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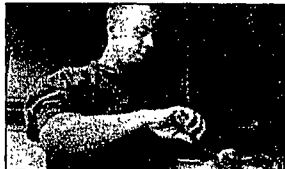


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Paige Dougherty (standing in back row, sixth from left), pictured here with her 2008 teammates on the Maine South junior varsity softball team, died last week due to injuries sustained in a car crash that allegedly involved a drunk driver. She was 17. Her 19-year-old sister, Kelly Dougherty, has been charged in the accident.

COOK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

Two months after alleged DUI crash, 17-year-old dies

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A Maine South High School senior who was seriously injured Labor Day weekend in a downtown Chicago car crash that allegedly involved a drunk driver has died, and her 19-year-old sister charged in the accident.

Paige Dougherty, 17, died Oct. 29 from complications of pneumonia and multiple injuries sustained in the Sept. 5 accident, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office reported.

Dougherty was a passenger inside her older sister's vehicle when it crashed about 3:30 a.m. on the 4500 block of North Lake Shore Drive, a spokesperson with Chicago Police News Affairs said. Further details of the accident were not available.

Kelly Dougherty, 19, of Des Plaines, has been charged with driving under the influence, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and failure to produce a drivers license, News Affairs reported. As of Monday the investigation into the acci-

dent was still open, and no upgraded charges had been filed against Kelly Dougherty in connection with her sister's death, a spokesperson for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office said.

Immediately following the accident both sisters were transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in critical condition, and Kelly Dougherty remains hospitalized there, News Affairs said.

A funeral Mass for Paige Dougherty is scheduled for 10 a.m. today (Nov. 5) at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Park Ridge, where Paige attended elementary school.

Paige Dougherty was a catcher on Maine South's varsity girls softball team and also played with the Park Ridge Pistols softball league. Her Maine South coach, Enmy Paiser, said the softball team will wear a patch or other symbol in remembrance of Paige when their season begins in April.

"Athletically, she was a really talented girl, but it was as a person that she will be missed in more ways than

can be spoken," Paiser said. Dougherty stepped up to the varsity team from junior varsity last year to fill in for the team's injured catcher, but Paiser kept her on varsity after witnessing her abilities and her interaction with the team.

"She was just the epitome of a team player," Paiser said. "She did everything that was asked of her, whether it was playing catcher or filling in on first base."

"She was just a great kid," Paiser added. "Anything that needed to be done at Maine South, she would always volunteer her time and efforts in any way, shape or form. It didn't matter what it was. If someone needed something, Paige was right there to help out."

In addition to playing softball, Dougherty was a peer mediator at Maine South and her academic achievements, service and leadership capabilities earned her a spot in the school's National Honor Society. She also worked as a lifeguard at Mystic Waters in Des Plaines, and had selected as

CENTER OF CONCERN Holiday helpers sought

The Center of Concern, a local nonprofit serving the elderly and other adults in need in the north and north-west city and suburbs, needs volunteers during holiday seasons to deliver gifts to its homebound clients.

Volunteers are needed year-round to: visit the frail elderly; take center clients to medical appointments or shopping; make telephone calls to check on the well-being of homebound clients; work in the center's office on mailings and computer

data entry; and help with occasional odd jobs. The Center of Concern offices are at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge.

The center also needs volunteers to help plan its annual dinner auction fundraiser. Last held in March 2007, this event usually includes silent and live auctions, as well as dinner and dancing.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee to plan this event should call the center. (847) 823-0453.

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LAST WEEK

TOP FIVE STORIES

1. District 207: Union responds to call for concessions

Maine Township High School District 207 officials are facing deep cuts to staff and school programming this year in light of a \$17-million deficit.

2. Record 25 Northridge Prep students earn AP Scholar Awards

A record 25 students at Northridge Prep have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

3. Pamper your ride at Niles' new 'auto spa'

Owner Ninos Younan is enthusiastic about his newest venture, a hand car wash, Auto Spa and Hand Car Wash. "This newly built, state-of-the-art facility takes good care of your car with a variety of services ranging from full hand car washes to all different levels of detailing," according to a news release from the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

4. News Briefs: Search continues for new District 64 superintendent

As part of the process of selecting a new superintendent, Niles-Park Ridge School District 64 board members were expected to have met last month with Sam Mikaelian, lead outside consultant working to help the district in the search process.

5. New trash trucks run cleaner

A Niles refuse hauler will soon begin using cleaner, lighter and quieter vehicles, which village officials said will have a positive impact on the environment and residents' quality of life.

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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 29 edition, the school attended by Joey DiFilippo, whose artwork was featured as part of the Scary Stories package, was incorrectly identified. The fifth-grader goes to Culver School in Niles.

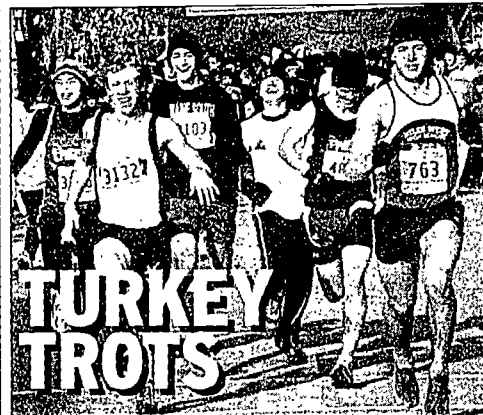
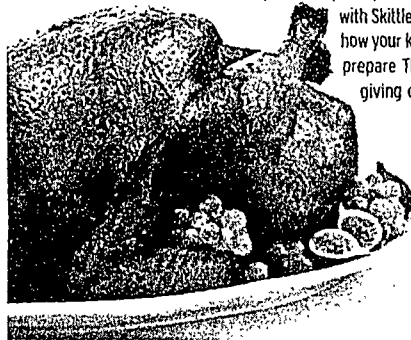
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TURKEY TALK

A 4-year-old's ideal Thanksgiving recipe: 1 turkey, 6 cups of salt, served with Skittles ... Tell us how your kids' would prepare Thanksgiving dinner.



Are you running, shooting hoops, or other sports this holiday season for a good cause? Send us your stats.

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2 Scroll down to and click the Send Us Your News button, with the bright yellow plus sign.

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3 Open the page and fill out the form, starting with the paper in which you want the information to appear.

The screenshot shows the 'Send Us Your News' form on the Pioneer Local website. The form includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Phone. It also has a section for 'Send Us Your News' with a 'Send Us Your News' button and a 'Send Us Your News' link. The form is titled 'SEND US YOUR NEWS' and includes instructions for users to send their stories, photos, and news tips to Pioneer Press. It also includes a section for 'Send Us Your News' with a 'Send Us Your News' button and a 'Send Us Your News' link.

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Here you can upload photos and press releases. The items will then be sent to the Community Update page on that paper's Web site. Submissions will be monitored for libel, hate speech, profanity and other inappropriate content.

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Costumes 'n' cupcakes Angelina Shamoon and Mary Jado have cupcakes at Niles Public Library's Spooky Saturday. (Stacia Timonere/for STM)

Milwaukee Ave. project delays acknowledged

By **TONY BERTUCA**
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While it has been known unofficially for some time, Niles officials released a detailed statement about delays to the Milwaukee Avenue streetscape and beautification project last week on the village's Web site.

Niles officials said the Illinois Department of Transportation delayed the project start date six months. They said other delays occurred when "Nicol failed to locate a 4-inch gas main causing significant work stoppage and road closure

when the gas main was lit by the contractor."

Two underground storage tanks were also found during construction, causing delays for environmental remediation by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Public Services Director Scott Jochim gave a speech detailing the construction delays several weeks ago at an annual Chamber of Commerce mayoral luncheon.

Village officials said they have been assured that the most difficult work related to the construction project has passed.

"The reconstruction and beautification project will continue as long as possible this season," according to a village statement. "Although the project will most likely not be completed until June 2010, all lanes on Milwaukee Avenue will be open during the winter months."

Village officials said the beautification work planned for completion in June 2010 includes:

- painting of street light poles black from Albion Avenue to Neva Avenue.
- improvement of crosswalk and intersection lights at Harts Road and Milwau-

kee Avenue.

- enhancements at Veterans Memorial Water Fall Plaza.

■ crosswalk improvements and intersection lights at Milwaukee and Touhy, and Milwaukee and Waukegan.

■ pedestrian lights and enhancements at the corners of Milwaukee and Touhy, and Milwaukee and Waukegan.

■ a new sidewalk from Albion Avenue to Neva Avenue.

■ redesigned bus shelters from Albion to Neva Avenue.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Video gambling ruling to come early-2010

By **TONY BERTUCA**
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Niles Mayor Robert Callero said that the Village Board is not yet prepared to make a decision on whether to allow video poker in village limits.

Callero said he and trustees are waiting for details of the Illinois Video

Gaming Act to be worked out by the Illinois Gaming Board, namely how poker machines will be regulated.

Callero said he expects the Gaming Board to have everything ironed out by Jan. 15.

"I will call an open meeting in January to discuss the issue," Callero said. "At that time we should have enough

information."

Niles became embroiled in controversy in 2006 when Lucky Magee's, an off-track betting parlor, was first proposed. Residents formed an organization to oppose the OTB but the board voted to allow the facility. Lucky Magee's was later built at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

Many Illinois communi-

ties, like Naperville and unincorporated Cook County, have already voted to ban video poker, and Park Ridge is scheduled to vote Nov. 23 on a motion banning video poker machines.

Gaming proponents have estimated the machines could generate as much as \$373 million a year for infrastructure expenses.

BOARD ROUNDUP

Village real estate tax goes unchanged

By **TONY BERTUCA**
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for the 30th consecutive year.

The village government in Niles is levying the exact same amount of real estate tax in 2009 as it did in 2008.

"There is no increase in the real estate levy," Mayor Robert Callero said at an Oct. 27 Village Board meeting. "There are other taxing bodies, but the village has not increased."

Like last year the village will take in \$4,345,467 in real estate taxes.

In other Village Board business trustees voted to approve the annual village audit and praised Finance Department officials for receiving an excellence-in-accounting award from the Government Finance Office

Trustee Joe LoVerde announced he would step down as chairman of the Finance Committee because of his responsibilities as chairman of the Ethics Board. Trustee Alan Weel will replace LoVerde as finance chairman.

The board also voted to name new Trustee James Hynes to replace retired Trustee Bart Murphy as director to the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center.

The board authorized the sale of 17 village vehicles, which had mileage ranging from 41,000 to 425,000. The village hopes to make about \$25,000 from the sales.

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2010 PRIMARY

Four challengers file for Schakowsky seat

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teacher and college instructor, and Morris "Moe" Shanfield, of Chicago, a retired journalist who ran for the seat in 2008.

The 28-year-old Ribeiro ran for the 9th Congressional District in 2006 and earlier this year, ran as a Green Party candidate for the 5th Congressional District in a special election to replace Rahm Emanuel. Seltakowsky, the Chief Deputy Whip in the U.S. House of Representatives, explored a run for the U.S. Senate seat held by appointee Roland Burris, but opted to run for a seventh term in the House.

The 9th Congressional District includes Evanston, Wilmette, Glenview, Norridge, Skokie, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Des Plaines and Park Ridge. It also includes portions of Chicago's lakefront.

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No Democratic rivals have stepped forward to challenge U.S. Rep. Janice Schakowsky for the right to represent the 9th Congressional District, but there's no shortage of candidates eager to take on Seltakowsky in November.

Two Republican candidates have filed for spots on the primary ballot Feb. 2. They are Susanne Atanus of Des Plaines, a former procurement analyst for the General Services Administration who ran as a write-in candidate in 2008; and Joel Barry Pollak of Skokie, a recent Harvard Law School graduate and author.

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Niles Twp. high schools not meeting objectives of No Child Left Behind

By JENNA HASKITT
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Niles Township High School District 219 schools are considered failing because they did not meet state standards on the Prairie State Achievement Exam.

Although the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards is higher than the state average they're considered failing because the scores did not increase by the state's required amount.

"Adequate yearly progress is determined by the state. It started seven years ago at 42.5 percent and basically it's risen 7.5 percent every year. In 2009, 70 percent of our students had to meet or exceed standards," Anne Roloff, District 219 assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, said. In 2010 the percentage level will be 77.7 percent.

Schools that didn't meet the 70 percent level overall or for any particular subgroup within the student body are considered as not meeting standards.

"The problem is you're comparing apples to oranges from last year to this year. They're not the same

STATE REPORT CARD

"When you look at all we're doing for students and our very diverse population of students we have excellent schools that we're proud of."

Anne Roloff, District 219 assistant superintendent

students," Roloff said. The PSAE is taken every spring by high school juniors.

Niles West High School did not meet standards in the "all" category for both reading (62.4 percent) and math (66.6 percent) and also the economically disadvantaged in math (50.7 percent).

Niles North did not meet standards in the "all" category for reading (63.4 percent), students with disabilities in reading (29.3 percent) and math (34.8 percent), and economically disadvantaged for math (45.5 percent).

"When you look at all we're doing for students and our very diverse population of students we have excellent schools that we're proud of. Our teachers are working extremely hard and our administration. Our parents are on board. Our kids are wonderful kids and yet we're labeled a failing

school because different populations and groups may not be making standards so that makes it difficult," Roloff said.

In a Sun-Times ranking of Illinois high schools based on these scores, Niles North was ranked 92nd and Niles West was 106th out of 656 schools.

Since the district did not make state standards the district has had to write a school improvement plan and also work on a restructuring plan. The district has taken steps to help students meet reading and math standards.

"Students starting this summer who score below a certain cut off on the EXPLORE test, which is an eighth grade placement test for high school, will be required to take summer mathematics. It's not an option anymore. It's a requirement," Roloff said.

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- ✓ **Impose a Hidden Tax**
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NILES POLICE

31 ticketed at teenage drinking party: cops

By TONY BERTUCA
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Niles police raided a party Oct. 24 on the 8400 block of Madison Drive and ticketed 31 teenagers for underage drinking.

Niles Police Sgt. Tom Davis said officers were summoned about 11 p.m. to the home.

"The parents were out of town and the 18-year-old daughter had a party," Davis said. "It appears that only beer was consumed on the

"The parents were out of town and the 18-year-old daughter had a party."

Niles Police Sgt. Tom Davis

scene."

Davis said police had to gain entry through the home by going through a broken, bloody basement window because the occupants refused to answer the door for more than 45 minutes.

"No one appeared to be intoxicated but some had been consuming the beer," Davis said.

The daughter of Margarette Burke was issued an ordinance violation for possession and providing alcohol to minors, according to police, who did not immediately release the girl's name.

Thirty additional minors, most of whom were 17 and 18 years old, were issued ordinance violations for possession of alcohol by a minor. One person who was cited was 19. Detailed information on the suspects was not immediately available.

All were released to their parents on scene, police reported.



Multimedia art Art teacher Andri Taglia helps 8-year-old Amanda Nelson make a student art project Oct. 15 at Park Ridge Public Library. Students in grades 2-5 came to the library to make a multimedia piece as part of a special monthly class taught by the staff from Brickton Art Center. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

VILLAGE BOARD

'Oral tradition' could come to end

Public could get a say before it's too late to make any difference

By TONY BERTUCA
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The Niles Village Board is considering moving the public comment portion of its monthly meetings from the end of the agenda to either the beginning or middle, something that would allow residents to speak to items before trustees vote on them.

Now, if a resident attending a Village Board meeting wants to comment on an agenda item, they may only do so at the end of the meeting, when trustees are likely to have already voted.

When the board met Oct. 27 to discuss the issue Trustee Joe LoVerde said he was in favor of changing the meeting structure.

"It would seem to me the

public participation part should be at the beginning of our meeting," he said. "It sends a strong message and allows somebody to speak to an item."

Trustee Kim Biederman agreed.

"I'm very much for moving public comment to the beginning," she said.

Village Attorney Joe Annunzio said the current practice of hearing public comments at the end of each meeting exists because of tradition.

"It was our rule, internally created," he said. "It has been an oral tradition."

Mayor Robert Callero began mulling the public-comment change several months ago when a group of citizens complained that the board was casting votes without input from the public.

At the meeting Callero said he took a survey of 33 neighboring communities to determine what was common practice regarding public comment at meetings. He said 24 communi-

ties allow public comment to be heard before agenda business is discussed and voted on, six communities have public comment at the end of each meeting, and three have comment at both the beginning and end of each meeting.

But the discussion of the matter became contentious when Callero suggested that if public comment were to be moved up in the agenda, it could not be allowed on any zoning issue before the board because the law prohibits it.

"That's new testimony," he said. "We would have to take the whole thing and send it back to the Zoning Board."

Annunzio said the law backed Callero's assertion.

"The record is created at the Zoning Board and the record is closed at the Zoning Board," Annunzio said.

LoVerde said he objected because he wanted as much public input as possible on a zoning item he was expected to vote on.

"We would not have that

information," he said. "I guess I have a problem with that."

Annunzio said nothing was stopping citizens from contacting trustees before their meeting to voice any concerns about zoning issues or commenting at Zoning Board hearings.

Trustee James Hynes, former chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, said a village board considering a zoning-board recommendation was analogous to an appellate court.

"The record is in a trial court," he said. "That's what an appellate court decision is based on. We are not allowed to take any new testimony."

Others at the meeting were quick to point out that they have allowed new testimony on zoning items before, such as the controversial off-track betting facility near Golf Mill Shopping Center.

"It was erroneous every time it happened," Hynes said. "We can't take testimony from witnesses in the

audience."

Annunzio told the board he would investigate the issue further and would prepare a memo for the trustees.

Meanwhile, residents at the meeting told the board they would prefer to be heard before trustees voted on agenda items. Resident Mike Shields told the board he thought allowing public comments at the beginning of each meeting would increase citizen participation.

"These comments are important," he said. "It's good for Niles to get more people at these meetings. I think some of these meetings are shorthanding the citizens."

After the discussion Callero said he and officials from the village were going to organize a public workshop on the matter to gather more facts and hear from the public. He said the date would be announced publicly.

"At that point in time," Callero said, "I'll make a decision with input from our trustees."

DISTRICT 207

Federal standards elude Maine East, South

By TONY BERTUCA
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Maine East High School did not make adequate yearly progress, or AYP, as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind Act for the sixth year in a row, according to the annual school report card provided by the Illinois State Board of Education.

School report cards are released every year by the State Board of Education, and an Illinois high school's standing is determined by students' performance on Prairie State Achievement Exams, which includes the ACT college-entrance exam.

Maine East was ranked 223 of 656 state high schools in an analysis conducted by the Sun-Times that examines the test scores of every

student tested and compares them to other schools, not the state standard for passing. In contrast Maine South High School, which also failed to make AYP, was ranked 13 in the Sun-Times analysis.

Factors determining why Maine East did not meet all of the requirements for AYP included:

- only 55.3 percent of all students meeting or exceeding state reading standards.

- only 65.4 percent of all students meeting or exceeding state math standards.

- only 54.7 percent of all white students meeting or exceeding state reading standards. That did not meet the "safe-harbor" target of 66.3 percent.

- only 64.3 percent of all white students meeting or exceeding state math stan-

dards. That did not meet the safe-harbor target of 68.1 percent.

- only 38.5 percent of Hispanic students meeting or exceeding state math standards. That did not meet the safe-harbor target of 47 percent.

- only 38.5 percent of low-income students meeting or exceeding state reading standards. That did not meet the safe-harbor target of 52.2 percent.

- only 55.4 percent of low-income students meeting or exceeding state math standards. That did not meet the safe-harbor target of 63.3 percent.

But overall Maine East fared better than most Illinois schools in math, where 51.6 percent of all students met or exceed standards. Barb Dill-Varga, assistant

superintendent for curriculum and instruction, reported to the Board of Education recently that, "Maine East has continued to focus its attention on improving the performance of its students, and the school's creation of an Integrated Literacy Program model is being implemented this year as they continue their efforts to catch students from falling through the academic cracks."

Maine South, meanwhile, did not meet AYP because only 51.1 percent of disabled students met or exceed state reading standards. That did not meet the safe-harbor target of 64.8 percent.

Many education advocates oppose the federal mandates set by NCLB because they are unfunded

and, some feel, too constraining. Schools are held to increasingly higher expectations under NCLB.

"We share, as we always have, the goals and objectives of No Child Left Behind," said district spokesman Dave Beery. "We welcome accountability. At the same time, the fact is that No Child Left Behind standards have been established in a way that means all schools eventually will be judged as 'failing'."

"The value of that judgment in either genuinely measuring schools' performance or in advancing our education goals is questionable."

Last year only 62.5 percent of each of a school's subgroups (like gender, ethnicity and English proficiency) had to meet or exceed

standards for the school to make AYP. This year 70 percent of all students in each subgroup must meet or exceed standards for a school to make AYP.

By 2014 all students are expected to have 100 percent proficiency in reading and math for their school's to meet AYP.

"While all of our teachers, administrators and staff continue to work hard to meet AYP standards, meeting those standards is increasingly difficult, primarily because of the manner in which the bar is raised each year under No Child Left Behind and in part because an entire school is deemed failing to meet AYP if even one student subgroup fails to meet those standards," Beery said.

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ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST

District 64 students perform well on state exams

By JOANNA BRODER
Contributor

Where the Illinois Standards Achievement Test, or ISAT, is concerned, students in Park Ridge-Niles District 64 are doing well.

That is according to Larry Sorensen, the district's director of technology planning and assessments, who delivered an ISAT report Oct. 26 to the School Board.

"I think one of the exciting things is that the majority of our students in District 64 continue to meet or exceed state standards on the ISAT," Sorensen told the board.

The Illinois State Board of Education developed the ISAT to measure student academic success as it relates to state learning stan-

dards. Students in third through eighth grade take the tests, though not all grade levels take each subject test. (There are tests for reading, math, science and writing.)

In math 92 percent of all district students are now scoring in the "meets or exceeds" category, Sorensen noted. In reading, 90 percent of all students meet or exceed. In science, 93 percent of fourth- and seventh-graders now score meet or exceed, while in writing 73 percent of third-, fifth-, sixth- and eighth-graders score in that category.

Over time, students' ISAT scores have improved in some areas. For example, in 2006, 83 percent of students in third grade met or exceeded, while in 2009 that percentage rose to 91

percent.

One setback Sorensen pointed out is that the percentage of fifth-graders scoring in the "meets or exceeds" category on the writing ISAT decreased from 85 percent in 2008 to 73 percent in 2009.

"That was the largest area of decline," Sorensen said.

The report also highlights how the same group of students scored on the ISAT over time. The district examined the ISAT scores of a cohort of students as they progressed from fifth to eighth grade. The percentage of those students meeting or exceeding in reading rose from 88 percent in fifth grade to 94 percent by eighth grade.

"In almost all categories we did get better over time," said School Board Chairman John Heyde.

But the cohort data also revealed a less-favorable trend. It showed that the percentage of students in the exceeds-only category for reading was higher when students were fifth-graders (38 percent) than once they progressed to eighth grade (14 percent). These data parallel trends in state ISAT-score data, Sorensen said.

On the math ISAT, however, more students scored in the exceeds-only category as eighth-graders (49 percent) than as fifth-graders (21 percent).

Also of note is that District 64 made what is known as Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP, which is a calculation the Illinois

State Board of Education uses to measure student progress as defined by federal No Child Left Behind mandates.

The goal is for all students to meet or exceed standards in reading and mathematics by 2014, according to the Illinois State Board of Education Web site. Sorensen said that if all factors stay the same next year, for example, students' scores stay constant on next year's ISAT tests and the Illinois State Board of Education continues to calculate Adequate Yearly Progress in the same manner, then District 64 may not meet the qualifications for AYP in 2010, but the individual schools that make up the district will, he said.

"I think it's important to share with the board that

ISAT is just one assessment that we give to the students ...," Sorensen said, explaining that report cards, teacher-generated tests and Measures of Academic Progress, or MAP, testing, achievement tests in math, reading and language, are others.

The ISAT report noted that until the district gets information from the state on how other schools districts performed on these tests, District 64 cannot rank itself against other school districts in terms of ISAT scores. Such information will be available on the state Board of Education Web site, www.isbe.state.il.us, in the future, according to the report.

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MAINE COMMUNITY YOUTH ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

Parents urged to 'talk early, talk often'

"Talk early. Talk often. Your kids are listening to you." That's the latest message from the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation...

"We encourage parents to have age-appropriate conversations with their children about alcohol and drugs as early as fourth or fifth grade..."

While that may sound too young to some parents, research shows that if we want to stop harmful behavior, we must begin prevention efforts about five years before the behavior occurs.

Most 6-year-olds know that alcohol is only for adults. But according to the Surgeon General's 2007 Call to Action, between the ages of 9 and 13, youth begin to think that alcohol use is OK.

"That's why it's never too early to start talking with children about the dangers of underage drinking..."

children about the dangers of underage drinking." Williams added, "One conversation alone will not prevent kids from trying alcohol or drugs..."

According to the IYS data, teens said their parents are the most believable source for information about alcohol and drugs.

MCYAF representatives distributed flyers and chewing gum to parents

with that message imprinted on them at recent Meet the Teacher nights in District 63 and 64 middle schools as well as all three Maine Township District 207 high schools.

"Unfortunately, statistics in Maine Township indicate a decrease in the number of families who have clear rules about alcohol and other drug use from middle school to high school," Williams said.

"While 94 percent of sixth-graders said their families have clear rules, only 71 percent of high school seniors said the same. Research shows that teens are less likely to use tobacco, alcohol and other drugs if their parents set clear rules about not using."

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the official reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest by police does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

BURGLARY

A car was burglarized Saturday on the 8900 block of North Greenwood Avenue. A GPS valued at \$200 was reported stolen.

DUI

Jon Encarnacion, 24, of 1640 N. Greenwood Ave., Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday at Greenwood and Milwaukee avenues. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 7.

Evelyn McGottigan, 33, of 9744 N. Dee Road, Des Plaines, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 9000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 7.

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Sorin Petrin, 42, of 9416 N. Greenwood Ave., Des Plaines, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Oct. 26 near Touhy and Caldwell avenues. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Nov. 16.

THEFT

Randy Nowak, 26, of 494 Cornell Ave., Des Plaines, was charged with retail theft Sunday after she allegedly stole \$160 worth of merchandise from a store on the 900 block of Civic Center Drive. She was released on \$10,000 bond and was due in court Wednesday.

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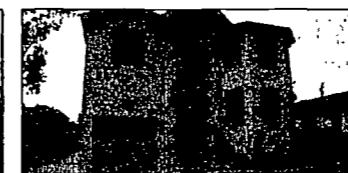


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Niles Dramatic 4 br, 3.5 ba split-level home, 2.5-story entry. Gracious rooms. Screened-in balcony off mstr ste. Concrete-walled terrace & patio.



