66 Roger Rabbit, for one
  - 67 "Fool" singer, Chris
  - 69 Sailed through
  - 71 "Lucky Jim" author
  - 73 Compass
  - 74 Go-gotter
  - 77 Part 3 of remark
  - 79 "The Franch Connection"
  - 81 Comic Charlotte
  - 82 Kuvasz and komondor
  - 84 Protected
  - 85 Veto
  - 86 Fruit-tree spray
  - 88 "pro nobis"
  - 89 Adult tadpoles
  - 92 Canvas cover
  - 95 Forsaken
  - 97 Mobile homes?
  - 99 Dissolve
  - 101 — Grigio
  - 102 Maestro de Warrt
  - 104 Secular
  - 106 Dion's "Run-around" girl
  - 107 Plug
  - 110 Rohmer or Roberts
  - 113 Shameless
  - 115 End of remark
  - 119 Goblet part
  - 120 Mohammed — Jinnah
  - 121 '72 Harry Chapin hit
  - 122 Buckwheat dish
  - 126 Dolor
  - 129 Shinbone
  - 132 Temporary calm
  - 134 Speaker of remark
  - 136 Happening
  - 137 Unmarried
  - 138 Macabre
  - 139 Man the bar
  - 140 Brawl
  - 141 Actress Anna
  - 142 Man of Malmo
  - 143 John — Passos

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- 4 Unlock, in pcasy
- 5 Circus barker?
- 6 "New Yorker" cartoonist
- 7 Last name in piracy
- 8 Dismount
- 9 Hum bug?
- 10 Let
- 11 Fusillade
- 12 Looks like Hook?
- 13 Lohar's "Land des Lacholns"
- 14 Neighbor of Mont.
- 15 Jawaharlal's jacket
- 16 "Middle-march" author
- 17 Synagogue figure
- 19 Competitor
- 24 Untamed
- 29 Cereal spike
- 31 Nutritional abbr.
- 34 Baseball's Cabell
- 36 Beloved
- 37 Blow for a bounder
- 38 Tours topper
- 39 Roggae's Marjory
- 40 Border on
- 41 Major —
- 42 Kenton or Goltz
- 48 Adoption agcy.
- 50 Incongruous state
- 51 Isolated
- 52 Last word of the year?
- 54 "Show Boat" composer
- 56 Rely (on)
- 57 Shoestrings
- 58 Promote
- 60 Type of roast
- 61 Heavenly hunter
- 63 Knight's qualf
- 68 "There's — Out Tonight" ("61 hit)
- 70 "Moll Flanders" author
- 72 Rotisserie part
- 74 — Lama
- 75 Wish and wish
- 76 Fairy-tale fiend
- 78 Swing a sickle
- 80 Student's ordeal
- 81 Airport feature
- 83 Mean Marquis
- 87 Perch
- 90 Submarino base?
- 91 Line of clothing?
- 93 Looked like
- 94 Assot
- 96 Palindromic name
- 97 Amos or Spelling
- 98 Jazzman Zoot
- 100 Asian holiday
- 103 Epic name in epics
- 105 Terra —
- 108 Absent
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**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A changing situation can create some complications. But if you apply that sensible Bovine mind to what seems to be a hopeless tangle of confusion, you'll soon sort things out.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Creating a new look for your surroundings is fun. Expect to hear mostly positive comments on your efforts, as well as some well-intended suggestions you might want to note.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Maybe you'd rather do anything else than what you're "stuck with" right now. But if you stop complaining, you might see how this could lead to something with real potential.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Even a proud Leo ultimately recovers from hurt feelings.

However, a damaged relationship might never heal unless you're willing to spend more time and effort trying to work things out.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** There are lots of changes on the horizon, so be prepared to make some adjustments in your usually fine-tuned life. One change might even impact a personal decision you've been putting off.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Being the dependable person you are could work in your favor for a project that requires both skill and accountability. But check this out carefully. There could be a hidden downside.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A temperamental outburst about a mishandled project causes some fallout. Be sure to couple an apology with an explanation. A new opportunity beckons by week's end.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Changing horses midstream is usually unwise but sometimes necessary. Examine your options carefully before making a decision. A trusted colleague offers good advice.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** While much of your time is involved with business matters, fun-time opportunities open up by week's end. Enjoy yourself, but be careful that you don't overspend.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A "revelation" opens your eyes to what is really going on in the workplace. What you learn could make a difference in your career path. Continue to be alert for more news.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Not wanting to make waves might be the safest way to deal with a difficult situation. But no substantive changes can be made unless you share your assessments with others.

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# Today's New Homes

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## Builders go for the green

Eco-friendly materials, designs becoming more popular and common

By Marcy Marro  
FOR THE SUN-TIMES NEWS GROUP

With today's emphasis on the importance of using the natural environment wisely, home design is evolving constantly in ways that are making homes more comfortable and more energy-efficient. Here are some green communities and builders around Chicagoland that are building green for a healthier environment.

A tranquil green roof sky gardens and a well-designed energy-efficient building are some of the amenities at Optima Old Orchard Woods.

"The 'green' characteristics of a building should be an integral part of a design process that flows from the purpose and optimal function of the building," said architect David Hovey. "These buildings are designed for people, and their comfort and sense of well-being is of great importance."

"Green roofs have many environmental benefits," Hovey said. "They cleanse airborne toxins; recycle nutrients back into the atmosphere; re-oxygenate the air; provide storm water management; protect the roofs from ultraviolet light; reduce noise

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In Evanston, Winthrop Club is close to becoming the first residential high-rise in the Midwest to earn LEED Gold certification. The finishing touches are being put on the first wave of condominiums in



Styczynski Walker & Associates recently built a home in Elmhurst that is certified gold according to NAHB Green Building Program standards.

preparation for first move-ins in June.

"Three years ago, when we announced we would bring a LEED-certified residential building to downtown Evanston many people dismissed the idea of green residential buildings as just a fad," said Bob Horner, co-principal of Evanston-based Winthrop Properties. "But I think everyone would agree that green homes are even more desirable today than they were in 2006. Sustainable living has become a way of life for a majority of the population."

"As anyone who tours this building can attest,

fine finishes and upscale amenities can be part of a green lifestyle," said co-principal Ibrahim Shihadeh. "And it's not too late for people to enjoy a sustainable home at Winthrop Club. While our penthouses units and some of our largest residences were the first to go, there is still a good selection of homes available with very attractive pricing."

Winthrop Club will earn LEED credits for diverting 75 percent of construction waste from

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### Spacious townhomes

**Cornelia Court** located in the West Roscoe Village on the Northwest Side offers plenty of space.

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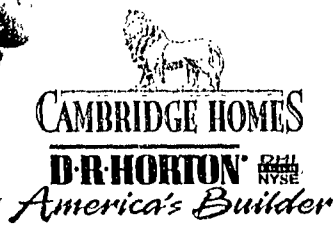
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# Cornelia Court townhomes offers plenty of space

More and more young married couples are becoming fed up with cramped high-rise condominium living and are seeking a restful alternative, a city townhome in a landscaped environment off the beaten track.

James and Joanna Hwu moved up from a two-bedroom condo at The Montgomery, a high-rise condominium conversion in the congested River North neighborhood and moved to a new townhome at Cornelia Court nestled in a quiet corner of the West Roscoe Village neighborhood on the Northwest Side.

The Park Homes of Cornelia Court, a new 12-unit townhome phase in the 63-unit development 3007 W. Cornelia Ave., now is under way in a quiet in-fill site, adjoining 1 acre of green space.

When complete, the \$28-million development will feature 13 buildings with two to 7 three-story and four-story townhomes per building. The six-unit first phase of Cornelia Court is sold out and occupied.

Cornelia Court includes two-bedroom-plus-den, three-bedroom and four-bedroom townhomes with two-and-a-half to three-and-a-half baths and 2,242 to 2,904 square feet of living space. Phase III base prices range from \$499,900 to \$644,900.

"It was tough to find the square footage we wanted," said James Hwu, 32, a web services business analyst who is employed by Sidley & Austin, the Loop law firm.

Joanna Hwu, 32, is a project manager for William Wrigley Jr. Co. She also is working on a master's degree in product development at Northwestern University.

The Hwus listed their condo for sale in April of 2008 and it took six months to sell. But the wait was worth it because the new townhome at Cornelia Court gave them more living space in a quality-built new construction townhome. They also were attracted to the good transportation access the neighborhood provides.

"We shopped the market. We found Cornelia Court about a year ago, and we thought the quality of construction is first rate," said James Hwu said.

"Steve Frytz of Anchor General, the builder, took a lot of time to show us around and explain how the townhomes were built," he said.

Our beautiful Park Homes phase at Cornelia Court showcases luxury townhomes with southern exposures that overlook our 10,650-square-foot courtyard and park," said Frytz.

Townhomes at Cornelia Court feature arched windows, a handsome brick and stone facade, and a private front yard enclosed with wrought-iron fencing and highlighted with a paver brick



Cornelia Court was named Chicago's "Best Townhome Development" by New Homes Magazine, and the community also won a 2008 Good Neighbor Award from the Chicago Association of Realtors.

sidewalk.

The Hwus purchased a top-of-the-line Bentley model, a four-bedroom townhome with 3½ baths, 2,904 square feet of space and a two-and-a-half-car garage. The closing was in December of 2008.

"Cornelia Court's location is superb, because of its privacy, also because it is a family-friendly enclave that is close to good schools," Frytz said.

"Cornelia Court is within walking distance to both Lane Technical and Gordon Technical high schools and it is five blocks east of the Kennedy Expressway and the CTA Blue Line to O'Hare International Airport," he said. "My wife knew the West Roscoe Village neighborhood because she went to high school nearby at Lane Technical College Prep at Addison and Western," Hwu said.

The family atmosphere also attracted the Hwus to Cornelia Court. The couple is planning on starting a family in a few years and needed a large home and a family-friendly development.

"There are a lot of young families at Cornelia Court, and all of the people we met in the development were very nice," Hwu said.

"We also were attracted by the two-acre adjoining green space and private park at the center of the community."

Frytz recently started offering free mortgage principal and interest payments for six months — a cash value of about \$15,000 — at Cornelia Court, and the financing incentive has sparked a winter sales boom.

A new professionally decorated and furnished three-story model townhome is open for viewing. The Addison, a Phase III model. The Addison is a three-bedroom, three-bath townhome with 2,242 square feet of space and a two-car attached ga-



Construction is well under way on Phase III at Cornelia Court. Phase III will feature 12 townhomes in two buildings. Phase IV consists of 12 townhomes. Nineteen townhomes are planned in Phase V at Cornelia Court.

rage. It is priced at \$529,900. Meanwhile, sales at the Cornelia Court have been brisk.

"We sold three townhomes in December and another one in January, sales months that traditionally are extremely slow," said Gale Goldstick, of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

"Now we are 50-percent sold in Phase III and have one unit left in Phase II at Cornelia Court."

The townhomes feature "fee simple" ownership with a homeowner's association structure to provide grounds maintenance. Monthly assessments are projected to range from \$86 to \$112, and include common-area expenses, such as common insurance, landscaping, snow removal,

water and scavenger service. Each townhome features a deck along with a private yard enclosed with wrought-iron fencing and a two-car or 2½-car garage is standard (per plan).

The 1-acre perimeter green space, which serves as a dog park for Cornelia Court, surrounds the eastern and southern borders of development. Anchor General is planting additional maple and oak trees in the wooded area. The entire perimeter of the property is dotted with mature trees and lushly landscaped private front yards.

The Cornelia, another new professionally decorated and furnished three-story model townhome also is open for viewing at

Cornelia Court. It is a two-bedroom-plus-den townhome with more than 2,000 square feet of space. It features a family room, 2½ baths and a two-car attached garage and is ready for immediate occupancy. The model, the last unit in Phase II, is base priced at \$449,900.

"The six units available in Phase III still can be customized," Goldstick said. "Buyers can still pick their finishes and move in 30 to 60 days. We can customize every townhome at Cornelia Court. The developer is willing to work with buyers to create their individual dream home."

"We are building a quiet new neighborhood enclave at Cornelia Court, a private, wrought-iron fenced European-style courtyard community nestled in the heart of West Roscoe Village," said Frytz.

Douglas Gillespie of Mayer Jeffers Gillespie Architects designed the handsome townhomes with attractive, castle-like turreted bays, brick and Renaissance stone exteriors accented with ornamental copper cladding and stone roof coping, Frytz said.

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To visit this community

The sales center, located at 3007 W. Cornelia, is open Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information on Cornelia Court, or to reserve a townhome, please call Gale Goldstick of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage at 773-478-8414, or take a virtual tour at www.cornelia-court.com.

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West Roscoe Village is situated between the West Lakeview and East Irving Park neighborhoods, wonderful, centrally located communities with many conveniences.

The nearby California and Homer Parks provide access to baseball and softball fields, basketball and tennis courts, paved biking and walking trails as well as playgrounds, an outdoor pool and the McPetridge Sports Center, the city's only indoor ice rink.

Shopping is within a few blocks in the heart of Roscoe Village, the Addison Mall, which features a Target store, and the Riverview Plaza on Western Avenue, which includes both Jewel Foods and Dominick's Finer Foods, and Walgreen's, Osco and CVS pharmacies.

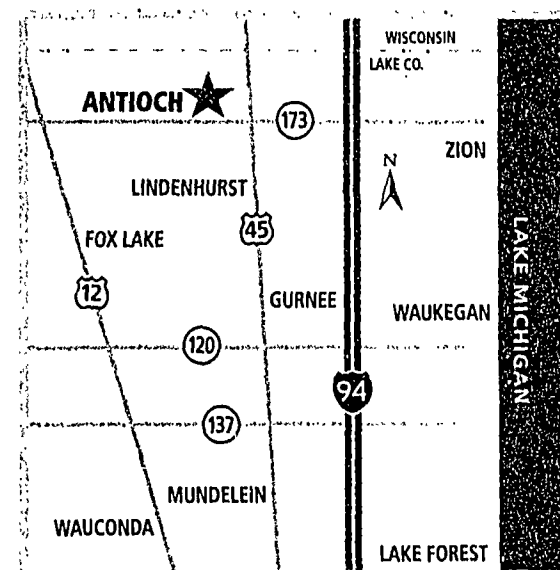
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Developer Steven V. Frytz, president of Anchor General Contractors, Inc., has 24 years of experience in the residential and commercial construction industry.

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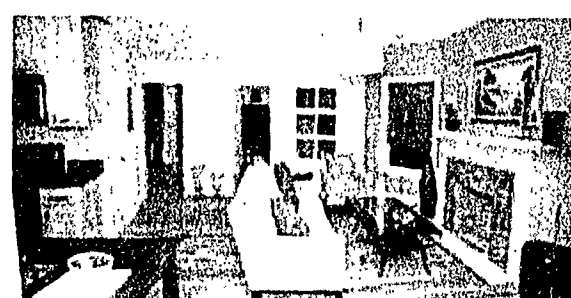
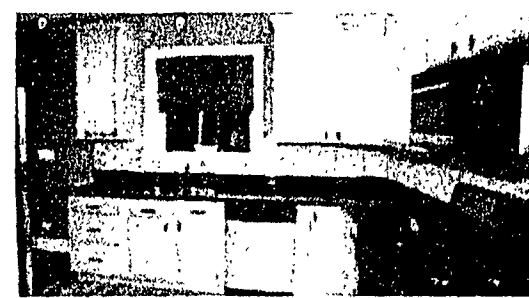
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Optima Old Orchard Woods in Skokie (above) offers residents green roof sky gardens and energy efficiency in building designed by nationally acclaimed architect.

Focus on home-centered entertainment and "green" living influences design decisions for custom home buyers, says Jeff Samuels, president of Samuels Homes, a North Shore custom builder. Photo shows a home office (left).

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First move-ins are expected to take place this June at Winthrop Club, the Midwest's first residential high rise to earn Gold LEED certification.

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landfills, using 20 percent regional materials and 10 percent recycled materials. The building will also have a green roof landscaped with native plants to help mitigate the urban heat island effect and reduce storm water run-off.

Winthrop Club offers 96 condominiums with one to three bedrooms and one to 3½ baths, with base prices ranging from \$329,000 to \$1,859,000 with parking included. For more information, call 847-328-4700 or visit [www.winthropclub.com](http://www.winthropclub.com).

According to North Shore custom builder, Jeff Samuels, president of Samuels Homes, custom home builders and buyers are meeting the challenge of creating more lavish and convenient home environments while balancing a desire to participate in protecting the natural world.

"The desire to protect both the environment and the budget by spending more time at home is becoming an increasingly attractive idea, and custom home buyers are adding even more features and conveniences to complement a variety of activities," Samuels said.

"As a custom builder, Samuels Homes shares the excitement of our clients as we discover the constantly changing menu of new products and innovations that can make our clients' homes more fun and comfortable places to live, work and play while respecting and preserving the environment," Samuels said. For more information, call 847-480-6476.

Styczynski Walker & Associates can design and build a custom-designed green home anywhere in the Chicagoland area. In Elmhurst, it built a new two-story home that has received LEED Gold as part of the National Association of Home Builders' Green Building Program. The four-bedroom, 2,550-square-foot home is 51 percent more energy efficient than the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code and includes a variety of amenities designed to reduce heating and cooling costs, increase comfort and put less stress on the planet.

