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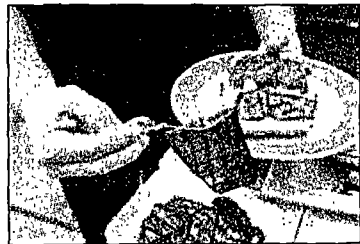


#### AS BIRDS AND BEES DO

The romantic comedy "When in Rome" is featured in this week's Film Clips.

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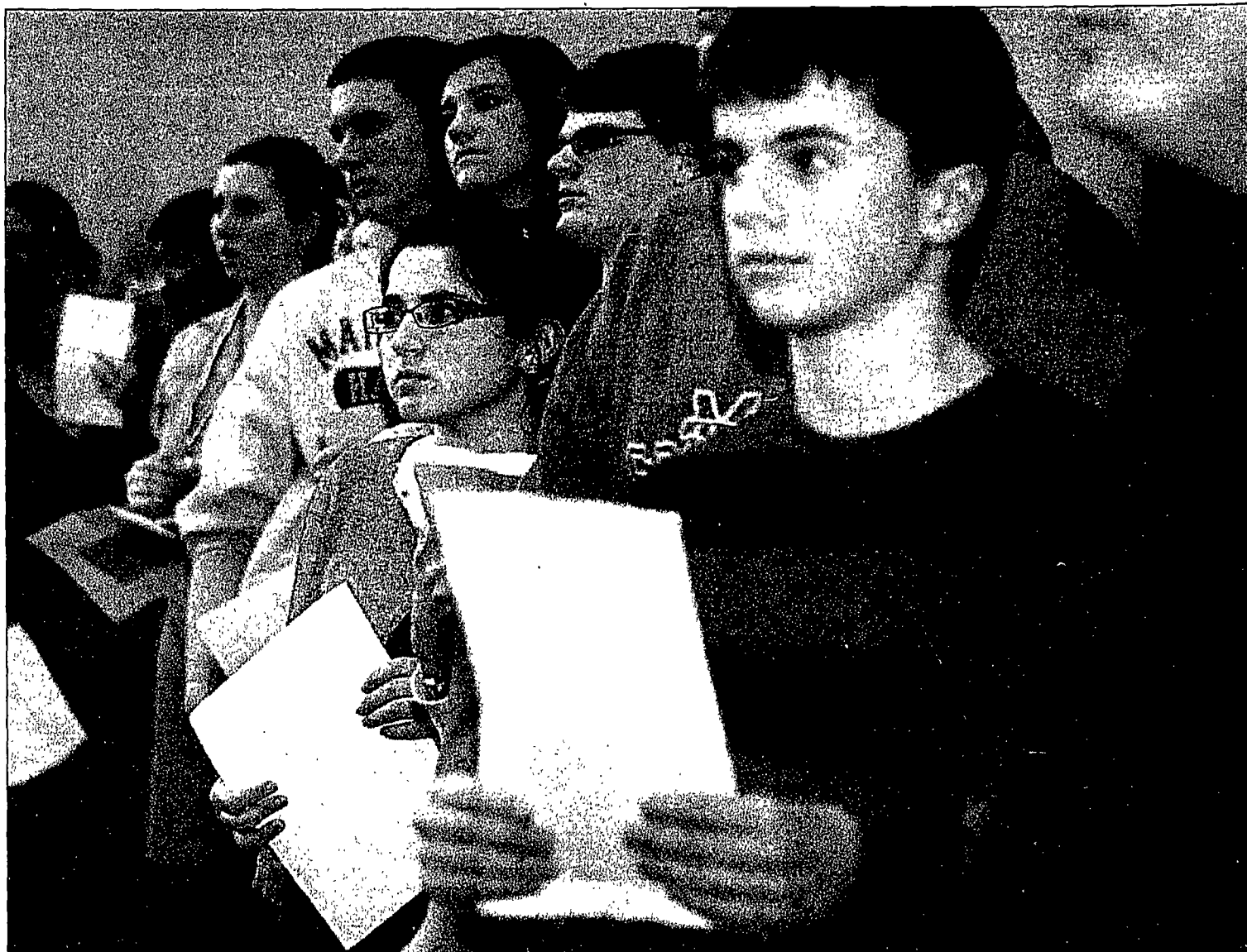
Panini Bar scores points with Super Bowl fans.

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Inside!