Niles Spectacular 4 br, 5.5 ba new construction. Open floor plan. Each br has bath. Maple/cherry kit with granite, stainless, hardwood floors.



Morton Grove New construction w/4,500 sq ft. Home 4brs 4+ baths. Mstr br w/granite counters, SS appl, FR w/pc. Media rm & ba. Alt 2+ car gar



Morton Grove Beautiful 4 br, 2.5 ba newer home. Mstr br w/2 walk-ins, ba w/jacuzzi. Sep liv & din rm. Granite kit w/stainless appl. Fam rm w/wbd, patio.

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Victoria Atanus 847-384-7599

Susan Cooney 847-866-8200

Bill Taliya 773-935-4466



Niles 4 br, 2.5 ba home w/huge fenced yd abounds w/wild-life. Never kit w/hdwd flrs, ss appl, cherry cabs & more. Fptic, full bsmt 2.5-car att gar



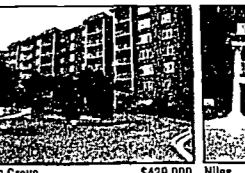
Niles Torrific 5 br, 3 ba brick Colonial. Fmrl liv rm, sep dining rm. Large eat-in kit w/janetry. Main flr br, fam rm. Att garage. Roof deck.



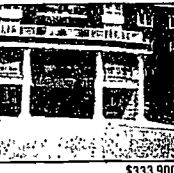
Morton Grove 3 br, 3.5 ba luxury TH. Gourmet kit w/SS appl, granite counters, 42 inch cabs. Spacious layout, hdwd flrs, extra deck space, 2-car gar



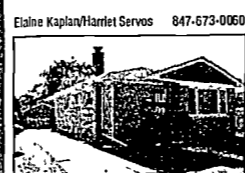
Morton Grove Walk to Overhill Park from this rehabbed 3BR, 2BA w/hardwood floors, kitchen w/Merilite cabinets & granite counters, gorgeous baths, & more.



Morton Grove Woodlands 3BR, 3BA offers gourmet kitchen in cherry & granite w/kitchenAid appliances, spacious living/dining area, luxurious master, & more



Niles 3 br, 2.5 ba 2nd flr unit w/large basic facing courtyard 2 masters, lux mstr ba. W/d in unit. Eat in kit w/lots of cabs & appl. 19d gar.



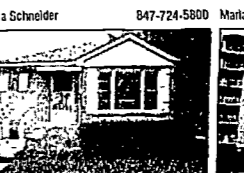
Niles Brick ranch in Greentown Heights. Decorated home features 3 br, 2 full ba, hardwood floors in living room and in sun room. Fin basement.



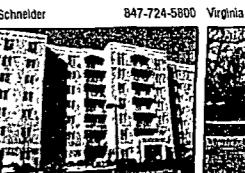
Morton Grove Brick split level in Morton Grove. 3 br, 2 baths, spacious living room, dining area. Master br. Lower level rec room. 2.5-car garage.



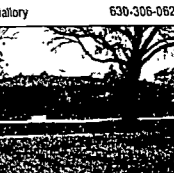
Niles 2 br, 2 ba corner penthouse. Skylight. Liv/din rm w/wine carpet & balcony. Mstr w/walk-in & ba. 19d gar space. In-unit laundry w/hd w/d.



Niles Large 2 br brick raised-ranch on lrg corner lot. Large frnt din. Refin hdwd flrs. Semi-fin bsmt w/3rd br & fam rm. Newer c/a. Gar. Near park.



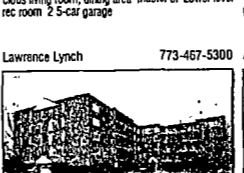
Niles Eagle Point 2 br, 2 ba condo w/hdwd flrs. New dw in eat-in kit. Bldg by forest preserve in-unit full size laundry. Deck! Heated gar space.



Morton Grove 3 br 1-level home. Corner jumbo lot! Updated kit w/cabs, ceramic flrs, SS appl & tile backsplash. Updated ba. New windows. 2.5-car att gar.



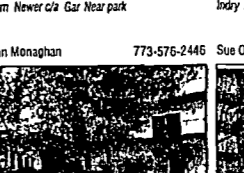
Morton Grove 3 br, 2 ba brick ranch on lrg lot. Great Parkview & Niles West School Dist. Hdwd flr, eat-in kit. Lrg fin bsmt w/4th br, 2nd kit & ba.



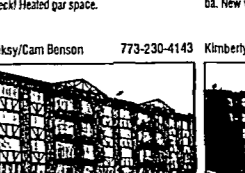
Niles 2 br, 2 ba unit. 15' balc overlooks cryd! All appl + w/d. Huge eat-in kit. Lndr gar space. Extra storage closet. Exercise rm in bldg. More!



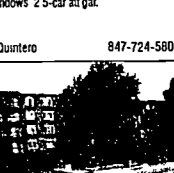
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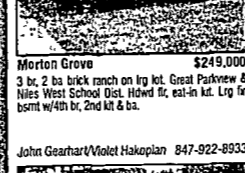
Morton Grove Beautifully renovated 2BR, 2BA condo with hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen w/granite, spacious living room, master w/walk-in closet and more.



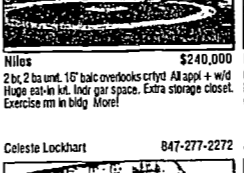
Morton Grove 2 br, 2 ba end unit. Liv rm opens to balcony. Spacious din rm. Eat-in kit opens to lrg fam rm. Mstr st w/walk-in closet & bath. 19d pkg.



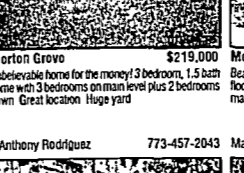
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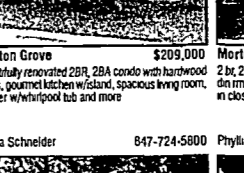
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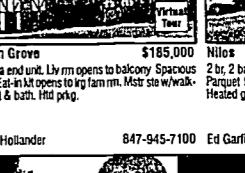
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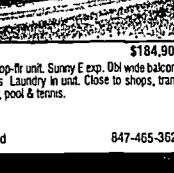
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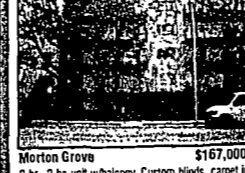
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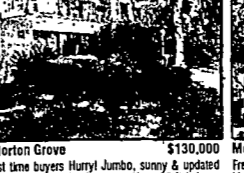
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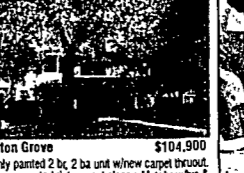
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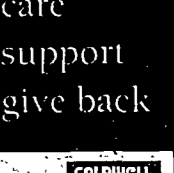
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WE SAY

County best to give flu shots

Late last month the Cook County Health Department received a first batch of 20,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccines. As predicted, the virus has reappeared in the Chicago area this fall; President Obama has already declared this a national emergency.

But despite the need to get the vaccine to school-aged children, who seem particularly vulnerable to this strain of flu, school districts around the county are questioning whether to receive or outright refuse the county's flu vaccine program.

Cook County is setting up clinics around the county to distribute the vaccine. But the health department doesn't have enough personnel to deliver all the shots, so it is asking elementary school districts to store and administer the vaccines to their students. This requires school dis-

tricts and school nurses to perform medical services for which they are simply not trained and exposes the districts to a legal liability they are not willing to accept.

To be fair, money is a huge issue now and the health department is preparing to go to war with Cook County President Todd Stroger over its upcoming budget, now that the department prepares this independently from the county.

But protecting the public against the possibility of a pandemic is something the county should place a high priority on and not shunt it off to school nurses who are not professionally trained to carry it out. In addition, a requirement that the doses be administered during school hours will mean many working parents will not be able to be present with their children for the shot, an unacceptable pro-

cedure for many.

For these reasons, many school districts are unwilling to store and administer the shots, as the health department rules demand.

Lake County and DuPage county health departments are both distributing their supplies through regional appointments at clinics throughout the counties. Cook is significantly larger than either, but that is no excuse not to set up clinics at least some of the schools themselves, as some school officials have already suggested.

While we sympathize with the county's intent to make as many vaccines available to schoolchildren, an especially at-risk population, the plan puts too many burdens on schools.

Unless the county can work out some kind of partnership with schools to administer these vaccines, the plan is a non-starter.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Road to recovery long but worth every step



TERRI SCHMIDT

Several weeks ago Barb and Brian suspected that their son, Tim, was using alcohol or drugs.

They did an online screening at www.drugfree.org, and were shocked to learn that Tim had many classic symptoms of addiction. Barb and Brian received help confronting Tim

through Brian's employee assistance program at work. Since that time they have learned more than they ever thought possible about how the system works for adolescents who need help.

They knew that Maine Township High School District 207 has a Student Assistance Program (SAP) at Maine South, East and West. The program provides resources and help for students and parents.

Barb went there to get some information about resources, but Tim felt uncomfortable with people at school knowing that he had a problem. Barb and Brian understood, telling Tim that they would give him list of treatment facili-

ties.

One of the family's main concerns was how to build time for treatment into their lives. Barb and Brian worked full-time, and they would need to factor in commuting time as well as time for treatment for Tim and family meetings. They realized that addiction affects the whole family, and as parents they would need to be fully involved.

They were looking for a program that involved different levels of care, including education, intensive outpatient treatment (IOP) and inpatient care, if necessary. The SAP counselor, as well as the employee assistance professional, advised

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Last-minute pyramid



CHERYL O'DONOVAN
VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

My son must look Egyptian, too. I ransack the closet for anything tunicy. Boys never wear sheets or their mother's castoffs. They might as fraternity pledges for a toga party, but now? Forget it.

My husband suggests our son can wear a horrifying Halloween mask. "It's the result of the Tut curse."

"Not helping," I yell back. Pacing, my son wears a red pillowcase on his head. Real Egyptians were tan and could embalm a cockroach. My son is pale and wears glasses, not exactly Middle Kingdom material.

I tear off foil and begin shaping a headband. The Reynolds people never imagined their product could be this diverse. They thought, hey, aluminum foil, great for turkeys, beef roasts, wrapping leftovers — and an Egyptian head-dress.

When I finish the foil snake head, it looks like a duck. A duck that survived an oil spill.

"Put eyes in it," he says.

"There's no time for eyes," I reply.

Using safety pins, I anchor a collar of place-mats onto his father's T-shirt. "Ow, Mom! You almost stuck me."

Great. I imagine his friend helping him put this thing on and both of them winding up in triage.

Later, we lug this massive model to school. Many stares follow us.

One man halts. I worry he's going to report me to the health department because of the glue fumes.

"Wow," the man says.

"His Egyptian project," I say.

"I just saw 'The Ten Commandments.'"

"That's a miniaturized Yul Brynner in front." I joke and point. "See the dude hamming it up with the scepter?"

"What are all these kids doing behind him?"

"He played Ramesses, remember?"

Have you had school project disasters? Send your fanny-fascos to Cheryl O'Donovan at cherylodonovan@comcast.net.

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An Open Letter to Illinois Patients

from the Doctors of the Illinois State Medical Society

November 2009

This fall, our nation faces a significant opportunity to cover the uninsured and expand patient access to care. We support continuing efforts by the American Medical Association and the White House to achieve meaningful reform and preserve the patient-physician relationship.

However, we **cannot** support the direction of current proposals before Congress.

The proposed reforms are not meaningful unless they help you, the patient, gain *real* access to medical care in your local community when you and your loved ones need it. Insurance companies must not be allowed to deny care based on your pre-existing condition, or manipulate your insurance premium to make insurance unaffordable. You should not lose your insurance coverage because you lose or change jobs, or because you get sick. You should not be forced to accept a health system that wastes money or reduces quality and access to care.

Our physician members are very concerned health reform is moving in the wrong direction ... that Congress is constructing it on the faulty foundations of Medicare and Medicaid. Heaping more strain on these public programs without first repairing their flaws will undermine your access to care.

Did you know the Illinois Medicaid program has been woefully underfunded for more than a decade? Yet congressional health reform proposals rely heavily on Medicaid expansion to cover the neediest patients in our state.

Did you know that just last week, the U.S. Senate refused to repair Medicare's fatally flawed payment system? We thank Senators Durbin and Burr for supporting repair of Medicare. But its defeat at the hands of other Senators imperils access to care for 1.6 million Illinois Medicare patients.

The health reform debate has reached a critical juncture. We at ISMS offer the following guidance to you, our patients, on what we consider the essential components for *real*, lasting, cost effective health reform.

The Illinois State Medical Society calls on Congress to deliver:

- Access to affordable health insurance coverage for all, tailored to individual needs and with individual responsibility for obtaining insurance and finding a medical home.
- Health insurance market reforms to help patients obtain and keep affordable health insurance and to remedy widely documented abusive insurer practices such as pre-existing condition exclusions and denials of medically necessary care.
- Changes in antitrust law to promote information sharing and care coordination between doctors and to level the playing field in negotiations with health plans.
- Permanent correction of the fatally flawed Medicare physician sustainable growth rate formula which has restricted patient access to care.
- Strong and effective medical litigation reforms to reduce the costs of wasteful defensive medicine.
- Subsidies for low-income individuals and families to purchase private health insurance, as a means of covering the uninsured and as a market-based alternative to Medicaid expansion.
- Health education, prevention and wellness initiatives to improve patients' overall health and reduce long-term costs.
- Initiatives and incentives to assure there will be enough physicians trained in the future to care for patients.

Not all reforms are good for patient care.

The Illinois State Medical Society stands opposed to:

- Government-mandated treatment guidelines that interfere with doctors' clinical decision-making and the doctor-patient partnership.
- A government-subsidized "public option" that would unfairly compete in the health insurance market.
- A single payor health system. ISMS believes health system reform should improve and expand upon the current public-private system and focus on incremental, evolutionary change.
- Further expansion of Medicaid as a means of covering the uninsured. Given Illinois' track record of a woefully underfunded Medicaid program, we much prefer subsidies for the private purchase of health insurance by low-income patients.

Sincerely,
The Physician Members
of the Illinois State Medical Society



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them that it was likely that Tim would need an IOP. That typically involves treatment three nights per week from 6-9 p.m. for about four to six weeks. Graduates of the program are encouraged to participate in aftercare meetings at least once a week. Family meetings for all of them would be strongly encouraged.

Barb had been advised by the SAP counselor to contact the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation, or MYCAF, (847)-571-3189. MYCAF's mission is "A collaborative community effort to increase overall community capacity for advocacy, education, guidance and resources for families to promote drug- and alcohol-free youth." Trish Williams, the prevention specialist at MYCAF, gave her a list of resources.

Brian then did a Mapquest search to determine which program would be most accessible from Park Ridge. The results using the Pickwick Theatre as ground zero included:

- FAIR — Families and Adolescents in Recovery, (847) 359-5192, Schaumburg, 14 miles.
- Omni Youth Service — (847) 353-1500, Buffalo Grove, 17.52 miles.
- Peer services — (847)-657-7337, Glenview, 6.1 miles.
- Northwest Community Hospital — (847) 618-1000, Arlington Heights, 12.76 miles.

The family was disap-

pointed to learn that both Advocate Behavioral Health/Lutheran General and Keys To Recovery/Resurrection Hospital did not have an adolescent IOP program. Not only would those programs have been much more accessible to Park Ridge residents, but they would have been more equipped to handle the medical emergencies frequently associated with addiction.

The last piece can also be the most challenging — insurance coverage. Though the family had used their insurance for medical appointments, no one had ever used their behavioral health benefits before. They learned that behavioral health is frequently "carved out" of their regular benefits. This means that they may have separate insurance companies for medical and behavioral health.

Taking Tim to an out-of-network treatment facility could cost the family thousands of extra dollars. Barb learned this when she called the special phone number on the back of her insurance card.

Barb was just grateful that they had insurance — Maine Center for Mental Health (847) 297-2510 is the state-funded agency for Park Ridge, but the combination of funding cuts and extreme demand made it difficult for Tim to begin treatment quickly.

It's a long and winding road to recovery, but worth every step of the way.

— Terri Schmidt, a licensed clinical social worker, writes "To Your Good Health" for the Park Ridge Community Health Commission



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How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress

Week ending October 30

Major roll call votes in the Senate

Jobless Benefits: Senators voted, 87-13, to advance a bill providing 20 more weeks of jobless checks for those losing current allotments in states with at least 8.5 percent unemployment. A yes vote was to debate a bill (HR 3548) that also provides 14 more weeks of checks in other states.

Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Roland Burris: Yes

Interior Department: Voting 72-28, senators sent President Obama the final version of a bill providing \$32.2 billion for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies in fiscal 2010 (HR 2996, below). A yes vote was to approve the conference report.

Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Roland Burris: Yes

Major roll call votes in the House

1. Interior Department: Members passed, 247-178, the final version of a \$32.2 billion budget for the Department of the Interior and agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency in 2010. A yes vote supported a bill (HR 2996) that includes \$385 million for addressing climate change.

2. Small Business: Members voted, 389-32, to raise the cap from \$2 million to \$3 million on federally guaranteed loans made by banks in the Small Business Administration's main lending program. Taxpayers would back 90 percent of each "Section 7(a)" loan. A yes vote was to pass HR 3854.

	1	2
Bobby Rush, D-1st.....	Y	Y
Jesse Jackson Jr., D-2nd...	Y	Y
Dan Lipinski, D-3rd.....	Y	Y
Luis Guterrez, D-4th.....	Y	Y
Mike Quigley, D-5th.....	Y	Y
Peter Roskam, R-6th.....	N	Y
Danny Davis, D-7th.....	Y	Y
Melissa Bean, D-8th.....	Y	Y
Jan Schakowsky, D-9th.....	Y	Y
Mark Kirk, R-10th.....	Y	Y
Debbie Halvorson, D-11th...	Y	Y
Jerry Costello, D-12th.....	Y	Y
Judy Biggerl, R-13th.....	N	Y
Bill Foster, D-14th.....	Y	Y
Timothy Johnson, R-15th...	N	Y
Donald Manzullo, R-16th...	N	Y
Philip Hare, D-17th.....	Y	Y
Aaron Schock, R-18th.....	N	Y
John Shimkus, R-19th.....	N	Y

Key votes ahead

In the week of Nov. 2, the House will take up bills on health care, credit cards and protecting chemical factories, while the Senate will debate extended jobless benefits and a renewal of the home-purchase tax credit.

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THIRD HAND TRICKERY

Bridge Bites

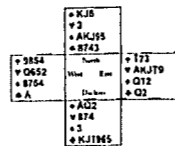
From the American Contract Bridge League

By BRIAN GUNNELL

"Third hand high" is common advice and on this hand East plays "Third hand extra high" in order to fool Declarer.

On defense, in third hand, it's standard procedure to win the trick with the lowest card possible, that's the best way to let Partner know what is going on. So, when West leads a low Heart against 5♠, East would normally win that trick with the King. But this week's East decided to win the opening trick with the ♥A, supposedly denying possession of the King. He then returned the ♥T. What was East up to?

To answer the question put yourself in Declarer's shoes. From East's play to the first two Heart tricks Declarer's shoes. From East's play to the first two Heart tricks Declarer deduces that East does



BOTH VULNERABLE

South	West	North	East
---	---	---	1♥
2♣	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass

not have the King (he would have played it at Trick 1), nor does he have the Jack (he would have returned it at Trick 2). So it appears that East started with ♥AQT9x. Based on this logic Declarer will calculate that East has a maximum of eight HCP outside the Club suit. Now, when Dummy leads a low Club from the board and East plays low, how should

Declarer guess? East needs the ♠A for his opening bid and must have started with ♠A2 or ♠AQ2, so let's not blame Declarer if he guesses wrong and goes up with the club with the ♠K, playing East for ♠A.

If East plays more routinely, winning the ♥K on the first round and continuing with the Ace, he no longer needs the ♠A to make up his opening bid.

The being the case, Declarer will be more inclined to make the normal Club play of running the Eight on the first round, hoping for Q2 or AQ2 in the East hand (two chances) rather than A2 (only one chance).

Visit www.acbl.org to learn about bridge, or visit the Forest Glen Duplicate Bridge Club, meeting Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 121 E. First St., Hinsdale. (630) 279-0735.

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Dr. Dimitropoulos received his medical degree from Rush University. He completed his Dermatology residency in 2005 at the University of Michigan as well as additional training in the Melanoma Multidisciplinary Clinic. Dr. Dimitropoulos followed his residency with a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Rush University, completed in 2006. Dr. Dimitropoulos is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Dr. Brown is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. He completed his internship at the University of Chicago Hospitals and his Dermatology residency in 1999 at Rush University Medical Center. He completed a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri, in 2000. Dr. Brown is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

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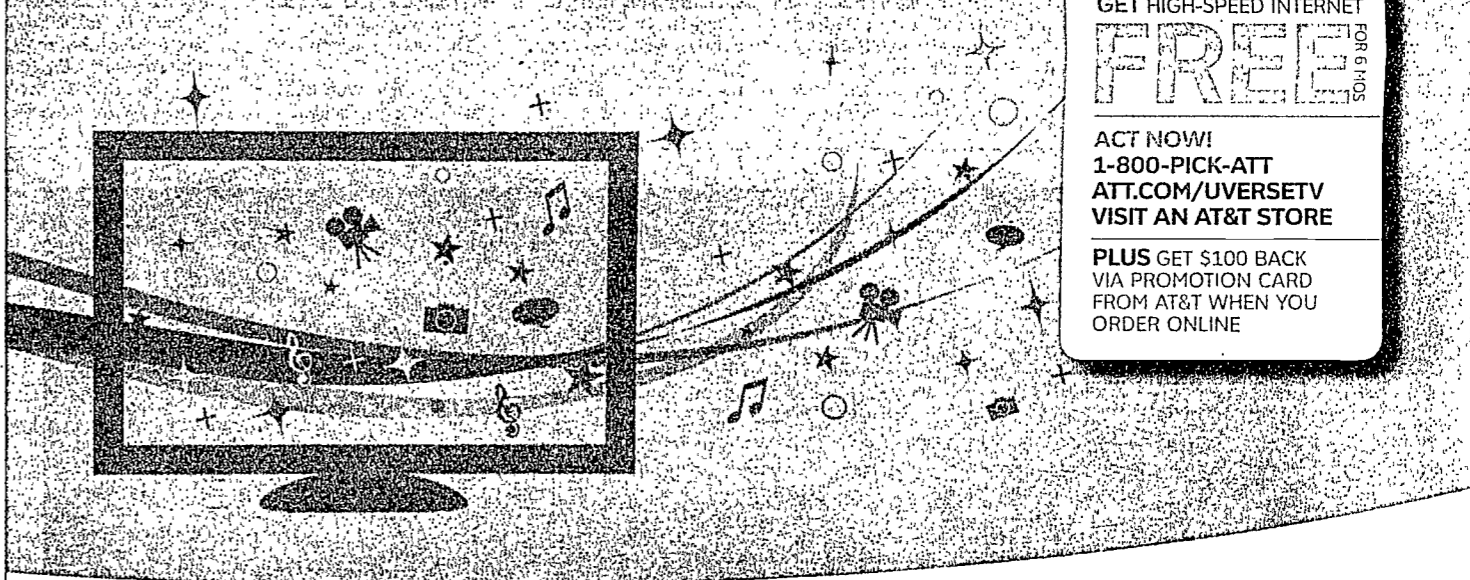
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Sighted scam, sidestepped same



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: I read your column all the time, and thankfully, have never needed your help. However, I wanted to inform you of a scam that almost happened to me.

I have been selling a lot of items on eBay recently, and of course that means a lot of money transfers to my PayPal account.

Recently, I received an official looking e-mail from PayPal security.

It was in my spam file (my first warning), but I was trying to do a million things at one time, and I opened it. It said that

someone had tried to wire money from my bank account using a fraudulent charge card, and I needed to log into my PayPal account or risk having my account closed.

I clicked on the link, and it took me to a very official-looking PayPal site. After I logged in with my e-mail address and password, it asked me to verify my bank account numbers, my address and my charge card numbers, along with the security number from the back! At this point I became suspicious. I immediately called PayPal, and they told me that any e-mail from them would have had "service@paypal" as the origination address.

After hanging up, I realized I had used my password to log into the phony account. So I quickly changed my PayPal and eBay passwords.

So far my money is safe,

and I believe I dodged this bullet. But as a reminder, if an e-mail is in your spam folder, it's there for a reason, and as you have told us time and time again, any company that asks for vital information is usually a fraud. Just wanted to say thanks for all you've done for everyone and tell you about this scam.

David Emmerling,
Antioch

Dear David: Well, thank you for sharing this. One of the best things about writing this column is seeing all the ways in which readers look out for one another.

We're going to put this in The Fixer's Tip Jar at www.suntimes.com.

Dear Fixer: I purchased two tickets to a White Sox game through Onlineseats.com on Sept. 9. I have used this broker close to 50 times over the past

three years and have had good experiences. As the name implies, I ordered my seats via their Web site. Any time an order is placed, this particular broker gives a discount code for either 10 percent or \$35 off the next order.

I placed my order and used the discount code to get \$35 off the ticket price. The discount was applied on the computer screen. I then clicked to place my order, and after doing so, the next screen was my order confirmation. However, something went wrong and the \$35 was not taken off the total price.

I immediately called Onlineseats.com and spoke to a customer service representative. He told me that unfortunately there was nothing they could do.

So I called my credit card company to try to delete the transaction, but they said it could not be deleted. They would not let me file a dispute. The rep did, however,

connect me to TicketNetworkDirect, the provider who actually sent me the tickets for my order. A customer service representative there told me there was nothing they could do.

I asked the rep at TicketNetwork to justify not giving me the discount when the code I used was valid. She had no answer. I asked if I could speak to a supervisor, but when they put me through, I was only able to leave a voice mail message. I have not received a call back.

Robert Guzzetti,
Palatine

Dear Robert: Team Fixer is a big fan of online coupon codes. (We never hit the "order" button without first Googling the name of the merchant and the phrase "coupon code" to get the best deals.) Too bad for you the computer gods weren't cooperating that day.

The good news is this got fixed in a hurry.

First we contacted David Jacobs, who we thought

was the owner of Onlineseats.com. Turns out he sold the company at the end of July, but he promptly apologized for the problem you had with the provider, TicketNetwork. He promised to contact the new owner of Onlineseats.com.

A short time later, you heard from Larry Bernstein, chief information officer for the new owner, saying he'd already put a check in the mail for the discount you were supposed to get. (Thanks, guys, for handling that so quickly.)

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. Or, 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.

Letters are edited for length and clarity. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

Good Mourning Program is a monthly support group of Rainbow Hospice for children, teenagers and families who have lost a loved one through death. It meets 6:45-8 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. Call (847) 692-8884.

An Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the Nessel Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nessel Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

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A new bereavement program, created by Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, offers Polish-language support and resources to Chicago-area residents of Polish heritage as well as Polish-speaking immigrants grieving the loss of a loved one. Bereaved members of the community may call (847) 292-2342 at any time to talk with or leave messages for licensed Polish-speaking counselors and trained volunteers who can answer questions about the grief process, share information about how to help someone who is bereaved and to find assistance with culturally sensitive bereavement support. Along with the Polish Intake Line, the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Program also offers a Web portal through www.rainbowhospice.org/polkish with Polish-language resources about general grief, children's bereavement and culturally based programs offered by Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care. Call (847) 732-4554 or Jokazaki@rainbowhospice.org.

The Neptune Society, the largest independent cremation company in the nation based in Des Plaines, is bringing comforting teddy bears to Chicago area children who are hurt, frightened or alone. The Neptune Society Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person whose death care is handled by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice and local fire departments to be given to a child in need.

The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowen@lesturnerals.org.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's HomeAid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

Holding Onto Hope is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets from 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session.

Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session.

A Widowed Support Group is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general guideline, who have been widowed less than two years. It will meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Cost is \$5 per session. Call (847) 685-9900.

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

Weight No More, a friendly weight-loss support group, is welcoming new members. Discussions include weight-loss tips, recipes, contests and helpful ideas to help you reach your goal. Meetings are 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fridays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, lower level (elevator accessible). Weigh-ins are 9:15-9:30 a.m., meetings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 per month. Call (847) 679-4229.

TARA APD Chicago - Treatment and Research Advancements Association for Personality Disorders holds a monthly support group for people with loved ones suffering from borderline personality disorder or emotional dysregulation. The meeting is at Rush North Shore, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. E-mail r5mail@tara@yahoo.com for the room number or more information.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support

group meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

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

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

The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

The Us Too! Prostate Cancer Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. Call Health Management, (773) 792-5022.

Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7866.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet from 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

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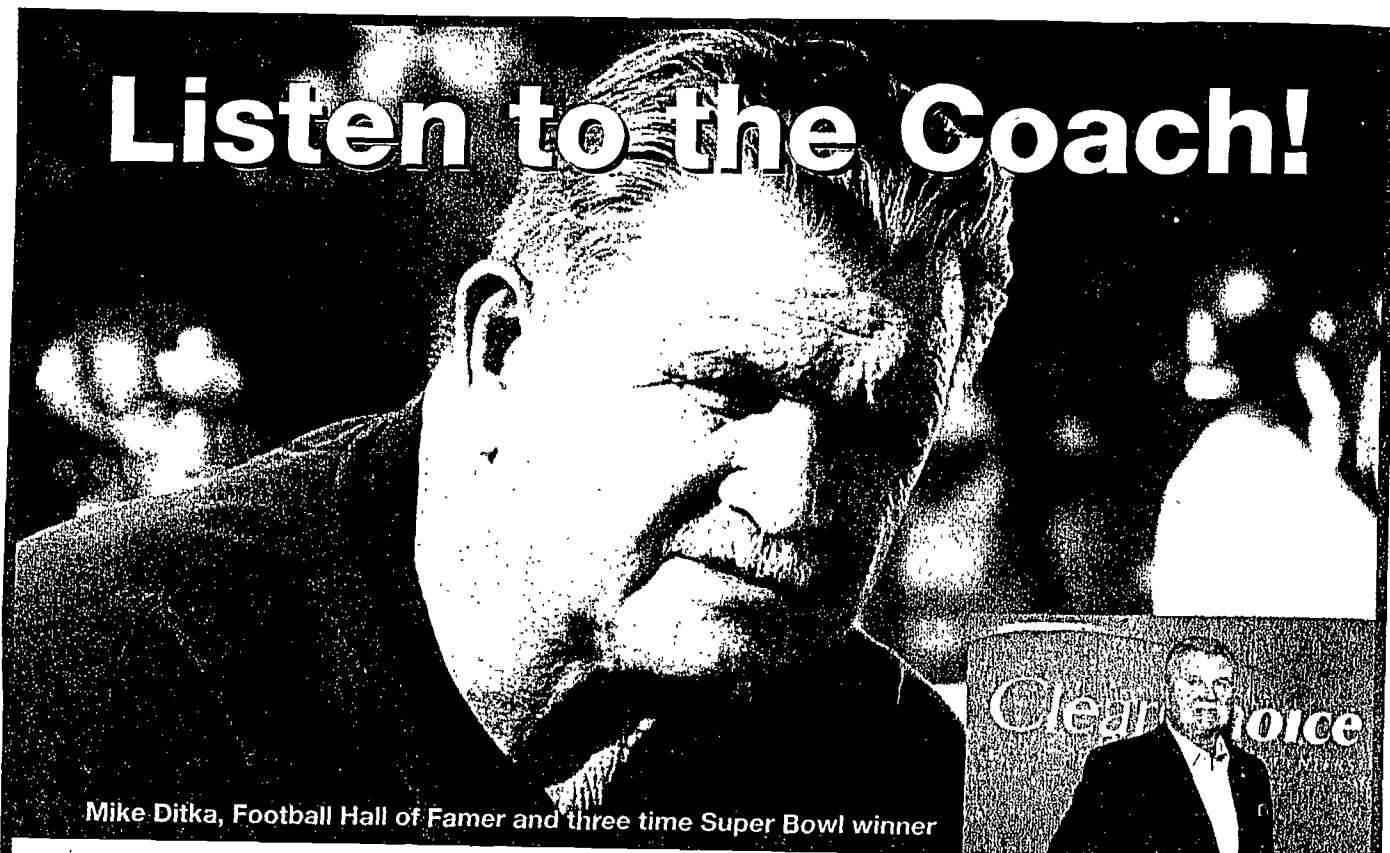
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week



Amira Ruotola-Behrendt and Greg Behrendt

1. “So You Think You Want to Be in Love?” presented by Greg Behrendt and Amira Ruotola-Behrendt at 8 p.m. Nov. 7 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$45; \$20 students. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.centrecast.org.

2. “Bridges from Baghdad,” a concert to benefit the Iraqi Student Project, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at St. Nicholas Parish Church, 806 Ridge Ave., Evanston. The concert will feature Karam Salem, a concert pianist and composer now studying at Holy Cross College in Indiana, and Nura Aly, a violinist and student at DePaul University. \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door. Call Rosalie Riegle, (847) 644-2281, or visit www.iraqidepaul.org.

3. Diane & Simon Zunamon Memorial Fine Arts Concert Series features Frank Winkler and his Modern Jazz Quintet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation, 7117 N. Crawford Ave. \$20. Call (847) 676-0491 or e-mail finearts@ljeong.org.

4. “The Music Man,” presented by the Rising Stars Theatre Co. Nov. 7-22 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago, at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (773) 736-2490 or www.risingstars.org.

Bob Fosse revisited

Thodos Dance hosts Ann Reinking, debuts Fosse Trilogy

Thodos Dance Chicago Fall Concert 2009
8 p.m. Nov. 13 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$38. (847) 673-6300 or www.northshorecenter.org.
8 p.m. Nov. 28 at Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago. \$60, \$45 seniors, \$25 students. (312) 334-7777 or www.harristheaterchicago.org

By **WYNN KOEBEL FOSTER**
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For just one chance to work with Tony Award-winning choreographer Ann Reinking, most dance companies would turn in their leotards; for a second chance, their liniment.

But this fall, for an impressive third time, Thodos Dance Chicago is collaborating with Reinking, whom the late Bob Fosse called his Muse. What's more, the company is set to perform Reinking's setting of three rarely seen Fosse-choreographed dances — Mexican Breakfast, Cool Hand Luke and Tijuana Shuffle — in Fosse Trilogy. Two of the dances, Breakfast and Shuffle, have never before been done on a live stage. Reinking has also choreographed new transitions to tie the three dances together.

“We are so honored to welcome Ann Reinking back for her third engagement,” said Thodos founder and artistic director Melissa Thodos, formerly of Evanston. “She says she loves the diversity of my company's dancers.”

Reinking first worked with Thodos in 2004 with CAUTION: Side Effects. In 2007, she returned to choreograph Rossini Recess for the company.

Serendipity

Reinking and Thodos' husbands are old friends and talented tennis players, who frequently play matches, Thodos explained. It was perhaps inevitable the two women would meet, and Reinking would see TDC in action. Reinking already knew and admired the Joffrey Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and River North Chicago Dance companies, she told WTTW-11's Chicago Tonight. Then, at an AIDS benefit, she saw TDC perform. Thodos was still



Tony Award-winning choreographer Ann Reinking is working for the third time with Thodos Dance Chicago, this time to bring three rarely seen works by the late Bob Fosse to the stage in Fosse Trilogy.



Thodos Dance Chicago was founded 17 years ago by Evanston native Melissa Thodos.

dancing with her company then. “She was right up there with them,” Reinking said.

Fosse choreographed Mexican Breakfast for his wife, the late Broadway star Gwen Verdon. She can be seen on YouTube performing it for a 1960s segment of “The Ed Sullivan Show.” Beyonce Knowles has acknowledged the choreography for her “Single Ladies” video was heavily influenced by the Breakfast routine. For Fosse, costumes and props



Thodos Dance Chicago will perform three rarely seen works by the late choreographer Bob Fosse in their Fall Concert 2009 program. (Photo courtesy of Cheryl Mann)

were often integral parts of a dance's choreography.

Costume hunt

“We've replicated some of the original costume elements for Trilogy — hats, vests and belts — exactly. We've tried to embrace the era each dance was created in, too,” Thodos said. “It was difficult to find gaucho hats with wide enough brims, for example. They're not something you can find easily in costume shops.”

The TDC was founded in 1992 as Melissa Thodos and Dancers. It officially became Thodos Dance Chicago in 2005, bowing to a move toward a broader American repertoire. Today, the company is composed of 11 member dancers and five trainees.

“We're a repertoire company,” Thodos explained. “Seniority and seasoning are important to us.”

Also on TDC's Fall Concert 2009 program are the Chicago premiere of Driven, choreographed by Thodos, and three dances from the company's New Dances 2009 series — Awakening, set to the music of Philip Glass, by Wade Schaff; Architecture: Splintered and Craekled, by Jessica Miller Tomlinson; and Reflect, by Mollie Mook and Jeremy Blair, set to an original score by TDC's resident composer, John Nevin. The program will also include two audience favorites — Nine by Brook Clawson and Departurepoint by Ron De Jesus.

Permission for TDC to perform Fosse Trilogy for five years, with an extension thereafter, was made possible by agreement with Nicole Fosse, daughter of Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon, who holds the rights.

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A married couple (Cameron Diaz, James Marsden) face a moral dilemma when a mysterious stranger (Frank Langella) shows up at their door with a small wooden box and a message: Pressing the button on the box will get them a million dollars, but also cause the death of someone somewhere in the world. Hey, people die all the time, right? Richard Kelly ("Donnie Darko") wrote and directed the thriller. (115 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, some violence and disturbing images.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
An animated retelling of the Disney holiday classic, shot in the motion-capture style of "The Polar Express," featuring Jim Carrey as Scrooge and a half dozen additional characters. Adapted and directed by Robert Zemeckis ("Polar Express," "Forrest Gump"). (96 min.) Rated PG for scary sequences and images.



"The Fourth Kind"

THE FOURTH KIND
For decades, people have been disappearing from Nome, Alaska. Could they be the victims of alien abduction? Did anyone ever think they just wanted to get the heck out of Nome? Mila Jovovich stars as a psychologist investigating the mystery. (98 min.) Rated PG-13 for violent/disturbing images, some terror, thematic elements and brief sexuality.

THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS
★★ 1/2
George Clooney and Ewan McGregor star as an army-trained psychic in search of redemption and a small-town reporter in search of a story in this off-beat comedy. (93 min.) Rated R for language, some drug content and brief nudity.

PRECIOUS
★★★ 1/2
A much-abused, overweight and illiterate teenager in 1980s Harlem, pregnant with her second child, is given the chance to enroll in an alternative school and change the direction of her life. (110 min.)

FILM CLIPS

STILL PLAYING
AMELIA
Hilary Swank stars in this biography of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart and her fateful 1937 attempt to fly around the world. Directed by Mira Nair ("Monsoon Wedding"), featuring Richard Gere and Ewan McGregor. (111 min.) Rated PG for some sensuality, language, thematic elements and smoking.

ASTRO BOY
★★ 1/2
The Astro-great-granddaddy of all anime comes to the screen with a reasonable amount of entertainment value in this expensive animated family adventure, but with little of the eccentric imagination of the original 1963 Japanese TV series. When the young son of the Minister of Science (voiced by the oddly cast Nicolas Cage) in a floating, futuristic city dies in a lab mishap, his bereaved father uses his DNA to create a super-powered robot replica. The robot boy doesn't ease dad's grief, though, and he's forced to find his own lonely way in life (as a rocket-powered boy hero) after being spurned. There's a fair amount of fun in the new "Astro Boy," but some of its themes - death, abandonment, war, slavery - are surprisingly dark for a story that's clearly aimed at a very young audience. And while they're eventually balanced by more upbeat opposites - rebirth, reunion, peace and justice - it's still a bit of a wearisome slog. (81 min.) Rated PG for some action and peril, and brief mild language.

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT
It's nice to learn a trade, but being a plumber's assistant would be less dangerous. And maybe even more fun than this tepid adaptation of Darren Shan's popular kid-lit series. The scares are mild and the comedy is even milder in this collapsed version of the first three "Cirque du Freak" books about a young man named Darren (Chris Massoglia, uninterested and uninteresting) who runs away to join the freak show and finds himself in the middle of a war between the good vampires, who don't kill people, and the bad vampires, who do. Writer/director Paul Weitz ("About a Boy") establishes a reasonably spooky mood and keeps the slightly twisted humor flowing (at a dribble), but John C. Reilly provides the only real entertainment as Darren's sardonic, world-weary vampire mentor. (81) (108 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense supernatural violence and action, dis-

turbing images, thematic elements and some language.

MOTHERHOOD
A mother (Uma Thurman) of two is put through her paces preparing for a daughter's 6th birthday party. Katherine Dieckmann ("Diggers") wrote and directed the comedy. (90 min.) Rated PG-13 for language, sexual references and a brief drug comment.

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS
★★★
Producer/story-cooker-upper Tim Burton's animated, light-operatic holiday classic (actually directed by Henry "Coraline" Selick) about the attempt of the bored King of Halloween to take over Christmas. Remastered in 3D for this 13th-anniversary reissue. If you've somehow failed to see this magnificent piece of work, don't miss this chance to see it in a theater, no matter how you feel about the 3D gimmickery. No excuses: go see it. (81) (76 min.) Rated PG for some scary images.

SAW VI
Another round for the seemingly unkillable horror franchise, about a madman (Tobin Bell) who forces victims to choose between a horribly grisly fate or an even more horribly grisly fate. At least it's nice to have a choice. (9D min.) Rated R for sequences of grisly bloody violence and torture, and language.

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN
★★ 1/2
Being incarcerated has a restraining effect on most movie serial killers; at least in terms of narrowing down their field of operations, but not in the case of "Law Abiding Citizen," a competently made, superficially serious, but basically preposterous potboiler which suggests that going to maximum-security lockup doesn't have to cramp your style. Gerard Butler stars as a revenge-driven family man determined to make the killers of his wife and daughter pay painfully - as well as everyone else who was even symbolically involved in letting one of them off on a technicality. That's not an unfamiliar scenario, but "Law Abiding" makes things a little more interesting - and a lot more preposterous - by having our anti-hero carry out his revenge while locked up in solitary confinement. While prosecutor Jamie Foxx grows increasingly frustrated, instead of milking the exploitable elements, director F. Gary Gray ("Friday") shifts the dramatic balance toward tragic commentary on the criminal justice system and that's more earnestness than an essentially trashy and outrageously improbable ultra-violent revenge fantasy can bear. (81) Rated R

FREE STYLE
A high-school BMX racer ("High School Musical" star Corbin Bleu) sets his sights on making the Grand National team in this sports drama. (94 min.) Rated PG for language, some sensuality and thematic material.

for strong, bloody, brutal violence and torture, a scene of rape, and pervasive language.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE
Spike Jonze ("Being John Malkovich," "Adaptation") co-wrote (with novelist Dave Eggers) and directed this adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic children's story about a boy whose imagination takes him to a forest full of wild animals who make him their king. Rated PG for mild thematic elements, some adventure action and brief language.

AN EDUCATION
A teenage girl (Carey Mulligan) in early-'60s London becomes involved with a man (Peter Sarsgaard) who is twice her age. Nick Hornby ("About a Boy") adapted the drama from a memoir by journalist Lynn Barber. (95 min.) Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving sexual content, and for smoking.

COUPLES RETREAT
★★
You might find this tedious romantic comedy just barely passable if you don't mind a transparently predictable plot, formulaic characters and half-hearted attempts at raunchy humor, simply because the cast (featuring Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau, Jason Bateman, Kristen Bell, Faizon Love, Kati Hawk, Kristin Davis and Malin Akerman) is professionally likable. But it's a long, long way from "Swingers" for Vaughn and Favreau, who co-wrote the script with Dana Fox (who also wrote the painful "What Happens in Vegas"). A yuppie couple (Bateman and Bell) on the verge of divorce because they can't conceive a child convince one friend (Love) who's already divorced and dating a 20-year old who calls him Daddy, a couple of friends (Favreau and Davis) on the verge of a breakup and another couple of friends (Vaughn and Akerman) who are reasonably happy together when this whole thing starts, to join them on an island paradise for a week of sun, fun and intensive marital therapy. Not your idea of a dream vacation? It's not very much fun as a movie, either. (81) (107 min.) Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language.

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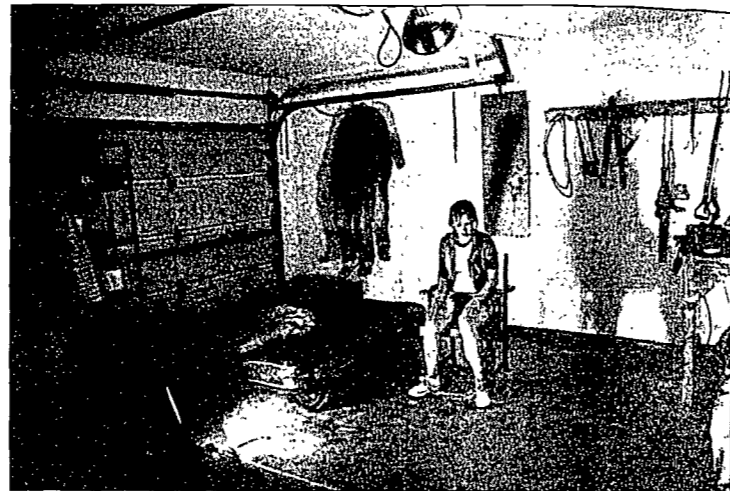
Frank Merle's screenplay "Graves Farm," for which a film short was shot in Park Ridge, has a chance at landing on the desk of a big time Hollywood movie miker — if it gets enough votes from the public.

Merle, a native of Park Ridge, submitted the short to MovieHatch.com's Makin' Movies Feature Film Competition with the hope that, finally, one of his ideas will show up on the silver screen as a full-length feature film. His horror film, "Graves Farm," made it through the weeding-out stage and is one of 127 to be voted on by the public until Nov. 15. Several hundred scripts were submitted.

According to MovieHatch.com, scripts for the best ideas will be read and considered by at least 25 Hollywood production company representatives, agents, managers and writers, and could be made into a full-length movie.

Merle, the founder and former artistic director for the now disbanded Keyhole Theatre Company, moved to Los Angeles and has been writing screenplays, directing short films, and producing Internet TV shows and stage plays.

"Graves Farm" shows five college students retreating to a farm, where they decide to watch horror films in the basement of the farm house. One of the movies they watch, a snuff film called "Death Watch," features scenes from the farm they're on. One by one, the friends are picked out of the basement by farmer Graves and tortured in a shed by a beekeeper — all while



Five college students meet their demise at the hands of a masochistic beekeeper in "Graves Farm."



Frank Merle



A torture victim in Frank Merle's "Graves Farm."

being filmed.

"They say there are better odds of getting hit by a bus than landing a Hollywood deal," Merle said. "But to get hit by a bus, you've got to be standing in the street, which is to say that I've got to make my own luck. That's the reason I moved to Los Angeles and the reason I self-produced the 10 short films I've made. My short films serve as a calling card for my abilities as a writer and director, but they are not enough to get me a major studio production deal for a feature-length film."

Merle is confident he has written a superior horror film script because it's seary and it's an inter-

esting story with interesting characters, elements he believes are lacking in recently made horror films.

"I chose a classic fish out of water scenario by placing a group of modern college students on an old-fashioned rural farm because the isolation and relative strangeness of their environment are key elements to creating the fear," he said.

Merle said "Scream" did a good job of turning the slasher sub-genre of the 1980s horror films on its head, which revitalized the horror genre. Audiences today, he said, are tired of torture films, popularized by movies such as "Saw" and "Hostel," so

it's time for another reboot. "In 'Graves Farm,' I attempt to turn the trend on its head in the same way 'Scream' did a decade ago, by making my characters fans of modern horror who find themselves trapped in a situation eerily similar to those they've seen in the movies," he said. "It might be a lofty goal, but it's my intention with 'Graves Farm' to reinvigorate the horror genre by fusing modern horror storytelling with old-fashioned suspense and character development."

To vote on Merle's film, or any others, go to www.moviehatch.com. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Everybody cut 'Footloose'

By MYRNA PETLICKI
 Contributor

Teens find small town life dull until Ren arrives in "Footloose," at Devonshire Playhouse Youth Theatre, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie, 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, through Nov. 22. Eighteen-year-old DePaul University freshman Gilbert Roman plays Ren.

"Ren's a very social character," Roman said. "He's not afraid to speak his mind. He's not afraid to stand up for what he believes in. In this case, he believes that everybody should experience the fun of dancing."

Ren came from a big city where dancing is a popular teen activity so he can't understand why it's banned in his new hometown.

The family musical contains such familiar songs as "Holding Out for a Hero" and "Let's Hear it for the Boy" and the title tune.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. Kids in grades 6-8 can attend a "Retro '80s Dance Night" following the Saturday, Nov. 21 performance for \$10 (show and dance), \$8 with Skokie Park District Teen ID.

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

Table toppers

Parents and kids can work together to create beautiful table decorations at Family Thanksgiving, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge. The workshop is for kids ages 6-10 and parents. Cost is \$35 for a nonmem-

ber family of 3 or 4, \$30 for member families. For details, call (847) 823-6611.

There's a science to it

"Getting Excited about Science" is Steve Beliveau's goal for kids in grades 1-6. He plans to achieve that through a fast-paced science show, incorporating props, music, humor and audience participation, 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, Harwood Heights. For details, call (708) 867-7828.

Boning up on dinosaurs

Your children, ages 3 and older, will have a chance to touch real dinosaur bones at "Dinosauria," 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The educational program will be led by Don and Lisa, who work on major fossil hunts in Wyoming. Free tickets will be available starting at 2:30 p.m. that day. For details, call (847) 673-7774.

More dinos in store

Milt Levin does his dinosaur digging in Utah. The Lincolnwood resident and dinosaur docent at the Field Museum will share his experiences with families in the Rochri Room at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8. Pick up free tickets in advance at the circulation desk for his presentation, "What About Those Dinosaurs?" For details, call (847) 677-5277.

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"Footloose," presented by the Devonshire Youth Playhouse at 7 p.m. Nov. 7, 14 and 21 and 3 p.m. Nov. 8, 15 and 22 at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood Ave., Skokie. Retro '80s Dance Night following the performance on Nov. 21; teens in grades 6-8 can join the cast and dance along with D.J. until 10 p.m. Tickets: \$10; \$8 students and seniors; combo show and

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"The Hobbit," presented by Christian Youth Theater of Chicago through Nov. 8 at the Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. Performances are at 7 p.m. Nov. 6; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Nov. 7; and 2 p.m. Nov. 8. Tickets are \$8-\$12 in advance; \$10-\$14 at the door. Call (847) 516-2298 or visit www.cytchicago.org.
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"Souvenir," Nov. 12-Dec. 20 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The comedic and musical true story of Florence Foster-Jenkins, a New York socialite whose tin ear couldn't keep

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"Summer People," through Dec. 13 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$25. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

"Two by Pinter: The Lover and The Collection," through Nov. 15 at the Piv-

ern Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15-\$25. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

CLASSICAL

Cahn Auditorium at Northwestern University, 600 Emerson, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Nov. 20-21, 7:30 p.m.: "The Barber of Seville," sung in Italian with piano accompaniment. Rossini's opera will be presented in its entirety in a workshop production featuring singers from Northwestern's Graduate II Opera Workshop. Free.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-

Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwest-ern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets: \$20-\$70. Student tickets are \$10, available in the lobby before the performance. Nov. 15: "Hungarian Passion." Featured works include Sextet in C Major, Opus 37, by Ernst von Dohnanyi and Piano Quartet in G Minor, Opus 25, by Johannes Brahms.

Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago, will host a social hour and program on "Katya Kabanova" by Janacek, presented by Geoffrey Edwards, award-winning author and stage director, at 3 p.m. Nov. 15 in a private home. \$10 members; \$15 guests. Call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 478-1110.

The Met Live in HD series, featuring Metropolitan Opera performances transmitted in high definition to movie theaters throughout the United States, including Niles Showplace, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Each live performance will be transmitted live at noon Saturdays, followed by a pre-recorded encore presentation at 6:30 p.m. The third Wednesday after the live performance. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.fathomevents.com. Nov. 7 and 18: Puccini's "Turandot." Nov. 11: Verdi's "Aida."

Mostly Music Chicago presents pianist Irina Feoktistova playing music of Chopin and Scriabin at 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at a private residence in Evanston. Tickets: \$25; \$15 students. Visit www.mostlymusicchicago.com or call (312) 287-5761.

Music of the Baroque performs at

First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$30-\$75. Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.: "Earth, Wind & Fire," with the Music of the Baroque Orchestra, Nicholas Kraemer, conductor, and Elizabeth Wallfisch, violin. The program includes works by Vivaldi, Telemann and Rebel.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Chicago Flute Club concerts include Swiss flute virtuoso Matthias Ziegler, an expert in extended techniques, and Marco Granados, one of Venezuela's top flutists, at 8 p.m. Nov. 7; and William Bennett joins Dennis Bouriakov, recently appointed principal flute of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, for an afternoon of duos at 3 p.m. Nov. 8. Tickets for both concerts are \$30; \$20 for seniors and students.