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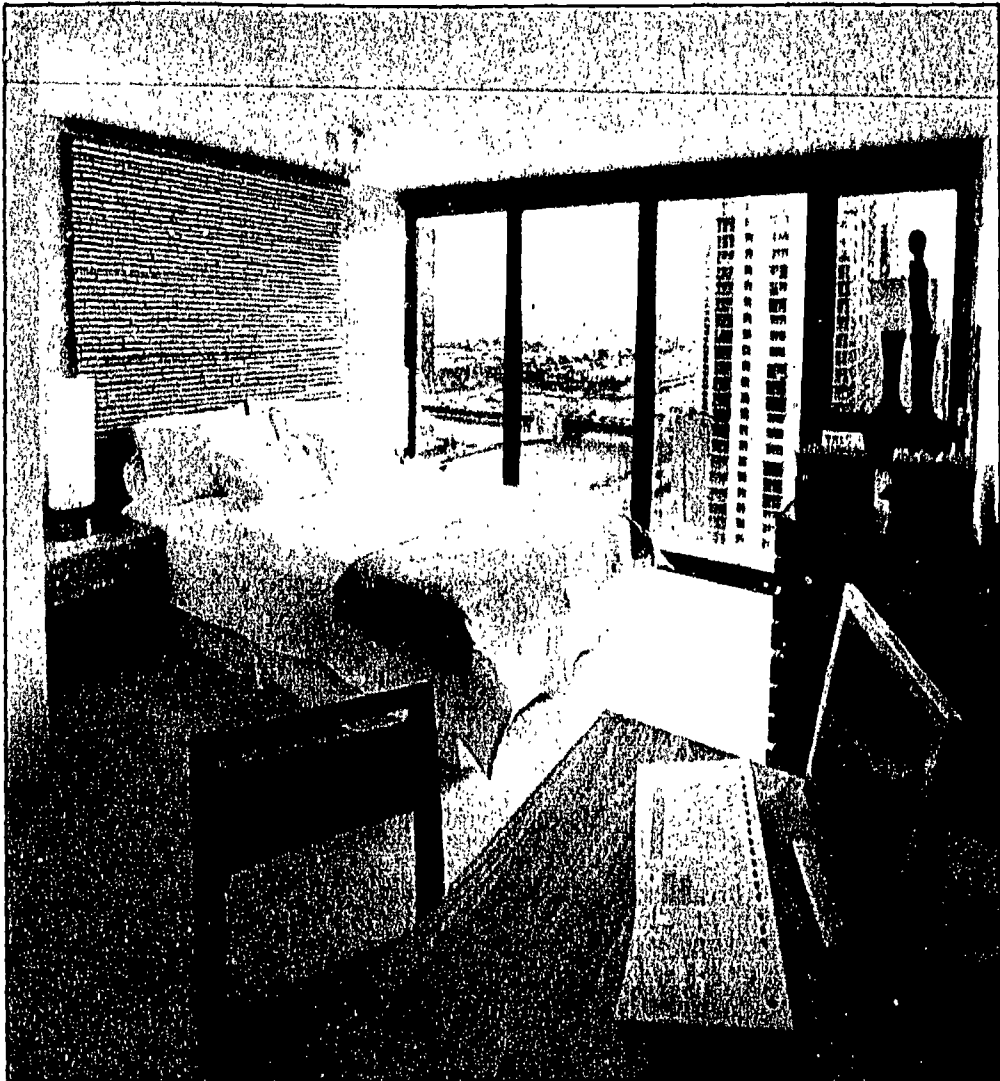
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## Distinctive Aqua Tower for lease at Lakeshore East

In tandem with kicking off the leasing of 474 rental units that will fill 33 floors of the distinctive Aqua mixed-use tower at its Lakeshore East village just north of Millennium Park, Magellan Development Group has unveiled three furnished display models.

Apartment selections include studios, convertibles and one- and two-bedroom residences renting from \$1,498 to \$3,111. Deluxe features include full-granite kitchens with stainless steel GE appliances and tiled entries and baths. Leasing is being conducted by NNP Residential LLC, a leading residential property manager that announces initial occupancy is now under way.

The trio of themed models created by Stanton Interior Concepts Inc. is a veritable symposium of contemporary interior design motifs.

Red-hot is the theme of a one-bedroom model that accentuates shades of fiery red in everything from finish selections to fabrics, artwork and accessories.

The display model for a convertible unit is ice blue, utilizing silver and metallic shades, lots of glass and mirrors throughout the apartment.

Between those two extremes is a pure green two-bedroom plan, so named not so much for the color green as for the utilization of eco-friendly materials like

woods, cork, bamboo, stone and recycled materials.

"Even if you're not in the market for an apartment, you can learn a lot about decorating, furnishing and accessorizing from visiting these models," points out Deanna Beane, NNP marketing manager.

Bold in both design and function, Aqua, designed by Jeanne Gang of Studio/Gang Architects, is the first high-rise in Chicago specifically designed to feature condominiums, rental, hotel and retail spaces in a single structure. The rental component occupies floors 19 to 52. Application for LEED certification as an environmentally sensitive green building has been submitted.

Aqua's dramatic design is produced by outdoor balconies and terraces that form unique, undulating contours of different sizes and shapes that change gradually from the lower to the higher part of the 82-story tower.

Residents also enjoy access to more diverse amenities than any major city, indoors and out.

Already proclaimed Chicago's newest architectural landmark, Aqua's amenities package is equally imposing, offering an unrivalled 80,000-square-foot outdoor deck with lush gardens, gazebos, pools and cabanas, hot tubs, running track, fire pit and grills.

Indoors, a 35,000-square-foot amenity floor will provide fitness

facilities, a basketball court, group fitness studio, indoor lap pool, a spa featuring a hot tub, sauna, steam and massage rooms, private party suites with catering kitchens, sky garden lounge, media room, billiards and game area and business center.

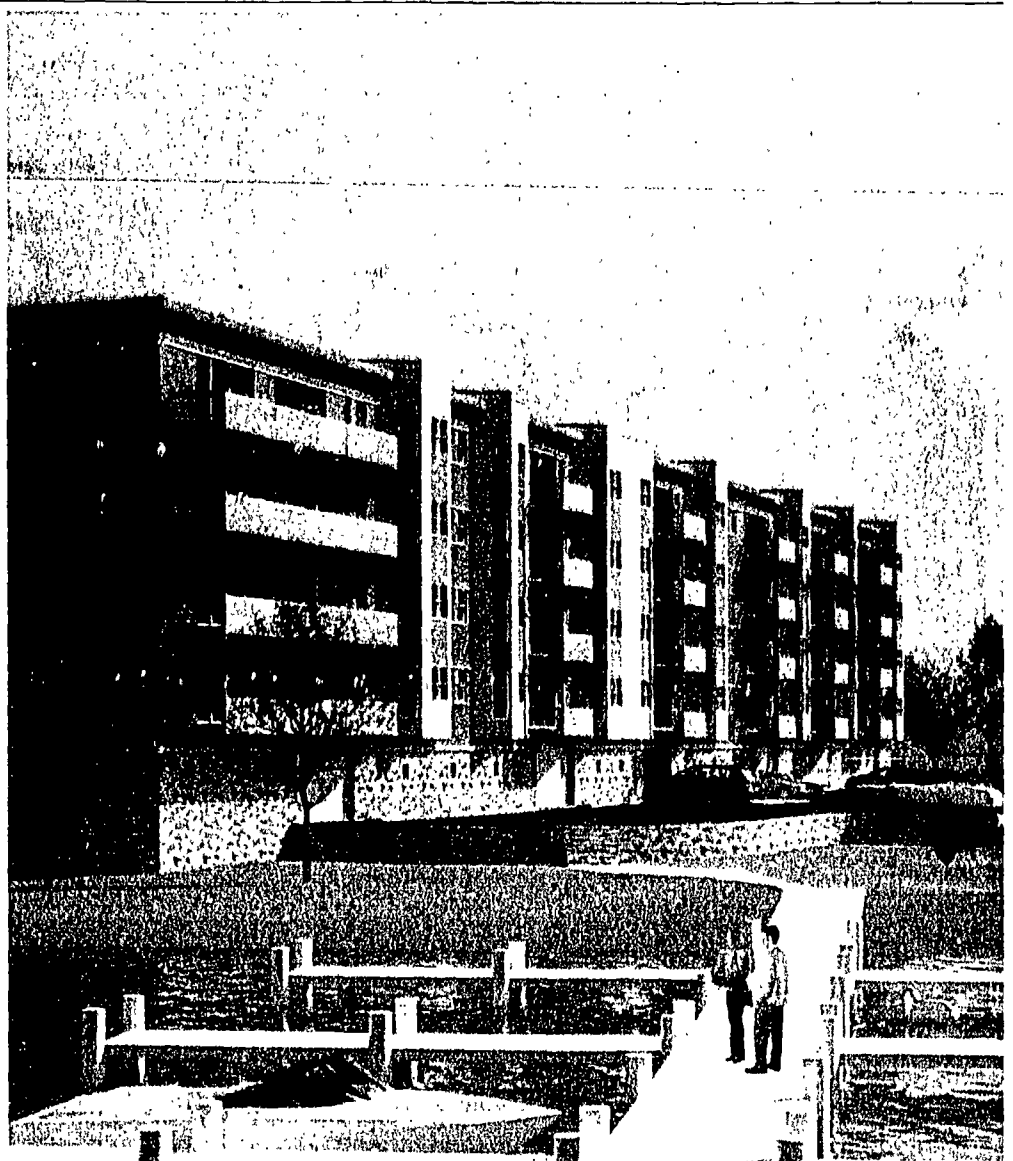
Because of its unique design, Aqua's residences will command dramatic river, lake, skyline and Millennium Park views.

A village in the heart of downtown Chicago steps from Michigan Avenue, Lakeshore East is believed to be the largest parcel of downtown land under development in a major U.S. city. This mixed-use development in the rapidly growing New East Side incorporates all the elements of a traditional city neighborhood, a lifestyle center that includes homes, retail, recreational opportunities and community amenities such as a lush public park and a planned elementary school.

It is situated near the confluence of three of Chicago's greatest attractions: Lake Michigan, the Chicago River and Millennium Park.

Recent awards include the prestigious 2008 Prix d'Excellence International Design Award from the International Real Estate Federation for the community's master

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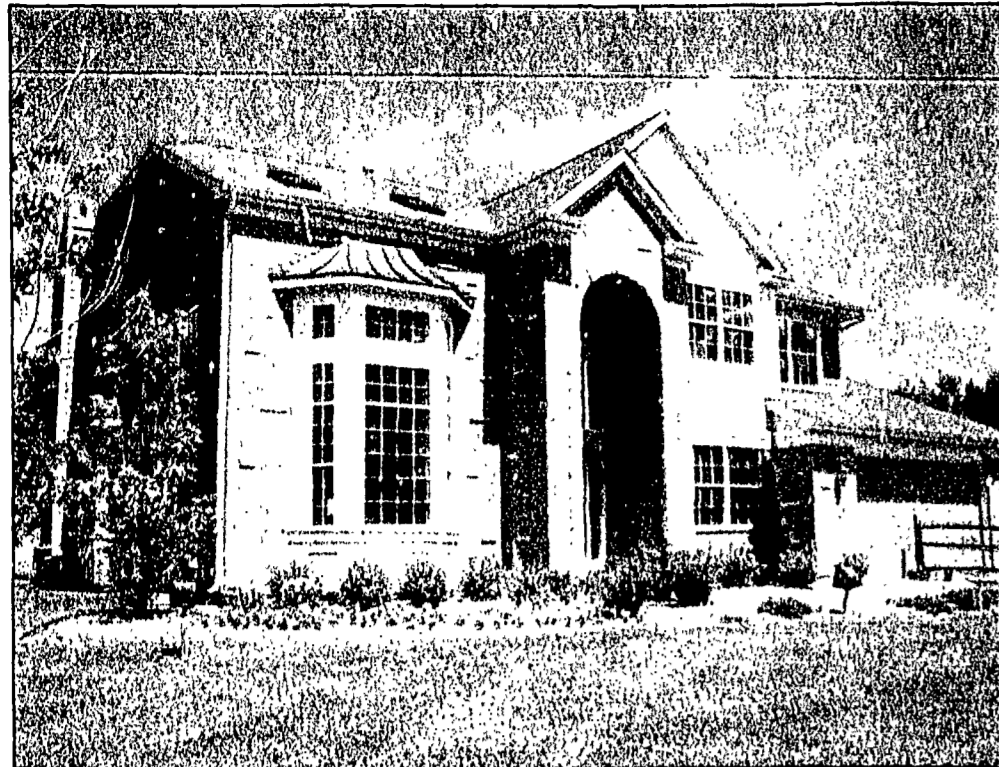
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Building a new home, especially for first time new homebuyers, is all about learning what's going to happen, asking questions and getting timely answers. Pictured is a model by Kenneth James Builders, which is hosting a Home Buyer Orientation.

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Kenneth James Builders, LLC, makes building a new home easier to understand and more customer friendly.

"By signing up with HomeBuyerOrientation.com and partnering with our supplier associates including Parkside DuPont Tyvek and others, we are offering our homebuyers the opportunity to learn about what they can expect during our relationship," said vice president Ed Augustin. "With today's Internet savvy homebuyers we wanted to offer them the opportunity to get educated about building with us and let them preview some of our finish selections right from their home over the Internet."

Kenneth James Builders' Island Lake community, Prairie Woods, is up and running on HomeBuyerOrientation.com. From the time Prairie Woods homebuyers first visit their sales office until and after closing, new home buyers can reference Prairie Woods' HomeBuyerOrientation. From

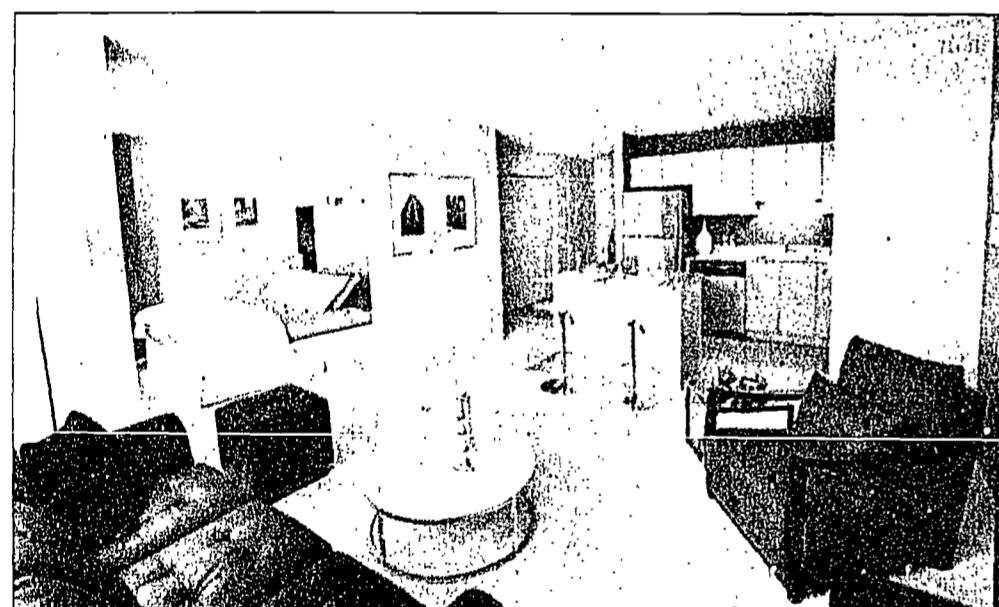
here homebuyers can view finish selections, construction schedule, learn about pre-drywall and final walks and more.

"All our new home buyers and prospects are welcome to visit this site. We believe in making ourselves more transparent to our homebuyers. By partnering with our suppliers and homebuyer, the home buying experience will be much more positive and rewarding," said Augustin.

Building a new home, especially for first time new homebuyers, is all about learning what's going to happen, asking questions and getting timely answers. Sometimes customers call or email questions, and now from this Web site, visitors can click on the "Just Ask" button and send the questions to the right person and receive timely and clear answers. Setting expectations is only one part of this service, promoting conversations between homebuilder and homebuyer helps develop

the relationship. HomeBuyerOrientation.com is owned by The Zirkel Group, Inc., a Lake Bluff-based company specializing in media based presentations for the home building industry. Founded in 1999, the company's clients are throughout the US and Canada.

Kenneth James Builders, LLC, has been building homes in the Chicago area since 1949. Prairie Woods is located in Island Lake on Dowell Road. To get to Prairie Woods from the intersection of Route 12/59 and Route 176, head west on Route 176 to Darrell Road, go north on Darrell to Neville, left on Neville to left on Dowell 1/4 mile to Prairie Woods. Call 815-759-9898. Hours are Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment. Prairie Woods will be hosting an open house at its Hampshire for sale model on Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Aqua's Convertible Model features metallic finishes incorporating silver and metallic colors, glass and mirrors in line with the ice blue theme.

### Aqua FROM PAGE 5

plan and American Architecture Awards for 2008 for the distinguished Aqua tower and The Park at Lakeshore East from The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design. The master plan created by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill previously won a National Honor Award for excellence in urban design from the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Its master plan, which completes the ambitious Illinois Center development, allows for the

construction of up to 4,950 residences, a magnificent 6-acre public park, 2.2 million gross square feet of commercial space, 1,500 hotel rooms, 770,000 square feet of retail space and a proposed elementary school.

Residential developments at Lakeshore East currently include more than 2,300 completed units in six occupied buildings: The 29-story Lancaster, the community's first condominium building with 209 homes; The Shoreham, a 46-story apartment tower with 548 residences; The Regatta, a 44-story condominium building with 325 residences; 340 On The Park, a 62-story condominium tower with 340 units; The Chan-

### Get more info

For information on Aqua rentals please telephone 312-278-AQUA (2782) or visit the Web site, RentNNP.com.

andler; a 35-story condominium building 304 condo homes and The Tides, the community's second rental property with 51 stories and 608 luxury units. Along with Aqua, construction continues on the first phase of The Parkhomes at Lakeshore East, an enclave of 24 gracious townhomes.

## Home prices are starting to appreciate in Chicago and the Midwest

Home prices are slowly rebounding in the Chicago area and other markets across the nation and a residential revival may not be far away, real estate experts say.

Freddie Mac's Conventional Mortgage Home Price Index reported that home values in the five Midwestern states — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin — rose 0.5 percent in the first quarter of 2009. That's a projected gain of 1.9 percent in 2009 on an annualized basis.

The first-quarter 2009 gain in home values compares with a prior decrease of 3.9 percent over the last 12 months in the five-state Midwest area, Freddie Mac said.

Midwest housing values are solid as a rock when compared with such states as California, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii, where values decreased 4.7 percent in the first quarter of 2009. Over the last 12 months, home values nose-dived 21.2 percent in the Pacific Coast area.

"The improvement in house-price change from a steep decline to a more moderate one is consistent with other freighting market data that point to the highest level of home-purchase affordability in at least 40 years and a stabilization in existing home sales and single-family construction in the first quarter,



Don DeBat ON THE HOME FRONT

albeit at low levels of activity," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. Meanwhile, with Chicago's downtown condominium developers are determined to move unsold inventory, and savvy buyers are finding that price reductions in the vicinity of 20 percent on new unsold units are garnering strong interest, said Gail Lissner, vice president of Appraisal Research Councilors.

Lissner noted that the price discounts have led to an uptick in sales in recent months especially among first-time buyers. "Several factors come into play, including the \$8,000 first-time buyer tax credit, the availability of Federal Housing Administration-insured financing with down payments as low as 3.5 percent, and the freedom from having to sell an existing residence," Lissner said.

Typically, first-time buyers are attracted to the current large inventory of condo units priced in the \$250 to \$350 per-

square-foot range, Lissner said. "On a resale basis, brokers are also reporting the best velocity for units priced under \$200,000," Lissner said. "Thus, for first-time buyers who are still employed and feel confident about their jobs, these are very attractive market conditions."

On the other hand, the latest edition of Appraisal Research's Downtown Chicago Residential Benchmark Report, noted that high-end brokers are reporting that luxury condominium buyers are being pinched by the recession.

"Their stock market losses are affecting their ability and desire to purchase real estate," Lissner said. "And the higher interest rates being charged by lenders on jumbo mortgages (more than \$417,000) are not helping the situation either. Consequently, the pool of potential second-home buyers and luxury buyers has diminished in size."