**today's homes**

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## SPEAKING UP

Maine Township students wait Jan. 20 in line to speak at the Board of Education public meeting at Maine East High School to discuss a proposed cut of 75 teachers. Students, faculty, parents and residents filled the school's auditorium to voice complaints and concerns. PAGE 3 (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

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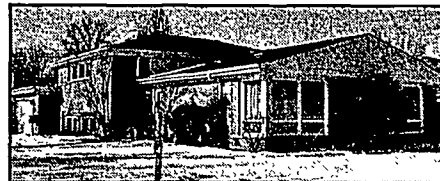
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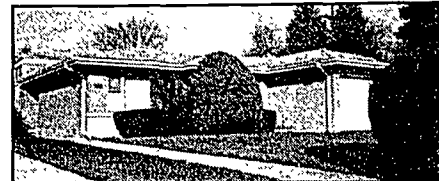
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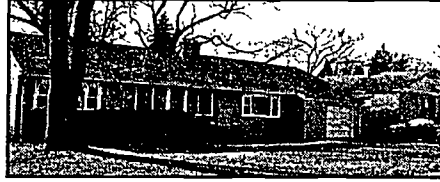
**ONE ACRE PLUS!**  
 Morton Grove...Rare "Bartlett Estates" Offer! Lot Size of just over an Acre! Existing 7 rm brick Ranch has 3 bds & 2 1/2 baths. Main floor family room. 2 car attached garage.. House is clean but dated. Value is in this Rare, Exceptional & Beautiful Parcel of Land. Ideal for building an addition, on or up, or tear down & build new. Great Opportunity @ .....\$355,000



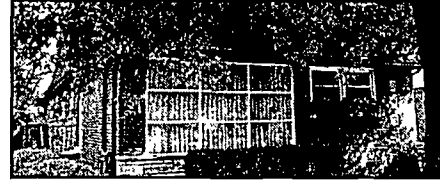
**"DEVONSHIRE" BRICK BI-LEVEL!**  
 Skokie...Lovely 7 rm Bi-level in outstanding location! Huge living rm, separate dining rm, large eat-in kitchen opens to yard with 2 patios. 3 spacious bds & 1 1/2 baths. Lower level family rm. Hardwood floors under carpet in living rm, dining rm & bedrooms. Located close to shopping, schools & transportation. Very well maintained home! Attached garage. ....\$344,900



**DESIGNER CONDO BUILT 2006!**  
 Des Plaines...Just Listed...Beautiful 5 rm rarely available "Crystal" Model with 1 bedroom + Bonus Den/Office! Spacious living/dining rm. Custom Granite & Oak eat-in kitchen. Huge bedroom with walk-in closet & sliding glass doors to large balcony. Oak & Granite bath, in-unit laundry, indoor heated garage space. Near Downtown shops, train, restaurants & more!! .....\$184,800



**"BARTLETT ESTATES" RANCH!**  
 Morton Grove...Rare Offer! Spectacular Ranch on fabulous 1/4 acre fenced lot in country like "Bartlett Estates". Liv/Din rm overlooks yard. Main flr family rm/Florida rm. New windows, electric, oak floors & bath in '02. New furnace, central A/C & duct work in '04-'05; New Roof, gutters, soffits & siding in '07. Attached garage. Move in condition! .....\$319,000



**GORGEOUS CUSTOM 2-STORY!**  
 Morton Grove...Meticulous 5 br-2 1/2 bath home w/every feature & upgrade! Living rm w/FP. Newly remodeled '07 gourmet eat-in kit w/Maple & Granite, Island-breakfast bar opens to wrap around deck w/sound sys. Mas br w/bath, walk-in closet & balcony. Main flr family rm & office/5th br. New 2nd flr bath '09 & 1st flr 1/2 bath new '07. New windows, bsmt, 2 car garage. ....\$420,000



**SO YOU WANT THE FINEST!**  
 Northbrook...Shows like a model! Upgrades Galore! Impeccable Townhome in great location w/3 bds & 3 baths! Built in 1998-Largest unit in complex. Cathedral ceilings & hardwood flrs. Large 18' custom kitchen w/42" cabinets. Fabulous master br suite whirlpool & separate shower stall. Living rm w/FP opens to patio & yard. 2 car attached garage. ....\$345,000