North Shore Choral Society presents Handel's Messiah at 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Parish Church of Saint Luke, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. \$25; \$22 senior citizens; \$15 students. Visit www.northshorechoral.org or call (847) 272-2351.

Northshore Concert Band performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless otherwise noted. \$15; \$12 seniors; \$6 students and children. (847) 432-2263. www.northshoreband.org. Nov. 8: Fall concert, featuring guest marimba soloist She-e Wu, associate professor of percussion at Northwestern University. The program includes Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Toccata Marziale," Eric Whitacre's "Lux Aurumque," Eric

Ewazen's Concerto for Marimba and Wind Ensemble, and Ottorino Respighi's "Pines of Rome."

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermet, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. www.northwestsymphony.org. Nov. 22: The Evanston Dance Ensemble joins the symphony for portions of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Ballet." The program also includes Prelude to Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" and "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev, narrated by Carolyn Paulin.

The Orion Ensemble performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$25; \$22 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. Nov. 22, 3 p.m.: "Musical Connections." Soprano Alicia Berneche will join the ensemble to perform the world premiere settings of five Anne Sexton poems by New York composer Drew Hemenger, as well as Six German Songs, Op. 103 by Louis Spohr, Baird Dodge, principal second violin for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will play Piano Quintet, Op. 1 by Hungarian composer Ernst Dohnanyi.

Pelite Opera Productions presents "Al Fresco: Life Through Opera-Colored Glasses," a comic opera parody with modern-day English translations set to

music of Sullivan, Lehar, Rossini, Mozart, Bizet, Puccini and Offenbach. through Nov. 14 at the Mary Wilson House Beyer Auditorium, 306 S. Prospect (at Crescent), Park Ridge. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Nov. 8. \$22 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$12 for students. Visit www.pelite-opera.org or call (847) 553-4442.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Dec. 6, 2 p.m.: "Holiday Classics," a collection of great operatic moments that capture the holiday season, starring Jeanne Scherkebach and Carolyn Wehner with special guest John Trybus.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$22-\$30; \$9 for children. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. Dec. 6: "A Season of Sweet Sunday Treats: Story Time," Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra," with Thomas Rosenwein narrating, will be performed. Also featuring the winners of the 29th Young Artist Competition - Meredith Crawford playing Martinu's Rhapsody Concerto for Viola and Benjamin Lash performing Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Roccoco Theme.

for children under 12. Nov. 14: Si Kahn, InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.ichohare.com/montrose_room. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music at 8:30 p.m. in the Montrose Room, \$5 cover. Nov. 6: Kimi Hayes (rock/blues/country). Nov. 13: Robert Hynes Band (rock/blues). Nov. 27: Xristo & Caison (R&B/hip-hop/rap). Dual Impact (pop/rock) and Heroes of Eden.

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Center East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreat.org. Nov. 8, 8 p.m.: Bruce Hornsby; \$68-\$74.

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Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org. Nov. 14, 8 p.m.: Folk singer Andrew Calhoun. No open mic this month to allow for longer concert. \$7 donation includes refreshments.

Hogeye Folk Arts hosts concerts at Lake Street Church of Evanston, 607 Lake St. (847) 475-6165. www.hogeyefolkarts.org. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. \$15; \$13 for senior citizens; \$5 for students; free

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 - Nov. 6: Celtic Dancing with Ceoltoir Chicago. Nov. 7: Celtic Groundhogs. Nov. 13: Sullivan Brothers. Nov. 14: Iron Horse.

Oakton Community College, Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, Dec. 10, 8 p.m.: The Oakton Community Choir will perform selections from popular Broadway shows as well as classical compositions. Free. Call (847) 635-1907.

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. Nov. 9, 8 p.m.: Don Henley \$142, \$80, \$49, Dec. 17-19, 8 p.m.: Barry Manilow, \$261.62, \$235.65, \$156.73, \$141.26, \$73.65, \$12.37.

Shoestring Productions offers musical revues at 620 Lee St., downtown Des Plaines. Admission is \$10. For reservations or information, call (847) 657-7688 or e-mail shoestringprod@sbci.net. Nov. 9,

and 16, 7:30 p.m.: "Cole," entertainment based on the words and music of Cole Porter, performed by Todd Bulmash, Karen Doyle, Harold LeBoyer, Beth Pauze, Aaron Rumack, Terri Ryan-Schlossberg, Kelly Schouten and Kirk Swenk. Nov. 15 and 22, 7 p.m.: "Listen to My Heart," the songs of David Friedman. The cast includes Kristen Calvin, Laura Lee Cornelison, Russell Ramstrom, Janet Reed and Randy Toelke.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Concert tickets \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m.: "Stand by Me," music of the '50s with Marcus Gentry. Nov. 7, 8 p.m.: "Charlene Brooks Sings Barbra Streisand." Nov. 8, 2 p.m.: Ester Hana and Betty Graham present "Europe at Night Revisited." Nov. 13, 8 p.m.: Chicago's Got Talent! Visit www.herbitunes.com for information. Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Bounding Main presents "Shanty Singers and Balladeers." Nov. 15, 2 p.m.: "Devil May Care," a one-woman cabaret show featuring Kimber Leigh Nussbaum. Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m.: "The American Songbook," starring Peter Oprnsko, \$10. Nov. 20, 2 p.m.: "Jukebox Saturday Night," starring The Pin-Ups, \$10. Nov. 20, 8 p.m.: Ron Hawking's His Way Cabaret, \$35 in advance; \$44 at the door. Nov. 21, 8 p.m.: Heather Moran presents "A Celebration of '50s Naughty Housewife Jazz." \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Nov. 22, 2 p.m.: Marianne Murphy Or-

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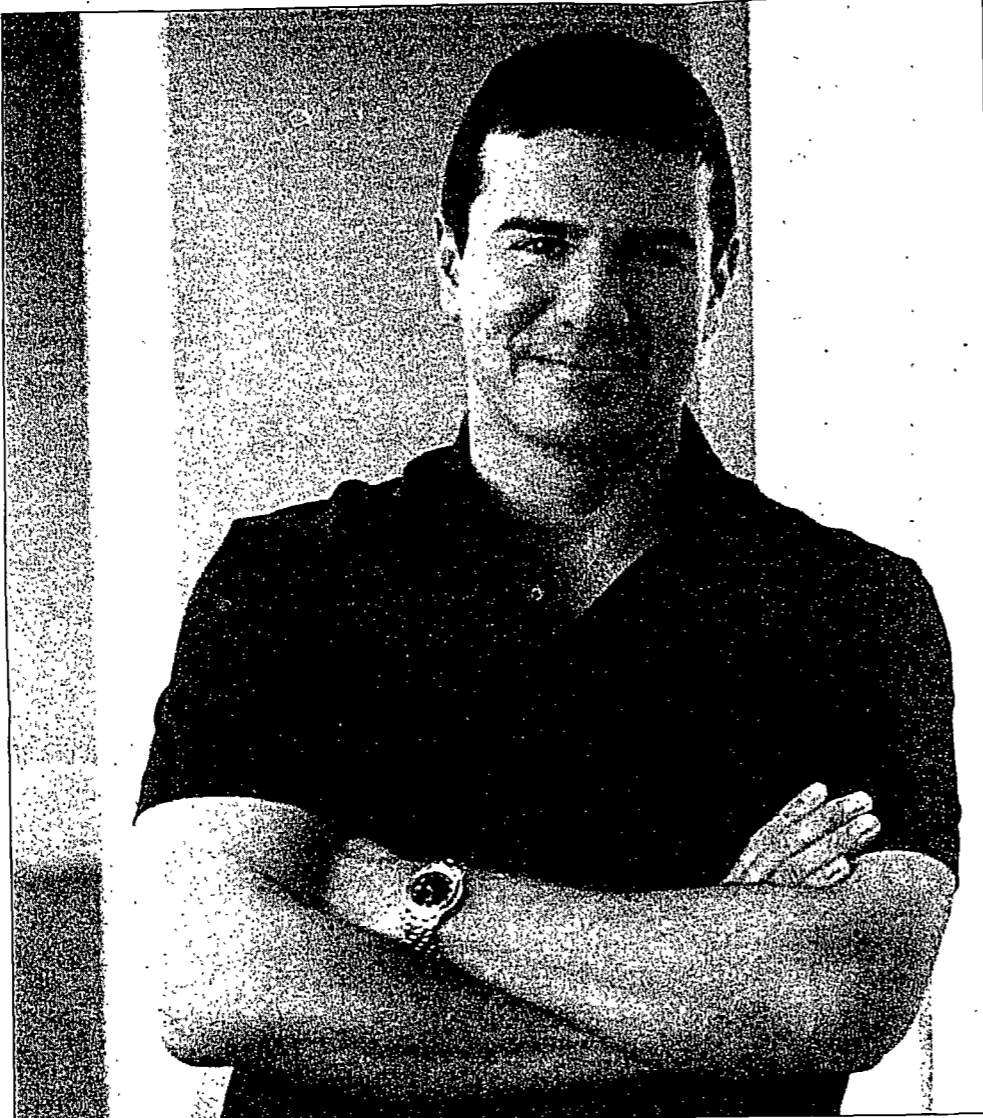
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Spain. Dec. 16, 1:30 p.m.: "Silver Screen Crooners" with singer Tony Bernard. \$10. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.: The Pin-Ups present "Gettin' Hep for the Holidays." Dec. 20, 2 p.m.: Ron Hawking. "Impressions of Christmas." \$35 in advance; \$44 at the door. Dec. 31, 8 p.m.: "Stand By Me." music of the '50s with Marcus Gentry. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m.: "Turn Back the Hands of Time." hits of the '60s with Marcus Gentry. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

ART GALLERIES

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Special Exhibitions Gallery, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission of \$8; \$6 for students and senior

citizens; and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Through Nov. 29: "Darfur: Photojournalists Respond," based on the book *Darfur: Twenty Years of War and Genocide in Sudan*, by Leora Kahn. Irish American Heritage Center Art Gallery, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Through Nov. 15: "Samhain/Day of the Dead: Artists' Ofrendas." Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator. (847) 614-3806. Through Dec. 31: "The Magic of Art, the Discipline of Science, and the Love of Nature." photographs by Rich Fisher. An opening

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artist's reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 3. Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Nov. 6. "Down to There: Women and Their Relationship to Hair," a juried exhibition featuring works by more than 50 women artists. Nov. 12-Dec. 4. "10 Show 2009," works by members of the art faculty at Oakton Community College, including paintings, photography, ceramics and digital art. Opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 12. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. (847) 673-7774. www.skokiepubliclibrary.org. Through Nov. 21. Skokie Art Guild 2009 Members' Fall Exhibit. Visit www.skokieartguild.org for information.

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St. Stephen's Gaslight Players will hold auditions for "The Music Man" from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 8 in St. Stephen's Hanley Hall, 1280 Prospect, Des Plaines. Be prepared to sing 16 bars of a song of your choosing or one can be taught to you. Also be prepared to dance. For information, call Debbie Szczesniak, (847) 431-1198. Also seeking

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ARTISTS
Crafters are sought for the Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique and Craft Show to be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 21 and noon-5 p.m. Nov. 22 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Space rental is \$20-\$80 plus 10% of sales. Call (847) 823-0920 (evenings).

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"Bridges from Baghdad," a concert to benefit the Iraqi Student Project, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at St. Nicholas Parish Church, 806 Ridge Ave., Evanston. The concert will feature Karam Salem, a concert pianist and composer now studying at Holy Cross College in Indiana, and Nura Aly, a violinist and student at DePaul University.

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Tommy Makem Tribute Concert, 8 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. The concert will feature performances by The Makem and Spain Brothers, as well as several local bands: The Larkin and Moran Brothers, The Chancey Brothers, The Dooley Brothers and The Sullivan Brothers. \$35. Proceeds benefit the Tommy and Mary Makem Fund in support of pediatric brain tumor research at Children's Memorial Hospital. Call (773) 282-7035 or visit www.irish-american.org.

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Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Fall youth programs, 1:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for children. All tickets available at the door only. Nov. 7: "The Artist Within Us: Creating A Masterpiece Of Kindness & Respect," with Victor Pacini. Nov. 14: "One Song We Are Like Different Instruments. But When We Play Together, We Play One Song," with Victor Pacini. Nov. 21: "Super Power Music: A Journey of Uplifting Melodies," with Victor Pacini. Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Through Nov. 25: Chicago Kids Company presents "Alice

in Wonderland." Performances at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 6, 9-10, 12-13, 16-17 and 19; 10:30 a.m. and noon Nov. 20, 23-25; and 1 p.m. Nov. 14. \$10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com.
Take Two Children's Theater presents "Jungle Book" at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at Weisbourd-Holmes Family Focus Center, 2010 Dewey Ave., Evanston. \$10 general admission; \$8 for students and seniors. Call (847) 674-2216.

COMEDY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Nov. 7, 8 p.m.: Greg Behrendt and Amiira Ruotola's "So You Think You Want to Be In Love?" Behrendt, co-author of the bestselling book, *He's Just Not That Into You*, joins his wife and writing partner Amiira Ruotola Behrendt on stage to offer insight into modern relationships. \$45; \$20 students.
The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. (773) 283-7071. www.thegifttheatre.org. Nov. 6-Dec. 13, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5:30 p.m. Sundays: "Santa's Great American Depression Holiday Show! America 2: Son of Santa's Great American Depression Holiday Show! America," featuring sketch comedy and improv. \$10.
Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Dec. 26, 8 p.m., and Dec. 27, 2 p.m.: "Nuns4Fun," featuring Vicki Quade, co-creator of the Late Nite Catechism comedies.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES
Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Nov. 13, 8 p.m.: "Fosse, Trilogy" by Thodos Dance Chicago. Broadway and film veteran Ann Reinking will collaborate with Thodos Dance Chicago to reconstruct a trio of short dances by Bob Fosse - "Cool Hand Luke," "Mexican Breakfast," and "Tijuana Shuffle." The program also features the Chicago premiere of Melissa Thodos' "Driven," as well as company pre-

miere of three dances from Thodos Dance Chicago's New Dances 2009 choreography performance series. \$38. Dec. 12-13, 3 p.m.: "The Nutcracker" presented by The Civic Ballet of Chicago. \$35.

GROUPS & LESSONS

Sparees Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Nov. 15: "Turkey Trot," with music by Chuck and Friends. Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. Nov. 9: "Tallin' Leaves." Nov. 22: "Turkey Trot."
Square Wheels Square Dance Club dances the fourth Saturday of each month, September through May, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road, Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with Howard and Anna Hoffman, and square dancing starts at 8 p.m. with guest callers. \$6. Call (847) 392-5512 or (847) 253-3206. Nov. 28: Dale McRoberts

DINING

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. Dec. 3: The Guy Fieri Road Show. Fieri, star of three shows on television's Food Network, including "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," "Guy's Big Bite" and "Ultimate Recipe Showdown," presents an unscripted performance complete with interactive cooking stations, demonstrations, behind-the-scenes stories and more. Tickets: \$47.50, \$35 and \$25. Via Veneto Ristorante, 6340 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. Nov. 20, 7 p.m., and Nov. 22, 3 p.m.: "Taste of Abruzzo Dinner," a celebration of the cuisine and culture of the Abruzzo region of Italy. Each evening will feature an authentic regional menu based on local specialties prepared by native chef Massimo Criscio and Dino Alberto Paganelli, chef at the Palazzo Tour d'Eau in

Abruzzo. Regional wines have been selected to accompany the meal. Chef Criscio, who runs Abruzzo Cibus Culinary Tours, will introduce the courses and discuss the culture of the region and the tours he offers. \$65 per person includes tax and gratuity. For reservations, call (773) 267-0888.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Harvest Fest, noon-4 p.m. Nov. 15 at Watson Park Church, 6337 W. Cornelia, Chicago, featuring a holiday craft sale, bingo and other activities. A roast pork dinner will be served at 2 p.m.; tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling (773) 283-0884.
"The Symbols of Christmas" bazaar will be held from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 20 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 21 at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles, featuring crafts, gifts, floral arrangements, a coffee shop, and homemade Greek pastries. Free admission. For information, call (847) 647-8880.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emertus. Nov. 18, 10-11:30 a.m.: 200 Years of Greatness: A Lincoln Portrait (MUS B28-61) showcases composer Aaron Copeland's musical tribute to the 16th President of the U.S. Fee is \$20. Nov. 18, 1:20-3 p.m.: Camille Pissarro, Jewish Mentor of the French Impressionists (ART F10-61) examines the life and works of Camille Pissarro (1839-1905), regarded as the father of French Impressionism. Fee is \$20.

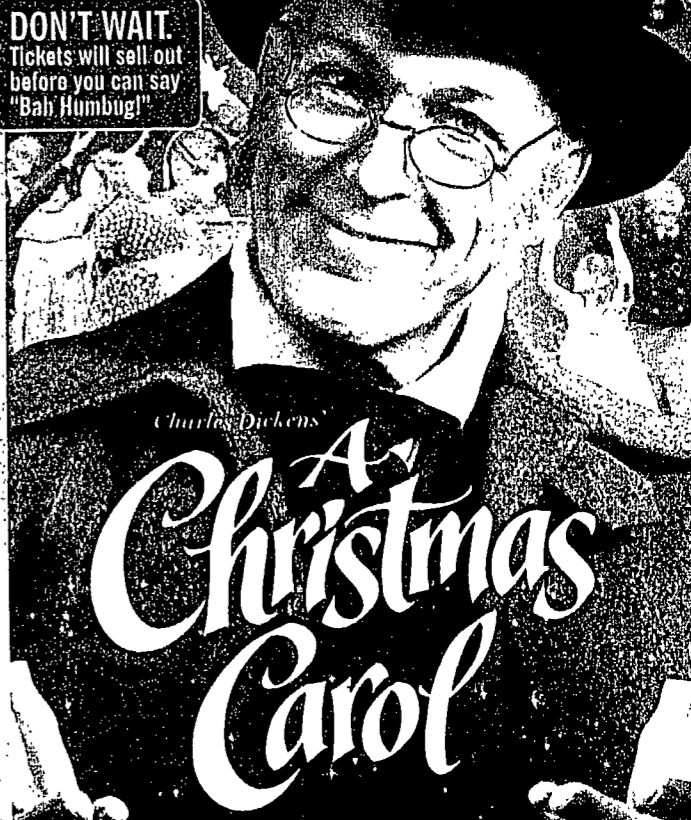
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Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Nov. 28, 5 and 8 p.m., and Nov. 29, 3 p.m.: Cirque Le Masque. \$35. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts and programs in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m.: Joe Wiegand presents "A Conversation with Teddy Roosevelt." \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

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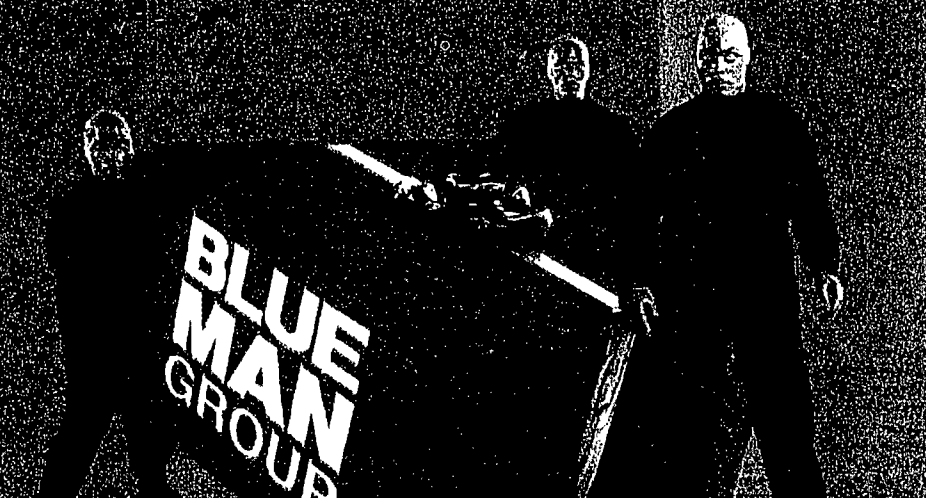
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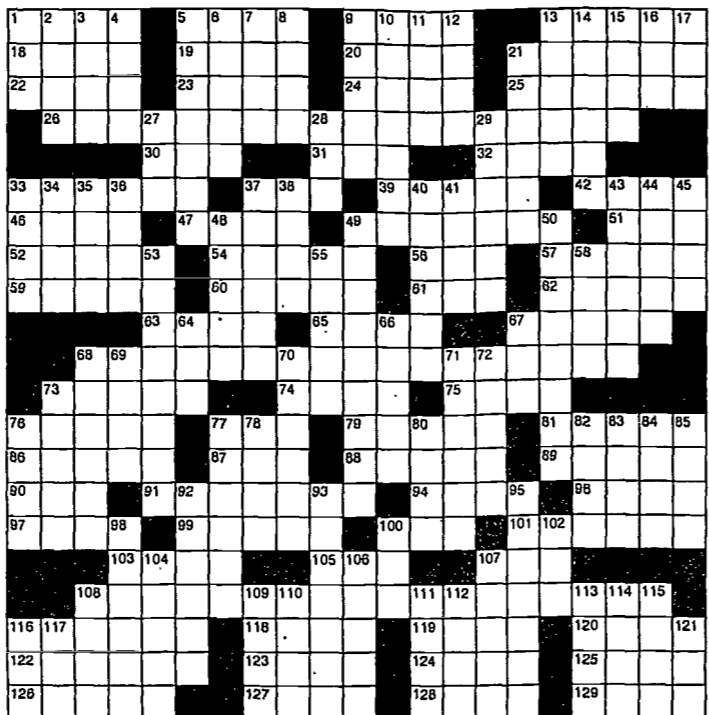
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 - 21 Leno's predecessor
 - 22 Pare down a paycheck
 - 23 Painter Bonhour
 - 24 "That a Shame" ('55 hit)
 - 25 Like some clocks
 - 26 Start of a remark by Roy W. West
 - 30 Ornamental vine
 - 31 Wahine's wreath
 - 32 Pants measurement
 - 33 Entertain lavishly
 - 37 Nunn or Nell
 - 39 Service member?
 - 42 "Black Narcissus" star
 - 46 Utah city
- DOWN**
- 1 "— to Me" ('64 hit)
 - 2 Run amok
 - 3 Shoe part
 - 4 Anklebiter
 - 5 "— Amber" ('47 film)
 - 6 Adhesive ingredient
 - 7 — Haven, CT
 - 8 Thick slice
 - 9 Demean
 - 10 Hailing from
 - 11 Make money
 - 12 Peterson of "Providence"
 - 13 The Beatles all had them
 - 14 Pounds the podium
 - 15 Sonja Henle's birthplace
 - 16 Seastly place?
 - 17 Chang's sib
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 - 27 Zilch
 - 28 Shade tree
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 - 33 Ohio county
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- 47 "Phoney" Trench
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 - 51 Thievs' headquarters?
 - 52 Fortifies with fleecb
 - 54 Close a gate
 - 56 Actress Cassidy
 - 57 Hardware item
 - 59 Rottweiler's restraint
 - 60 Hilo hello
 - 61 Also
 - 62 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
 - 63 Kuwait's character
 - 65 Got older
 - 67 Giraffe kin
 - 68 Middle of remark
 - 73 Author Gallant
 - 74 Tara of "American Pie"
 - 75 Top-notch
 - 76 Clotted-cream county
 - 77 Average
 - 79 Brimming with gossip
 - 81 Word with chard or Guard
 - 86 Shaggy Sumatran
 - 87 Bustle
- DOWN**
- 88 Clear the slate
 - 89 Lama land
 - 90 Martini ingredient
 - 91 Used an atomizer
 - 94 Chair material
 - 96 Hummus holder
 - 97 Constellation component
 - 99 Dud
 - 100 Christie or Costello
 - 101 Formal
 - 103 Frank
 - 105 "Evita" character
 - 107 Lamb's dam
 - 108 End of remark
 - 116 Emphasize
 - 118 Around the corner
 - 119 "The Alienist" author
 - 120 Fast gait
 - 122 Loath
 - 123 Canadian coin
 - 124 Opinion page
 - 125 Ballplayer Fuentes
 - 126 Squander money
 - 127 Up-front
 - 128 Cole and Turner
 - 129 Fragrance
- ACROSS**
- 37 "— 17" ('53 film)
 - 38 Concerning
 - 40 Flaunt
 - 41 — even keel
 - 43 Ochs or Zukor
 - 44 Attorney Melvin
 - 45 Till
 - 48 Delon or Lesage
 - 49 Upset
 - 50 Most auspicious
 - 53 Woodwork-er's scraps
 - 55 Abrade
 - 58 Out of gas
 - 64 Slangy sib
 - 66 Duck down
 - 67 "You Don't — Me" ('64 hit)
 - 68 Cigar hit
 - 69 Revlon rival
 - 70 Opera's Martina
 - 71 The Bahamas' capital
 - 72 Senior member
 - 73 Deserve
 - 76 "All — Go to Heaven" ('89 film)
 - 77 One who no's best?
 - 78 Elliot's "— Bede"
- DOWN**
- 80 Brazos River city
 - 82 Clean a counter
 - 83 Egyptian bird
 - 84 Theater collection
 - 85 Corsst part
 - 92 Gratify
 - 93 Captivate
 - 95 Director Blake
 - 98 Mugabe of Zimbabwe
 - 100 Potok's "Name Is Asher —" opponent
 - 104 Oater extras
 - 106 Writer Bret
 - 107 Swamp sight
 - 108 Aphrodite's boyfriend
 - 109 Cuzco native
 - 110 Witnessed
 - 111 Computer image
 - 112 Wine valley
 - 113 Graham of football
 - 114 Parched
 - 115 "Rosanna" rockers
 - 116 Shorten a slat
 - 117 Dam org.
 - 121 Anderson's "High —"



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Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of Nov. 9 - Nov. 15

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A rejection of your attempt to be friendly leaves you with two choices: Try again, or give up. If you want to make another effort, go slowly. Let things develop without pressure.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It could be a problem dealing with unfamiliar people who do things differently from what you're used to. But rely on that strong sense of purpose to get you through this difficult period.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) To avoid neglecting a personal matter because of a demanding new workplace schedule, start prioritizing immediately. Knowing how to apportion your time takes a little while to set up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It won't be easy to avoid some of the pressures that come with change. Best advice: Take things a step at a time, and you'll be less likely to trip up while things are in a chaotic state.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A much-talked-about workplace change could be coming soon. Be sure to get all the details involved in the process, and once you have them, you can decide how you want to deal with it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might still believe that your trust was betrayed, although the facts would appear to prove the opposite. But by the week's end you should learn something that will help set the record straight.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans could be a challenge because of shifting circumstances. But a more settled period starts by midweek, allowing you to firm up your plan-making once and for all.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The facts continue to be on your side. So make use of them in dealing with any challenge to your stated position. Also, open your mind to the offer of help from an unlikely source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) There could still be a communication problem holding up the resolution of a troublesome situation. Stay with it, and eventually your message will get through and be understood.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A possible change in your workplace schedule might create a chaotic situation for a while. But once things begin to settle down, you might find that this could work to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recent job-linked decision might need to be reassessed because of the possibility of finding benefits you might have overlooked. Check out all related data to help in the search.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal situation you agreed to might not be as acceptable to the other person involved in the matter. Avoid pressuring and bullying. Instead, seek common ground by talking things through.