The Home Front, Don DeBat's weekly real estate column syndicated by DeBat Media Services, unravels the complexities of home buying, mortgage shopping, home-ownership, renting, building, renovation and remodeling. For more home-buying information, visit his Web site at [www.dondebat.net](http://www.dondebat.net).



The family-friendly Cortland floor plan is featured at Cider Grove, Town and Country Homes' clubhouse community in northwest suburban Huntley. One of the spectacular features of this home is its open and spacious family room and kitchen area that makes family time something special.

## Moving up

Homes right-sized, right cost for many buyer markets

By Marcy Marro FOR THE SUN-TIMES NEWS GROUP

When the time comes to buy a new home, buyers are looking for many things. Whether it's time to move into your first single-family home, there are many communities that are offering just the right size homes for every budget.

### Cambridge Lakes, Pingree Groves

Buyers looking for more space in a single-family home at a more affordable price have the opportunity to choose a Spring Valley series attached single-family home in the newly opened Harbor neighborhood of Cambridge Lakes in Pingree Grove. The homes are in pairs with front porches, private backyards and two-car attached garages.

"The Spring Valley Series has been well-received by buyers who enjoy the single-family lifestyle, with the chance to build and work in their own yards, perhaps put up a fence and live large at an attainable price," said Paul Ivers, president of Cambridge Homes.

Priced from \$175,000 to \$203,000, there are four model homes open for viewing. Buyers have a choice of five floor plans, including a ranch and two-story homes, ranging in size from

1,250 square feet to 1,798 square feet. Three-season rooms are offered as an option. Call 847-984-4875 for more information or visit [mycanbridgehome.com](http://mycanbridgehome.com).

### Cider Grove, Huntley

The Cortland model, featuring an oversized family room and open layout, is now available at Cider Grove in Huntley. When completed, the community will have 290 single-family homes in two series. The Empire features eight floor plans priced from the mid-\$290s and the Gala with six floor plans starting in the upper \$240s.

"This home has spacious, open rooms that make it easy to get together, while never feeling crowded. It's the kind of home that a growing family can truly expand into over the years," said Ray Blankenship, vice president of operations for Town and Country Homes.

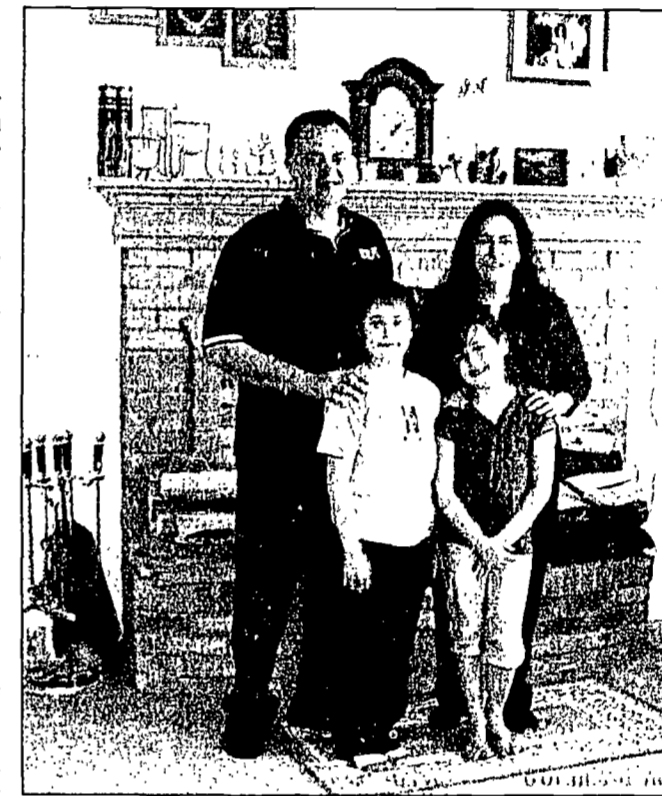
The family-oriented Cortland has 3,059 square feet, four bedrooms, two-and-a-half-baths, den, formal living and dining rooms, basement, and two- or three-car garage, and is priced from \$328,995. For more information, call 866-422-8717 or visit [townandcountryhomes.com](http://townandcountryhomes.com).

### Tall Oaks, Elgin

Wyndham Deerpoint Homes offer expansive home sites and generously appointed floor plans at Tall Oaks in Elgin. Buyers can choose from 10 floor plans, including three ranches and two first-floor master plans, ranging in size from approximately 2,000 to 4,100 square feet and base-



The sprawling meadow at the heart of the Park at Lakeshore East is the centerpiece of the the 28-acre mixed-use village rising in Chicago's New East Side.



The Hudziak family recently moved into a new single-family home built by Wyndham Deerpoint Homes at Tall Oaks in Elgin.



A scenic new neighborhood is now open to buyers of the Spring Valley Series of attached single-family homes at Cambridge Lakes in Pingree Grove.

second-floor laundry. An elevator, loft, bonus room, sun room, bay windows, whirlpool tub and upgraded trim are some of the popular options.

For more information, call 847-289-9600 or visit [www.wydp.com](http://www.wydp.com).

Lakeshore East, Chicago Downtown Chicago is looking more and more like a residential neighborhood, with empty nesters energizing the condo market in the area, where sales are steady despite the housing slowdown. Buyers relocating from the suburbs to the city in a reverse migration have accounted from approximately two-thirds of the 1,400 plus condos that have been purchased at Lakeshore East, developed by Magellan Development Group. The 28-acre, \$4 billion mixed-use development features homes, retail, recreational opportunities and community amenities such as a 6-acre public park and a planned elementary school. Construction is currently progressing on the 82-story Aqua, the first high-rise in the city designed to combine condominiums, rental apartments, hotel and retail spaces. The first phase of The Parkhomes at Lakeshore East, an enclave of 25 townhomes, is also under construction. For additional information, call Leila Zammatta of Magellan Realty at 312-493-8200 or visit [www.lakeshoreeast.com](http://www.lakeshoreeast.com).

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According to Weiland, prices are due to increase over the next several months for a variety of reasons. First, under current market conditions, there is very little new construction underway. At today's prices, developers are opting to postpone, or cancel new projects, Weiland said.

Since builders planning a new condominium development or community will take years in the making, Fresh Horizon Realty does not forecast enough new inventories to hit the market in the near future.

In addition, Weiland added, major mortgage companies as well as the federal government are rolling out programs designed to stop foreclosures, eliminating hundreds of homes that would have increased current supply.

Demand has also been pent up because buyers have been waiting for the real estate market to hit "rock bottom." As home transactions increase and homes selling at higher prices

become better publicized, Weiland believes there will be a flood of consumer buyers that will jump off the fence and purchase immediately, for fearing of missing out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Another big reason is because mortgage rates are at the lowest rates ever – not just in recent years but literally, they are the lowest in the history of our country. These lower rates make owning a home more affordable than ever, offering the opportunity to buyers that may not have had the ability to buy a home previously.

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But while rates and inventories are key reasons to buy, so is the offering of incentives that builders are throwing into homes currently, Weiland said.

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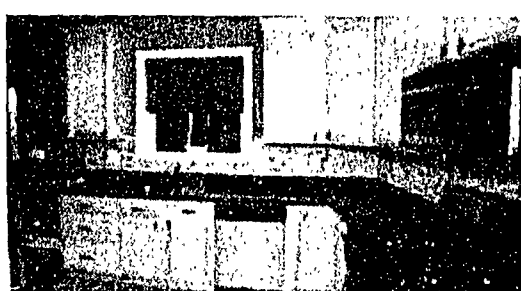
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## Ford delivers solid technology, handsome design

BY JILL CIMINILLO

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Whenever I pick up my boyfriend in a new test vehicle, the first words out of his mouth are: "So, how do you like it?"

Behind the wheel of the 2009 Ford Edge Sport, I shrugged and said: "I like it."

He looked at me with brows raised, the unspoken "and" hanging in the air.

"And, I like it."

I mean, there isn't a lot of snazz and pizzazz with the Edge, but it's a solid vehicle with attractive styling and decent acceleration. It's comfortable. There's excellent visibility out all windows. You've got 69 cubic-feet of storage with the rear seats down.

I like it.

It's also a little bit clunky in terms of ride and handling and a little plain on the inside, but that really wasn't enough to turn me off completely. So maybe it didn't sing for me, but I like it.

The test vehicle was a Sport model with all-wheel drive, and the base price was \$36,375. I have to admit that was a bit

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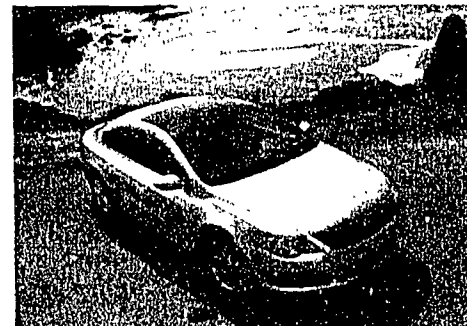
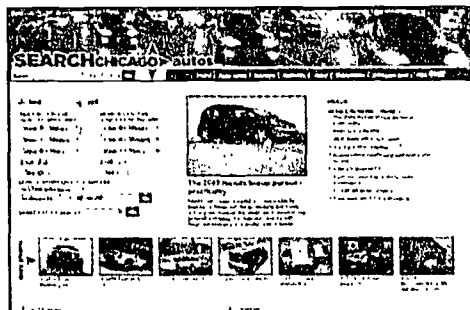
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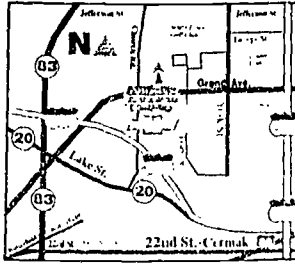
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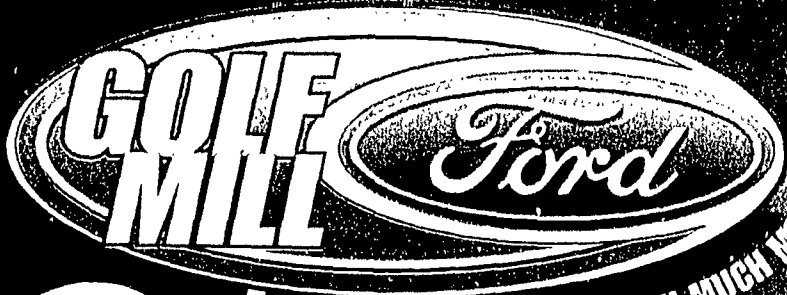
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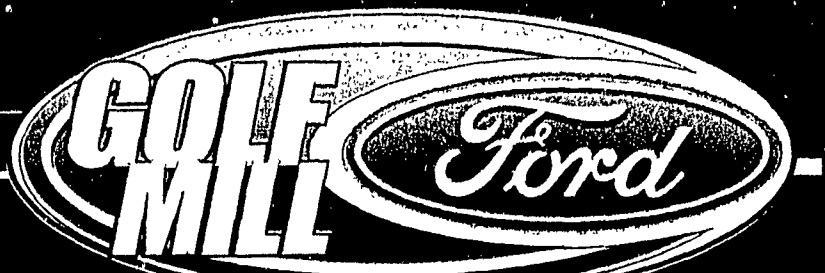
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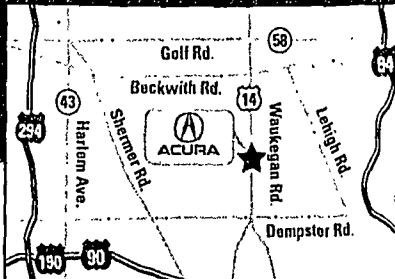
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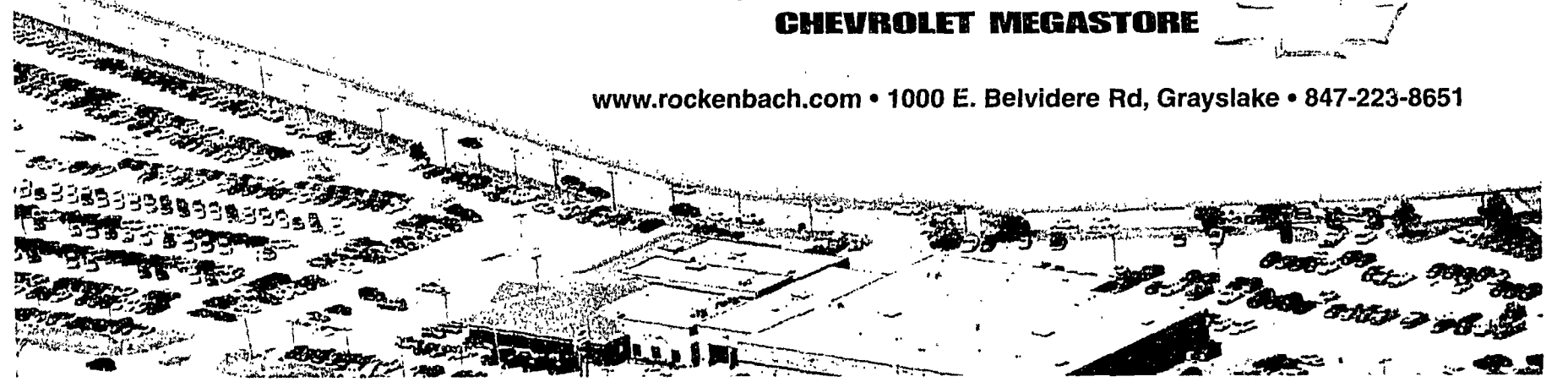
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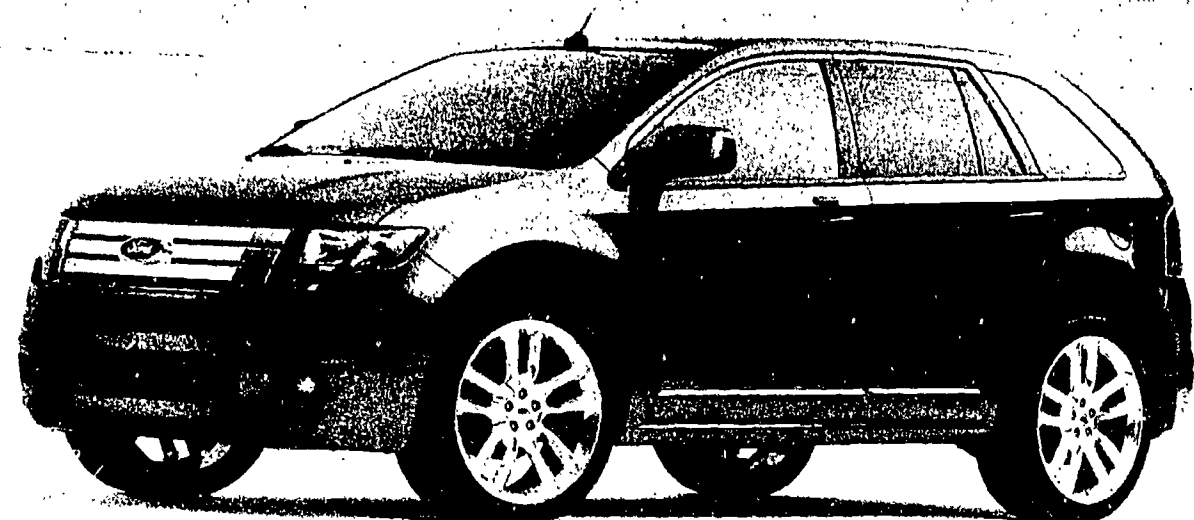
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## Edge delivers solid technology, handsome design

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startling to see in a small American crossover. I was even more surprised when I looked at the bottom line; the price was more than \$40,000. The justification: This is Ford's top-of-the-line trim level. The SEL (\$26,635), SEL (\$29,545) and Limited (\$32,300) all have more reasonable starting points.

At a standard starting point, the Edge Sport comes equipped with a 3.5-liter V-6 engine, dual exhaust tips, steering wheel audio controls, Sync, leather-trimmed seats, reverse sensing system and ambient lighting. The test vehicle then added luxury features such as the sport premium package (\$1,995), panoramic vista roof (\$1,595), navigation (\$1,995), 22-inch wheels (\$1,000) and the Audiophile system (\$385). So the as-tested price was \$43,350.

Personally, I think that's a little high for what this car is. Don't get me wrong; as I said before, I liked the Edge test vehicle. It's attractive and comfortable, but the interior design is kind of blah and the engine noise was a little whiny for this price point.

I don't mean to dismiss the entire interior with one blah, but there's just nothing special going on here. The seats are comfortable but not lush and luxurious. Things are intuitively placed and clean on the center stack, but it's simple to the point of boring.

The best thing about the interior of the Edge test vehicle was the standard Sync system. The more I use this feature, the more I like it. It's amazing how easy it is to use. Combine it with the optional navigation (well worth the \$2,000), and you have a clear winner.

In fact, I'd go so far as to say that Sync with the optional navigation would steer me toward a Ford product if I had it narrowed down to a couple vehicles from other manufacturers. In addition to being able to get weather reports and sports scores, the subscription that comes with Travel Link gives

you real-time traffic and automatically shows you where the nearest gas station is when your low-fuel light pops on. Awesome.

The exterior design bears a strong resemblance to the entire Ford family with the strong masculine styling and the bold horizontal chrome grille. The taillights and clean edges help set it apart.

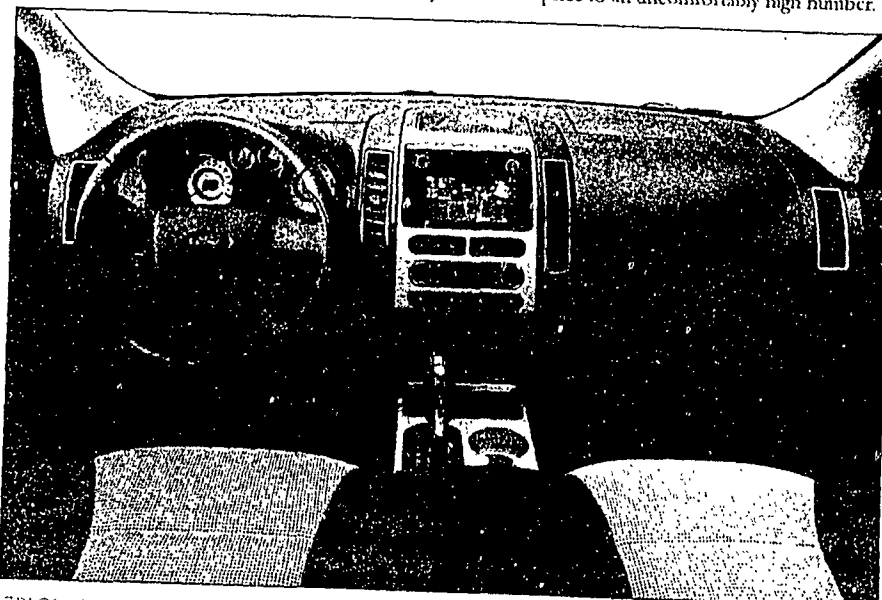
My favorite exterior feature on the test vehicle was the optional power lift gate included in the sport premium package. This made opening the rear hatch easy when my hands were full.