**3 BRS - 2 BATHS ONLY \$170's!**  
 Skokie...Lovely "Katz Weiss" Condo located near shopping, transportation, library & more! Large living rm, separate dining rm & sunny kitchen w/sep eating area. Huge master br w/walk-in closet+2 other closets & master bath w/double bowl vanity. Covered parking & balcony. Assessment includes heat, party rm & exercise rm. Move right in and enjoy!.....\$170's



**VIEWS OF CHICAGO SKYLINE!**  
 Evanston...Reduced to Sell! Incredible end unit Townhome has 3 exposures & 3 balconies + roof top deck! 2200 sq ft of living space. Huge living rm, great rm/dining rm & upgraded kit w/42" cabinets, SS appliances, Granite counters & bar. 2 large bds & 2 full baths w/Corian .3rd flr w/vaulted ceilings. Main floor family rm. 2 car att'd gar. Near Lake, "L" & Downtown! .....\$390,000



**FABULOUS "OAKTON TERRACE" CONDO!**  
 Skokie...Impressive 5 room Condo across from Library & 2 blocks to Downtown Skokie! Pristine 2 bedroom-2 bath end unit. All new carpeting, light fixtures, kitchen appliances & countertop. Fresh neutral decor, spacious living room & kitchen opens onto private balcony. Formal dining room & huge master bedroom suite w/walk-in closet. 1 car garage. Priced to SELL at .....\$180,000



**OLD WORLD CHARM!**  
 Northfield...Super clean classic Bungalow with many updates! Enclosed front sunroom entry way. Large living rm/dining rm combo & large open kitchen. Main floor family rm. Full basement. Great deck and yard. Updates include: Windows, Furnace, Central Air, Newer Washer, Dryer, Hot water heater & Updated Electric. Fantastic location! Shows great! Price slashed! .....\$270,000



**HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!**  
 Evanston...Don't miss this quality built 6 rm brick Ranch located on quiet cul-de-sac! Living rm/dining rm combination. Sunny eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, full bsmt awaits your finishing touches! Updates include electric, furnace & central air replaced two years ago. Roof replaced 5 years ago. Located only one block from Shopping Center! ..... Ask \$250,000

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**MORTON GROVE**  
 5500 LINCOLN - \$399,900 - Why pay rent! 4 room Condo-Living rm w/bay window-Low assessment!  
 5506 LINCOLN - \$120,900 - Edens Point! 4 room Condo-Freshly painted-Separate dining rm-Pool-Ment!  
 6330 LINCOLN - \$125,000 - Picture perfect condo overlooks forest preserve-Cherry cabinet kit w/Granite  
 5510 LINCOLN - \$129,900 - Freshly painted corner unit-2 bds & 2 bath-Excellent condition-Great location  
 8620 WAUKEGAN - \$144,900 - Totally updated 4 rm Condo-Dark oak & granite kit-Nice patio-1 garage space  
 8640 WAUKEGAN - \$174,500 - Light & bright 2 br-2 bath Condo-Beautifully updated thruout-1 car garage  
 5501 LINCOLN - \$185,000 - Deluxe Condo w/1 car garage-Huge din rm-17' Kitchen-Neer bath-Balcony  
 7240 ARCADIA - \$215,000 - 6 rm Ranch with main floor family rm-Dak floors-Kitchen w/dinette-Large yard  
 6211 LINCOLN - \$218,500 - 2 br-2 bath corner unit-Kit w/maple cabs-Near Metra-In-unit laundry-Indoor garage  
 6211 LINCOLN - \$223,000 - Freshly painted 2 br-2 bath located near Metra-In-unit laundry-Indoor garage  
 8504 MORTON - \$247,900 - Charming 3 br-2 bath Ranch-LR w/FP-Formal DR w/French doors to patio-Gar  
 7339 LAKE - \$279,000 - Solid brick & stone Bi-Level-Total update-Huge 60' landscaped lot-2 1/2 car gar-3 bds  
 6411 LINCOLN - \$279,500 - Top floor 2 br-2 bath Condo facing forest preserve-Open layout-In-unit laun-2 car gar