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Messner, George W.
George Willson Messner, 82, of West Salem, died Monday, October 26, 2009, at Lakeview Health Center in West Salem, WI. George was born August 30, 1927, in Hancock, MI to Clyde and Jean (Willson) Messner. He served honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1945 to 1947. After moving to the Chicago area, George married Patricia Green; they later divorced.

George lived most of his life in the Skokie/Morton Grove area where he worked as a baker, an HVAC technician, and a florist. Upon his retirement, George enjoyed traveling to many locales to experience their golf courses. An avid sports fanatic and golfer, George is among those few that have achieved a hole-in-one in their lifetime. George is survived by four children, Andy (Barb) Messner of Morton Grove, IL, Cindy Messner of Wauwaca, WI, Dirk (Claudia) Messner of Grays Lake, IL, and Tina (Mark) Luehne of Galesville, WI. George is also survived by eight grandchildren, Robby, Michelle, Craig, Clay, Elizabeth, Jeannie, Johnny and step-granddaughter, Shannon; and six great-grandchildren, Mathew, Marshall, Mariah, Andrew, Sophia and step-great-grandson, Reid. George's parents preceded him in death. Additionally, many of George's friends have gone ahead. ...the rest of us will just have to wait to reunite in the future. In accordance with George's wishes, he will be cremated with interment in his Michigan homeland at a later date. Arrangements are being provided by Jostad-Jandt Funeral Home of West Salem. The family wishes to express their gratitude to the doctors, nurses and all of the staff at Lakeview Health Center for providing the exemplary care that George has received for these many years. Thank you. We know you will miss him also.

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Classy style meets hybrid propulsion in 2009 Escalade

BY IRA SIEGEL

SearchChicago-Autos Correspondent

If you've been thinking about acquiring one of those large, luxurious SUVs, but can't come to grips with 12 mpg, say hello to the 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid.

The 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid marks the first application of a gasoline-electric hybrid propulsion system in the large luxury SUV segment.

Pricing starts at just more than \$70,000 and thanks to General Motor's patented two-mode hybrid system, the Escalade Hybrid's fuel economy has been improved by 50 percent compared with the gasoline-powered model.

The Escalade Hybrid is rated at 20/21 mpg city/highway and premium fuel is not required. That's significant to note, especially for a vehicle that weighs in at nearly 3 tons and features a large, powerful V-8 engine.

For those concerned about towing capacity, the 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid is rated to tow a respectable 6,000 pounds for rear-wheel-drive models and 5,700 pounds for four-wheel-drive models.

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2009 CADILLAC ESCALADE HYBRID

ENGINE: 332-horsepower 6.0-liter V-8 and 300-volt battery pack powering two 60-kilowatt electric motors

TRANSMISSION: two-mode electrically variable with four fixed gears

DRIVETRAIN: two-wheel drive

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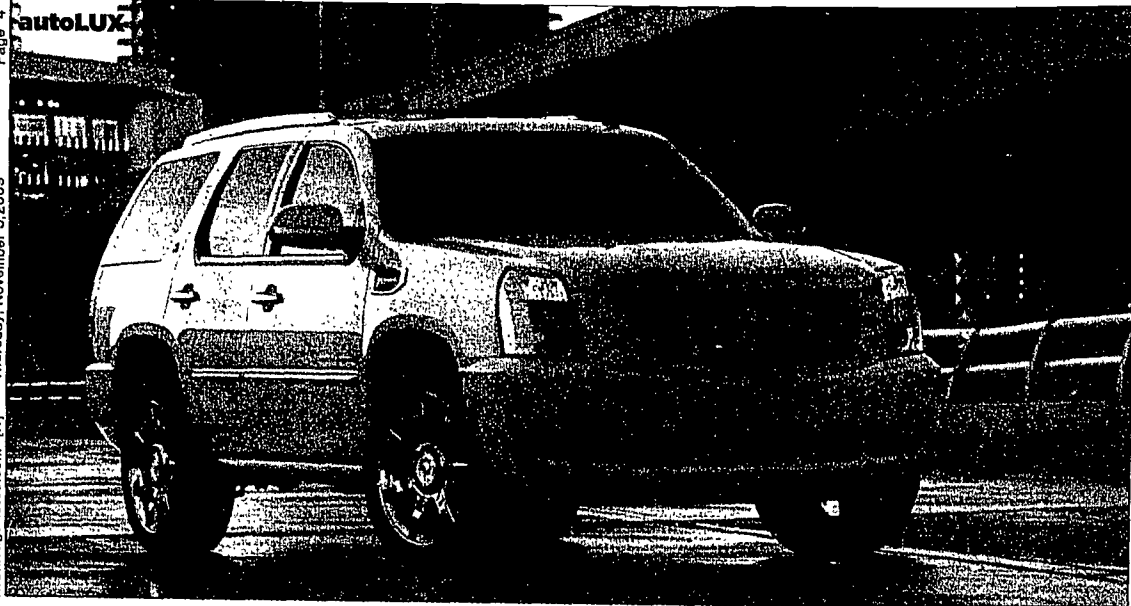
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Cadillac greens the luxury SUV segment

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Everyone will know you've gone hybrid because the 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid features bold hybrid badging, both inside and out.

Under the hood of the 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid is a large 6.0-liter V-8 gasoline engine that employs variable valve timing and GM's active fuel management system, which allows the V-8 to save fuel by shutting off four of its cylinders during steady cruising.

Mated to the engine is a unique transmission that features two internal 60-kilowatt electric motors. The transmission's output is either electrically variable or stepped through four fixed gear ratios.

That's where the "two-mode" designation comes from. The transmission can provide varying ratios for low-speed, light-load operation or fixed ratios for high-load operation.

The 300-volt nickel-metal hydride battery pack is located under the second-row seat. Recharging the battery pack takes place during driving. This occurs during (regenerative) braking and as needed by bringing the gasoline engine online.

Slip inside the 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid and you'll be pampered by a truly luxurious and spacious cabin. But those who expect keyless operation will be disappointed to know that you must use a fob to gain entry and a key to start.

Another complaint one might have is that there's not much cargo space behind the third-row seat and it does not fold flat. You must remove this seat to increase cargo space.

Aside from that, this vehicle is extremely likable. As one would expect, the 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid's interior features an abundance of wood and leather. As you can imagine, the aroma is invigorating.

All the bells and whistles are amazing, including the DVD-based navigation system with traffic information, Bose surround-sound system and in-zone automatic climate control system that keeps all passengers comfortable.

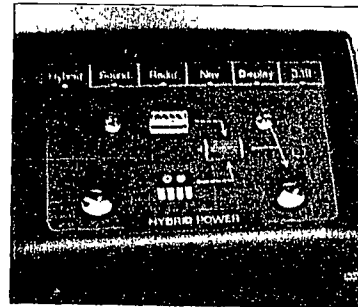
Operation of the powertrain is smooth and effortless, regardless of whether you're in full electric mode or if the gasoline engine is helping. And the transition between modes is almost imperceptible.

While driving around town, I purposely acceler-

ated lightly most of the time and remained in full electric mode up to about 20 mph.

The gasoline engine steps in smoothly and is plenty powerful, adding muscle when desired. The ride is extremely smooth and most road noise is well-insulated from the cabin.

The 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid is a delight to drive, whether driving around town or across town.



BMW of Orland Park breaks ground at new site

BMW of Orland Park recently broke ground at the site of its new dealership on the northeast corner of 159th Street and Wolf Road in Orland Park. Established in 1998, BMW is expanding and upgrading to better serve customers. Helping with the groundbreaking ceremony are Arturo Pineiro, vice president, BMW North America (from left); Edward Schussler III, village trustee; Patricia Gira, trustee; Mayor Daniel McLaughlin; Klare Sunderland, owner/president BMW of Orland Park; Gary Hasty, senior project manager, Construction Solutions of Illinois; David Nocera, general manager, BMW of Orland Park; and Dan Shousky, architect, Olivieri, Shousky & Kiss P.A. For more information, visit www.bmwop.com

Mercedes-Benz calls attention to drowsy driving

MONTVALE, N.J. — Mercedes-Benz and the National Sleep Foundation want drivers to be alert behind the wheel this holiday season as new data from the 2009 Sleep in America poll point to a significant problem related to drowsy driving.

The poll reveals that as many as 1.9 million drivers have had a car crash or a near crash due to drowsiness in the past year. Fifty-four percent have driven while drowsy at least once in the past year and 28 percent do so at least once per month.

Tips, countermeasures and warning signs to prevent drowsy driving, developed by the National Sleep Foundation, are central to Drowsy Driving Prevention Week (running through Sunday) and are featured at www.sleepfoundation.org.

"Drivers think they can stay awake by sheer force of will and often underestimate their state of tiredness," said Thomas Balkin, Ph.D., chairman of the National Sleep Foundation. "The process of falling asleep robs us of self-awareness and awareness of our environment. As a result, we do not recognize the process of actually falling asleep as it is happening and, unfortunately, all it takes is a moment of reduced awareness to cause a car crash."

Mercedes-Benz has conducted several years of drowsy driving research in which company scientists observed consistent behaviors during early stages of drowsiness behind the wheel. Tests involving 670 drivers revealed that, prior to entering the microsleep phase, drowsy drivers have trouble steering a precise course in their lane and make minor steering corrections both quickly and abruptly.

Based on this research, Mercedes-Benz developed Attention Assist, a new drowsiness-detection system that identifies these behaviors and alerts the driver to the first signs of fatigue.

Available in the 2010 E-Class and S-Class sedans, Attention Assist is equipped with sophisticated sensors that monitor the driver's operation of the vehicle across 70 parameters that are proven to be strong indicators of alertness.

"As the holidays approach, drivers will log significant road miles and recognizing the warning signs of drowsy driving is extremely important," said Bernie Glaser, general manager of product management for Mercedes-Benz USA. "While nothing replaces a good night's sleep, knowing and using countermeasures to remain alert behind the wheel can make all the difference in having drivers and passengers arrive safely at their destination."

As a sponsor of Drowsy Driving Prevention Week, Mercedes-Benz is posting information on www.mbusa.com/mercedes/#/whatsnew about alert driving.

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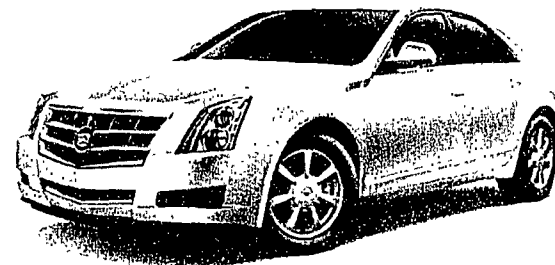
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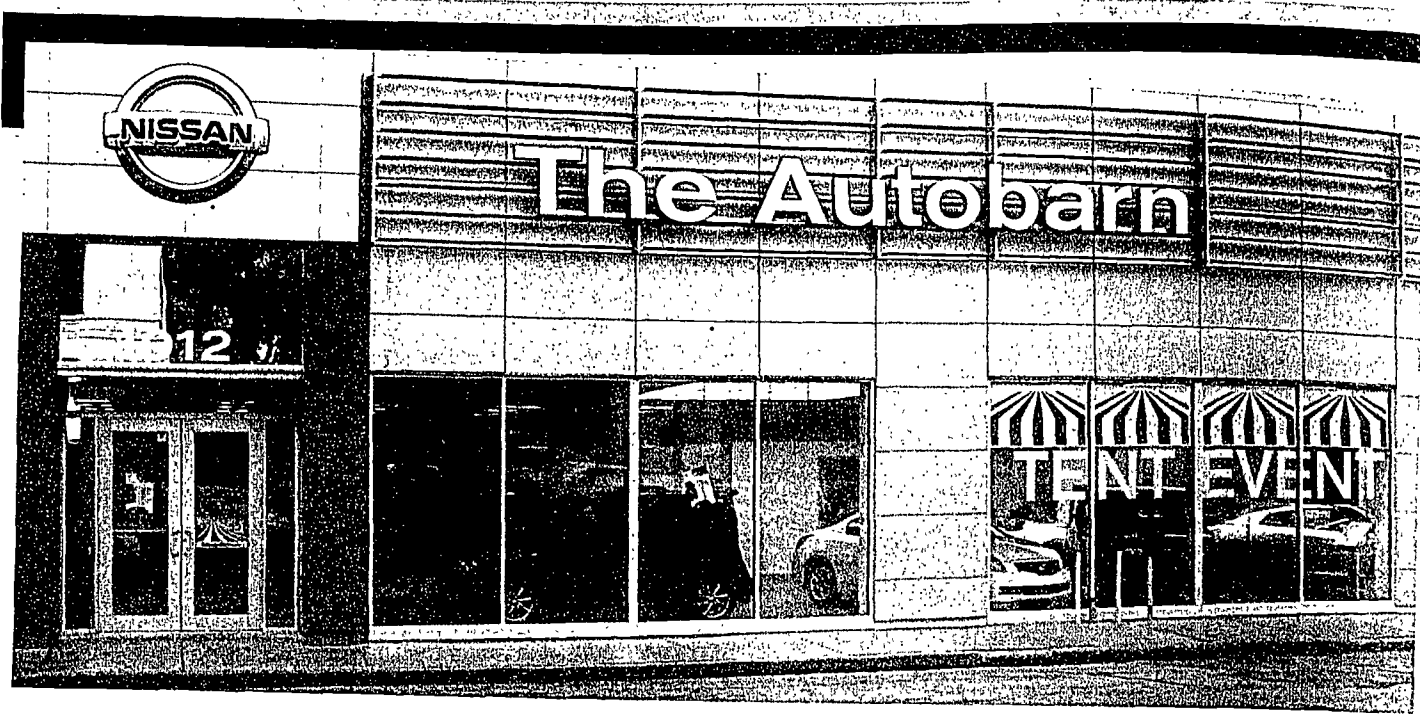
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The Autobarn Group Opens It's New Nissan Facility

The Autobarn Group has opened it's new state-of-the-art facility in Evanston, Illinois.

The new Autobarn Nissan facility, located at 1012 Chicago Avenue, is one of the group's eight locations in Chicagoland. The Autobarn has dealerships in Mt. Prospect and Countryside as well as Evanston.

The Autobarn Group consists of the Nissan dealership, three Volkswagen dealerships, two Mazda dealerships, a Subaru dealership and a pre-driven outlet.

Ed Echevarria, Executive Manager of the Autobarn Nissan, says "These are exciting times for The Autobarn Nissan and our customers. Nissan now has a 30,000 square foot facility that Chicagoland and our customers deserve."

The Autobarn Group is known throughout Chicagoland for selling quality import vehicles - The Autobarn Way. "We have a unique, low pressure, friendly approach in helping our customers choose the right vehicle. For every deal, you'll leave with Peace of Mind." Echevarria said.

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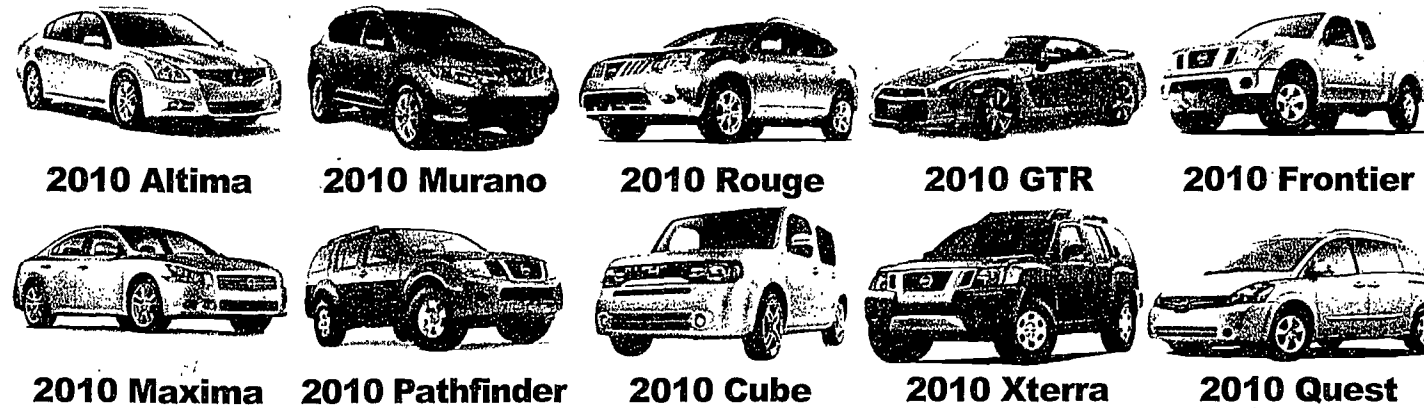
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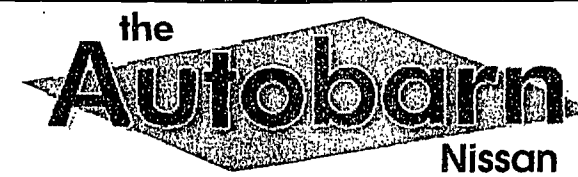
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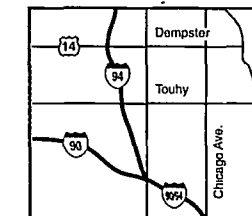


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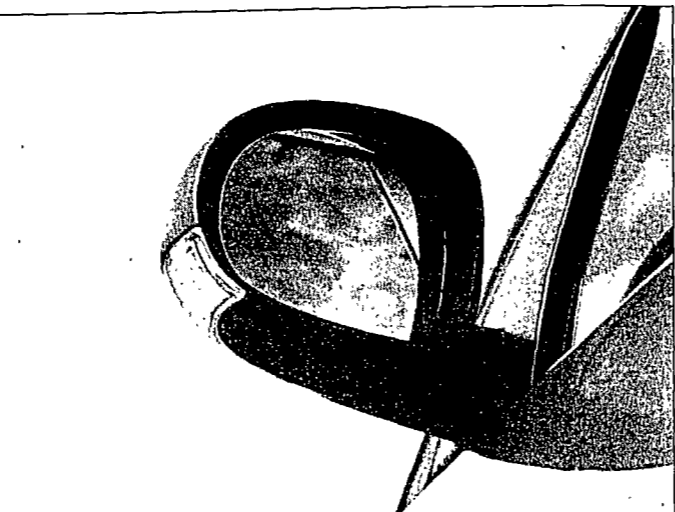
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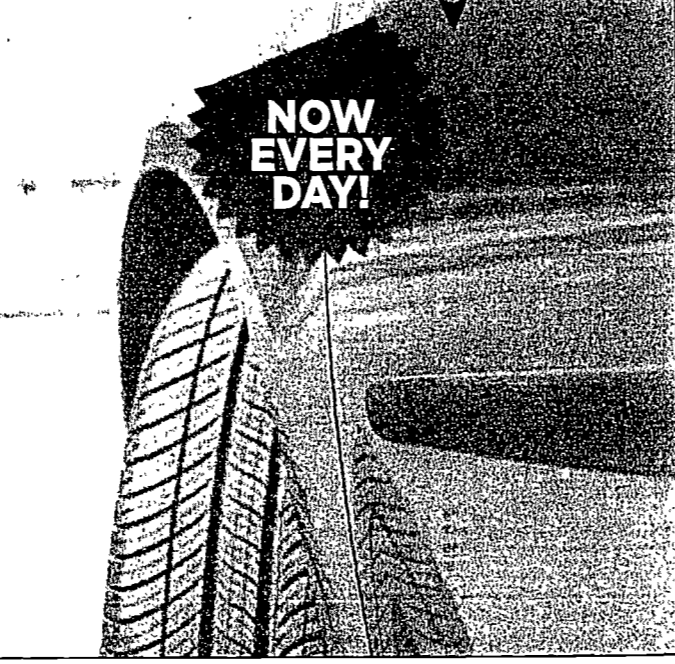
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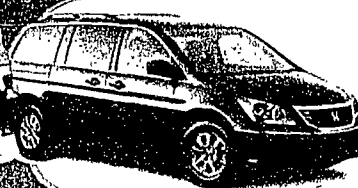
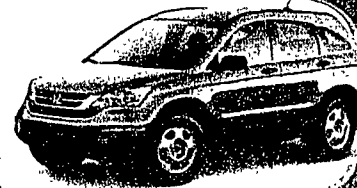
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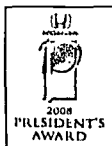
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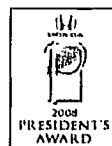
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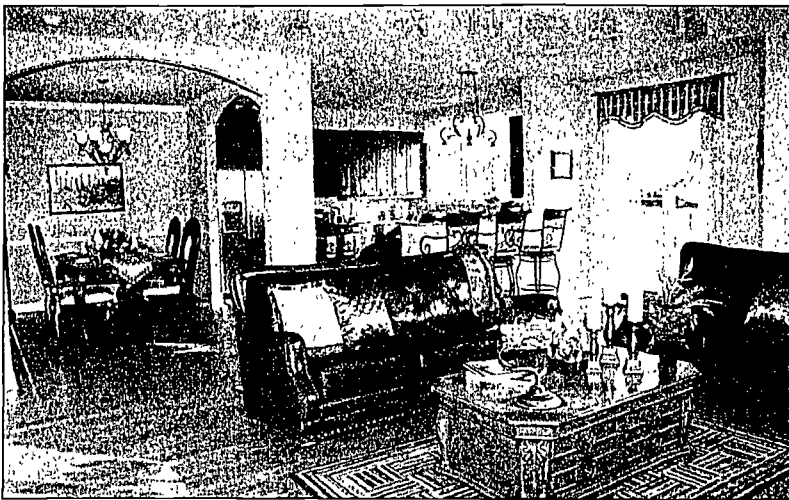
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610 Hillside Ct: Onioli, Daniel E & Tamina L; \$665,500
901 S Summit St: Vukobratovich, Otok & Vukobratovich, Lyubov; \$285,000

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130 46th Ave: McWilliams, Clarence; \$122,000
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338 32nd Ave: Armstrong Barnes, Darlene F & Armstrong, Patricia A; \$68,000

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1634 N 76th Ct: Porez II, Ryo & Lucianello, Hago L; \$200,000
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9129 Sheridan Ave: Granger, Mayor & Noulam; \$125,000
9220 Central Ave: Cabanayan, Wissen S; \$225,000

River Forest
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5129 Sheridan Ave: Souleas, Panagiota & Chivovoularis; \$276,000
5301 Farwell Ave: Patel, Asmita & Manish; \$410,000
5314 Davis St: Mirza, Khuram & Khuram, Ghazal; \$212,000
7450 Lincoln Ave: Leibik, Luonora M & Freedman; Steven M; \$220,000
7635 Trapp Ave: Talabac, Russell E & Tina O; \$315,000
8239 Keweenaw Ave: Weber, Paul D & Simon, Maria L; \$620,000
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8938 Potomacwood Dr: Gradwohl, Ronan; \$355,000
9400 Lawrence Ave: Saba, Mohamed & Dooqa; \$265,000
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9523 Terminal Ave: Makda, Amr; \$193,000
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South Loop developers dish up new condo bargains for Thanksgiving

First-time buyers who are shopping for a bargain-priced new condominium in downtown Chicago are willing to close before Nov. 30 and really could have something to be thankful for at Thanksgiving.



Don DeBat ON THE HOME FRONT

With 1,538 new condos delivered this year in the South Loop, there's a glut of units on the market, reports Appraisal Research Counselors. That glut of condos is being added to the 1,312 new ones that hit the market last year, and many still haven't been sold.

"Condo developers who are selling units this autumn are discounting prices," said Gail Lissner, vice president of Appraisal Research. "And, some of the best deals are in the South Loop."

If you are shopping for a classic timber-beam loft, take a tour of loft condos available for immediate occupancy at Prairie District Lofts, 1727 S. Indiana Ave. in the South Loop.

"Kargil Development has reduced prices on 20 select units by as much as 25 percent," said Keith Giles, president of Weichert, Realtors — Frankel & Giles, the exclusive marketing agent. Here is a sampling of the available deals:

■ A one-bedroom, 1½-bath loft with 1,073 square feet of space is bargain-priced at \$227,800, down 22 percent from \$289,800, a savings of \$62,000.

■ A two-bedroom, two-bath loft with 1,234 square feet of space is discount-priced at \$282,800, down 25 percent from \$374,800, a solid reduction of \$92,000.

■ A 4-bedroom, two-bath loft with 1,915 square feet of space is bargain-priced at \$277,800, down 22 percent from \$359,800. Units can be previewed up to Nov. 14. Call 312-583-9520, or visit www.1400michigan.com.

First-time buyers who close before Nov. 30 will be eligible to receive the \$8,000 federal tax credit through the federal government.

More than 51,000 Illinois families have received the tax credit and more than 1.4 million first-time home and condo buyers nationwide have taken advantage of the federal tax credit as of mid-September.

Meanwhile, the housing market continued to rebound in the Chicago area in September, according to the Illinois Association of Realtors (IAR) latest report.

Year-over-year home and condo sales were positive for the third consecutive month, up 5.9 percent to 6,862 units sold in September, compared with 6,477 units sold in September of 2008. However, resale prices still are soft. The median home sale price for the Chicago area was \$199,000 in September 2009, down 10.8 percent from \$223,000 in September 2008.

In Chicago, September total home and condo sales were up 5.8 percent to 1,918 sales compared to 1,813 homes sold in September 2008. The city of Chicago median price in September 2009 was \$225,000, down 16.2 percent compared to \$268,600 a year ago in September 2008.

"Buyers taking advantage of the first-time homebuyer tax credit were clearly out in force in most regions statewide in September and thus building momentum for a recovery in the housing market," said Mike Onorato, president of the IAR.

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A two-bedroom, two-bath unit with 1,027 square feet of space could sell for a minimum bid price of \$175,000. That's a 50 percent discount from the last asking price of \$395,900. Units can be previewed up to Nov. 14. Call 312-583-9520, or visit www.1400michigan.com.

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TOLL BROTHERS

Community activities abound at Hawthorn Woods Country Club



Homeowner Gabriela Whipple keeps her son Austin warm during a chilly hayride.

By Marcy Marro SPECIAL TO SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Community involvement is important to luxury homebuilder Toll Brothers. From offering a variety of sports and social activities to bringing residents together at gatherings such as the recent Fall Family Fun Fest at the Hawthorn Woods Country Club, these events give neighbors and friends time to connect while meeting prospective buyers and other members of the community.