The 3.5-liter V-6 engine delivers 265 horsepower, which is perfectly fine for this smallish crossover. This happens to be the only engine in the Edge lineup, so the Sport designation definitely

doesn't come from extra engine power.

Well, until you look at the fuel economy. I would have expected mileage in the mid-20s for the highway. But the city/highway mileage for the all-wheel-drive model is 15/22. I averaged 18.4 mpg during my test period. If you get the front-wheel-drive Edge, the vehicle does end up in a more acceptable range of 17/24 mpg.

So here we have another solid offering from Ford. But I'd probably stick closer to the base SE level and make sure that I added the optional navigation system. The rest of the extras seemed a little over the top for a vehicle like the Edge and pushed the final price to an uncomfortably high number.



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## SURVIVOR event set for June 28

Mark your calendars for the SURVIVOR Collector Car Event presented by Bloomington Gold on June 28 at Pheasant Run in west suburban St. Charles.

"As America's only car show devoted exclusively to unrestored original collector cars of makes and models, SURVIVOR Collector is a great venue to see original cars that have escaped the wear and tear, restoration and modifications typical of most collector cars over years old," said CEO David Burroughs.

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Although preregistration is now closed, owners can register for display only on June 28; gates open at 7 a.m. For more information, contact Bloomington Gold at (309) 888-4444 or visit [www.SurvivorCollectorCar.com](http://www.SurvivorCollectorCar.com).

## GM Saturn deal with former auto racer?

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. has a tentative deal to sell its Saturn brand to former race car driver and dealership group owner Roger Penske, according to two people briefed on the deal.

GM has scheduled a conference call for Friday to discuss the sale, and Penske will be on the call along with Saturn General Manager Jill Lajdzniak, said the sources, who asked not to be identified because the deal has not been made public.

Penske has said his company, Penske Automotive Group Inc. of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is interested in the Saturn brand and intended to make an offer. Penske Automotive Group also distributes Daimler AG's smart subcompact in the United States, but smart has its own dealership network and Saturn dealers would not distribute the tiny cars, one of the people said.

Initially GM would continue to make cars for Saturn, but Penske would also sign deals with other automakers to manufacture vehicles for the brand, said both sources.

Penske Automotive owns the second largest U.S. automobile retail chain in terms of sales. It also owns heavy-duty engine manufacturer Detroit Diesel and has race teams in the IndyCar, NASCAR and Grand-Am series.

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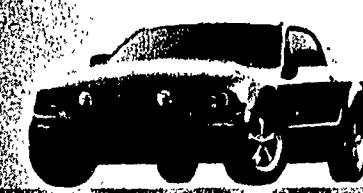
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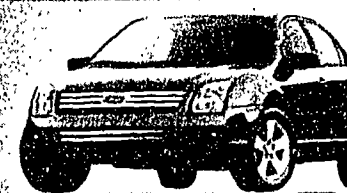
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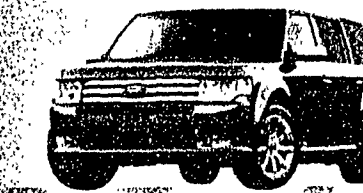
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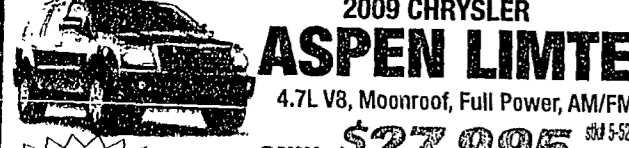


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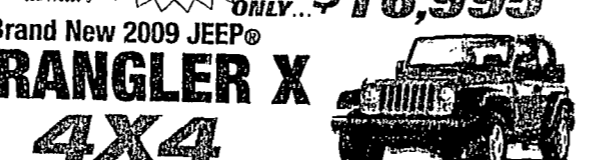
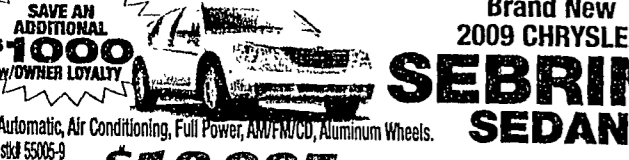
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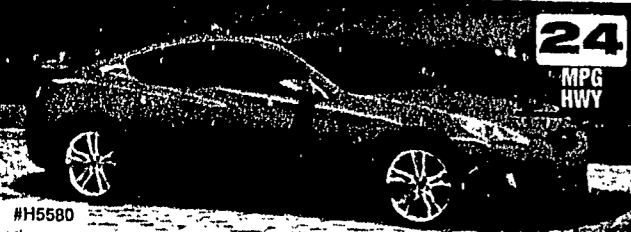
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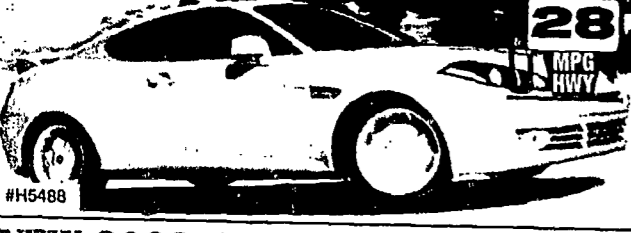
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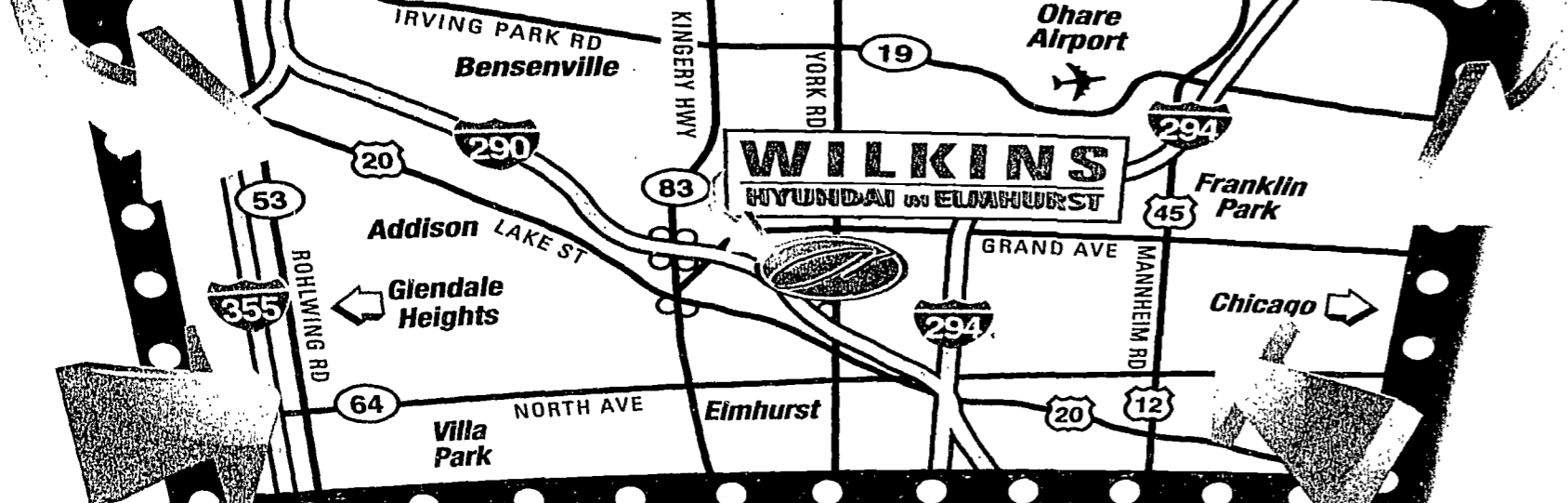
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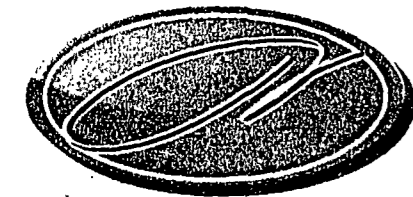
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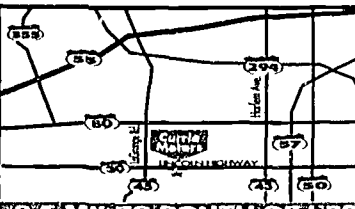
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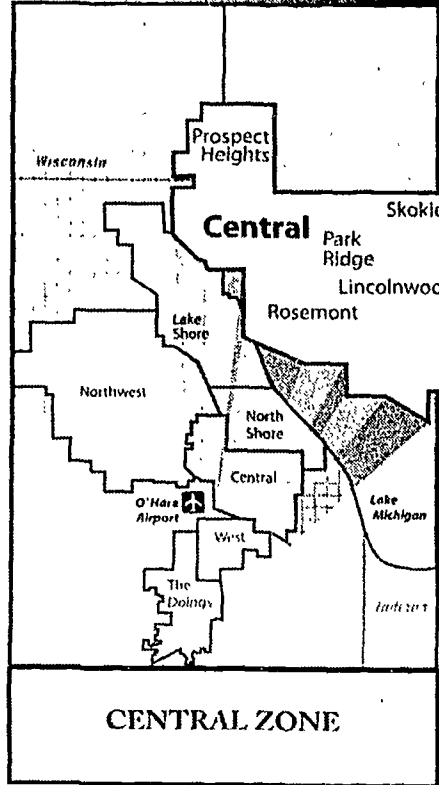
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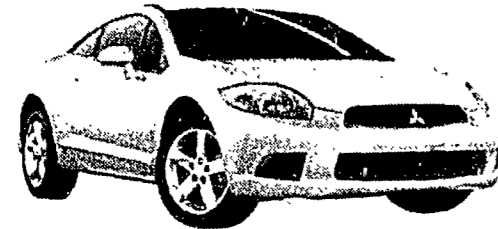
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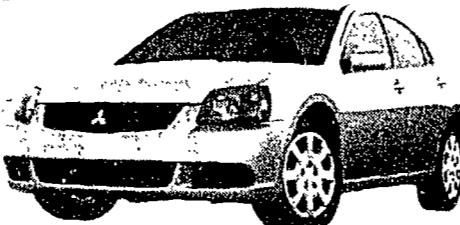


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**MORTGAGE UPDATE**

**Mortgage rates shoot up By Holden Lewis**

Plenty of people planned to refinance mortgages this summer. Then "Black Wednesday" happened.

That's what folks in the mortgage industry call May 27, the day that mortgage rates zoomed upward half a percentage point or more. Like a bouncing rubber ball, rates have gone up and down since then, in ever-smaller increments.

Bottom line: Rates are substantially higher than they were a couple of weeks ago, when many would-be borrowers were floating instead of locking. They were gambling that mortgage rates would decline further or stay the same. They lost. The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 20 basis points to 5.65 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.44 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.26 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.27 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 20 basis points to 5.06 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage rose 26 basis points to 5.2 percent.

Rates swung wildly for technical reasons that didn't have

much to do with the overall economy. Give yourself a pat on the back if you understand the following explanation:

When mortgage rates rise, fewer homeowners refinance. This means that mortgage-backed securities will be paid off slower than investors expected. At the same time, yields on other bonds, including risk-free Treasury notes, are rising. Mortgage investors grow concerned. All things being equal, they would rather own higher-yield securities than lower-yield securities, just as you'd rather have a higher-paying job than a lower-paying one.

So investors sell their lower-yield mortgage-backed securities and buy higher-yield ones. And mortgage interest rates rise with the higher yields. When this cycle begins -- the cycle of selling bonds to chase higher yields -- it can feed on itself, creating powerful updrafts in rates. That's what happened on Black Wednesday.

Refinancing dilemma  
Now that rates are higher, should homeowners give up on refinancing?

"It's really a function of what is the rate they have on their mortgage, and how long they intend to stay in the home,"

says David Adamo, CEO of Luxury Mortgage, a Stamford, Conn.-based mortgage bank that lends nationwide. If someone still has a mortgage at more than 6 percent, and plans to stay in the home for more than three years, "there's economic justification to refinance under today's rates," Adamo says. At the time he was speaking, rates were around 5.625 percent.

Christopher Cruise, senior loan officer for GoTeHomeLoans.com, says a rapid rise in mortgage rates can be a good thing if, as usual, rates fall back. Indecisive borrowers jump off the fence. "Anything below 5 percent, they're going to come flooding in," he says. "They say, 'Oops, I missed it this time. If rates come back down, I'm not going to miss it now.'"

You can't entirely blame fence-sitters for not locking when rates were so low during much of the spring. Because so many people were refinancing, it was taking the overwhelmed banks seven to 10 weeks to get loans from application to closing. Because a lot of lenders charged a fee for locking a rate longer than 30 days, borrowers often floated until they were comfortably inside the 30-days-till-closing window.

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#### Benefits

**Catholic Charities' Race to Help on Sunday** at Arlington Park, 220 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, offers a day at the races to help Catholic

Charities' Emergency Services in northern Cook County. Watch the day's races from the Governor's Room while enjoying a buffet lunch. Governor's Room opens at noon (post time 1 p.m.), buffet, 12:30-2:30 p.m. and open bar is from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person. Donation will help provide food, shelter and counseling services to those who need them most. Call Mary Beth Hartmann, (847) 376-2121.

#### Center of Concern

**The Center of Concern**, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes: Tuesdays, Wednesdays (every week)

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Employment counseling, by appointment.

Tuesday - Medicare counseling, by appointment.

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

June 20 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

June 27 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

**The Center of Concern** will hold its annual miniature golf outing from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain View Adventure Golf, 510 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines. Rain date is Wednesday. This benefit outing will include 18 holes of miniature golf, a picnic dinner, and raffle prizes. Admis-

sion is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. All are welcome. Call (847) 823-0453 to reserve a place. Sponsorship opportunities for local businesses range from \$100 for one of the course's 18 holes to \$500 for the picnic tent. Sponsorship benefits include signs at the event and an acknowledgment in the Center's bi-monthly newsletter and annual report.

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

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

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

#### Classes

**TLC: Total Learning Community**, in Partnership with Oakton Community College, is offering free Family Literacy Classes on Saturday mornings. Free child care is also provided. Participants will learn about the U.S. school system; how to report a child's absence from school; understand report cards; how to prepare for parent-teacher conferences; how to complete required forms; how to help with homework; and how to participate during the parent-child activity. Register now. Classes run from 9 a.m.-noon at Gemini Junior High School, 8955 Greenwood Ave., Niles. Note: Child care is available for children who are out of diapers. Call Pamela Surber, TLC director, (847) 827-4137.

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

#### Clubs

**Northwest Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago** holds its annual membership meeting at 7 p.m. Friday in a member's home in Arlington Heights. This will be a wine and cheese event. A film of the Berlin concert featuring Plácido Domingo, Anna Netrebko and Ramon Villazon will be featured. Cost is \$10 for renewed members; \$20, all others. Call (847) 399-6024 or (847) 298-6492.

**The Polish Arts Club** of Chicago will hold its installation luncheon beginning at noon Sunday in the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Guest Helen Weberopol, 2008 Polish Arts Club music contest winner, will perform. Cost is \$45. Guests are invited. Call A. Tondryk, (773) 775-7554.

**I Chiacchieroni** Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. This is a casual

evening of conversation in Italian. The next meeting will be Thursday. Call Gabriella, (847) 541-8524, or e-mail: iachiacchieroni@yahoo.com.

**LeTip International**, a business networking organization, recently opened a new local chapter. Area professionals seeking new leads, networking opportunities and valuable business tips are invited to join the group, which meets every Thursday at 7:01 a.m. at Omega, 9100 W. Golf Road in Niles. At each meeting, members exchange qualified business referrals, build professional relationships, create alliances, develop public speaking skills and take turns promoting their products and services. Also, in every LeTip chapter, each business category is represented by one member to prevent conflicts of interest (once you join, your competition cannot). To learn more, contact Janet Hansen, (815) 728-1483, or jvhansen@letip.com. For details on LeTip, visit www.LeTip.com.

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

**The Knights of Columbus** (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

**The American Jewish Artists Club** is accepting new members. The group, founded in the early 1920s, focuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community. Call Lorre Slaw, (847) 272-0744, or e-mail: lslaw@oakton.edu.

**Audubon Society** of Park Ridge meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Maine Park Leisure Center, Forestview and Sylvia-wood. Guests of all ages are welcome. Call Roger Ginger, (847) 825-2982.

**Niles Chapter Toastmasters** meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

#### Community

To mark 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy, American Science & Surplus and Astronomy is hosting a Star Party to view the skies from 8-10 p.m. Friday in Geneva, Ill., at 33 W 361 Route 38 (one-quarter mile east of Kirk Road). Astronomer Paul Chapman will lead the fun with staff available one hour prior to the scheduled event to assist children, families and other individuals with any difficulties they may have with their telescopes or to answer any questions regarding telescopes in general. Star Parties are free of charge to the general public. Just set up your telescope or step up and view the Cosmos through Chapman's high-end scope. Call the Chicago branch at (773) 763-0313.

# The brunch bunch

## Farmers market offerings determine local chefs' menus



Chef/owner Brian Newkirk of Jilly's Cafe in Evanston works with salmon and pork in cooking a pair of entrees for his Prix Fixe Champagne Brunch on Sundays. (Shauna Bittle/For STNG)



(From left) Chefs George Bumbaris and Sarah Stegner, owners of Prairie Grass Cafe in Northbrook, show off one of their brunch specialties - French Toast with Strawberry-Rhubarb Compote. (Jason Han/For STNG)

By **STEPHANIE FOSNIGHT**  
Contributor

What makes a good brunch? It doesn't take long for Brian Newkirk, chef/owner at Jilly's Café in Evanston, to come up with an answer.

"Champagne," Newkirk announced. "Champagne and mimosas."

Even if champagne in the morning isn't your cup of tea — so to speak — something about champagne does seem to symbolize the perfect summer brunch. It's light, it's fun, carefree and the best quality.

#### Easy does it

"I think in the morning people want something delicious that they don't have to think about too hard," said Sarah Stegner, chef/owner at Prairie Grass Café in Northbrook. "It has to be something with a sense of familiarity to it that is, at the same time, special."

Thanks to the abundance of farmers markets now

sprouting up all over our towns and villages, brunch is an easy, festive, summery meal that we winter-weary folk should savor to the last drop.

"Take a look at the farmers markets on Saturday and pick one or two things that are beautiful, like asparagus or the first of the peppers, and incorporate that into your brunch," Stegner said. "It's easy to work with products like that because they're fresh and delicious."

#### A good egg

Both Stegner and Newkirk insist on starting right, with fresh eggs from a local source. Another essential component is taking a good loaf of bread, like an onion or olive baguette, and toasting it before spreading with real butter. Throw in some quality Cheddar or goat cheese, add a helping of in-season fruit, and you've got yourself a simple feast.