6401 LINCOLN - \$280's - 5th Floor unit w/panoramic views-Open kit w/Granite & new appls-2 updated bth-Gar  
 7911 LUNA - \$342,500 - Fantastic 90'x125' Lot-7 rm brick Ranch-Living rm w/FP-Dak flrs-Oiling mt-2 car att gar  
 5825 WARREN - \$340's - Quality built 3 br-1 1/2 bath Split-level-Hardwood flrs-Family rm-Patio-Gar-Near Nites W  
 8524 FERNALD - \$375,000 - 3 Flat building near Metra Train & bus-Well maintained-4 car gar-Call for more info  
 5933 MONROE - \$419,000 - Beautiful 9 rm Bi-level updated thruout-Dak flrs-New windows-Fam rm-Sub bsmt  
 8544 LULLIBET - \$437,500 - 4 bds-3 1/2 bath Bi-level-3 family rms-Updated kitchen-79' lot-Spa w/whirlpool-Gar  
 5527 THEOBALD - \$430's - Spacious updated 4 br-2 bath Raised Ranch-Kit w/Granite-Hardwood flrs-Fam rm-Gar  
 8828 MAJOR - \$449,000 - Value in the Land-99' x 124' Lot-'East Morton Grove' Location-7 rm Ranch w/updates  
 7932 FOSTER - \$490's - 100' x 144' Lot-Value in land-Can build 2 houses on 50' lots-7 rm Ranch-Add on/Build up  
**SKOKIE**  
 9244 GROSS PT - \$164,900 - View of golf course-2 bds & 2 baths-New paint & carpet-Eat-in kit-Garage-Near shops  
 4735 GROVE - \$165,900 - 5 room "Devonshire Condo"-Huge kitchen-Living w/dining rm combo-New windows  
 9003 LAMON - \$209,000 - Beautiful Rehabbed 2 br Condo-2006-Hardwood flrs-Kit w/42" cabs & SS appls-Parking

4647 BRUMMEL - \$230's - Across from Emily Oaks Nature Center-3 br Brick Townhome-Hardwood flrs-Family rm  
 9725 WOODS - \$269,900 - Beautiful "Optima" Condo w/every amenity-Wood floors thruout-Granite kit-Garage  
 7709 KOLMAR - 380's - Total new rehab-3 bds-2 1/2 baths-3 car garage-Kitchen w/maple & Granite-New Everything  
 4116 GOLF - \$420's - Remodeled Ranch w/huge kit w/FP-Main flr fam rm-Bath w/pts, sep shower & Granite-2 c gar  
**CHICAGO**  
 4956 SPAULDING - \$160's - 2 Br-1 1/2 bath Condo Conversion-All new '05-Maple, Granite & SS appls-Hw Floors  
 5014 HAMLIN - \$240's - Near Gompers Park & pool-Well maintained brick Bungalow-Sep Din rm-Fin bsmt-Garage  
 \$225 RIVERS EDGE - 2 br-2 bath Condo exquisitely renovated in '05-White kit w/new appliances-Faces pond-Gar  
 8608 ALGONQUIN - \$460's - Gorgeous "Edgebrook Towers" 3 br-2 bath Bi-level-2 car att gar-Updated gourmet kit  
 8554 RASCHER - \$640,000 - Rarely available 6 unit building-2/3 bds-3/2 bds-11/4 br units-Call for more information  
**DES PLAINES**  
 610 PATRICIA - \$280's - Adorable 3 br-2 bath Ranch on manicured lot-Eat-in kit-Hardwood flrs-New Luggage-Car  
**EVANSTON**  
 601 LINDEN - \$209,000 - Light filled Lot-Fireplace-Hardwood flrs-Dev/Office-In-unit laundry-Gar-Near shops/Train

519 CHICAGO - \$420's - Luxury Townhouse with 3 balconies + roof top deck w/view of Chicago skyline-2 br-2 bath  
**GLENEVIEW**  
 4000 TRIVIERA - \$144,900 - Fab clubhouse-Top floor Triviera Condo-Updated Kit & bath-Balcony-Garage  
 701 FORUM SQ - \$149,000 - Many updates in this 5 rm Condo-Newer SS appliances & Granite-Garage parking  
 701 FORUM SQ - \$154,900 - 2 br-2 bath "Triviera" Condo-Master bedroom with full bath-Fabulous clubhouse  
 4000 TRIVIERA - \$154,900 - 2 br-2 bath with extra large terrace-Sep din rm-Mas br w/full bath-Garage parking  
 701 FORUM SQ - \$184,000 - Huge 3 br-2 bath "Triviera" Condo-Fabulous clubhouse w/in/outdoor pool & more  
 241 GLENDALE - \$259,000 - 3brx147x145x111 Lot-Cul-de-sac Location-Area of high-end construction-Call for info  
 1535 EVERGREEN - \$478,850 - "Sunset Park" 3+ br-2 1/2 bath Ranch-Updated kit w/eat area-Mas br w/bath-Fin bsmt  
**GRAYSLAKE**  
 331 PALOMINO - \$144,900 - Superb Ranch in '55 & Over Community-Eat-in kit-New windows-Mas br w/bth-2 c gar  
**LINCOLNSHIRE**  
 425 VILLAGE GREEN - \$350's - Beautiful gated community 2 br-2 1/2 bath Condo-2 gar spaces-2 balconies-Fam rm