Residents, potential buyers and members of the surrounding community were invited out to enjoy a petting zoo, Parade of Hallowed Homes hayride tour, baked goods and free pumpkins at the fall festival.

"We do this to foster a sense of community," said Nicole Gardiner, senior sales manager. "The biggest advocates for the community are the homeowners. The best way for prospective buyers to learn about the community is to hold events and invite them to meet and talk to the people who live here and find out why they love it."

A private country club community, Hawthorn Woods features a host of amenities, including the 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course, a 21,000-square-foot clubhouse, separate pro shop, swim and fitness center, traditional and heated platform tennis courts and direct access to the 30-acre Heritage Oaks Park.

"When we began looking for a bigger house, we started looking for a golf community that was more family oriented," said Merry Morton, a homeowner at Hawthorn Woods since 2006.

In addition to partaking in available sports activities like tennis and swim teams, the Morton family is involved in all of the holiday activities sponsored by the community. Like the Fourth of July party with rides and a bike parade for the children.

"The activities are the main reason we moved here," said Gabriela Whipple, one of the first homeowners at the community. "For me, it was because there's so much to do and the neighbors are great."

Whipple mentioned that her son Austin, along with a number of children from the community, attended a summer day camp run by the Hawthorn Woods Park District at the new community park that was built by Toll Brothers and donated to the village of Hawthorn Woods.

The Park District has taken advantage of the park and uses it for soccer, baseball and softball leagues, in addition to softball camps," Gardiner said. "I always see a group of moms hanging out and the kids playing at the park on the warmer days. It's a nice place for the moms to get together and get to know each other."

Gardiner also mentioned some other events the community hosts, including a Pottery Barn Home Staging and Decorating Seminar that was done in April in one of the community's quick-delivery homes, offering residents a chance to get room-by-room tips on paint colors, storage, sizing and more.

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The Morton family enjoyed the fall season during their outing at the Family Fun Fest at Hawthorn Woods.

Harmony FROM PAGE 1

entertainment options nearby. A wealth of recreational opportunities abound. Golf enthusiasts will enjoy Chevy Chase Country Club and Golf Course and Sportsman Golf Course, while those who like to stay fit can take advantage of all the family activities provided by the Wheeling Park District.

Arranged in small clusters of elegant two-story townhomes and charming three-story rowhouses, Millbrook Pointe is situated along two interconnected private streets. Classic all-masonry exteriors boast charming entrances, multi-gabled rooflines and exciting facades featuring octagonal rooms and impressive balconies and terraces and all homes have two-car garages.

Pedestrian-friendly walkways crisscross the community, creating perfectly landscaped promenades dotted by three fountains and a central gazebo where neighbors can meet and relax.

Millbrook Pointe already has new neighbors, and new contracts are still pending. You can move in just in time for the holidays because several homes are ready for immediate occupancy with fantastic values.

Townhome buyers can choose from two upscale plans. One offers four bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths with a first-floor master suite. The other is a three bedroom, two-and-a-half bath more traditional layout. Features include first-floor bedroom options, separate living room with a Juliette balcony, two-story great room, spacious kitchen

with granite countertops and a center island, vaulted ceilings, outdoor deck, and 9-foot basement.

The 2,730 square-foot, four-bedroom Harmony model is a stunner with its octagonal living room crowned by an elegant coffered ceiling, while French doors open to a balcony. The sunny family room has a fireplace and an abundance of windows and is located next to the showplace kitchen with its cherry cabinets, stunning granite counters and breakfast bar. An arched entry leads into the separate dining room.

Elegant oak banisters have decorative wrought iron spindles and lead to the second level. A master bedroom suite has a walkout balcony and the master bath has a two-bowl vanity with marble countertops and floors, a large walk-in shower and separate soaking tub.

"Take advantage of buying a semi-custom townhome that can be built especially for you, instead of buying a foreclosure or a short sale that can cause you disappointment and headaches," advises Levitas.

Choose from two charming two-story rowhome designs. One features three bedrooms and 2½ baths, while the other has two bedrooms and 2½ baths. Both showcase a family room that can be converted to a guest suite, an open kitchen with island, separate living room and dining room, master bedroom with private balcony, and another large balcony or terrace.

Three-story rowhouses have a first level that contains a family room/office and garage, while the main level has a kitchen, dining room, and living room, and the second level houses the bedrooms and baths.



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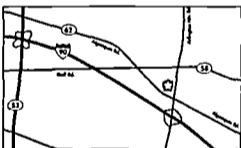
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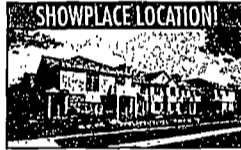
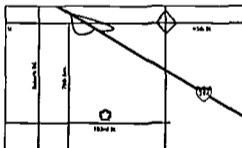
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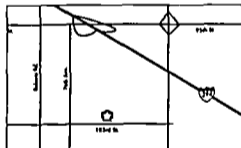
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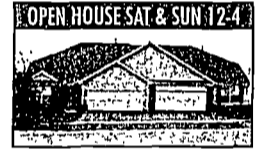
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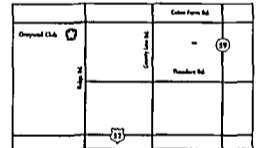
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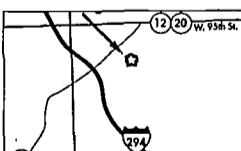
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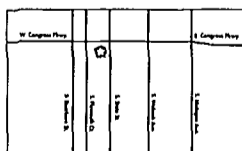
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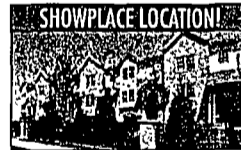
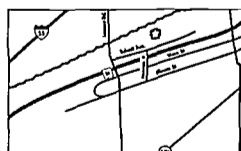
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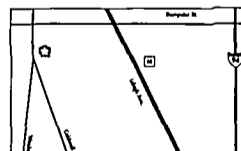
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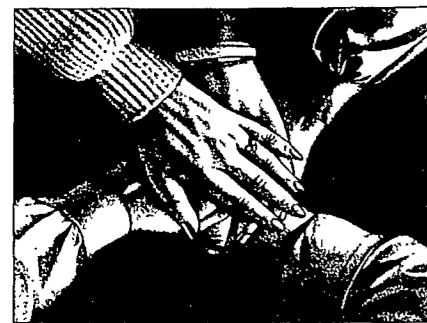
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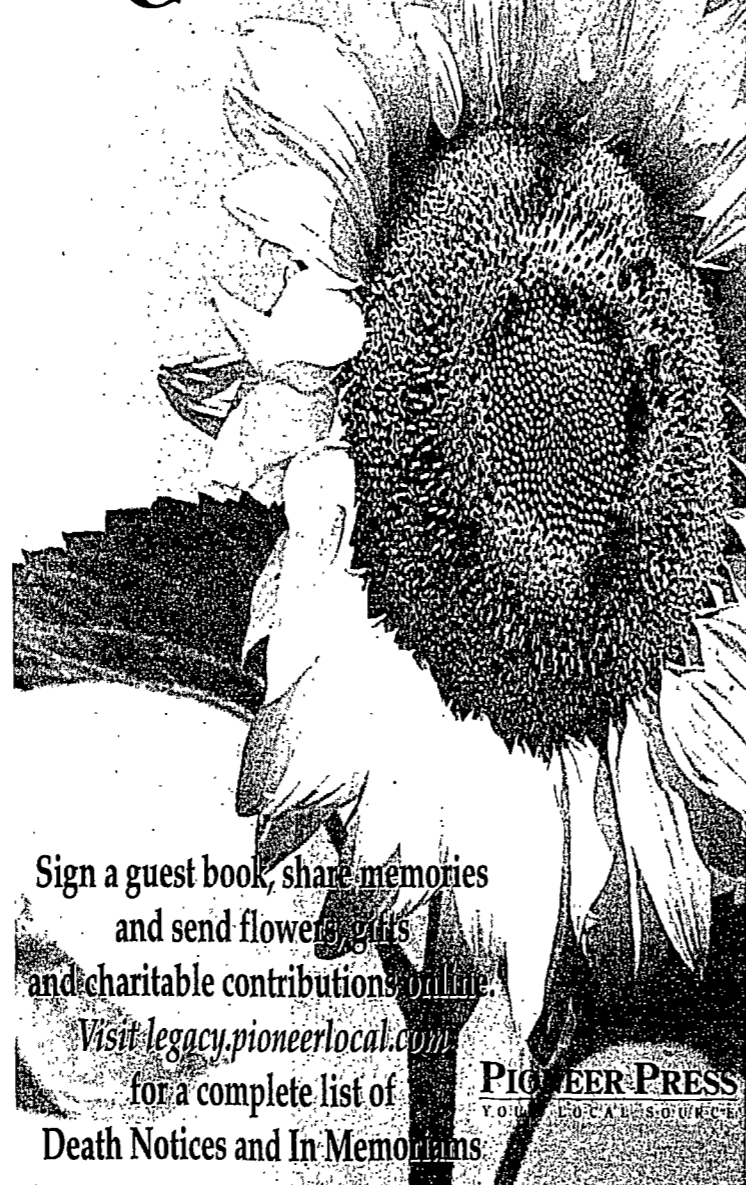
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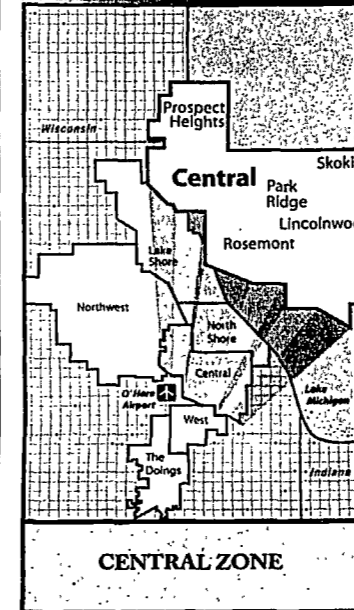


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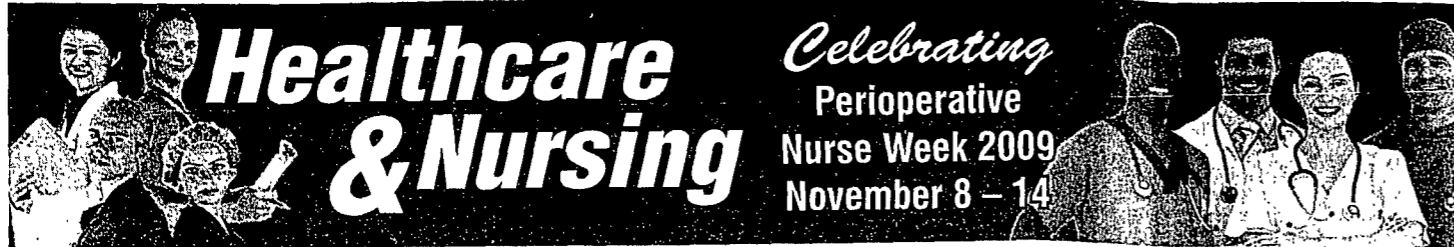


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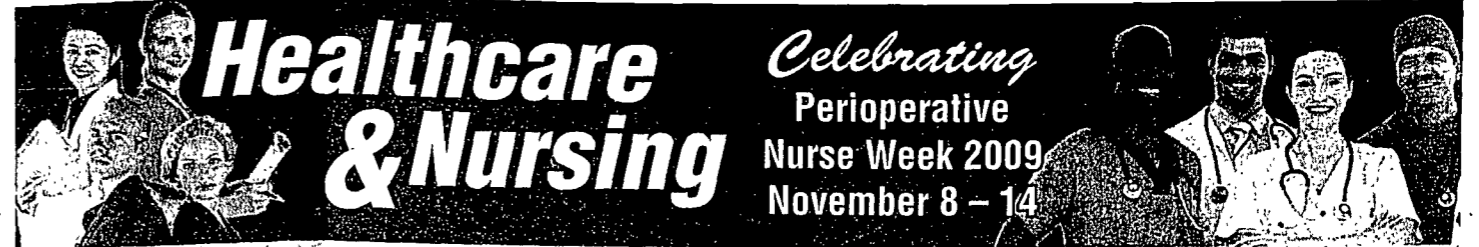
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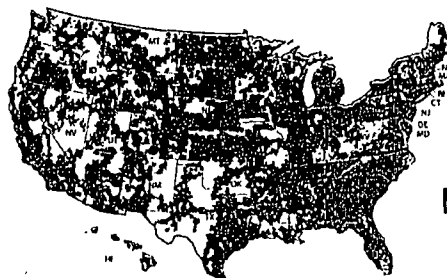
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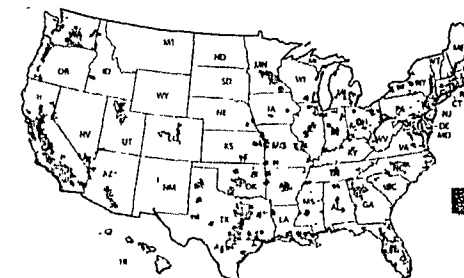
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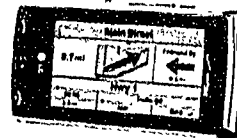


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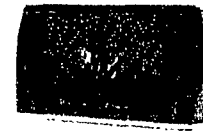
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High school announces academic awards, honors

Nine students at Regina Dominican High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advancement Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the 17 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

Eighteen students from Regina Dominican qualified for AP Scholar Awards by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of three or higher. The following are qualifying students from the graduating class of 2009: Margaret Archibald of Lake Forest; Julie Campanaro of Chicago; Elizabeth Costigan of Chicago; Emily Keating of Wilmette; Allison Marino of Winnetka; Kristine Reilly of Glenview; Alexandria Schoening of Chicago; Carolyn Skoul of Wilmette; and Alana Swanson of Evanston.

Nine current seniors have received the AP Scholars Award. Those students are: Danielle De Vera of Skokie; Nicole Jacoetny of Chicago; Kathleen Kurjan of Wilmette; Lauren Macur Brousil of Glenview; Leesha Malliak of Morton Grove; Agnieszka Maniak of Norridge; So Eun Park of Wilmette; Megan Szymd of Chicago; and Anita Taliya of Lincolnwood.

Catherine Heywood '09 of Northbrook qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of three or higher on four or more of these exams. At Regina Dominican High

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School four Alumnae qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of three or higher on five or more of these exams. Those students from the class of 2009 are Maura Flaherty of Lincolnwood; Alexis Kedo of Lake Forest; Kristen Kelly of Park Ridge; and Kathryn Treia Glencoe.

All nine of this year's award recipients are current seniors. These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.

Regina Dominican seniors, juniors and sophomores were recognized for achievements in the 2008-2009 year at the Fall Honors Assembly held on Oct. 7.

Senior Kristen Macur Brousil of Glenview has been recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar. She is among 34,000 commended students throughout the nation being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. There were over 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

Senior Stephanie Park of Wilmette was awarded the Rensselaer Medal for her academic work last year. This award is presented to the top science and mathematics student in the junior class.

Senior Danje Xuan of Wilmette was presented with the Bausch and Lomb Award for her academic work last year. This award is given to the top science student in the junior class. Eighty eight students were recognized for Highest Honors maintaining a grade point average of 4.5 or above during the 2008-2009 school year. Another thirty six students earned High Honors for their cumulative grade point average of 4.0 to 4.49. Seniors meriting Highest Honors were: Sicily Angello

of Morton Grove; Jacqueline Ave Maria of Morton Grove; Megan Broderick of Chicago; Erika Collins of Park Ridge; Danielle DeVera of Skokie; Maeva Donahue of Wilmette; Claire Drahts of Glenview; Safaya Fawzi of Northbrook; Jennifer Frake of Morton Grove; Christine Frick of Chicago; Nicole Jacoetny of Chicago; Julia Jakobow of Chicago; Eileen Jodlowski of Chicago; Julie Kapst of Park Ridge; Kathleen Kurjan of Wilmette; Kristen Macur Brousil of Glenview; Lauren Macur Brousil of Glenview; Leesha Malliak of Glenview; Agnieszka Maniak of Norridge; Deirdre McNally of Chicago; Angeline Modesti of Chicago; Ashley Murray of North Chicago; Nina Palanck of Chicago; Mary Pantle of Chicago; So-Eun "Stephanie" Park of Wilmette; Elizabeth Phillips of Chicago; Taylor Sabres of Chicago; Yeo Ui "Amber" Seo of Northfield; Sidonia Swam of Chicago; Megan Szymd of Chicago; Anita Taliya of Chicago; Kara Tomaszewski of Chicago; Anne Wallenberg of Morton Grove; Danje Xuan of Wilmette; and Bo Kyeong Yun of Morton Grove.

Highest Honors students in the junior class were: Kathleen Broderick of Chicago; Aileen Campanaro of Chicago; Jasmine Chorath of Chicago; Annmarie Gast of Chicago; Bridget Golembiewski of Chicago; Emily Griffith of Lake Forest; Colleen Hancock of Wilmette; Holly Hoening of Chicago; Jessica Jankiewicz of Chicago; Hye Won Jeong of Wilmette; Victoria Kane of Glenview; Karina Kedo of Lake Forest; Aamina Khan of Lake Forest; Ann Klilian of Chicago; Grace Koch of Evanston; Aluel Kuanyin-Agoth of Evanston; Kelly Kullinski of Chicago; Eun Hee Lee of Evanston; Theresa McDermott of Arlington Heights; Sarah Monick of Chicago; Mary Irene Omori of Chicago; Marina Peric of Mor-

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behavioral problems of a loved one. Families Anonymous meets weekly from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge; use the side entrance on Butler Place. There are no dues or fees. First names only are used at the meetings to preserve anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and nonreligious program. Advance notice is not necessary. Visitors are always welcome. Call the church office, (847) 823-3164, or contact Families Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805, or www.familiesanonymous.org.

Betterly Group for Bereaved Parents meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John Brebeuf Rectory, 8307 N. Harlem Ave. All bereaved parents, family and

friends are welcome whether their loss is recent or many years ago. Call Anna LaCorte, (847) 965-2771, or the rectory, (847) 966-8145.

Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center grief support groups meet at various locations across its service area. Grief support groups are free; donations are accepted. Call (800) 331-5484 to register. The schedule for 2009 spring/summer includes: At 2050 Claire Court, Glenview - Adult Loss, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; Daytime Spouse Loss, 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays; Evening Spouse Loss, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; Drop-in Group, first and third Fridays, noon to 1:30 p.m. At 6133 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Families with Children Loss Group meets every third Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or in Glenview, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays. A new **AI-Anon** group is being formed at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge. For information call the church office, (847) 823-6984, between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. dur-

ing the week.

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

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

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ton Grove; Meghan Reilly of Glenview; Eleanor Reynolds of Lake Forest; Madeline Rock of Chicago; Ellen Sanders of Chicago; Nellie Skirford of Wilmette; and Ye Hyeon "Gloria" Soon of Glenview.

Sophomores meriting Highest Honors were: Yoonson Ahn of Glenview; Isra Ali of Morton Grove; Emily Baker of Chicago; Almee Castillo of Chicago; Dana Darwish of Lincolnwood; Katherine Forrest of Chicago; Serena Gobbi of Evanston; Zoya Khan of Skokie; Shannon Kraemer of Wilmette; Jasmine Lamb of Evanston; Mary Rose Mabbag of Skokie; Leona Malliak of Morton Grove; Kate Malone of Chicago; Molly Martin of Chicago; Slobhan McDermott of Arlington Heights; Erin Parker of Glenview; Connor Phelan of Wilmette; Emily Rojas of

Evanston; Jennifer Roxas of Skokie; Amelia Ryzek of Chicago; Allison Shukis of Northfield; Franvera "Victoria" Sulejmani of Glenview; Rebecca Sutcliffe of Chicago; and Elizabeth Warrens of Chicago.

The following Seniors merited High Honors: Sara Barnes of Chicago; Christine Brown of Evanston; Rose Dillon of Chicago; Meredith Grossbart of Wilmette; Alexis Interrante of Chicago; Kathleen Kapustka of Lincolnwood; Dawn Kelly of Chicago; Edda Stephany MerLan of Chicago; Mia Moore of Chicago; Patricia Nawacki of Chicago; Carolyn Nguyen of Chicago; Francine Pasquale of Chicago; Kaitlin Philbin of Northbrook; Emily Svachula of Park Ridge; Kerry Thorrens of Deerfield; Ana Valenzuela of Morton Grove; and Rachel Welch of Chicago.

Juniors on the High Honors list were: Stephanie Aguilera of Chicago; Christine Cooper of Chicago; Jane Fox

of Winnetka; Amanda Friend of Winnetka; Gianna Funkhouser of Chicago; Eloise Heinrich of Chicago; Christine Mancari of Chicago; Emily McDermott of Chicago; Juanita Mendoza of Evanston; Allison Mossell of Chicago; Kathryn Neville of Lake Forest; Marie O'Connor of Chicago; Katherine Polz of Hoffman Estates; Taylor Reguski of Chicago; Renee Schutz of Glenview; Taylor Traynoff of Beach Park; and Emily Wolney of Park Ridge.

Sophomores on the High Honors list were: Heather Bucher of Chicago; Rebecca Cadena of Wilmette; Mary Degnan of Chicago; Julie Dombal of Chicago; Jennifer Fox of Chicago; Nancy Gaytan of Chicago; Krista Interrante of Chicago; Kayle Kinnear of Chicago; Eva Knezovic of Chicago; Kata Knezovic of Chicago; Julia Tufano of Chicago; and Hana Yun of Wilmette.

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Waiting room boasts flat-screen TV and massage chair

enjoy a clean and comfortable lounge, which includes a flat-screen TV and a massage chair, the release stated.

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Niles Mayor Robert Callero joined ambassadors of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry Oct. 14 to welcome the Auto Spa and Hand Car Wash with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new location, at 6747 W. Touhy Ave., Niles.

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Sax Studio admission a high note in Maine S. grad's musical career



Michael San Gabino

When Michael San Gabino was 7 years old, as he watched his first Maine South High School football game, he could not take his eyes off the school band.

He turned to his dad as he pointed to the band playing, and said, "I want to do that." Years later at Maine South not only did he become part of the band but also its leader as Drum Major from sophomore year through senior year.

San Gabino is now a freshman at Northwestern University Bienen School of Music. In addition he is one of only four students admitted this year to the university's prestigious Saxophone Studio.

At Maine South, San Gabino was part of the Symphony, Jazz and Marching bands where he excelled in playing

the saxophone. He was in the school's High Honor Roll, swim team, Thespian Society and a member of National Honor Society. In his senior year the Illinois Music Educators Association awarded him All State Musician status and 1st Chair in his instrument in the All State Honor Band. In his junior year as a member of the Illinois Ambassadors of Music he performed in seven European countries in a 16-day tour.

One of his most fond memories while at Maine South was being able to conduct the Hawk band during the school's state championship football game at the University of Illinois.

San Gabino credits his elementary and junior high school teacher, Brian Jacobi

as the person who opened his eyes to the saxophone, and to music in general.

In addition to his interest in music, at Maine South he was a member of the Constitution Team that won the state title his senior year and subsequently represented Illinois at the national competition in Washington, D.C.

At Northwestern University, San Gabino is staying busy with his studies. He is majoring in saxophone performance and English, has joined the Wildcat Marching Band and is a member of several music ensembles on campus.

After his undergraduate experience at NU, San Gabino is thinking of pursuing a law degree concentrating in intellectual property dealing with... what else? Music.

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or e-mailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

Benefits

The St. John Breuef gala benefit, Yesterday + Today + Tomorrow, will be Nov. 7 in the St. John Breuef Parish May Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem Ave. Tickets are \$65 per person and include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live and silent auctions, live entertainment and dancing. The \$10,000 Gala Grand Raffle prize will be awarded. Raffle tickets may be purchased at \$25 each or five for \$100 by calling Maureen Polcyn, (847) 583-8821. All proceeds benefit St. John Breuef Parish School. Contact Christine Aragon, (847) 583-0825.

Entertainment Books are available from the Knights of Columbus Council 4338 again. The 2010 edition only costs \$20. A wide selection of metropolitan areas to choose from are available. All proceeds benefit area charities. To reserve your book, call Mel Koenigs, (847) 966-2293.

Center of Concern

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

Tuesdays, Wednesdays (every week) - Employment counseling, by appointment. Monday, Nov. 9 - Alzheimer's caregivers support group, 10 a.m. Note: The Center will be closed Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

Chamber

The Maine Township Food Pantry is in desperate need of nonperishable items, including: canned vegetables, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, hamburger/chicken helper, cookies, crackers, spaghetti, rice and snack bars. Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Niles Chamber of Commerce office, 8060 W. Oakton St., inside the NorthSide Community Bank building. The Niles Chamber of Commerce, 8060 W. Oakton St., (847) 268-8180.

Clubs

National Council for Geocosmic Research, Inc., Astrologers, Northern Illinois will hold a lecture/meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Dance Building, 1330 Webford St., Des Plaines. Dr. Dawn Silver will speak on "Nutrition and the sixth and 12th Houses" at 7:30 p.m. Astrologers of all levels welcome. The cost is \$8 for members; \$10, guests. For information and directions go to www.geocosmic.org/chapters/northillinois or contact the chapter president, Judy Johnson, (630) 303-3187.

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's

Club will attend 11 a.m. Mass Nov. 9 for deceased members at Our Lady of Hope Church, 9711 W. Devon Ave. After Mass, members will proceed to the Park Ridge South Recreational Center located at 833 W. Talcott Road. The meeting will begin at 12:15 p.m. with the Rev. Richard Grek as speaker. A mini-lunch follows. Guests and potential members are always welcome; residence in Park Ridge is not required.

Community

Skokie Central Traditional Congregation and Sisterhood of Skokie Central presents a Sam Dublin 2009 Memorial Concert, Fascinating Rhythms featuring stars of Carnegie Hall, and the Lincoln Center, Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 at 4040 Main St., Skokie. Tickets cost \$25 adults, and \$10 for children under 16. Call (847) 674-4117. The Chai Group of Hadassah North Shore Chapter invites you and your friends to join them in a fun day of Zumba and Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Northbrook YMCA Gym, 2705 Techny Road. A light lunch and conversation will follow. The cost is \$20. Contact the North Shore office, (847) 205-1900, or email northshore@hadassah.org. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital will sponsor a free electronics and appliances recycling program from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 16. A collection truck located in the parking lot at the northeast corner of Demp-

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ster Street and Linden Lane. Park Ridge, will be available for easy drop-off. All members of the community are invited to bring no-longer-wanted electronics and appliances to the hospital campus for recycling at no cost. All electronic equipment and many appliances will be accepted, including computers, computer monitors, keyboards, printers, cell phones, radios/stereos, DVD/CD players, walkmans, clocks, televisions (including large screen), and small appliances (hair dryers, microwave ovens, etc.). Larger appliances (washers, dryers) will be accepted with advance notice. Call Donna Stallmach at (847) 723-5946.