"Even if you just have fresh spring onions with a

local Cheddar, you can make really good scrambled eggs," Stegner said. "It just needs to be fresh and simple and shouldn't require a lot of work."

Those in possession of a waffle iron can easily make waffles topped with flavorful local strawberries or raspberries, just like Stegner does at Prairie Grass each weekend. Or try more Prairie Grass favorites, such as french toast with fresh peaches, or crêpes spread with fruit or chocolate. Kids, especially, delight in choosing their own crêpe fillings.

"My daughter loves to get the crêpes made for her," Stegner said.

Finally, don't be shy about including the "lunch" part of brunch. Newkirk has created a dedicated brunch customer base at Jilly's with his selection of fresh fish dishes, such as salmon and arctic char. The crab cakes and smoked salmon are also perennial favorites, as is

the pork tenderloin with a lingonberry sauce.

#### Unlimited variables

"There are just so many different things you can do," Newkirk said. "We sell the smoked salmon with a scallion cream cheese."

Stegner, too, sees plenty of brunch customers who are ready to break out of the breakfast box.

"Often you get a group of people and 10 order eggs while one person orders a salad," she said. "There's always someone who got up at 5 a.m. and is ready for lunch."

When it comes to a tasty, light-hearted brunch, it doesn't matter how simple the fare as long as the ingredients are right — like Stegner's French Toast with Strawberry-Rhubarb Compote.

Or you can opt for "a good pâté with a toasted baguette," advised Newkirk. And don't forget the champagne.

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Chefs George Bumbaris and Sarah Stegner, owners of Prairie Grass Cafe in Northbrook, make simple french toast dazzle by topping it with Rhubarb Compote with Strawberries. (Jason Han/For STNG)

### French Toast with Strawberry-Rhubarb Compote

8 thick slices of bread or Texas Toast  
7 whole eggs  
Pinch of cinnamon  
2 C half and half  
1/4 C clarified butter  
Strawberry Rhubarb Compote:  
2 1/2 C chopped rhubarb  
1/2 C sugar  
1/4 C water  
2 T whole butter  
1 C strawberries, stems removed

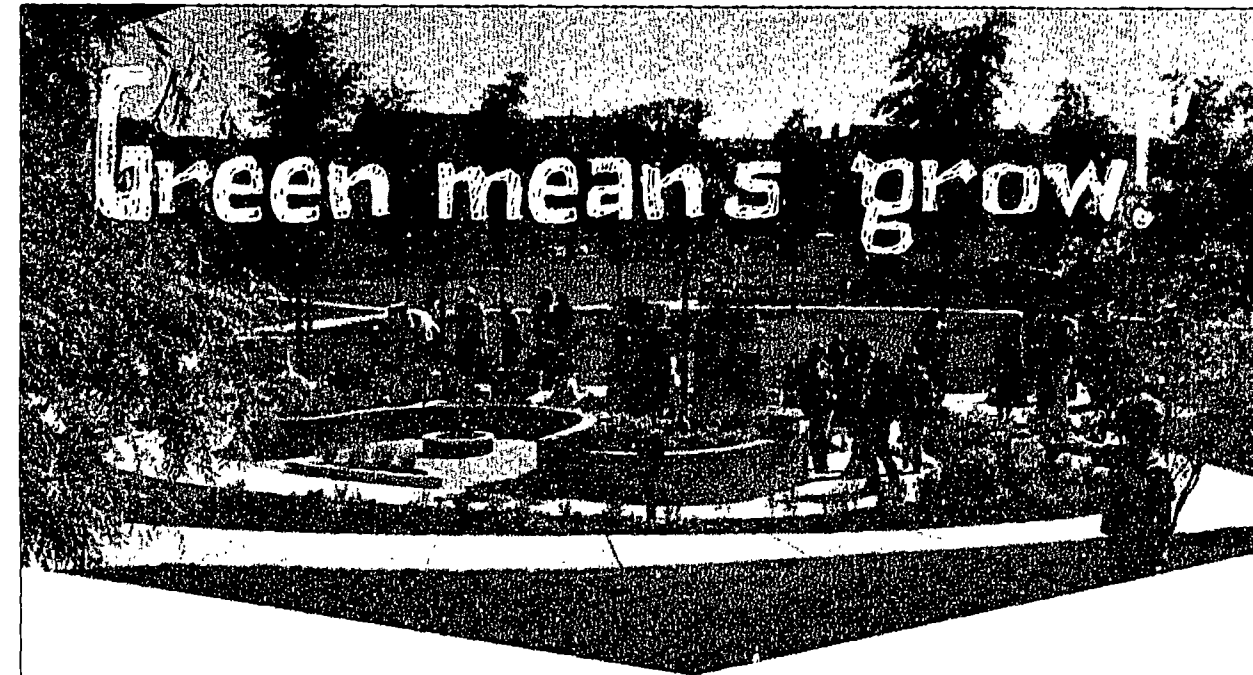
Mix the eggs and cinnamon together. Add the half and half. In a shallow baking dish, dip the thick slices of bread in the batter. Heat clarified butter in a 12-inch sauté pan and cook bread slices on low-to-medium heat until golden brown on both sides. (The secret to french toast is to cook the bread long and slow until the outside is golden brown.)

Repeat the process until all the bread is cooked. Serve topped with Strawberry-Rhubarb Compote.

For the compote: Simmer the rhubarb, sugar and water together until the rhubarb falls apart. Taste and adjust amount of sugar to your liking. Stir in the butter. Fold in strawberries and serve warm over the french toast.



Brian Newkirk, chef/owner of Jilly's Café in Evanston, emphasizes the "lunch" part of brunch with a selection of fresh fish dishes, like this Sautéed Salmon with Orzo Pasta, Asparagus and Lime Butter Sauce. (Shauna Bittle/For STNG)



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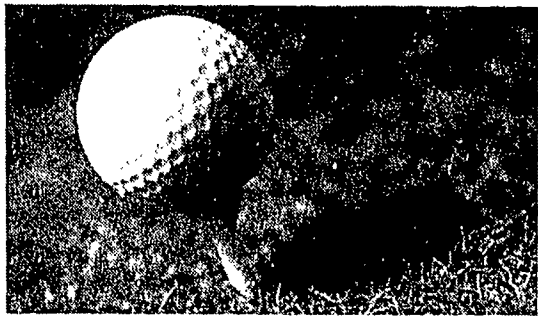
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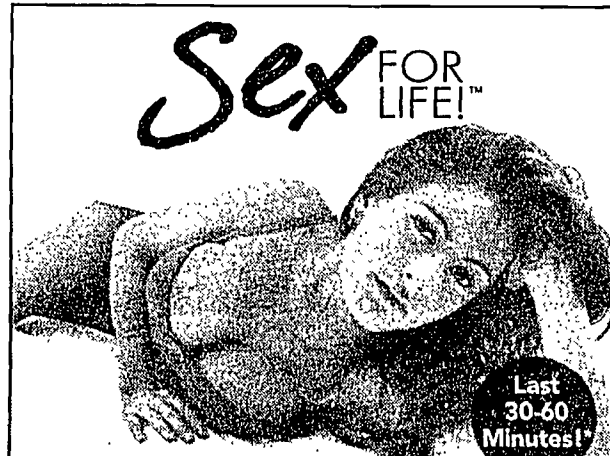
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**Our Lady of Ransom Parish**, Niles, is holding its annual Family Fun-Fest 2009 through Sunday on the parish grounds, Greenwood and Normal avenues. A beer garden, carnival rides, food and ware vendors, indoor bingo (air-conditioned) and grand cash raffle will be highlighted. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. Sunday. The following entertainment will be on the main stage the evenings of the fest. Thursday: The Associates, 7 p.m.; Friday: Skip Towne and the Greyhounds, 8 p.m.; Saturday: Undercover, 8 p.m.; Sunday: Downtown Sound, 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Admission and parking are free. Call (847) 823-2550.

### Fitness Center

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

**Summer swim lesson** registration takes place Tuesday-June 21. Costs are \$50 for members; \$66 for nonmembers.

**Learn to Swim Placement Testing** for all new participants is from 9-11 a.m. Saturday and from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Participation in testing does not guarantee a child a spot in the Learn to Swim program. The testing fee is \$5.

**The Niles Family Fitness Center** offers various party themes, which include Splish Splash Pool Party, Havin' a Ball Sports Party, Bead-Tastic Bash, Professor Crazy's Mad Science Fun, and Tiny Tots Birthday Bash. All party packages include: private party room; party host to lead activities; decorations; personalized cake with candles and punch; all service utensils including tablecloths; goody bags for invited child; free swim pass for each invited child. Package prices are \$179, members; \$199, nonmembers.

**Mike Injian and Niles Family Fitness Center** present a highly instructional, highly competitive Summer Basketball Clinic for ages 9-14. The camp will address proper shooting mechanics, ball-handling, play-making skills, rebounding, defensive fundamentals and offensive principles. Players will participate in 1-on-1, 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 tournaments, as well as various jump-shooting competitions.

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

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

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

**The Niles Family Fitness Center's** Summer Camp program for ages 6-11 includes sports, outdoor games, field trips and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Aug. 14. Extended camp

hours are 8-9 a.m. \$5 extra per day, and 3-5 p.m. \$10 extra per day. Camp session fees are: full-time, one week, \$128, members or \$166, nonmembers; part-time: 3 days per week (parent's choice), \$86, members or \$111, nonmembers. Register for all nine weeks of Campplastic and receive the ninth week free.

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

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

**A.I.S. Stretch:** Isolated stretching to increase flexibility.

**Body Flex:** Increase lean muscle mass and boost resting metabolic rate with this strength training class. Use hand weights, body bars, exercise balls, and floor exercises to develop a toned, strong body.

**BOSU, Cardio & Core:** Challenges balance while taking cardiovascular drills that target glutes and thighs, and core strengthening exercises which challenge abs, back and waist. Intermediate to Advanced.

**Butts, Guts and Step:** A 30-minute lower body strengthening workout, including squats, lunges, and core strengthening, followed by 45 minute step workout, which includes high intensity step aerobics and a cool down stretch. Intermediate to Advanced.

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

**Cardio Fusion:** Cardiovascular workout with muscle shaping with interval Step, plyometrics, Kickboxing or BOSU combinations with strength training. Finish with core work and stretch. Intermediate to Advanced.

**Dance Aerobics:** Includes a mix of dance, and aerobics, followed by an abdominal workout. Intermediate to Advanced.

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

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

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

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

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

**Yoga:** Work the mind and body.

### Fund-raisers

**Little City Used Book Sale** runs through Sunday at Westfield Old Orchard in Skokie. The event is free. Children's Day is Thursday; and Bargain Weekend is Saturday-Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. More details at www.LittleCityBooksSale.com.

**From 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** on Thursday, a \$6 jewelry show continues in the Grainger Atrium of Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, sponsored by the Service League to benefit areas of need throughout the hospital. The sale will feature rings, watches, bracelets, necklaces, leather goods, belts and more. Call (847) 723-6105.

### Health

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

**Diabetes Support Group** is open to diabetics and family members who have questions and concerns about diet and managing their diabetes: 11 a.m.-noon June 18 in the Health Management Classroom or the first floor, South Corridor, Entrance C. Registration requested, not required.

**Join pain management** expert Dr. Naveen Tipirneni as he discusses "Advanced Procedures in Pain Management" from 7-8 p.m. June 18 at the Blessed Alice Conference Rooms B & C, ground floor, Professional Office Building, Entrance B. This free event will show chronic pain sufferers how to improve their quality of life. Registration requested, not required.

**Cholesterol Screening Part 1** involves a blood draw for a fasting cholesterol fractionation test (lipid profile) from 7:30-10 a.m. June 22 in the Health Management Classroom on the first floor, South Corridor, Entrance C. Participants must fast 12 hours prior to the test. Registration required. Fee: \$15.

**Cholesterol Screening Part 2** will provide participants with the results of the lab test from Part 1 from 1-2 p.m. June 29. There will be a lecture by a registered dietitian/exercise physiologist on eating appropriately and exercising to lower cholesterol. Participation in Part 1 is not required to attend lecture. Registration is required. **Learn more about** the latest scientific findings on sugar, trans fats, probiotics, omega-3s and more at the "Hot Nutrition Topics" lecture from 6-7 p.m. June 22 in the RMC Health Management classroom, first floor, Entrance C. Registration requested, not required.

**Dr. Frederick Tiesenga** will present a lecture on "Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery" from 5-6 p.m. June 25 in the Blessed Alice Conference Rooms B & C, Professional Office Building, Entrance B, ground floor. Learn about a new method for gallbladder removal, hernia and bariatric surgery, etc. which involves a single incision through the belly button. This minimally-invasive technique involves less

scaring, less blood loss and a faster recovery, especially for people on the go. Registration requested, not required.

**Nicotine Anonymous** meetings in the Health Management classroom located on the first floor of the hospital near Entrance C. Ongoing: 7-8 p.m. Mondays. **Have the whole family** get fit at the Club Res Family Fitness Camp - for children ages 8-14 and parents. Ongoing: 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Fee: 10 classes, \$50; 20 classes, \$80.

**Yoga Classes**, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 9-10:30 p.m. Saturdays - in the Blessed Alice Room, ground floor of the Professional Building, Entrance B, across from the Fitness Center. Fee: \$8 per class.

**Advocate Lutheran General Hospital** and the American Red Cross offer an Infant/Child CPR Course from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 20 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. This five-hour course teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children and how to prevent injuries to infants and children at home and in play areas. Fee is \$50. Call (800) 323-8622 or visit www.advocatehealth.com to register; code is 8C16.

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

### Historical Society

**The Niles Historical Society** hosts Cecil Wiseloge, accompanied by her husband, Michael, in "Here Comes the Bride" at 2 p.m. June 24. The program is held in the Oasis Fun Center, 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave. She will reflect on the ancient customs and how many bridal traditions began and give a review of the rituals, superstitions and fashion trends of the wedding day. She also will provide a look back at some famous brides and a display of unique bride dolls. Call (847) 390-0160.

### Kids

**Advocate Lutheran General Hospital** is offering a class designed for children who are expecting a new baby in the family. The next class will be offered from 10-11:30 a.m. June 27 at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Children ages 3-9 may participate. Discussions include newborn behavior and responses, infant needs and supplies, ways children can help with the baby and family changes. Children will learn how to hold, feed and diaper a baby. Children may also tour the newborn nursery. To register, call HealthAdvisor at (800) 323-8622 or visit www.advocatehealth.com. The reference code is 8B13.

### Library

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

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

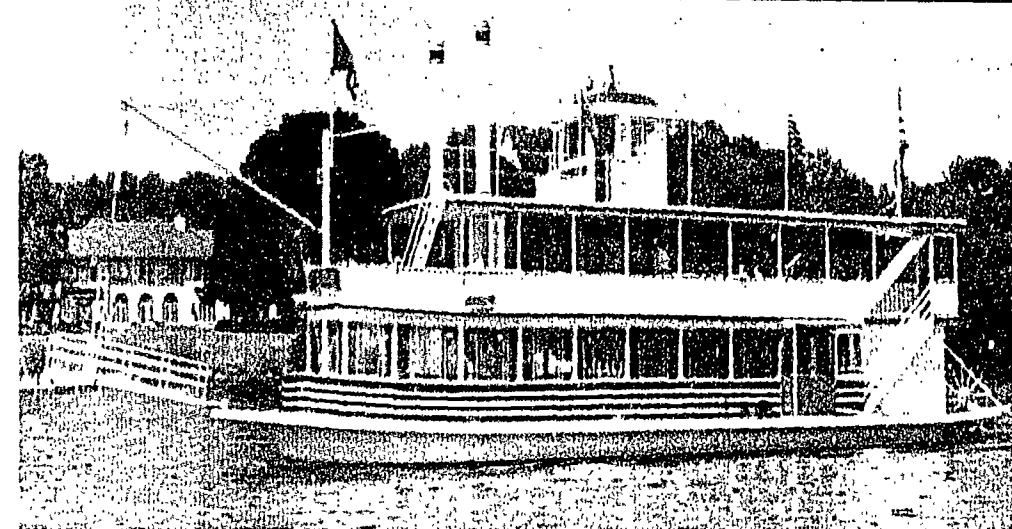
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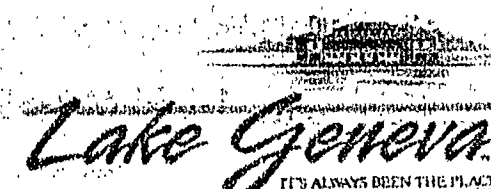
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Enroll now in continuing education courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College.

Recycling the Urban Forest (SCI E33-31) shows how damaged trees are recycled to produce lumber for environmentally sensitive building projects.

Photo Restoration Basics Using Adobe Photoshop (ART T06-31) provides tips on how to make your photos look their best.

using Macintosh computers, but PC users are welcome. Six-week course meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays starting June 18 at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Course fee is \$145.

Connecting Kids and Books (COM C06-C31) explores how to make appropriate book choices for young readers. A \$10 textbook fee is due at the first class.

Other available courses include: NLN Pre-Admission Test (TEST T02-31). Learn to Type on a Computer Keyboard (OFF A39-31), and How to Meditate (PHL E02-31).

For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, including registration and fee information, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-

9888, press 3.

OAKTON BRIEFS

From current events in Afghanistan to the films of Elia Kazan, the Emeritus Program at Oakton offers a variety of classes starting in June.

Conscience and Controversy: The Films of Elia Kazan (HUM C56-92) explores the work of the director who turned informer during the anti-Communist "witch hunts" of the 1950s.

Movies to be viewed and discussed include: "A Slretrcar Named Desire," "East of Eden," and "On the Waterfront." Seven-week course meets 3:30-6:45 p.m. Tuesdays starting June 16 at Evanston Township High School, 1600 E. Dodge Ave., Evanston. Course fee is \$105.

Jesus' Parables (HIS T50-91) offers an in-depth study of parables in the New Testament. Eight-week course meets 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays

starting June 18 at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Course fee is \$100.

A League of their Own: Important Women (HIS C26-91) provides insight into the lives of famous women from the arts, sciences and international relations. Five-week course meets 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays starting June 18 at Oakton's Skokie campus. Course fee is \$80.

Is the U.S. Losing Afghanistan? (PSE B38-91) analyzes the current state of affairs in Afghanistan. Topics include the forces working against the United States, including a resurgent Taliban, support from Pakistan, and a weak Afghan government. Two-week course meets 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays starting June 22 at Oakton's Skokie campus. Course fee is \$30.

Ancient Persia (HIS T21-91) covers the empire's rise and fall. Six-week course

meets 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays starting June 23 at Oakton's Skokie campus. Course fee is \$70.

For more information, call (847) 635-1414 or (847) 992-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes, course fees, seminars, and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

Explore music genres from the past and discover how they continue to influence the music of today in a fall class offered at Oakton.