DISTRICT 207

# Board hears impassioned pleas for teachers

By TONY BERTUCA  
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Dozens of students from Maine Township High School District 207 weeped into microphones, shout-

ed at school board officials and even quoted Emerson last night while pleading for the jobs of teachers and coaches whom they called mentors, role models and friends.

The outpouring of emotion came at a packed community meeting hosted Jan. 20 by the Board of Education at Maine East High School in Park Ridge. The purpose of the forum was

to hear public comments about proposed budget cuts that would eliminate 137 staff members next year, including 75 teachers. The board is expected to vote on the cuts Monday.

The job cuts represent \$5 million in an overall \$15-million budget-reduction plan the district has proposed to deal with a budget deficit projected to be \$19 million for 2010-11 school year.

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choice but to cut jobs and programs. We would be delighted if we were to awake and discover we had been dreaming."

The District 207 teachers union voted in December not to reopen their contract and forego wage increases, which district officials have said could have saved as many as 55 jobs.

Instead the teachers union is requesting that the school board vote to tap the district's reserve fund of \$86 million to save the teaching jobs.

"We are the district with the healthy fund balance," said Maine Teachers Association President Emma Visee. "We are the envy of

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## District 207 teachers to be eliminated next year

This voluntary list obtained by Pioneer Press represents teachers who have been told they will not be working for Maine Township High School District 207 next year. To see a full list of all the teachers' areas of expertise and extracurricular activity sponsorships go to [www.pioneerlocal.com](http://www.pioneerlocal.com).

**MAINE WEST**

- Antoine Anderson, business education teacher and basketball coach
- Becky Banc, English teacher
- Mark Begovich, drama and speech teacher and play director
- Kevin Belleau, special education teacher, swim coach
- Matthew Burns, English teacher
- Hector Castellanos, bilingual education, science and history teacher and football, track, and wrestling coach
- Jennifer Chen, fashion and design teacher
- Doreen Currey, business education teacher, track coach
- Lauren Fraser, German teacher, softball coach
- Megan Fricano, Spanish teacher
- Lynn Gilbertsen, English teacher
- Lisa Greenwood, part-time math teacher
- Andrew Ladendorf, music teacher, orchestra director
- Rebecca Levine, history teacher
- Amy Ludolph, science teacher
- Gia Maniscalco, counselor
- Frank Massi, music teacher
- Tim Moran, history teacher, basketball coach
- Alonso Ramirez, counselor, baseball coach
- Greg Reichelt, computer science teacher, fencing coach
- Andrea Rey, special education teaching assistant
- Linda Ryan, librarian
- Kellee Sandifur, fashion and design teacher
- Tracy Sebastian, English teacher
- Ashley Simpson, English teacher
- Tracy Stewart, health teacher
- Slobhan Szabo, English teacher
- Merredith Teuber, English teacher, literary magazine sponsor
- Emily Weiss, history teacher
- Paul Zatiropoulos, science teacher, fishing team coach

**MAINE EAST**

- Allyson Adams, counselor, intramural supervisor
- Ken Adkins, auto fundamentals and service teacher
- Mike Bender, special education teacher, softball coach
- Caroline Benjamin, special education teacher
- Terri Berkowitz, librarian
- Frank Massi, music teacher
- Theresa Bonifazi, physical education and health teacher, intramural coach
- Huey Crawford, physical education teacher, basketball coach
- Gina Evans, special education and ESL science teacher
- Ryan Fedewa, science teacher, science bowl coach
- Jenny Gustavson, English teacher
- David Harmon, speech and drama teacher, play director
- Tim Heim, automotive fundamentals and graphics teacher
- Lauren Kaplan, special education teacher, debate coach
- Andrew Kittrell, physical education teacher, swimming and water polo coach
- Julie Lam, science teacher and health care careers coordinator
- Megan Lennon, bilingual science teacher, Spanish translator
- Katie Lympopoulos, special education teaching assistant, swim and water polo coach
- Lynn Meister, Italian teacher
- Katie Meyer, educational life skills teacher, extracurricular supervisor
- Rose Middleton, ESL and Spanish teacher
- Andy Miner, science teacher, water polo coach
- Dana Nixon, science teacher

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LAST WEEK  
TOP FIVE STORIES

1. 137 jobs on chopping block in District 207

There may still be time for the Maine Township District 207 teachers union to negotiate its way out of 75 jobs cuts.