Our Lady of Ransom Jubilee Celebration will be 7:10 p.m. Nov. 13 and Nov. 14 in the south wing of the school, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave., Niles. Tickets are \$15 each and include three shows per night; a half-hour comedy "Sunday Dinner" a medley of era tunes, "Fabulous '50s Flashback" and the Grand Ole Opry. Dinner items will be available throughout the evening for before, after and between shows. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. Call the Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550.

Qualified Illinois residents with certified hearing loss are eligible for free amplified telephones. Sponsored by the villages of Morton Grove and Skokie, and Niles and Schaumburg Townships, residents are invited to apply for and test different phones between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Nov. 17 at Morton Grove Senior Center, 6140

Dempster St. The process takes no more than 15 minutes. Reservations are required by calling the Morton Grove Senior hotline, (847) 470-5223. Shoestring Productions presents "Listen to My Heart," the songs of David Friedman, a cabaret-style presentation with complimentary dessert and beverage, at 7 p.m. Mondays through Nov. 22 at 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. The cost is \$10. For tickets call (847) 657-7688 or e-mail shoestring-prod@sbglobal.net.

Crafts

Resurrection College Prep High School will host its annual Arts & Craft Fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 14 at 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Shop for unique hand-crafted gifts, seasonal and holiday items, housewares, jewelry and tasty treats. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for seniors, children under 10 are free. Call (773) 775-6616, Ext. 129.

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club, Queen of Peace Guild, holds its annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 in the newly renovated Paluch Hall, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles (elevator accessible). Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. There will be a variety of handmade crafts, including ornaments, wreaths, afghans, baby knit quilts, dolls, baby knit sets, home decorations and jewelry, as well as a grand raffle, bake sale, turkey booth and Christmas stocking tree for chances at beautiful gifts and home-baked bread. Call the

Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550. Angel's Cupboard Bazaar, presented by the Apostolate of Women, St. Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington, Park Ridge, will be 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Morello Parish Life Center. Unique arts and crafts will be featured. Soups, sandwiches and desserts will be offered at the Heavenly Cafe. Door prizes will be raffled off every half-hour. In addition to the many prizes offered in the grand prize raffle, Admission is \$1 for adults; children are free.

St. John Breuef Catholic Women's Club hosts annual Holiday Craft Fair from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the May Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Any crafter wishing to receive an application for the event may call Judi Stephens, (847) 296-6421.

Fitness Center

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

Aqua Antics, 1-5 years: Play group in the pool. This non-instructional swim class is designed to help your child become comfortable in the water. Water toys will be available. Parent/child class

Mini Picasso's, 18 months-3 years: A great place for your toddler to explore their creative side. They will enjoy painting, play dough, bubbles, and more. Class may be messy so please dress accordingly. Parent/child class.

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Wine & Beer Tastings

We have Wine Tastings Every Saturday from Noon until 4:00! There is always something great to taste!

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- Wednesday, Dec 2nd Winter Beers
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- Wednesday, Dec 16th Stouts
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MAINE SOUTH

Driver's ed program lauded for putting teens on safe path

Maine South High School's Driver Education Program was recognized Oct. 20 by Secretary of State Jesse White for preparing students to drive safely.

Meeting with students, staff and administrators at the school flagpole, White presented Maine South Principal David Claypool with a Teen Driving Safety Award for the school's involvement in the Operation Teen Safe Driving Program, which is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation. This program encourages students to design driving-safety programs aimed at fellow students. White also acknowledged that Maine South invites local police and representatives from other traffic-safety groups into driver's-education class-

rooms. Accepting the plaque, Claypool thanked White and commended the efforts and initiatives of Rose Garlasco, assistant principal and chairwoman of the Driver's Education Department; Dave Scott, lead teacher of driver's education; and driver's-education teacher Jarett Kirshner.

White also announced that since the state's graduated-driver-licensing law took effect in 2008, teen driving deaths have dropped by more than 50 percent. The GDL law requires teenagers before they are granted their licenses to devote 50 hours to behind-the-wheel practice with a parent or guardian. It also establishes driver curfews for teenagers.

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Seniors Mike Landrith and Milan Gacanovic talk Oct. 20 to Secretary of State Jesse White at Maine South High School before the school was presented with a Teen Driving Safety Award for their driver's-education program. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

SCHOOLS DIGEST

DISTRICT 64

Roosevelt School in Park Ridge will hold its annual Veterans Day recognition event Nov. 11.

"We are inviting local veterans to spend the day with us," said Principal Kevin Dwyer. "Our veteran guests will participate in a school assembly and visit classrooms to speak with students."

Veterans interested in participating should register in advance by contacting coordinator Larry Ryles, (847) 720-4883.

DISTRICT 107

Maine South High School Assistant Principal Rose Garlasco has received the highest honor bestowed by the Illinois Principals Association. During the IPA's state conference last month Garlasco received the Herrián Graves Award, established in 1991 to recognize principals and assistant principals dedicated to the organization. It is presented to someone who has gone above-and-beyond in giving time and energy to the IPA

and its members.

"We are very proud of Dr. Garlasco," Maine South Principal David Claypool said. "It is great to see that her long-standing commitment to the professionalism promoted by the IPA has been recognized."

Garlasco has been a member of the IPA for 13 years. During that time she has actively participated in the IPA by holding the following positions: Lake Region secretary and director (1999-2000), North Cook Region secretary and state director (2002-07), North Cook Region director (2008-present), and State Board secretary (2007-2009). In addition she was the Assistant Principal of the Year for the state of Illinois in 2001 and received the Horace Mann Community Service Award in 2006.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception School, 7263 W. Taleott Ave., Chicago, has announced the induction of 16 students to the Junior National Honor Society. The Junior National Honor Society was estab-

lished at Immaculate Conception in fall 2007. The society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for students, according to a news release.

"The following 16 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Oct. 13: **Kaitlyn Buss, Madeline Meloscia, Jillian Davis, Shaun Polakow, Michelle Delana, Samantha Portera, Kevin Flaherty, Mary Sheehan, Jack Heldkamp, Erin Shiel, Michael Krzeczowski, Patricia Stritzel, Kariy McMorrow, Liliana Trifilio, Kelly McMorrow and Hannah Zahn.** To be eligible for membership, candidates must have met standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. Members of the seventh- and eighth-grade classes were evaluated and selected by the Faculty Council of the chapter.

NORTHBRIDGE

A record 25 students at Northridge Prep have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams. The College Board's

Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

Three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are **Phillip Kaiser, Matthew O'Connor and Derek Simon.**

Three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are **Aashiv Bharji, David Griffin and Connor Schckel.**

Nineteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. They are **Joseph Adams, Bartosz, Justin Betz, Joseph Brochu,**

Praveen Easo, John Hauff, Young Hwang, Matthew Jaroslowski, Joseph Klatt, Peter Knapp, Philip Krupowicz, Timothy Madigan, Daniel McDermott, James Petros, Bartlomiej Radzik, David Rahimi, Dean Rlman, John Romano and Youngwook Shin.

Northridge Prep Headmaster Richard Meyer has announced that **Joseph Brochu, Philip Krupowicz, David Rahimi and Connor Schickel** have been named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

The new Notre Dame High School for Girls will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 15. It is open to all seventh- and eighth-graders and their parents. The event will be at the school, at 3115 N. Mason

Ave. The New Notre Dame High School for Girls is an all-girls, college-preparatory, Archdiocesan School that reports a 99-percent graduation rate and a 98-percent college-acceptance rate. Contact Julie Raiio, president of development, (773) 622-1541, for more information or to reserve a spot. Another open house will be 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 9.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur will have a used-furniture and household goods sale from noon to 7 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The sale will be at the old Notre Dame High School for Girls, 3000 N. Mango Ave., Chicago. For more information call Sr. Mary Bridget Murphy, (773) 622-1541.

ST. PATRICK

Saint Patrick High School announced its first-quarter honor roll.

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Second Honors: sophomore Daniel Potts, Jr.

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First Honors: seniors Matthew Forrest, and Donald Lappe; juniors Adam Klauss, Jake Labuz and Michael McCarthy; sophomore Timothy Mizonos; freshman Connor Heidkamp. **Second Honors:** seniors John Bailey, William Barker, Christopher Hain, Aidan Hart, Ryan Heidkamp, Eric

Horling, Kevin Lodwich, Matthew McCoy, Emil Methipara, Brian Raehmaeje, William Ruchmann and Nicholas Schoenbeck; juniors Timothy Byrne, Edilberto Chevere, Nicholas Constantine, Thomas Conway, Michael Cradick, Richard Diaz, Ryan Fischer, Daniel Flood, Patrick Fuller, James Hartford, Kevin Hoffman, James Labuz, Michael Piechota, Christopher Smreczak and Patrick Sullivan; sophomores Eric Kimbrough, Eamonn O'Connor, Nathan Sharp, Ryan Tentler and Dean Zummo; freshmen

Joseph Bailey, Benny Baltazar, Joseph Cortese, Brian Dillon, Daniel Henley, Michael Hoffman, Quinn Vanderah, James Young and Alexander Villastrigo.

60646

First Honors: junior Daniel Delgado; freshmen Jonathan Froio and Adam Rice. **Second Honors:** seniors Sean Caron, Matthew Dawson, Sean Nokes, John Norton, Brendan Oates, Timothy Pennino, Allen Rebot, Ryan Rosetti, Ariel Vazquez and Mark Verilli; juniors Andrew

Brooks, Kevin Bucher, Patrick Cermak, Colin Doyle, Kevin Furlong and Max Rice; sophomores Daniel Gaddini, Colgan Gill, Daniel Gillespie and Brett Warner; freshmen Kenya Anderson, Matthew Dorsen, Charles Faust, Patrick Gill, Matthew Majaruch, Matthew Tannehill and Travis Viere.

60656

First Honors: seniors Michael Kratochvil and Ryan Tadych; sophomore Zachary Jankiewicz; fresh-

men Anthony Campanaro, Terence Fogarty and Christopher Lessner, Joseph Mazzenga, Joseph Muzappapa. **Second Honors:** seniors Thomas Moekler, Angel Ortiz and Francis Sinfuego; juniors Cromm Fallon, Nicholas Mangano, Nicholas Mazzenga, Frank Portera and Zach Treder; sophomores Anthony Chierici, Gaetano DiBalsamo, Matthew Johnson and Garrett Reynolds; freshmen Dennis Creighton, Nicholas Kamberis, Andrew Kerin, Erik Lopez, Jonathan Prado and Patrick Wroblewski.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

St. Paul of the Cross School in Park Ridge be host a coat drive for guests of the parish's Sunday Suppers and for members of Our Lady of the Angels parish in Chicago. New or gently used coats may be dropped off from 4-6 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the school library, 140 S. Northwest Highway. The coat drive is sponsored by the Spirit of St. Ignatius Guild. For more information call the church, (847) 825-7605.

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Village of Hillside Veterans Day Parade Join us Honoring our Veterans November 7, 2009 Parade starts at 1pm at; 425 Hillside Avenue 708-449-6450	Village of Berkeley 5819 Electric Ave; Berkley, IL 60163 708-449-8840 www.berkeley.il.us Mayor Tony Esposito
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Romp, Stomp & Roll, 10-20 months: This class is a social experience for both you and your child. Mats, balls, tunnels and age appropriate toys will be offered in this active free play class. Parent/child class.

Me Two, 2 years: This class is offered to ease fears and encourage independence. Semi-structured environment. Stories, music and art are included in each class. Child only class.

Mini Sportsters, 2-4 years: An introductory sports class for your active 2, 3- and 4-year-old. Try out a different sport each week. Parent/child class.

Tumble Bees, 2-4 years: Children will be introduced to basic tumbling skills by participating in activities that teach gross motor skills and organized movement. Class includes basic introduction to the balance beam, floor and horizontal bar. Parent/child class.

Just for Me, 3-4 years: This class is designed for those children who are ready to be on their own in a social preschool environment. Letters, numbers and colors will be taught through active play. Daily gym time and snacks are provided. Class will be offered with a continuing curriculum through spring 2009.

Breakfast Buddies, 3-6 years: In this pint-sized morning cooking class, kids will make and eat some of their favorite breakfast recipes, like pancakes and french toast. Class is offered one or two days a week.

Body Flex Kids, 3-6 years: Scheduled during adult Body Flex, this high energy exercise class will get your child moving and grooving. To cool down we will end class with kid's yoga. Our instructor will escort your child to and from the Clubhouse.

Fantastic Friday's, 3-6 years: Children will play games, make crafts, go swimming and make new friends. Run errands with your "little helper." Kids must be toilet trained.

Playtime Picasso's, 3-6 years: Designed to explore your child's creative side. Arts and crafts, painting, play-dough along with age appropriate play will highlight this class. Class will be messy.

Recipe for Fun, 3-6 years: Learn to make simple recipes in this pint-sized cooking class. Measuring, mixing, pouring, and stirring are sure to keep our little chefs busy. Each chef will get to eat or take home their own creations.

Silly Science, 3-6 years: This hands-on science class is designed to com-

bine learning and fun. With the use of everyday household items, become a silly scientist and create simple experiments.

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

Group EX Express Card - 10 Class card: \$71. residents, \$81 nonresidents; 20 Class Card: \$124. residents, \$144 nonresidents; 30 Class Card: \$149. residents, \$179 nonresidents. Classes include:

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 & Stretch: This 60 minute step class includes a warm-up, high inten-



'Alice' actors Matt Hamielec, as Lewis Carroll, and Annie Hoeg, as Alice, perform Oct. 17 during dress rehearsal for Main South High School's production of "Alice in Wonderland," staged last month at Maine South Auditorium. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

sity step aerobics, and a Yoga inspired stretch.
Yoga: Work the mind and body.

Food Drive

Village of Niles employees, Citibank and PNA Bank are partnering together for a food drive to ensure no person in Niles goes hungry this Thanksgiving and holiday season. Demand for assistance is rising due to unemployment, high food prices and utilities and a troubled economy. This community effort will be held through Dec. 10. Donations by the public are deeply appreciated. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off at any of the following locations: Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Family Services and Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fire Department, 8360 W. Dempster St.; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Public Works, 6849 Touhy Ave.; Citibank, 8400 W. Dempster St.; PNA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Fundraisers

A spaghetti dinner with homemade

Italian pasta sauce and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert prepared by Central United Methodist Church's "Mama Theresa," aka Terry Skiplon, will be 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in the church's Swanson Fellowship Hall, 8237 Kenton Ave., Skokie. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5, children 2-12; and free to anyone 2 or younger. Proceeds will help fund the 1923 log cabin, which sits on the church property. After the dinner walk through the cabin and see the plans for renovation. Call (847) 673-1311.

The Nehara Group of Hadassah North Shore Chapter will serve as guest bartenders to raise funds for Hadassah Projects at 7 p.m. Nov. 5 at McCarthy's Irish Pub in Hawthorn Mall, 506 Hawthorn Center, Vernon Hills. Bring your friends and join the group for this fun evening where all tips for the food and drink will be donated to Hadassah. For information about Hadassah call (847) 205-1900 or email: northshore@hadassah.org. The Knights of Columbus Council 4338 is conducting a Wheelchairs for the Needy campaign. The public is invited to help others by providing donations for a wheelchair. For as little

as \$75, the needy can gain their mobility with a new wheelchair. Donations may be sent to: Wheelchairs for Needy, c/o KC Council 4338, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714. The Men and Women's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is sponsoring a fund-raising Glove Sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 6 in the 10th floor Special Functions Dining Room of the hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. The sale will feature savings of 50 to 75 percent on work, garden, dress and ski gloves. Also featured will be specially priced popcorn and an assortment of air fresheners. Call (847) 723-6105. Proceeds help expand hospital programs.

The Knights of Columbus are still distributing Tootsie Roll candy and banks with all profits given to mentally handicapped children. Tootsie Roll bars are available at 50 bars per package for \$6. The candy banks are \$2 each. Contact Ken Lee, (847) 967-6234. Send monetary donations to: KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley will hold a holiday plant-sale fundraiser to support local area charities. As

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Health

The Women's Board of Skokie Hospital will present "Superwoman Survival 101 with Integrative Medicine," an interactive discussion on promoting physical, spiritual and mental balance for high-achieving, multitasking women using complimentary and alternative medical techniques. "Superwoman Survival 101 with Integrative Medicine" will be led by Dr. Leslie Mendoza Temple, director, Integrative Medicine and Polly Lioniis, shiatsu practitioner, yoga and meditation instructor. The event will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Kenton Knox Building at Skokie Hospital, 9700 N. Kenton, Skokie. Admission is free. For more information contact Linda Ballard, (847) 570-5097, or e-mail lbballard@northshore.org.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Women's Health Resource Center and the Arthritis Foundation will offer a free public educational seminar on bone health and rheumatoid arthritis from 10-11:30 a.m. Nov. 7 at the hospital's Olson Auditorium, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Lunch, provided by Amgen-Wyeth, will be served immediately following the presentations at 11:45 a.m. Sharon Tymkiw, nurse educator at Amgen-Wyeth, will present "Knowledge is Power: Introduction to Rheumatoid Arthritis" and Dr. Susan Troy, professor of clinical medicine at Chicago Medical School, will present "Fit to a T: Bone

Health and Osteoporosis Education." Free parking is provided in the lot behind the Yackman Children's Pavilion at the east end of the hospital. Preregistration is required. Go to www.arthritis.gov, keyword Chicago, and click on "Public Education Seminars" or call 1-800-735-0096.

"Transition to Wellness," a new educational series on positive aging, will be in November and December at Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation, 9700 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. except where noted. Classes are free and open to the public. Light refreshments follow presentations. For reservations call Lauren Galuszka, (847) 929-3229. Sponsored by CJE SeniorLife, the classes will kick off with "Dementia," a four-part Monday series, including "It's Not Always Alzheimer's: Types and Stages of Dementia" Nov. 23 with speaker Dr. Herb Sier and CJE's vice president of medical affairs; "Memory Support Programs, Activities and Resources" Nov. 30 with Deb DeSignore, creative arts therapist; "Ask the Doctor: Dementia Medications and What to Expect" Dec. 7 featuring Dr. Vadim Edelstein; and "Dementia and Family Caregivers" Dec. 14 with Deb DeSignore, creative-arts therapist, and Peggy Best, MSW, LSW. Other talks include: "What is Sub-acute Rehabilitation?" Nov. 10, conducted by Ed Thelen; "Laughter Yoga" with Caryll Derenfeld at 10 a.m. Nov. 16; and "Managing Change as Your Parents Age" with Joan Richman Ente, LCSW, on Nov. 19, wraps up the lecture series.

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott, Chicago, will offer the following health programs. Advanced registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available.

Diabetes HbA1C Screening from 8-10 a.m. Nov. 5 - a blood draw for the HbA1c glycohemoglobin test to see how controlled participant's blood sugar level has been over a three-month period. An 8-hour fast is required. Fee: \$10. Test results will be given at the Diabetic Fair from 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 12, or mailed if unable to attend workshop.

Seasonal flu and pneumonia vaccinations 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 6 in the Health Management Department. Flu and pneumonia shots free with Medicare Part B card, otherwise \$25 for flu and \$50 for pneumonia.

"Our Children Remembered" candle-light memorial service is at 4 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Resurrection Chapel for parents who have suffered the loss of an early pregnancy or infant. A reception immediately follows the service. Call the Family Birthplace at (773) 774-8000, Ext. 7647, if attending.

Coping Well with Chronic Conditions Series - Communicating with Family, Friends & Physicians from 7-8 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Health Management Classroom. Clinical Psychologist Stephan Romm will teach some of the basic, practical skills and attitudes needed to become an active self-manager of your chronic illness in order to live a life of purpose and quality. Free.

Obtain the latest information for managing your diabetes from various health professionals at the Resurrection Medical Center Diabetic Fair from 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 12 in the Blessed Alice

Conference Room of the Professional Office Building. Participants have the opportunity to meet with several vendors, and receive up-to-date information on various diabetic products that can make living with diabetes easier. Blood pressure and/or glucose screenings will be available. Results of Glycohemoglobin (HbA1c) test from Nov. 5 will be available. Program is open for anyone interested in learning about diabetes. Light refreshments will be served. Free.

Children ages 11 and older can become an American Red Cross certified Babysitter by attending a training course from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 14. This program teaches future baby-sitters how to handle emergencies, prevent accidents and care for children while baby-sitting. Fee: \$70. Class is held in Health Management Classroom at Resurrection Medical Center.

Men's Health Fair: Kick Off for Good Health will be from 4-7 p.m. Nov. 18 in the lower level, Entrance B, featuring numerous free screenings (\$500 value) and health education. The seasonal flu shot will be offered for \$20, free for those with Medicare B card. Food, raffle prizes and plenty of giveaways. Some screenings require appointments.

Ongoing programs - Moms in Motion: Prenatal and postpartum moms are invited to participate in this land/water exercise program offered Mondays and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Club Res Fitness Center. Fee: \$5/class. Call 773-990-5600 for more information.

Yoga: All levels are welcome. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7:30

p.m., and Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at Resurrection Medical Center. Fee: \$8/class or \$75 for a 10 class punch card. Call the Health Management Department at 773-792-5022 for details.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m.-noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.

Kids
The Twenty-first Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution announces the annual American History Essay Contest. All students in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades in public, private or parochial schools, and those who are home schooled are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex or national origin. The Twenty-first Star Chapter of NSDAR is looking for students to compete in this year's contest. The topic for 2009-10 is "The Completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad." (Describe how you felt on May 10, 1869, when the golden spike was driven at Promontory Summit, Utah, to celebrate the completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad. Pretend you are either a settler planning to use the train to travel to your new home in the West, an Irish or Chinese worker who helped build the line or a Native American whose way of life was greatly affected by the railroad.) One essay at each grade level will be selected as the

chapter winner and forwarded to the State American History Chairman for state competition. Deadline for submission is Dec. 1. Students interested are asked to contact Nancy Meyer for specific guidelines at (847) 824-1150.

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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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Governor candidates offer views on teen issues

One year from now, Illinois voters will decide who will be the next governor. There is no true incumbent: Our current executive officer assumed the office after his predecessor was impeached. The field includes these two Democrats, five Republicans and one Green Party

candidate. After last fall's historic election, more teens than ever are paying attention to politics - meaning that candidates will have to pay greater attention to the concerns of young voters.

The Teen Times - the staff of high school students at Pioneer Press

asked every declared candidate seven questions. The answers to two of our queries are printed below, verbatim. Not every candidate wished to speak with us, and some who did would not respond to a few of our questions.

Questions: 1

Many of the state's highest-achieving high schools are here: Are there any high school requirements that you would change?

2

Chicagoans are in the White House, making government much more relevant to teens in our area. What was your idea of government at age 16?



The full set of questions and responses are available at blogs.pioneerlocal.com/teentimes.



Adam Andrzejewski, political activist, Hinsdale Republican

1 Philosophically, youth should have a little more freedom and less scripting of their lives. They also should learn to suffer the consequences, or reap the rewards, of their actions.

2 Both my parents were school teachers and my dad ran against George Ryan, the former governor currently in jail. I viewed government as a public service, not an opportunity to work in a protected job with early retirement and an unsustainable pension.



State Sen. Bill Brady, R-44th, of Bloomington

1 Not that I can think of.

2 At age 16, I thought government was about elected leaders who were to be representatives and make laws to protect us.



State Sen. Kirk Dillard, R-24th, of Hinsdale

1 When I'm elected Governor, I'm going to have a panel of parents, teachers and experts review every mandate, and I will talk to students, too, to see which ones we can get rid of. And in turn I would hope that we would have more technology, computer science, mathematics and hard sciences taught in our schools. So that today's students can compete against Asia or the rest of the world at math and science.

I sponsor a law that returns the Pledge of Allegiance to Illinois high schools after 30 years of the pledge being optional. I think it should be enforced because, following the Sept. 11 tragedy, I think it's important for kids to remember the young people serving in the Middle East.

2 It was really nothing more than my father being a social studies teacher at Hinsdale High School. I did not come from a political family.



Dan Hynes, State Comptroller, Democrat

1 We have to be mindful of the ways we can improve curriculum and school requirements. We also have to make sure to work with local school districts to get the best curriculum and education policy possible. If there are changes imposed by the state, there has to be funding to implement those changes. We would work with local school districts to make sure the curriculum and the requirements are best situated to enable our young people to succeed in the future.

2 I actually was raised in a household where politics was part of the nightly conversation, so I was exposed to politics at an early age. I was probably one of the few in our age group that was involved in politics. More and more, that is becoming more prevalent. The Obama campaign is helping young people to play a part in the democracy. Whenever I talk to young adults who are under the voting age, I remind them that they have the ability to affect voting by getting more people to vote.



Dan Proff, AM radio, Republican candidate from Wheaton

1 I certainly don't think that the high school requirements are reflective of what we know. I'm less about the requirements and more about what we have to do to the curriculum.

2 It hasn't changed much since then. High school was when I started to learn about the purpose of government. My view of government was the same then - that government is just an enforcement mechanism. It is a negative restraint.



Gov. Patrick Quinn, Democrat

1 Gov. Quinn declined to answer the first question.

2 I was always interested in politics. I turned 16 in 1964, the year after President Kennedy was assassinated. All through my high school years, I was interested in President Kennedy's vision of the New Frontier and his call to public service. I was inspired by his statement: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." I believed that government could make a positive difference in people's lives.



Bob Schillerstrom, Chairman of DuPage County Board, Republican

1 Well, the bottom line is that high school... has to prepare students to either be able to become productive members of society and to enter the work force, or, alternatively, to go to college. I think there is a substantial gap between what you get in high school and what you need to join the work force. One of the things we have to focus on is preparing our high school graduates on entering the work force. We have to communicate with business ongoing so we know what kind of skill they need from graduates. We need to focus on problem-solving skills, so that when people go into the work place they are prepared to solve problems, and not just memorize a bunch of facts.

2 Well I knew about the federal government at that point because I had taken some Constitution tests. Also I was familiar with it from reading the newspapers. I have to admit at that time I wasn't a big expert on local government; it was later that I became an expert. Like a lot of people I followed what was going on in the newspaper and on television. At that point there was a lot happening with the Vietnam War. It was 1968 and there was obviously a lot of news.