Music Literature and History (MUS 236-001) examines the musical styles, literature and concepts of distinct eras, including the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern periods. This 16-week course meets 12:30-1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Aug. 25 at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road. Course is Illinois Articulation

Initiative approved for transfer to participating institutions.

For details contact Glenna Sprague, (847) 635-1905 or gsprague@oakton.edu.

Visit scenic and historic Croatia on a travel/study tour offered by Oakton. This trip departs Oct. 19, 2009.

Zagreb, the nation's capital and largest city, offers stunning architecture, open-air markets and tempting cuisine. Visit Plitvice Lakes National Park and its 16 terraced lakes connected by a series of waterfalls and free flowing cascades.

Also, Olsson and Zuegel will be conducting a 2 p.m. workshop on June 16, that ties in with the exhibit. The Kalo Foundation was recently honored with an award from the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education for its work with schools and community.

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four and Advanced Placement Studio Art students learned about the Kalo silver movement - which started in Park Ridge - from Foundation Board of Director members Burt Olsson, Herb Zuegel and Betsy Foxwell.

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The following Maine South High School students were recognized for various accomplishments during the school's Spring Assembly on May 14:

Wrestler Chris Brassell was named an IHSAA All-State wrestler while compiling a school-record 44 wins.

Andrew Deveau was named a first-team All-State IHSAA Scholastic Bowl member, and in doing so, became only the third sophomore in state history to ever earn this award.

Olivia Reberger advanced to the National History Day competition and will compete in June in Washington, DC.

Joyce Hanck was a finalist for the U.S. team for the International German Olympics. Hanck also won a fully paid summer scholarship to study in Germany.

Petra Nelson, Pamela Rivera, Cristan Tavarez, and Bobby Porter, placed regionally on the National Spanish Exam.

Jackie Sherman, Kelli Wozniakowski, and Nikki Vidal achieved Honorable Mention recognition on the Italian National Contest.

Junior Michael Mellul and freshman Sarah Tarabey both ranked in the top 10 in the nation on the National French Contest.

Hiral Pithadia placed first in state in DECA's Accounting Competition. Hiral qualified for international competition along with Matt Serge and John Jamison.

The Maine South Constitution Team again represented Illinois at the National Competition Washington, DC.

The Varsity Hawkettes were High Kick State Champions and placed fifth in the nation in February.

RESURRECTION

On April 30, students at Resurrection High School were inducted into one or more honor societies. Ninety six students were inducted into the National Honor Society; 12 students into the Diakonia Service Honor Society; 10 students into the National Art Honor Society; 21 students into the Modern Music Masters (Tri-M); 8 students into the French Honor Society; 14 students into the Spanish

Honor Society (La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica); 10 students into the Italian Honor Society; and 41 students into the International Thespian Society. The students pledged to maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character and to uphold the high purposes of the honor society to which they were inducted.

Karen Stahmer Bartuch '94 was the keynote speaker for the induction ceremony. The Resurrection alumna spoke about her academic and career path and the formation that she received at Resurrection.

Bartuch is a Chicago Police Officer and a policy advisor in the Office of News Affairs to Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weiss.

Bartuch discussed her passion for her career and the challenges that she has faced. She encouraged the honor society inductees to follow their passions, conquer challenges and get in the right mindset. She also stressed physical fitness and engaging in lifelong learning. She told the students with a strong foundation with which to build upon and which ultimately afforded me the power of choice." Bartuch is a graduate of Northwestern University and is currently pursuing a master's degree from DePaul University in public relations.

Resurrection High School senior Meghan Kasprzyk '09 was named a Chicago Tribune Regional Academic Scholar. Every year in May, top students in the state are named to the annual Chicago Tribune High School Academic Team. Judges select 70 finalists - 10 from each of seven regions in the state. Kasprzyk was selected as one of the 10 finalists from the Chicago region. Selection is based upon academic achievement, community service, leadership positions, school involvement, and achievement outside of school.

Kasprzyk has achieved First Honors throughout her high school career while taking the most challenging, college preparatory course of studies at Resurrection High School. Meghan is an Illinois State Scholar. For two years she was awarded the gold prize in the Regional Science Fair; she was the recipient of the Harvard Prize Book Award for Resurrection High School in 2007; and is a National Merit Commended student.

Outside of the classroom, Kasprzyk is a leader as well. She is vice president of Students Against Drunk Driving and the National Honor Society. She is a member of the Spanish Club, a Student Ambassador, a Spanish peer tutor, a freshman mentor, a Kairos leader, and participates in the Crop Walk every year. Meghan is also the Opinion Editor for the Res Banner student news publication and has been a member of the tennis team for four years.

She will be attending Northwestern University.

Resurrection High School students Malgorzata Rozko and cousins Theresa Sciaraffa and Dianna Sciaraffa were the recipients

of the Kiwanis Leadership and Community Service Award for 2009. The honor was awarded to the students on May 14 by the Edison-Norwood-O'Hare Kiwanis Club for their strong leadership.

Junior Malgorzata (Margaret) Rozka is an honor student, a Student Ambassador and an editor of the Resurrection High School yearbook. Seniors Theresa Sciaraffa and Dianna Sciaraffa are both honor students and Illinois State Scholars who play in the Resurrection Chamber Orchestra.

Resurrection High School students participated in the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Science Fair on May 8 and 9 at the University of Illinois-Champaign. The IJAS State Science Fair gives students a valuable learning experience. Each year, young scientists from Catholic, private and public schools (grades 7-12) pursue specialized fields of science by working on individualized research projects, either as part of their core curriculum or through independent study. These projects broaden scientific awareness and allow students to delve deeply into areas of their own special interests, giving them a chance to explore, to gather information, to arrive at conclusions and to present ideas in a competitive public forum.

The following Resurrection students and their projects and/or research papers were awarded Gold and Silver ratings:

Projects (Gold rating): Jamie Cetrone '09 "Burning Calories" (Chemistry); Jessica Choate '10 "Does Storage Affect the Vitamin C Content of Oranges?" (Biochemistry); Lucina Diaz '10 "When I Grow Up I Wanna be Tall!" (Botany); Christine Engbretson '12 "On the Rebound" (Physics); Elise Jancz '09 "Is Distilled Water Really a Control?" (Chemistry); Mary Mieszala '10 "What Infant Flame Resistant Clothing is Safest for Children?" (Consumer Science); Margaret Moran '09 "Reduce, Reuse, DeComputer Science: Biodegradable Materials" (Consumer Science); Catherine O'Connor '10 "Which Material Keeps You the Warmest?" (Consumer Science); Caroline Santella '09 "You Call, You Drive, You Lose" (Behavioral Science); Kristin Vioria '10 "Do You Remember?" (Behavioral Science).

Research Papers (Gold rating): Christine Engbretson '12 "On the Rebound" (Physics); Catherine O'Connor '10 "Which Material Keeps You the Warmest?" (Consumer Science); Stephanie Torres '10 "Just Relax!" (Behavioral Science).

Projects (Silver rating): Alyssa Romeo '11 "What Are the Effects of Different Types of Common Drinks on the Color of the Teeth?" (Chemistry); and Maria Warnock '10 "Video Games: Putting Your Heart Rate to the Test" (Behavioral Science).

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inducted into Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society: Kathryn Eranoff '09 and Jennifer Pavel '10 of Park Ridge; and Karen Boehm '10. Emilia Crysaczon '09, Alexandra Murray '10, and Theresa Sciaraffa '09, all of the local Chicago area.

The following students were previously inducted into Mu Alpha Theta: Amanda Schlink '09, Blanche Schoonhoven '09, and Samantha Szyka '09, all of the local Chicago area.

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Maine Township

Maine Township's FISH (Friends 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.

Parenting

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is offering a six-hour Baby Care and

Development Class designed for couples who are expecting their first child, grandparents, childcare givers and adoptive parents. Topics include physical care, safety, sleep, common concerns, immunizations and development, birth through 12 months of age. The next class is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Upcoming sessions will be June 18 and June 25. The fee is \$40 per couple or \$30 per couple if taken in conjunction with the Weekend

Childbirth Series or Labor, Birth and Postpartum Class. Call HealthAdvisor, (800) 323-8622, or go to www.advocatehealth.com to register. Code is 8B11.

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation's seasonal brochure for summer is available. M-NASR offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. The summer season offers programs and special events including sports and Special Olympic programs, art, cooking and aerobics. Look for the addition of many outings this season, such as: Camping Connection, Teen Adventures and Tee Time Golf. Registration begins upon delivery of the brochure. Maine-Niles serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

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

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

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Niles Park District offers a wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth-graders: full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey and ice skating camps. Stop by Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., to register. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts and crafts and sports. Most camps began June 8. Call (847) 967-6633. The Golf-Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi-Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com.

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Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. ♿  
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**The Edgebrook Church**  
6155 W. Touhy Avenue, (773) 631-1155  
<http://edgebrookchurch.org>  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Ensemble Practice,  
Wednesday 6:30 PM  
Praise, Prayer & Bible Study  
Wednesday 7:30 PM

**Bethel Community Church**  
7601 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-2355  
[www.bethelcommunity.org](http://www.bethelcommunity.org)  
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Encounter Gathering: Sunday 6:00 PM  
Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Study—9:45 AM

Senior Pastor—Pastor Paul Jorden  
Associate Pastor—Pastor Rob Bukowski;  
Student Ministries—Pastor Shawn Clark  
Music & Worship—Pastor Andy Clifton  
Childcare available for all services.  
Seniors & Women's Bible Studies  
September thru May.  
Call for information or see the website.

**CHICAGO**

**Norwood Park Lutheran Church—ELCA**  
5917 N. Nina Avenue (at Nickerson)  
(773) 631-2860

Sunday Services—10:00 AM  
Holy Communion celebrated 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays Service of the Word on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays. Sunday Church School—9:00 AM  
(with Confirmation Ministry)  
Unstaffed Nursery available Sunday from  
9:45—11:00 AM, Rev. Robert C. Johnson,  
Pastor Joyce M. Kissenger, Director of Music  
Children's Sermons 2nd Sunday of the Month  
"Celebrating God's grace and mercy for  
over 86 years in old Norwood Park."

**"Our Lady Mother of the Church"**  
8701 W. Lawrence Avenue, (773) 625-3369  
[www.ourladyofmotherchurch.com](http://www.ourladyofmotherchurch.com)  
[olmotherchurch@aol.com](mailto:olmotherchurch@aol.com)  
Mass Schedule: Weekdays Monday through  
Friday 8:30 AM, Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11 AM, Sunday 11:00 AM  
Young People's Liturgy of the Word Holy  
Days 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM, Tuesday 9:00 AM  
Perpetual Help Novena Eucharistic  
Adoration First Fridays 9:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Saturday Confession 4:00—4:30 PM  
Baptism 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month  
Rev. Richard J. Klajbor, Pastor

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Norwood-Park LCMS**  
6099 N. Northcott Ave.  
(at Nickerson & Hood Avenues)  
(773) 631-1100 & (773) 631-1606  
[www.oslc3@sbglobal.net](http://www.oslc3@sbglobal.net)  
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM. Sunday  
School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM  
Wednesday  
Advent & Lenten Worship Services—  
Wednesday at 7:00 PM

**St. Eugene Catholic Church**  
7958 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-6659  
[www.st-eugene.org](http://www.st-eugene.org)  
Daily Masses: Mon thru Fri-6:30 & 9:00 AM  
Weekend Masses:  
Sat—8:30 AM & 5:30 PM,  
Sun—7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
Confession: 4:00—5:00 PM Sat  
Baptism: 1:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the  
month, Rev. George Koeune, Pastor;  
Rev. Jerome Twarog, Associate Pastor;  
Rev. Philip Grib, SJ, Resident

**CHICAGO**

**St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church**  
7033 N. Moselle, (773) 763-0206  
[www.smow.org](http://www.smow.org)

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM  
and noon Weekday Masses,  
Mon—Fri 6:30 and 8:00 AM.  
Confession Saturday 3:30—4:15 PM.  
Holy Days Vigil 7:30 PM  
Holy Days 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM  
Rev. Gregory Sackowicz, Pastor  
We have a Preschool (3 yrs. Old)  
through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade School. And offer  
wonderful programs of Religious  
Education for Children and adults.

**St. Monica Catholic Church**  
5136 N. Nottingham, (773) 763-1661  
[www.stmonicachicago.com](http://www.stmonicachicago.com)  
Daily Mass: Mon—Fri 8:00 AM  
Weekend Masses: Saturday—4:00 PM  
Sunday—7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM  
Polish Liturgy Mass: Sunday—1:30 PM  
Confessions:  
Saturday—3:00 to 3:45 PM  
Baptism: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month  
Rev. Ted Schmitt, Pastor  
Rev. Andrew Izyk, Associate Pastor  
Fr. James O'Brien, In Residence  
Fr. William Holbrook, In Residence  
[contactparish@stmonicachicago.com](mailto:contactparish@stmonicachicago.com)

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
5650 N. Confield, 60631, (708) 867-5044  
Rev. Walt Schoenfuhs  
[www.stpaulcanfield.org](http://www.stpaulcanfield.org)  
Street Level, Air Conditioned  
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 AM  
Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30 AM  
Saturday Worship 6:00 PM  
St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School  
Pre-K—Grade 8  
SHARING GOD, TOUCHING LIVES,  
EVERYWHERE

**Victory Worship Center**  
3750 N. Neva, (773) 205-3787  
[www.victoryworshiponline.com](http://www.victoryworshiponline.com)  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM.  
Friday Worship 7:30 PM. Youth Service  
Friday 7:30 PM. Christopher Lewis,  
Pastor, Rev. Ramona Dorsey

**MORTON GROVE**

**St. Luke's Christian Community Church**  
9233 Shermer Rd.,  
(847) 966-9233  
[saintlukesccc@sbglobal.net](mailto:saintlukesccc@sbglobal.net)

Robin Jones—Senior Pastor  
Jeff Nelson—Youth Pastor  
Judy Smith—Worship Director  
Sunday Worship—9:30AM  
Sunday School, Bible Study—11:00AM  
Wednesday 7:30PM—Choir Rehearsal  
Friday 8:00PM  
Youth Group

**Morton Grove Community Church**  
Presbyterian  
8944 Austin Ave.,  
(847) 965-2982  
Bible Study Sundays 9:00 AM.  
Worship Service Sundays 10:00 AM.  
Fellowship Sundays 11:00 AM.  
Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9:00 AM  
Handicapped Accessible  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME ♿

**NILES**

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection**  
8450 N. Shermer Rd. Niles IL, 60714  
(847) 965-8210

Sunday (Sept.-June) 10:30 AM  
(June-Sept) 9:30 AM, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month.  
7:30 PM - Jazz Vesper Service  
(Sept-June).

Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Anderson - Pastor  
Carolyn N. Sanderson -  
Minister of Music  
A member congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church**  
7313 N. Waukegan Road  
(847) 647-8398  
[www.stmichaelniles.org](http://www.stmichaelniles.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM.

Discover the ancient faith and rich  
traditions of the Orthodox Church—  
the first Christian Church—founded.  
By the Lord Jesus Christ and  
described in the pages of  
The New Testament. Today her  
Apostolic doctrine, worship,  
and structure remain intact.

**NORRIDGE**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
8600 W. Lawrence Ave.  
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:35 AM  
Youth & Adult Bible Class  
Sunday 10:45 AM  
Midweek Bible Study -  
Wednesday 10:30 AM. Luther John  
Bajus, Pastor Communion service  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month Choir  
practice Thursday 7:00 PM  
708-453-3514, Fax 708-456-8818  
[www.zionnorridgeil.org](http://www.zionnorridgeil.org)

**NORTHBROOK**  
**Temple Beth-  
E**  
3610 Dundee Rd.  
(847) 205-9982  
Fax (847) 205-9921  
[templebeth-el.org](http://templebeth-el.org)  
**Friday Shabbat Evening Services:**  
First and fourth Fridays—Traditional  
Shabbat Service at 8 PM  
Second Friday—Wine & Cheese  
reception at 5:30 PM followed with  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6 PM or a  
traditional Shabbat Service at 7:30 PM  
Third Friday Family Service at 7 PM  
**Saturday Shabbat Morning Services:**  
9:30 AM Casual Shabbat Service &  
Torah Study  
10 AM Traditional Shabbat Service  
**Shabbat Yeladim**  
Introduction to Temple for children  
up to ages 6 and their families. Older  
siblings are welcome to participate.  
Second Saturday of the month at 9 AM  
and the fourth Friday of the month at  
6 PM Sidney Helbraun, Senior Rabbi  
Jeffrey Weill, Assistant Rabbi  
Victor Weissberg, Rabbi Emeritus  
Kim Harris, Cantor

**To List Your congregation  
please call  
Marsha Garrigan  
630-978-8290  
email [mgarrigan@stng.com](mailto:mgarrigan@stng.com)**

**Weekly Worship**

**EDISON PARK**

**Edison Park Lutheran Church ELCA**  
6626 N. Oliphant Ave., 773-631-9131  
[www.edisonparklutheran.org](http://www.edisonparklutheran.org)  
Sunday Morning Worship Schedule  
Liturgical Worship with Holy Communion  
8:00 AM and 9:45 AM  
Contemporary Worship with Holy  
Communion 11:15 AM.  
Sunday School ages PreK thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
9:45 AM. Attended Nursery for Sunday  
Services. Handicapped Access ♿  
from south parking lot

**NORWOOD PARK**

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
6240 North Avondale, Norwood Park, Illinois  
(773) 763.8845  
[www.saintalbanchurch.com](http://www.saintalbanchurch.com)  
Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9:30 AM  
The communities of St. Alban's Episcopal  
Church and St. Richard's Episcopal Church will  
combine their Holy Week services as follows:  
Maundy Thursday Agape Supper at 6:30 PM  
followed by church service—St. Richard's  
Good Friday service at 7:00 PM—  
St. Alban's. Holy Saturday, Great Vigil  
at 7:00 PM—St. Alban's. Easter Sunday,  
Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM—St. Alban's.  
St. Richard's Episcopal Church is located at  
5101 W. Devon,  
Chicago, IL 60646, Ph.: (773) 774-4519  
St. Alban's offers the Catechesis of the  
Good Shepherd Sunday school program,  
September thru May. It is a Montessori-  
based program that enriches your child's  
knowledge of the Holy Spirit through  
the presentations of Jesus' parables and  
liturgical elements. Your child is welcome  
to join us for morning song at 8:45 AM  
and class at 9:00 AM.