2. Meijer comes to Niles

Meijer prepared to open its doors in Niles.

3. Students use social networking to oppose budget cuts

With some of their favorite teachers facing layoffs and their school clubs in question, hundreds of Maine Township High School District 207 students are turning to a social-networking site to oppose \$15 million in budget cuts.

4. New Trier, 54, Niles West 49

New Trier sophomore Connor Boehm scored 14 of his career-high 25 in the fourth quarter leading the Trevians to a 54-49 comeback win over Niles West Friday in Skokie.

5. McAuliffe rips Quinn speech for dodging 'financial crisis'

State Rep. Michael McAuliffe, R-Chicago, who is running unopposed in the Feb. 2 primary election, has issued a statement criticizing Gov. Pat Quinn's State of the State address.

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# WE ARE YOUR NILES herald-spectator

## Snap a photo. Tell a story. Send it in.

Be a part of the story - and the storytelling? There are photos and stories we want to publish in our new section, Your Niles Herald-Spectator. But we need your help. E-mail Assistant Managing Editor Matt Schmitz at [mschmitz@pioneerlocal.com](mailto:mschmitz@pioneerlocal.com).

**ALL HEARTS**

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME SKIING AND SKATING?**

The 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver will kick off Feb. 12 with ski jumping. Will you be attending? Competing? Do you have a favorite Winter Olympic memory, moment or event? Let us know at [yournews@pioneerlocal.com](mailto:yournews@pioneerlocal.com).

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#### 10TH SENATE DISTRICT- DEMOCRATIC



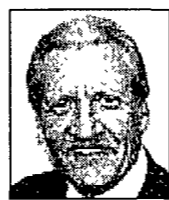
Mary Sandra Anselmo

Mary Sandra Anselmo, 55, is a former biology teacher and serves as chief deputy clerk for training and development for the Clerk of the Circuit Court. She is a past president of the Mundelein College alumni association and has served on the Illinois Attorney General's task force for disabled. She is also vice-president of the Polish Museum Board.



Wanda Majcher

Wanda Majcher, 47, is an advocate at the Illinois Department of Human Rights. She is a former health-care administrator and Copernicus Center. She is also a former producer for Polish television. Majcher emigrated to the United States from Poland in 1992.



Thomas M. Ryan

Tom Ryan, 62, is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 9. He has also served as the assistant superintendent of Police and Fire Communications for the 911 Center under the Chicago Police Department. Before retiring Ryan was the head of the Internal Secure Communications Network for the Office of Emergency Communications for the city of Chicago. He has sold real estate for 30 years.



John G. Mulroe

John G. Mulroe, 50, has been a practicing lawyer in Edison park for 15 years. He has been a past president of the St. Juliana School Board and the Edison Park Community Council. Prior to starting his own practice, Mulroe served as a Cook County State's Attorney from 1988-95. He is also a certified public accountant.

What is the best way to move toward a balanced budget?

Cut waste and corruption. Be non-partisan for the good of the state and look at the budget line by line. Ask government employees to do more with less. Find ways to enhance revenues. Gaming could help the state, with a casino and two licenses.

We all know we are in a budget crisis. We need to have cost-cutting measures like reducing the salaries of state lawmakers and reforming pensions and benefits statewide. We need to manage our money more responsibly. We also need more transparency.

Implementing accountability measures for all agencies. Having more transparency will help ensure leaders are held accountable. Cutting unnecessary costs would be a critical component to addressing waste. Secure more federal funds, which would be an immediate action.

Go through the budget line by line and see where reductions can be made. Reduce the amount of land and office space the state owns or leases; increase efforts to collect any outstanding receivables; ensure every agency establishes goals, objectives and performance-based measures.

Do you support an income tax increase? Why or why not?