Rich Whitney, attorney Green Party candidate

1 One thing, I'm opposed to the No Child Left Behind program. I would try to get Illinois to opt out of the No Child Left Behind program. Teachers spend too much time prepping students for the test and not enough on teaching. Our schools should do better at civic education, at least two semesters. Generally, there should be better state funding for schools. That should come from the state, not property taxes which cause uneven schools. Schools should have more funding for music and art. Students should have the opportunity to study the arts and physical education and things like that.

2 At that time, I was more of a conservative in my outlook in the early 1970s. Most people of my generation were more radical and antestablishment, I was actually the opposite at the time. I was more Republican, supporting Nixon and the war in Vietnam. When I went to college, I studied politics and social science which really changed my views. For government to improve our lives, the kinds of policies promoted by the "right wing," I don't think they work. They tend to corrupt government. In terms of lives of most of the people, it's made their lives worse. My views basically changed because of education and studying social science.

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Resident and nonresident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2009-10 is still taking place. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon for 3- and 4-year-old classes. Registration is accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633 to have information mailed.

Niles Park District is still taking registration for fall Dance classes. Classes include Budding Ballerinas for ages 2-3.

Pre-Ballet for ages 3-5. Ballet & Tap for ages 4-9. Jazz for ages 6-12, and Hip Hop for ages 6-12. Classes for adults are also available. Call (847) 967-6633. Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

Golf Maine The Golf Maine Park District has taken a new and innovative approach in raising much-needed funds for the park and spreading the word on energy efficiency. The district offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to

the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abilbi Bowler 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.paperrecycle.com. Golf Maine Park District is taking registration for:

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VOLLEYBALL

1. Glenbrook South
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5. Niles West

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL

Julian Burgos, Notre Dame
Senior scored all four of the team's TDs in a 28-27 loss to Glenbrook South in the Class 8A opener. He also set the program's single-season record for rushing yards after running for a game-high 129 yards.

SOCCER

Matt Hickey, New Trier
His corner kick in the first half found teammate Chris Sweitzer, who headed the ball in for the team's first goal in a 2-0 win over Maine South.

VOLLEYBALL

Emani Sims, Glenbrook South
The Miami (Fla.) recruit recorded eight kills and two blocks in the Titans' straight-set victory Saturday to earn them the regional title.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Nico Composto, Loyola
Hard not to run with this senior, who captured the Niles West Sectional championship in 14:57.56, more than 30 seconds faster than the runner-up from York.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Megumi Hoshi, Niles West
With the team's spread stretching 64 places, the senior's sixth-place finish was that much more important in helping the Wolves advance to the State Meet.

Wolves' girls squad runs to State

Davros makes it out of NW boys sectional

By ROB VALENTIN
Contributor

CROSS COUNTRY— Twenty-eight years ago the Niles West girls cross country team last qualified for the State Meet.

It's been 11 years since an individual advanced Downstate.

That all changed Saturday as the Wolves took fourth at the Niles West Sectional and qualified for Saturday's Class 3A meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

"We actually put no expectations on the girls and we didn't discuss places," said Niles West coach Anne Heselton. "We just told them, 'This is your course and you know it better than anyone else. Just go out and race to the best of your abilities.'"

Senior Megumi Hoshi navigated the 3-mile course in 18:35.3, which was good for sixth place.

"She just set herself back (around 25th) and after the first mile she just picked people off," Heselton said. "She's been concerned with making sure she finishes strong and she's used that as a tactic for the majority of the season."

One reason Heselton thinks her squad fared so well was that everyone stepped up. No one had an off day and that's not something many teams can say. "Our girls ran the most steady race of the season," Heselton said. "No one choked and that's why we're going Downstate and other teams who were ranked ahead of us are not."

The next two runners across the line for Niles West were senior Carmin Beck (21st, 19:22.27) and freshman Michelle Karp

(34th, 19:36.93). It was an interesting day for Karp, who, after having her shoe stepped on in the first half mile, kicked it off and ran the rest of the race with just one shoe.

Other key contributors for the Wolves were sophomore Jessica Sutfin (41st, 19:50.01), senior Allie Coursey (70th, 20:38.37), senior Asha Mannacheril (103rd, 21:33.36) and junior Lindsay Karp (115th, 22:04.23).

As Niles West prepares for State, Heselton is making sure her team stays calm and cool.

"Basically, it's business as usual," Heselton said. "Just prepare ourselves to have another great race. There's no pressure on them at State."

Wolves Boys

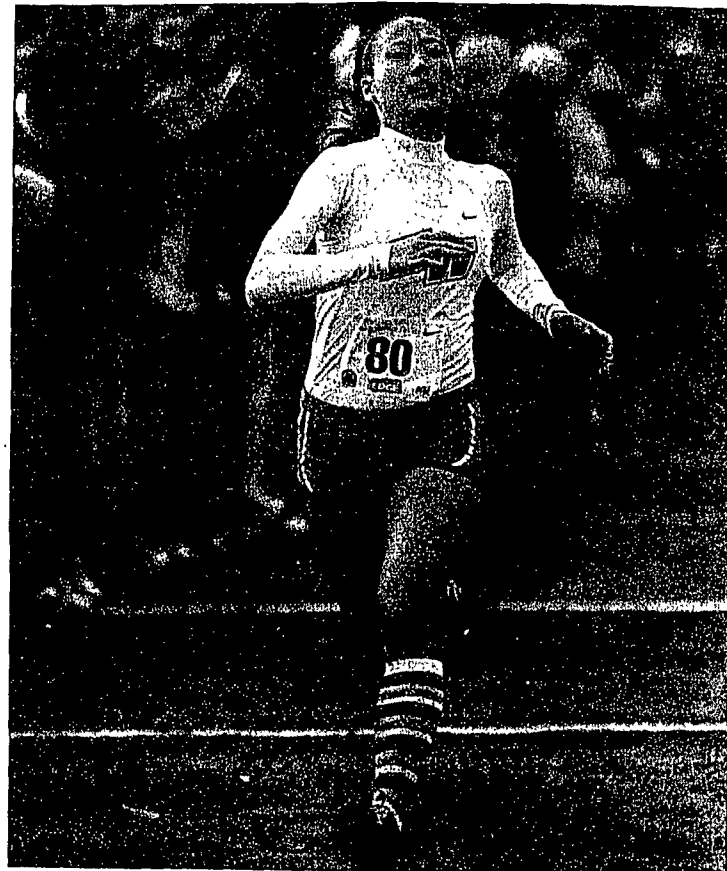
On the boys side, Niles West senior George Davros will continue his season at State. He cruised through the course in 16:10.26, good for 28th place and the seventh and final individual spot to Saturday's State Meet.

"I put in an enormous amount of work over the summer and to see it all pay off means a lot," Davros said. "I didn't qualify last year and I'm pretty sure we have the deepest sectional at State."

Davros had to come from behind to secure his trip. After the first mile he estimates he was in 50th place, but had a strong second mile and just kept catching runners one at a time.

"I knew it was going to be a close race so I had a hunter mind-set," Davros said. "Pick off a runner and then find another one to pick off. I was never comfortable with where I was."

The final mile was really a challenge, but that's when all the mental preparation paid off. Davros passed Leyden's Herald Alvarez with about a quarter of a mile to go and finished ahead of the



Niles West's Megumi Hoshi nears the finish line of the Niles West Sectional, where she placed sixth in 18:35. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

senior by 2.66 seconds for the last qualifying spot.

"As the race kept going on I found myself feeling weaker and that last quarter I did everything I could to pick up my leg and put it in front of the other one," Davros said. "I actually crossed the line thinking I didn't make it."

Davros heads to Peoria as a man with a plan. He ran the course last year when teammate Alex Zasso, who is now running at Washington University in St. Louis, qualified. Niles West also competed in the Peoria Woodruff Invite, which was held at Detweiller Park.

"I have that course mapped out in my mind,"

Davros said. "I know every mile marker and where I'm gonna start my kick. I know it's gonna be a battle."

As a team Niles West finished in 12th place. Other finishers for the Wolves were senior Matt Miller (69th, 16:52.29), sophomore Mas Hoshi (78th, 17:03.85), junior Zach Koukios (91st, 17:17.02), sophomore Mare Julien (95th, 17:21.7), senior Dan Friedman (107th, 17:35.48) and senior Jimmy Rosati (116th, 17:44.54).
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Niles West's George Davros heads toward the finish line of Saturday's Niles West Sectional. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)



Burgos, Dons lament close playoff loss

Senior back's 4 TDs not quite enough

By MATT HARNESSEY
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FOOTBALL — Julian Burgos slowly exited Glenbrook South's stadium Friday night.

The Notre Dame senior hung his head, carried his helmet and made his way toward the team bus after his team's 28-27 loss to the Titans in the first round of the IHSA Class 8A playoffs.

While the walk probably was painful, those who lingered were able to appreciate Burgos for a few minutes longer.

Behind the offensive line of Vance Ross, Joe Bushell, Eric Shuler, Mike Kane, Zach Fudalej and Mark Angelini, Burgos did all he could to help the Dons win. He ran 14 times for a game-high 129 yards and scored all four of his team's touchdowns.

"He got to demonstrate what he's capable of doing," said Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey, whose team finished 6-4. "He showed that he's one of the

best against a good football team."

Burgos finished the season with 1,277 yards to become the Dons' leader for rushing yards in a single season, surpassing Brian Brosnan's 2000 total of 1,156.

On a cold night with a muddy field, the ultimate difference in a game with four lead changes was extra points. Luke Harrison of the Titans converted all four of his point-after attempts, while the Dons struggled to match. The Dons missed one kick and failed to convert on a 2-point try in extending their streak of first-round losses to five.

"Great football game, but we had one mistake too many," Hennessey said. "You can't do that against a team like Glenbrook South."

Burgos' first TD, a 44-yarder early in the second quarter, answered Glenbrook South's in the first quarter. But the missed kick left the score at 7-6.

After ND forced a three-and-out, Drew Diaz threw passes of 18 and 24 yards on a drive that ended with Burgos' five-yard TD carry. Hennessey chose to go for two points, but the Dons failed to leave the score 12-7.

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STAR PERFORMANCES

Julian Burgos: senior scored all four ND TDs and rushed for 129 yards to become the program's single-season leader with 1,277 yards.
Connor Thomas: junior playmaker deserved more chances, but the Dons didn't have the ball much in the second half. Finished with 81 yards on nine touches.

The Titans (8-2) went into the half ahead 14-12.

ND mishandled a Titans punt to open the second half and Glenbrook South set up at ND's 27-yard line.

Titans coach Mike Noll took advantage and used 10 running plays to erase five minutes off the clock. Michael Hirsch's one-yard dive gave the home team a 21-12 lead.

"They took about eight minutes off the clock," Hennessey said. "That didn't help. It was a big difference."

The Dons' only turnover of the game kept Burgos and the offense on the bench for much of the third quarter. ND ran only seven plays in the third.

"That was huge," Noll said.



Notre Dame's Rob Neylon causes Glenbrook South quarterback Mike Pullano to fumble during the Titans' 8A playoff victory Friday in Glenview. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

That's because ND scored on two of its first three series of the second half. The second TD, a 34-yard dash by Burgos, put the Dons ahead 27-21 with 8:34 to go. But the Titans responded

with an 11-play scoring drive. Glenbrook South quarterback Mike Pullano converted two fourth-down plays, including the 13-yard go-ahead TD pass to Hirsch with 4:20 remaining.

ND's final chance ended with an incomplete pass.

"I think we matched up well," Hennessey said. "We were able to compete. The kids gave one (heck) of an effort."

Neuhaus a bright spot in Vikings' 3-6 season

Junior LB starting to attract interest

By DAN SHALIN
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FOOTBALL— Niles North's 3-6 season was disappointing for a program hoping to end a nearly two-decade-old playoff drought.

But junior linebacker George Neuhaus certainly did everything he could to keep the team competitive.

The 6-foot-2, 215-pound junior had a team-high 103 tackles, 43 more than his nearest teammate.

Already a two-year starter, Neuhaus figures to find his name featured prominently on all-conference and all-area lists. Vikings head coach Scott Smith believes Neuhaus has what it takes to become a Division I college linebacker.

"He's one of the best linebackers that I've ever coached," said Smith, who spent several years as an assistant coach at Prospect. "He has a natural knack for

the ball and he likes to hit. We're looking forward to having him for another year."

Neuhaus said he would be proud to accept postseason accolades as recognition for his hard work. However, his focus is clearly on the team's success.

"It's pretty cool if I get awards. But I do wish our team would do better," he said. "I have to do what I can to make the team better and help everyone improve."

When Niles North posted a crossover victory over Evanston in Week 3, the

team's playoff hopes were very much alive. But the Vikings then lost to Glenbrook North after leading in the fourth quarter and fell to starting quarterback after the teams were tied at halftime.

"I felt that we could have had at least three more wins," Neuhaus said.

While Niles North will lose starting quarterback Mike Granato and much of its offensive line, it will welcome back a solid junior class featuring Neuhaus, running back Sam Sharples, receiver Sunil Rehmani and defensive back Danny

Khourri. Neuhaus should be even more dominant in 2010 after offseason training and another year of experience under his belt. After all, he entered high school with only two years of youth football experience.

"I need to lift and get bigger and faster," Neuhaus said about his offseason plans. "Plus, I'll be watching film to see the mistakes I've made, to try not to make them again and improve."

Neuhaus also will resume his role as a thrower on the Niles North track team. He

hopes to reach the IHSA State Meet this spring after setting the school's freshman and sophomore records in the discus.

Neuhaus also expects to delve a little deeper into college plans.

"I've gotten some letters from colleges and stuff describing the recruiting process, what I should know and what I should be doing," he said. "I would like to play in college."

No doubt there will be a fair number of college coaches who would like Neuhaus to play for them.

NORTH STARS

ALL-AREA GIRLS AND BOYS GOLF



New Trier junior Kristin Wright fired a two-round 152 at the Class AA State Meet, good for a tie for eighth place. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

Rendell, Wright put together dream seasons

By MATT HARNESSE
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GOLF - It's a good guess that New Trier's golf teams could make a few of the state's colleges sweat.

When Pete Drevline spent hours laboring over his postseason lineup because he had so many standouts to choose from, some coaches probably wondered if New Trier's boys coach might complain about his wallet being too small for his riches.

Scott Fricke's girls team was just as loaded with talent.

But for Pioneer Press' money, New Trier's Mills Rendell and Kristin Wright both earned the honor of players of the year.

"Mills is every coach's dream," first-year coach Drevline said of the four-year varsity veteran. "He represents an attitude, dedication and commitment to the process of improvement. His work ethic is unmatched, and his determination on the course sets a great example for others."

"Mills is very unselfish, demonstrated by his contributing to the team as a leader, role model and friend."

Rendell tied for sixth at the Class 3A state tournament last month as the Trevians took second to three-time champion St. Viator at The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course. The senior finished the season with a 72.5 stroke average. All four of his playoff rounds were in the 70s. He also captured a CSL South championship in a sudden-death playoff.

For the Trevian girls, Wright was Rendell's equal.

The junior and three-year varsity starter tied for eighth at the Class AA state tournament at Hickory Ridge to help the Trevians finish as runners-up to Homewood-



New Trier senior Mills Rendell took sixth at the Class 3A State Meet to go along with his Central Suburban South championship. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

Flossmoor. Wright captured a conference and regional championship and shot a 70 to win Prospect's tournament and better two-time state champion Kris Yoo of Conant.

"She is very mentally tough and a fierce competitor," Fricke said of Wright, who ended the fall campaign with a 75.5 stroke average, finishing all of her 18-hole rounds in the 70s.

"Kristin continues to improve," Fricke added.

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GOLD LIST STATE PLACERS

Boys

Tony Albano (Maine South), T39th
Paul Barnes (Evanston), T93rd
Dave Berlinghof (New Trier), T51st
Larry Foss (Maine South), 98th
Matt Haller (New Trier), T17th
Michael Hermanson (New Trier), T26th
Phil Purcell (New Trier), T13th
Mills Rendell (New Trier), T6th
Jordan Stein (NSCD), T5th
Eric Van Wart (NSCD), T8th
Billy Wright (New Trier), 91st

Girls

Nicole Eder (Loyola), 85th
Molly Hulseman (Loyola), T70th
Somy Kim (Loyola), 26th
Mary Rose Loftus (Loyola), T50th
Lisa Nations (New Trier), 54th
Callie Nelson (New Trier), T28th
Caroline Newell (Loyola), T74th
Rachel Oberheide (Maine South), T15th
Nina Puch (Loyola), T67th
Elizabeth Szokol (New Trier), T36th
Kristin Wright (New Trier), T8th

REGIONAL CHAMPS

Michael Hermanson (New Trier)
Pat Cermak (St. Patrick)
Kristin Wright (New Trier)

CONFERENCE CHAMPS

Philip Dugan (Loyola)
Mills Rendell (New Trier)
Kristin Wright (New Trier)

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GOLFERS OF THE YEAR

Boys: Mills Rendell (New Trier)
Girls: Kristin Wright (New Trier)

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Boys: Phil Purcell (New Trier)
Girls: Callie Nelson (New Trier)

COACHES OF THE YEAR

Boys: Pete Drevline (New Trier)
Girls: Scott Fricke (New Trier)

2010 WATCH LIST

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Pat Cermak (St. Patrick)
Collin Fero (Evanston)
Spencer Groessl (Maine South)
Creighton Helms (Loyola)
Nick Jan (Glenbrook North)
Nicholas McCall (NSCD)
Quinn Prchal (Glenbrook South)

Girls

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Kaitlyn Hoffman (Resurrection)
Ashley Hong (Glenbrook North)
Meredith Machon (Maine South)
Caroline Newell (Loyola)
Amy Seter (Glenbrook South)
Stephanie Vincent (Glenbrook North)

BOYS FANTASTIC FIVE

MATT HALLER, New Trier senior

Started postseason push with a top-10 finish at the CSL South tournament and ended prep career by tying for 17th at the state tournament with a 156 (79-77).

MICHAEL HERMANSON, New Trier senior

Also earned a top 10 at league meet. He then captured a regional championship before capping career with a tie for 26th in Bloomington after a 157 (82-75).

PHIL PURCELL, New Trier junior

Varsity rookie made impression in first year. Placed in top 10 at conference and helped Trevians secure regional and sectional titles. The highlight was his tie for 13th at State with a 155 (79-76).

MILLS RENDELL, New Trier senior

See story

JORDAN STEIN, North Shore Country Day senior

The co-player of the year in the Independent School League finished fifth at the Class 1A tournament after shooting 151 (75-76)

GIRLS FANTASTIC FIVE

SOMY KIM, Loyola senior

Arguably best player on team that won conference championship and took seventh at the state tournament. She finished as the low Rambler at State with a 161 (78-83).

CALLIE NELSON, New Trier freshman

After not playing at the regional tournament, the rookie's 80 helped the Trevians win the sectional title. Nelson then tied for 28th at the state tournament with a 163 (80-83).

RACHEL OBERHEIDE, Maine South senior

In her fourth prep season, the Hawk standout finally played Downstate. She made it count by tying for 15th with a 157 (80-77).

ELIZABETH SZOKOL, New Trier sophomore

The sophomore was right there with her older teammates. Szokol finished second at conference, shot 74 at the sectional and then tied for 36th at State after a 166 (80-86).

KRISTIN WRIGHT, New Trier junior

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Second Team

Tony Albano, Maine South junior
Paul Barnes, Evanston junior
Philip Dugan, Loyola senior
Steve Pefechnik, Glenbrook South junior
Eric Van Wart, North Shore Country Day senior

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Henry, Robinson bid Dons' careers adieu

Seniors leave mark on ND program

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS SOCCER - Chris Caudill's first season at Notre Dame was highlighted by the program's first-ever postseason win.

Central to that victory, and to much of the 7-9-2 squad's

success, was the play of seniors Mike Henry and Ciaran Robinson.

"Mike and Ciaran will be remembered as two of the best players ever to wear the Notre Dame shirt," Caudill said. "Each has the ability to inspire and carry a team to a result. Both had terrific ball control and just love to play the game. They were a pleasure to coach and fine examples for other ND soccer players."

Teammates on the varsity since sophomore year, and

former clubmates at Euro Soccer, it's no surprise the good friends connected effectively on the field. Robinson and Henry were most dangerous when employed together in the central midfield, though Henry was used in a variety of positions.

"We work together pretty well," said Robinson, who lives in Chicago's Jefferson Park neighborhood. "We both know when to stay back and when to go forward. We switched off (offensive and defensive roles)

depending on the situation." Henry, an all-ESCC performer as a junior, led the Dons with seven goals.

Robinson had five, including two laser-beam, long-distance free kicks in a 2-0 home win over Northridge Prep.

"(Ciaran) strikes the ball so well," said Henry, who resides in Edison Park. "He also is able to hold up the ball by dribbling, allowing others to move up, so he can pass the ball to them."

Robinson praised his

teammate: "(Henry) makes it a lot easier for everyone else on the field."

Henry, who now plays club ball at Chicago Soekers, hopes to continue his career at the next level, with schools such as St. Norbert (Wis.), Carliage (Wis.) and Quiney drawing consideration.

Robinson, who developed a passion for soccer during a fifth-grade year spent in his father's native Ireland, said 2009 likely would be his last season playing for a

school varsity team. He has not ruled out suiting up for a club team in college, and said Illinois State and Eastern Illinois are on his list.

Wherever Henry and Robinson land next year, one thing is clear: Their departure from Notre Dame will leave a big void in the Dons' midfield — and locker room.

"Mike and Ciaran have been fantastic players for Notre Dame soccer," Caudill said. "I will miss them greatly as players and individuals."

Nothing goes right for Vikings' Papazoglou

Junior begins preparations for track season

By ROB VALENTIN
Contributor

CROSS COUNTRY- Saturday's sectional meet at Niles West didn't go exactly as Niles North's Kosta Papazoglou had planned.

In fact, it was a ghoulish nightmare perfectly fit for the morning of Halloween.

Papazoglou went into the race hoping to earn a trip to State, but he wound up finishing 56th in 16:42.53.

"I felt good for the first 800," he said. "After that everything just fell apart. I felt tired and the water got to my legs. I was mentally drained and psychol-

ogy psyched-out."

In the team competition, the Vikings wound up placing 10th with 293 points, comfortably ahead of rival Niles West (12th, 334).

The condition of the course was horrid, considering the large amounts of rain during the previous week, but Papazoglou didn't use that as an excuse.

"It wasn't the conditions, it just wasn't my day in general," he said. "Everything that could have went wrong, went wrong."

Not making it to State was disappointing for the junior, especially considering that his time was 35 seconds slower than at regionals and 1:08 slower than his season's best. The last individual runner to make it to State clocked in at 16:10.26.

"I was really trying to get down to State," Papazoglou

said. "I knew I was close to getting to State but I had to get my time down."

Papazoglou had been the Vikings' top runner all year, but on Saturday that honor went to sophomore Aron Sebat, who crossed in 16:32.06, good for 47th place.

"The only thing I can do now is get it out of my system and take a little break and then get ready for track," Papazoglou said. "Last year I took two weeks off but I don't think that was enough so this time around I think I'll take three weeks."

Papazoglou will compete in the 800, 1,600, 3,200 and the 3,200 relay for Niles North in the spring.

Rounding out the scoring for the Vikings were freshman Justin Suh (60th, 16:44.36), sophomore Carlitos Rangel (62nd, 16:45.97) and junior

Muhammad Chattha (85th, 17:09.57).

Other contributors for Niles North were senior Josh Ziedman (94th, 17:21.33) and sophomore Tim Vazquez (106th, 17:32.82).

The good news for Papazoglou and his teammates is that six of the seven runners who competed Saturday will return next year.

"We've had a lot of good results and I think we'll have a better season next year than we did this year," he said. "We can afford to lose him because the other runners have been stepping up."

Vikings Girls

On the girls side, only one Niles North runner competed at the Niles West Sectional.

Senior Gabby Lopez navigated the 3-mile course in 20:56.56 to finish in 84th place.



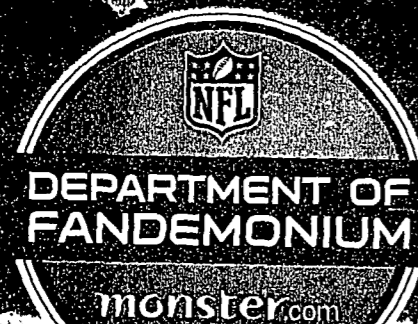
Niles North's Aron Sebat (right) sprints down the stretch at the Niles West Sectional on Saturday. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

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Niles West's Kelly Kleppin returned to the Wolves this fall to lead the team to an 18-12 record while collecting all-CSI South honors. (Jeff Krage/For STM)

Kleppin a year-round athlete for Wolves

Volleyball, hoops, softball — she does it all

By DAN SHALIN
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VOLLEYBALL— Niles West volleyball coach Stacy Metoyer wonders how good Kelly Kleppin could be at the sport if the senior libero played year-round.

Not that Metoyer has asked Kleppin to focus on the sport. To do so would be to take away a little of what makes Kelly Kleppin ... Kelly Kleppin

"There is always that question that if it were just volleyball, would I be a little better," Kleppin said. "But I love playing three sports and wouldn't change it."

A three-sport standout, Kleppin spends her summers zipping around from summer basketball league games, to travel softball, to basketball camp, to volleyball camp, to volleyball sum-

mer league.

During the season, she puts all that energy into just one sport, and that makes Kleppin a coach's dream.

"I'd love to clone her. There is no day she isn't ready for practice and going 100 percent," said Metoyer about Kleppin, who led the Wolves to an 18-12 regular season.

Last spring, NW softball coach Steve Ramseyer called the shortstop Kleppin the "glue" in the infield, and referred to her as the team's Energizer Bunny.

In 2009, Kleppin batted .324 and committed just four errors in 133 chances, earning team MVP and all-conference honors. She should be one of the area's better players in 2010.

On the basketball court, Kleppin's defense and hustle were keys to the Wolves' success in 2008-09, as the team went 22-9. She sat out final few games of the campaign with a knee injury and no doubt was missed during West's season-ending loss to Von Steuben. Kleppin will once again be an im-

portant role player this winter as the Wolves ramp up the schedule in order to gain experience against better teams and feature sophomore sensation Jewell Loyd.

What does Kleppin consider her favorite sport?

"I don't think I have a No. 1 sport," she said. "I love softball, basketball; I love volleyball. I love them all."

Not being 6-foot-something, Kleppin's best chance to play at the next level will most likely be in softball. She is just starting to reach out to college coaches, hoping she can get a few to visit Skokie to watch her play in the spring.

The coach that successfully recruits Kleppin will quickly learn he has added a player who always gives the maximum effort.

"Whenever I practice any sport, I don't get enough out of it and it's not fun if I'm not giving 100 percent," Kleppin said. "It's ingrained. There are days I'm not feeling good, but I still try as hard as I can. Maybe the results are not so great, but I'm still trying 100 percent."

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