**Norwood Park Lutheran  
Church(ELCA)**  
5917 N. Nina Ave. (at Nickerson)  
(773) 631-2860  
(Street level accessibility to main Church)  
Sunday Services—10:00AM  
(Holy Communion celebrated 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, &  
5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Service of the Word 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays). Sunday Church School—9:00AM  
(With Confirmation Ministry classes for 7<sup>th</sup>  
and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Nursery room (with P.A. hooked up to  
Church). Available during worship services.  
Rev. Robert C. Johnson—Pastor  
Lenten + Midweek Services  
Wednesdays—11:00AM with Soup  
Luncheon following  
(March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Theme: "At the Cross"  
Holy week services +  
Palm Sunday—(Sunday of the Passion—  
April 5—10:00 AM.)  
Blessing and Distribution of Palms  
Maundy Thursday—April 9, 2009 7:30 PM  
Holy Communion with the Stripping of  
the Altar Good Friday—April 10, 2009,  
2:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy (The  
Church will be open for private donations  
from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM). The Day  
of Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Easter)  
Sunday April 12, 2009  
Holy Communion at 10:00 AM.  
Special music and Children's Sermon will  
be offered. To God Above Be All the Glory

**St. Andrew's Lutheran  
Church & School**  
260 N. Northwest Highway  
(847) 823-6656  
[www.standrewsparkridge.org](http://www.standrewsparkridge.org)  
Sunday Worship:  
September through May 8:30 & 11:00 AM,  
June—August 9:00 AM  
Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM  
Vespers: Monday 7:30 PM  
Sunday School & Adult 9:45 AM  
(September thru May). Christian Day School  
—Pre-Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
205 N. Prospect Ave., (847) 825-6659  
[www.stlukespr.org](http://www.stlukespr.org)  
Email: [office@stlukespr.org](mailto:office@stlukespr.org)  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 AM (School  
Year), 8:30 & 10:00 AM (Summer) Thursday  
Worship (Summer) 7:00 PM Sunday  
(School Year) Child Care Provided  
Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Larson, Lead Pastor.  
Rev. Kristina C. Weber, Associate Pastor.  
Rev. Dr. Malcolm Minnick, Jr., Pastor.  
Emeritus, Anne Krenz Organ, Director  
of Music Ministries Melinda Ramseth  
Holland, Director of Children's Choirs,  
Nancy Olson, Member Care Coordinator

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**PARK RIDGE**

**St. Andrew's Lutheran  
Church & School**  
260 N. Northwest Highway  
(847) 823-6656  
[www.standrewsparkridge.org](http://www.standrewsparkridge.org)  
Sunday Worship:  
September through May 8:30 & 11:00 AM,  
June—August 9:00 AM  
Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM  
Vespers: Monday 7:30 PM  
Sunday School & Adult 9:45 AM  
(September thru May). Christian Day School  
—Pre-Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Holland, Director of Children's Choirs,  
Nancy Olson, Member Care Coordinator

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
306 S. Prospect Ave., (847) 823-4126  
[www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org)  
Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Wednesday Service: 9:00 AM  
Sunday School & Nursery during worship,  
Youth Fellowship  
The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol, Rector  
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!  
Check website for all activities.  
Handicap Accessible ♿

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
306 S. Prospect Ave., (847) 823-4126  
[www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org)  
Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Wednesday Service: 9:00 AM  
Sunday School & Nursery during worship,  
Youth Fellowship  
The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol, Rector  
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Check website for all activities.  
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**PARK RIDGE**

**Park Ridge  
Presbyterian Church**  
1300 W. Crescent Ave., (847) 823-4135  
[www.parkridgepresby.org](http://www.parkridgepresby.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Nursery care during service Children's  
Programming for Ages 3—High School.  
Adult Education 9:15 AM  
Rev. James P. McCracken

**PROSPECT HEIGHTS**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori  
Catholic Church**  
411 N. Wheeling Rd., (847) 255-7452  
[www.saintalphonus.com](http://www.saintalphonus.com)  
Worship Days & Hours: Monday-Saturday  
8:15 AM. Mass of Anticipation: 5:00 PM  
Saturday. Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Pastor: Rev. Curtis A. Lambert  
Additional Information: School: Pre-3 thru 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade - Before & After School Care Ongoing  
Faith Formation - Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
High School Youth Ministry Program

**SKOKIE**

**Carter-Westminster  
United Presbyterian Church**  
4950 W. Pratt, (847) 673-4441  
[www.cwupc.net](http://www.cwupc.net)  
Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:  
9:00 AM Contemporary Service, 10:00 AM  
Sunday School (for all ages) 11:00 AM  
Traditional Service, 12:00 AM Fellowship  
Hour. Michael Scott Porter, Senior Pastor  
Alex Wickell, Director of  
Youth Ministries Office Hours: Mon.,  
Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**Central United  
Methodist Church**  
8237 Kenton Avenue, (847) 673-1311  
[www.skokiecentralumc.org](http://www.skokiecentralumc.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:30  
Sunday school 9:30 AM. Children & Adult  
Adult Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday  
Fellowship 11:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Pastor, Reverend David L. Haley  
Choir Director Joseph Poprawski  
E-mail: [SkokieCentral@UMCNIC.org](mailto:SkokieCentral@UMCNIC.org)  
Youth Choir 9:15 AM Sunday  
Accessible Church Building ♿

**Temple Beth Israel**  
3601 W. Dempster St., 847-675-0951  
[www.tbiskokie.org](http://www.tbiskokie.org)  
Likrat Shabbat/Kabbalat Shabbat, first  
Friday of each month, 5:30 PM  
Light Nosh—6:15 PM

**SKOKIE**

Kabbalat Shabbat service  
Shabbat Service Fridays 8:15 PM  
Shabbat Service Saturdays 10:30 AM  
Shabbat Katan, third Saturday of each  
month, 10:00 AM for families with  
children under the age of five.  
Morning Minyan  
Monday—Friday 7:30 AM  
Religious School Pre-K—7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sundays 9:00 AM—11:00 AM  
Hebrew School Grades 3-7  
Sundays 11:10 AM—12:10 PM  
and Wednesdays 4:15 PM—6:00 PM  
Youth Groups Adult Education Koleynu  
—Volunteer Choir High Holiday Services  
Rabbi Michael A. Weinberg  
Cantor Pavel Roytman  
Lori B. Sagarin Director of  
Congregational Learning

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
5201 Galitz Street, (847) 673-5030  
[web.mac.com/stpaulskokie](http://web.mac.com/stpaulskokie)  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM  
Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 PM  
Fellowship Hour,  
Sundays 8:45—9:45 AM.  
Sunday School & Bible Study Class,  
Sundays 9:00—9:45 AM  
Rev. Matthew Conrad  
John Schuman, Minister of Music  
Dale Luksha, PK—8 Academy Principal  
The Church is Handicap Accessible ♿  
Variety of Worship Formats,  
Small Group Ministry  
Adult Choir & Handbell Choir

**St. Peter's United  
Church of Christ**  
Oakton Street & Laramie Avenue  
(847) 673-8166  
[www.stpeteruccskokie.org](http://www.stpeteruccskokie.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM.  
Sunday School 9:00 AM.  
(September thru May)  
Rev. Richard Lanford. Childcare provided.  
Air Conditioned Sanctuary

**Congregation Bene Shalom**  
4435 Oakton, (847) 677-3330  
[www.beneshalom.org](http://www.beneshalom.org)  
Fridays 7:30 PM;  
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM  
On 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month  
Kabbalistic Prayer/Meditation Service  
10:30 AM. On 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.  
Esther Knapp Religious School. Sundays  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Hebrew School Sunday 12-1 PM  
Children's Model Seder  
Sunday, April 5, 10 AM

**SKOKIE**

Temple Family Seder  
Thursday, April 9, 6:00 PM  
Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer  
Asst. Rabbi Shari Chen  
Cantorial Soloist Charlene Brooks  
Choir Director Nona Balk  
Interfaith Families Welcome  
All services sign language and voice  
Handicap Accessible ♿

**Devar Emet Messianic  
Synagogue**  
7800 Niles Avenue, (847) 674-9146  
[www.devaremet.org](http://www.devaremet.org)  
Saturday 10:00 AM  
Shabbat Morning Services  
Wednesday 6:45 PM  
Midweek Religious Studies for Adults and  
Youth Wednesday 6:30 PM  
Club Maccabee Children's Club  
For K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders at Devonshire School in  
Rabbi Kirk Gliebe  
Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue is a  
community of Jews who believe and teach  
that Yeshua (Jesus) is the  
Promised Jewish Messiah.

**Temple Judea Mizpah**  
8610 Niles Center Road,  
(847) 676-1566  
[www.templejm.org](http://www.templejm.org)  
Friday 8:00 PM  
Second Friday of the Month 7:00 PM  
Family Shabbat Religious School  
Grades K-7 Sunday 9:30 AM—12:00 PM  
Hebrew School Grades 3—7  
Tuesday 4:15—5:15 PM  
Religious School Grades 8—12  
Sunday 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM  
Religious School PreK  
Two Sundays a month 10:15 AM  
Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler  
Cantorial Intern Beryl Bellows  
Sally Gold—Education Director  
Terry J. Kane—Executive Director  
Adult Education Multi-faith  
Families Welcome Community Theater  
High Holiday & Festival

**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
9000 N. Kildare, (847) 676-1300  
[www.sttimothyskokie.com](http://www.sttimothyskokie.com)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Choir Practice, Thursday 7:30 PM  
Bible Study, Monday 10:00 AM  
Youth Christian Education 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at  
10:30 AM. Rev. Erik Weber  
Birthday Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of each month  
Accessible Building ♿

# East grad O'Grady earns All-American honors

By MATT HARNESSE  
mharness@pioneerlocal.com

**RUNNING** - Before competing at last month's NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Megan O'Grady and her coach only dared to dream of such an achievement.

Fantasy became reality May 23 when the Carroll University freshman finished second in the 5,000 meters to earn U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-American honors in the 5000-meter run.

"I was shocked at the end," said O'Grady, a 2008 Maine East graduate. "I couldn't believe it."

Carroll coach Shawn Thielitz was even more explicit in his wonderment.

"I was hoping beyond hope she would be in the top eight," he said. "But the race conditions, her race strategy, her patience, led to this."

"This was me laying in bed and dreaming of the perfect race."

O'Grady came to Carroll, located in Waukesha, Wis., after running only one full season at East. She was a basketball player looking for a way to condition herself in the offseason and decided to try out track her junior year.

O'Grady continued running the following fall and qualified for the state cross country meet, where she finished 46th. She was the first Demon girl to run at state in more than two decades.

"I hated it. It was one of the hardest things I'd ever done," she remembered after her first race. "Now, I love it."

Even with all of her natural ability, O'Grady came to Carroll behind most other college athletes. She didn't have much of a training foundation and lacked some of confidence in her talent.

"At first, I was intimidated," O'Grady said. "I thought I was going to get crushed by all these college girls."

Thielitz said it wasn't until the third meet of the cross country season that O'Grady



Megan O'Grady finished second in the 5,000 at the recent NCAA Division III National Championships.

started to believe in herself.

"The ongoing challenge now is what can we do next, what can we do next," the Pioneer coach said.

O'Grady narrowly missed out on advancing to nationals and then again came up short during the indoor track season. In both, she missed the cut by seconds.

"That's never a good feeling," she said.

But she started strong in the outdoor season by finishing second in the 5,000 at UW-Oshkosh's invitational. She then closed the regular season by winning the Midwest Conference Championships, where she also was selected as Performer of the Meet.

Two weeks later, she finished runner-up to UW-Oshkosh senior Ayla Mitchell with a time of 17:19.83.

Mitchell clocked 17:14.52.

"I don't think she fully understands how good she is," said Thielitz, who spoke highly of O'Grady's parents and how they supported her throughout her freshman year. "I got to get her believing that. She has to know that what she did wasn't a fluke."

When talk shifted to capturing a national championship, O'Grady retreated. Her humility wouldn't let her think too far into the future.

"One day, maybe," offered the Carroll record-holder in the 5,000. "It just seems like a huge, huge goal. Seems even weird to say. We'll see."

O'Grady plans to work on her mileage this summer and also help out with the Maine East cross country team, beginning next week.

"I'll see if I like that," said O'Grady, who hasn't declared

a major but wants to minor in nutrition. "I might want to be a coach. Maybe this will help me figure that out."

Meanwhile, Thielitz will continue to his campaign to grow O'Grady's confidence.

"I send her random e-mails about the nationals," he said. "I want to keep reminding her. Now that she's had a taste of it, we are all excited about what she does next."

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Megan O'Grady, who became the first Maine East runner to advance to the girls cross country state meet in more than two decades, enjoyed a spectacular freshman year at Carroll University.



## SIDELINES

### NOTEWORTHY ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### AII-CSL

##### North Volleyball

Jimmy Franklin, Deerfield senior  
Joel Lopata, Deerfield senior  
Evan Katz, Deerfield senior  
Calvin Bulzoni, Deerfield senior  
Stephen Carrington, Glenbrook North senior  
Colin Cullitan, Glenbrook North senior  
Nick Riley, Glenbrook North senior  
Stefan VanDeGraaf, Glenbrook North junior  
Adam Cohen, Highland Park senior  
Matt Leske, Highland Park senior  
Mike Guzzarde, Maine East senior  
James Kelly, Maine East senior

##### South Volleyball

John Prout, Evanston senior  
Asher Stamell, Evanston senior  
Greg Manos, Glenbrook South senior  
Taylor Neuffer, Glenbrook South senior  
Eric Butch, Maine South junior  
Matt Butch, Maine South junior  
Matt Schueller, Maine South senior  
Chris Ahlin, New Trier senior  
Simon Holstein, New Trier senior  
Sam Van Horn, New Trier senior  
Dan Aler, Niles West senior  
Ben Pintilei, Niles West senior

##### North Baseball

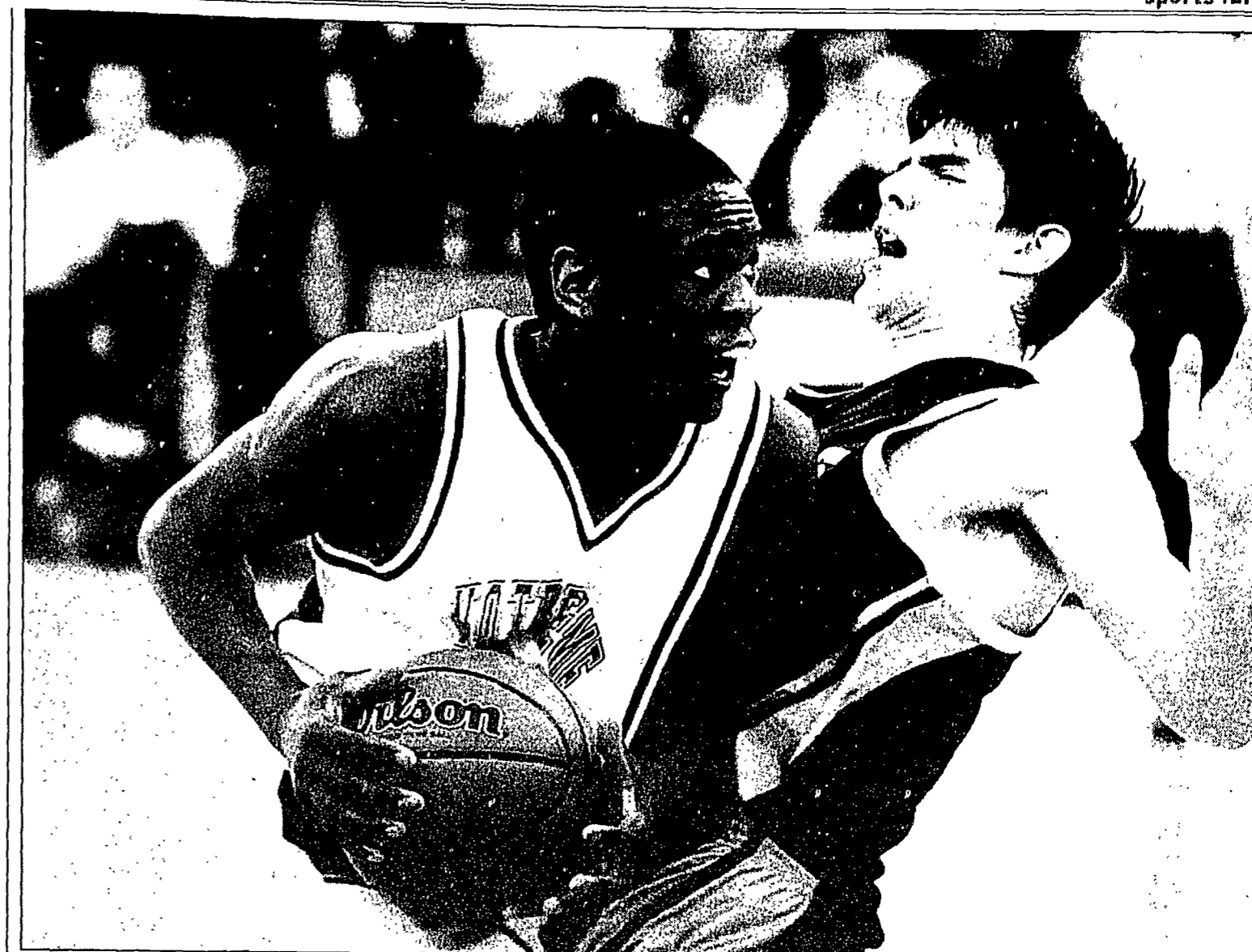
Matt Molt, Deerfield senior  
Josh Nevers, Deerfield junior  
Jason Cohen, Deerfield senior  
Takuma Taleishi, Glenbrook North senior  
Adam Robinson, Glenbrook North junior  
Brett Synek, Glenbrook North sophomore

##### South Baseball

AJ Nalhan, Highland Park senior  
Tyler Goldstein, Highland Park junior  
Brian Evans, Highland Park senior  
Anthony Kopp, Highland Park senior  
Jon Menke, Highland Park senior  
Dan Walker, Maine East senior  
Chris Ripple, Maine East senior  
Connor Skoczynski, Maine West sophomore  
Tommy Ross, Maine West junior  
Ryan Tuntland, Maine West senior  
Paul Sofka, Maine West sophomore  
Tim Reichert, Niles North junior  
Josh Levy, Niles North senior

##### South Baseball

Sean Witt, Evanston senior  
Greg Otte, Evanston junior  
William Farrow, Evanston junior  
Walker Stadler, Glenbrook South senior  
Torin Kilpatrick, Glenbrook South senior  
Scott Houdek, Glenbrook South senior  
Peter Engle, Maine South senior  
Nick Virgilio, Maine South senior  
Ronnie Muck, Maine South junior  
Bob Cook, New Trier senior  
Tim Duxbury, New Trier senior  
Jonathon Hall, New Trier senior  
Lowell Hall, New Trier senior  
Jake Carrow, New Trier senior  
Charlie Tilton, New Trier sophomore  
John Nasshan, Niles West senior  
Tom Endres, Niles West senior  
Brendon Ryan, Niles West senior  
Adonis Tountas, Niles West senior  
Bobby Berrera, Waukegan sophomore



Notre Dame's Shawn Wallace (left) is a likely candidate to take over scoring responsibilities this year for the Dons, who graduated five senior starters. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

# Dons holding summer auditions

By DAN SHALIN  
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**BOYS BASKETBALL** - Notre Dame coach Tom Les entered the summer of 2008 with a lot more certainty than he has in 2009.

Last summer, the Dons were preparing for the upcoming season with a core group of five seniors. That group eventually became the starting lineup and led ND to a 20-9 record and a sectional final appearance, just ND's third in 12 years.

Several non-seniors did see time in Les' 10-man rotation. Most notable was guard Shawn Wallace, who was the team's "sixth" starter and earned all-ESCC honors.

But now all of those youngsters, including Wallace, are being asked to elevate their game to another level. This summer, Les is looking to see who appears capable of making that leap.

"We have a lot of playing minutes available. It's up for grabs. We will be seeing who can play. It's important what guys do this summer," Les said.

The players will have plenty of opportunities to impress the coach.

ND will participate in a team camp at Bradley University, play in the Mundelein Shootout and compete in a summer league with Loyola, New Trier, Lincoln Park and Von

Steuben. Wallace, who missed out on his junior campaign with a 21-point performance against Glenbrook North in the sectional semifinal, will be asked to replace Mike DiGregorio as the team's go-to guy, and perhaps his primary ballhandler.

The Evansville native played AAU ball in the spring, and Les said he has started to receive questionnaires from colleges interested in Wallace.

"He should have a good senior year," the coach said. "Mike (DiGregorio) did such a good job handling the ball, and Shawn will have to improve his ballhandling. Mike could handle the pressure other teams applied. (Wal-

lace) will have to step in and do some of that."

Another player with a lot to offer is 6-foot-4, 180-pound junior Quinton Chievous. The son of Missouri great Derrick, the younger Chievous was impressive in spurts last season, operating mostly around the basket. He will no doubt improve with added experience and muscle.

"He could be a very good, very dominant player, but he has to stay focused and concentrate," Les said about Chievous. "He plays around the basket, but can put the ball on the floor and has a good medium-range jump-shot."

Others non-seniors who saw time for the Dons last

season were guards Matt Moser, Mattias Trizna and Jake Everly and frontcourt men Phil Kerber and Tim Hirsch.

**COLLEGE RANKS:** Jimmy Martin, the Dons' most dangerous three-point weapon last season, has committed to play college basketball at Div. III St. Norbert (Wis.). He chose the school over St. Ambrose (Iowa) and Concordia (Ill.).

"Jimmy is a great shooter and every college team needs someone who can shoot the ball like he can," Les said.

Others non-seniors who saw time for the Dons last

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# All-Area North Stars Boys Tennis Team Glenbrook South teammates see stars

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In years of playing U.S. Tennis Association junior matches, Glenbrook South's Michael Moore never had a day like May 30, 2009.

On that date, the final day of the IHSA State Tournament, the Notre Dame-bound senior played a pair of three-set matches that featured a combined three tiebreakers.

Moore (36-2) defeated defending state champion Denis Bogatov in a semifinal that included two tiebreakers, before dropping a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) decision to Stevenson's Blake Bazarnik in the title match.

"I was happy with how I played," Moore said. "I went in the training room (between matches) and stretched out to get ready for the final match."

His second-place finish earned him the distinction of being the only GBS single player to medal three times at the state meet. He previously finished fifth in 2008 and seventh in 2007.

For his performance that Saturday, and for the entire season, Moore is named the 2009 Pioneer Press North Stars Singles Player of the Year.

Moore's teammates, senior Tommy McNichols and freshman Michael Sellitto, comprise the North Stars Doubles Team of the Year.

The duo was considered an odd couple before the season, but the unlikely pair took third place in the state tournament after suffering just their fourth loss of the season in the semifinals.

McNichols, who played four varsity seasons and went to state in 2008, spoke glowingly about his partnership with the Titans youngster.

"I had a trust with (Sellitto) that I never had with other partners," he said.

## FIRST TEAM

### Singles

**Ben Hoogland, Glenbrook South junior**

He went 6-2 in the state meet and scored nine points for the fourth-place Titans. He reached the consolation semifinal, where he lost to New Trier's Stineman 6-1, 6-3.

**Andrew Scholnick, New Trier sophomore**

He won five of his seven matches at state and reached the quarterfinals, where he was ousted by GBS's Moore. His nine points helped the Trevians to a third-place finish.

**Michael Moore, Glenbrook South senior**

**Robert Stineman, New Trier sophomore**

He finished sixth in the state after dropping the fifth-place match to Hinsdale Central's Augie Bloom. Stineman went a combined 6-2 at the state meet.

**Joo Ho Yu, Glenbrook North senior**

The Carnegie Mellon-bound senior went 4-2 at state and scored seven points for the seventh-place Spartans. Yu won his first three matches in the competition.

### Doubles

**John Beam, senior/Brantner Jones, junior, New Trier**

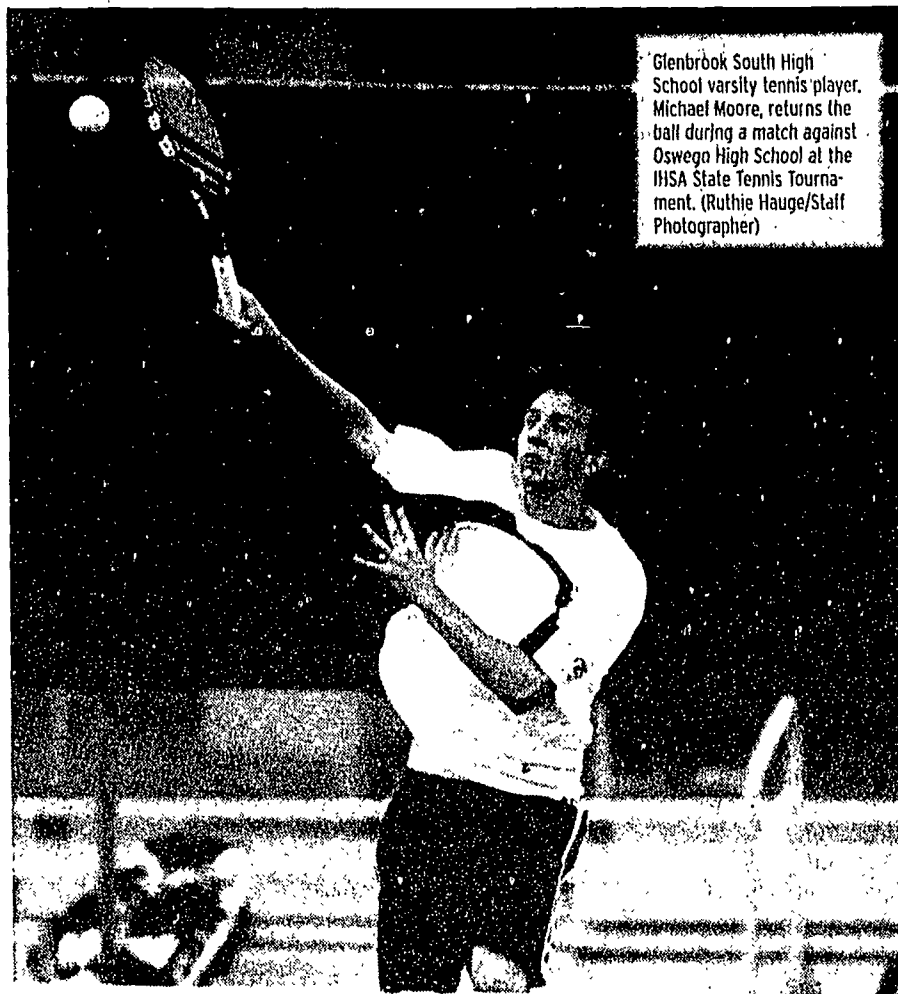
Sectional champs who went on to finish fourth at the IHSA State Meet. They came from behind to pull 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 upset over the Belleville East duo of Drew Feder and Corey Stumme in the quarterfinal.

**Patrick Hughes, junior/Lawson Barter, sophomore, Loyola**

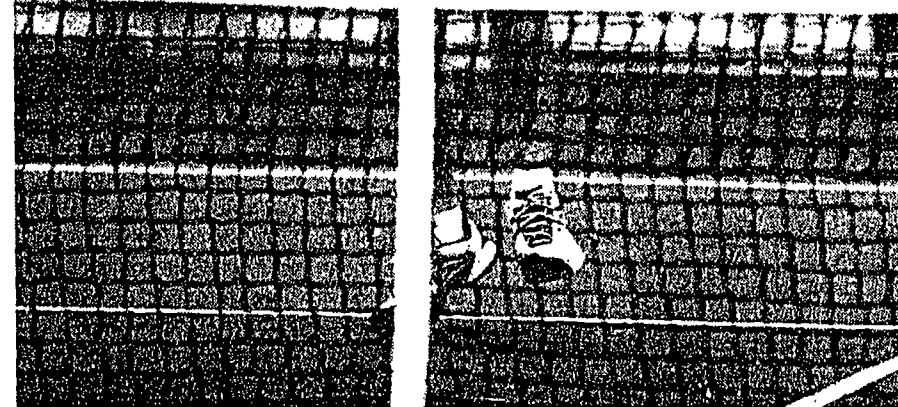
They won three of five matches at state, earning three of Loyola's four points.

**Hitoshi Kawashima, sophomore/Calvin Mang, junior, New Trier**

They went 7-2 at state and reached the consolation semifinal. The two-



Glenbrook South High School varsity tennis player, Michael Moore, returns the ball during a match against Oswego High School at the IHSA State Tennis Tournament. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)



some dropped a third-round match to Lake Forest's Grant Gordon and Conor Kester, but avenged the defeat in the consolation quarterfinal.

**Jake Lapping, senior/Aaron Schenker, senior, Glenbrook North**

They went 3-2 at state, picking up four points. The duo also came in second in doubles at the Schaum-

burg Sectional.

**Tommy McNichols, senior/Michael Sellitto, freshman, Glenbrook South**

## SECOND TEAM

**Singles**  
**Joseph Collins, Evanston junior**  
**Brian Levitas, Glenbrook North sophomore**

**Vova Zverkovskiy, Niles West junior**

### Doubles

**R.J. Gentile, senior/Francis Jules, junior, Loyola**

**Bryan Kandelman, senior/Bill Angel, freshman, Glenbrook North**

**Fred Tye, senior/Konrad Ryba, sophomore, Glenbrook South**

## ALL-AREA AWARDS

### GOLD LIST

#### STATE QUALIFIERS

- Joseph Collins** (Evanston singles)
- Joo Ho Yu, Brian Levitas** (Glenbrook North singles)
- Jake Lapping/Aaron Schenker; Bryan Kandelman/Bill Angel** (Glenbrook North doubles)
- Michael Moore, Ben Hoogland** (Glenbrook South singles)
- Tommy McNichols/Michael Sellitto; Fred Tye/Konrad Ryba** (Glenbrook South doubles)
- Patrick Hughes/Lawson Barter; R.J. Gentile/Francis Jules** (Loyola doubles)
- Andrew Scholnick, Robert Stineman** (New Trier singles)
- John Beam/Brantner Jones; Hitoshi Kawashima/Calvin Mang** (New Trier doubles)
- Vova Zverkovskiy** (Niles West singles)

### PIONEER AWARDS

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

**Tad Eckert** (New Trier)

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**Michael Sellitto** (Glenbrook South)

#### COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Ben Hoogland** (Glenbrook South)

#### PLAYERS TO WATCH

- Evanston:** Joseph Collins
- Glenbrook North:** Brian Levitas, Josh Sawyer
- Glenbrook South:** Konrad Ryba
- Loyola:** Lawson Barter, Matt Bevenour
- Maine East:** Jeremy Umansky, Christian Manaos
- Maine South:** Kevin Hemphill
- New Trier:** Robert Stineman, Andrew Scholnick
- Niles North:** Eric Rosen, Danny Kuo
- Niles West:** Vova Zverkovskiy, Daniel Langer
- Notre Dame:** Ronnie Wing, Gino Recchia, Kyle Smith
- North Shore Country Day:** Luke Gensburg
- St. Patrick:** Giovanni Baca, James Kapolnek
- Taft:** Danial Wilson

# Crawford takes over for Olson as East hoops boss

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**BOYS BASKETBALL** - Maine East has the players. All the Demons were missing was a coach to steer them.

Huey Crawford became the program's third coach since the 2006-07 season when he was approved by the District 207 School Board June 1. He replaces Glenn Olson, who left after two seasons and 37 wins to take the same job at Niles North.

"Very excited," said Crawford, who sat on the sidelines last season. "Glenn did an excellent job with last year's group, and some of those guys are back. This is a good opportunity for me. I'm looking forward to the season."

Crawford brings 18 years of coaching experience to East. He started his career coaching girls at Thornwood, where he led one of

his teams to a conference championship, before moving on to Mather.

During his time with the Rangers, Crawford led the varsity boys to two league titles and a promotion to the Red Division. He also was selected to coach two city all-star games and received two Public League coaching awards.

Crawford's Rangers played against Olson's Demons at Luther North's holiday tournament two seasons ago.

"He's had some success," East athletic director Pat Ryan said.

Crawford met the Demons for the first time Wednesday and watched them play at an open gym the following day. Last weekend, the Demons played five games and won the shootout at St. Patrick.

East lost three starters off last season's regional final team, but returns Nuse Khan, Abdul Nader, Charles

McKinney and Al Nagode.

"I don't think we are going to have a problem here," Crawford said. "Winning that shootout with no real practice is a good sign."

"Glenn had two really good seasons, and I think he was really looking forward to this one. What I am worried about is the following year. We have to develop the younger players in the program. We'll see what happens."

East will participate in Stevenson's shootout later this month. Crawford, who plans on meeting with the team again today, also wants the Demons to compete at Libertyville and in North Central's summer league.

"Glenn runs that motion offense with four guards out, and I want to build on that," Crawford said. "Offense is going to be no problem. Defense is going to be the key this year."

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# Williams takes reins at Niles West

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The Niles West boys basketball team plays in one of the most competitive conferences in the area. But now the Wolves will take on the likes of Waukegan, New Trier, Evanston and Glenbrook South with one of the state's more successful coaches at the helm.

Bob Williams, who resigned last month after 18 years at Schaumburg, was confirmed as the new Niles West coach at Monday night's District 219 Board of Education Meeting. Williams replaces Fritz Wulfram, who stepped down in March after three seasons. The Wolves went 9-17 last year.

Williams compiled a 347-156 record at Schaumburg. In 2001, he guided the Saxons to an upset victory over

Eddy Curry-led Thornwood to start the process earlier than freshman year."

Glenn Olson, who recently left Maine East to coach boys basketball at Niles North, also spoke highly about the district's level of support.

Of course, it will take some time for the feeder programs to bear fruit. In the meantime, Niles West may continue to find itself in an uphill battle against the powers of the CSL South.

But Williams said he's up for the fight. "No question. It's energizing being an underdog and having that new challenge," he said. "After we came in fourth in 1999 and won in 2001, we had a target on us. I guess we'll be the David again, instead of the Goliath, and that's refreshing. It's a whole different mentality, but it's energizing."

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# DiGregorio looking forward to building foundation

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**BOYS BASKETBALL** - Notre Dame's gritty point guard Mike DiGregorio was on Paul Combs' shopping list when the latter was the head coach at Div. III Wisconsin-Platteville last season. When Combs took the head coaching job at Div. II Wayne (Neb.) State College in late April, he asked DiGregorio to join him in the heartland.

In late May, the 6-foot-1, 180-pound DiGregorio signed with the school, located an hour outside of Omaha. He will get a full scholarship.

DiGregorio chose Wayne State over St. Ambrose (Iowa) and St. Francis (Ill.). Division I St. Francis (Pa.) had also shown some interest in the two-time all-ESCC player.

DiGregorio, who led Notre Dame to a 20-9 record in 2008-09 and a berth in the sectional final, said he liked the idea of getting in on the ground floor at Wayne, as Combs looks to build a winner from a program that went 11-16 a year ago.

"When he got there, he let go of four players because of academic reasons. So, there is an opportunity to contribute right away," said DiGregorio, who lives in Morton Grove. "He's kind of a freshman too. So, we're starting out at the same point and building it together."

Last season, DiGregorio ran a Notre Dame offense that relied heavily on his ability to penetrate and kick to the open shooter.

A good shooter himself, DiGregorio slumped a little late in the campaign. But he found his touch just in time to take over the sectional semifinal against Glenbrook South. DiGregorio scored 12 of his team-high 17 points in the second half of that contest, as the Dons defeated the Titans and University of Notre Dame-bound big man Jack Cooley.

Notre Dame coach Tom Les has certainly enjoyed working with DiGregorio since the coach took over at the start of the 2007-08 season.

"The most impressive thing about Mike is that he's a hard worker," Les said. "In the last two seasons, he has worked the hardest to improve in every aspect of the game. He's coachable, he listens and keeps getting better. He has a chance to make a huge contribution right off the bat."

DiGregorio also expects to face some strong competition. The Wildcats play



Notre Dame's Mike DiGregorio was a two-time all-ESCC guard before heading off to Wayne State in Nebraska this fall. (Jason Brown/Staff Photographer)

in the Northern Sun Conference that includes the likes of St. Cloud State and Winona State, the latter a winner of two recent Div. II national titles. Last season, Wayne played exhibitions at Gonzaga and Northern Iowa and DiGregorio said the team is supposed to visit Wisconsin and Purdue this season.

The hardest adjustment for DiGregorio might be off the court, as he gets

used to life at a school of with 3,450 students located in a town of 5,583. But he sees some positives in that situation.

"It will definitely be a change. It's nothing like Chicago. But it gives you a chance to focus on what you are going there to do, and that's play basketball and go to school," said DiGregorio, who plans to study business and sports management.

## Area athletes sign at Oakton

Three area student/athletes have signed letters of intent to attend Oakton Community College this fall: Ryan Lynn, a 2009 Maine South graduate, committed to compete for Oakton's men's cross country team, and the Raiders' indoor and outdoor track teams for 2009-10. As a senior, Lynn won the IHSA Class 3A state championship in the 800-meter

run last month, clocking 1:51.13. Oakton's baseball team added two new recruits — outfielder Alex De La Rosa of Skokie, and shortstop Ryan Tuntland of Des Plaines. De La Rosa, a graduate of Loyola Academy, redshirted last season at Creighton University. Tuntland is a Maine West graduate.

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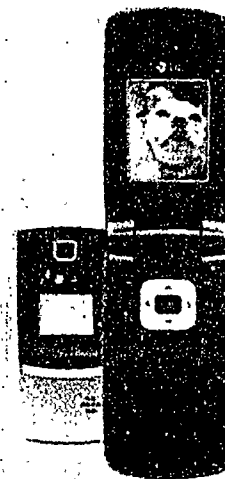
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