I do support a structured income tax as a temporary solution. There should be an income tax (5 percent) for people earning over \$300,000. This will raise roughly \$1.2 billion. For businesses whose profits are over \$5 million there should be a temporary 3-year surtax.

I reject a state income-tax increase for individuals or companies. People cannot afford any more taxes.

I do not support an increase in the state income tax. Illinois taxpayers are not the ones who are responsible for the state's huge budget deficit. Our citizens have been taxed enough; it is unfair to put the burden on them to fix this mess.

What is the best way to reduce the state's unemployment rate?

Offer incentives to new businesses involving a form of tax credit that would be deferred for three years or until Illinois gets back on its feet. An additional tax credit if jobs pay above a certain level. Capital programs and rebuilding infrastructure will bring jobs to the state.

I favor tax credits for small businesses. We need jobs, jobs, jobs. Illinois has become an anti-business state. We need to make Illinois a low-cost place to conduct business.

Provide tax credits to small businesses and help them get access to credit and loans from community banks to fuel their businesses and create jobs. Investment in education and working to upgrade community colleges. Investing in technology, innovation and new ideas is critical.

What is the biggest problem facing the state in terms of transportation?

Roads and money. Encourage every legislator to come to Washington to lobby for federal money to initiate the building of a high-speed rail system. Improve the CTA and Metra. Mass will give us a greener state. High-speed rail will attract business.

Illinois needs federal funding for transportation. We need to build underpasses and overpasses to eliminate congestion with trains and vehicles.

Accountability and efficiency. Secure funding for the CTA and replace aging buses and trains. Serious attention to infrastructure improvements and checks and balances for a long-term solution. In terms of funding this, I would support a raise in the cost of fares.

Our infrastructure needs to be revitalized. Last year's capital bill is the mechanism in place to do it. The CTA is annually having a "doomsday" scenario which creates havoc for employees and commuters. Seek funding sources not as tied to the economy.

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BLASE CASE

# Fifth go at ex-mayor's sentencing is Friday

By TONY BERTUCA  
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Former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase, whose sentencing on federal corruption charges has been delayed for more than a year, is scheduled to be sentenced in federal court Friday. Blase originally pleaded guilty to counts of mail

fraud and tax evasion in October 2008, but his sentencing has been delayed on four separate occasions.

Attorneys have declined to comment on the case or the delays.

Blase was listed as the first item on Judge Wayne Andersen's docket for Friday at 9:30 a.m.

The charges against Blase

stem from of a scheme in which he accepted kickbacks from a private insurance agency for steering local businesses toward it.

Blase has been active in local politics since his guilty plea and played a roll in the endorsement of current Mayor Robert Callero and his political slate in last April's elections.

### BOARD BRIEF

#### Naming of Biederman replacement expected

Niles Mayor Robert Callero was scheduled to name a new trustee to the Village Board Monday night to replace Kim Biederman, who resigned Nov. 24. It was not immediately

known who Callero would choose to replace Biederman. The agenda also called for Callero to appoint a commissioner to the village plan and zoning board.

The identity of the planning and zoning appointee was not immediately known

either. Callero was also scheduled to update the Village Board on the state's progress regarding the video gaming act. The Village Board has yet to take a position on the issue.

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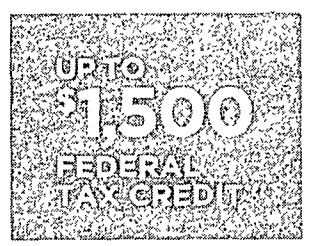


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<b>APPELLATE COURT - 1ST DISTRICT</b>											
<b>JILL K. McNULTY VACANCY</b>											
Arnette R. Hubbard	R	R	NO	HR	NR	R	Q	NR	Q	R	70%
Eileen L. Flannigan	NO	NE	NO	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	10%
Jim Ryan	NR	NE	NO	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	10%
James Epstein	R	R	WQ	R	HR	R	HQ	HR	HQ	R	100%
Kathleen G. Kennedy	R	R	Q	HR	NR	R	HQ	R	Q	R	100%
<b>DENISE M. O'MALLEY VACANCY</b>											
Thomas Lee Hogan	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	HQ	R	HQ	R	100%
Pamela E. Hill Veal	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
Frank Edward Gardner	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
Aurelia Marie Pucinski	NR	R	NO	NR	NR	R	NO	NR	NO	NR	22%
Don R. Sampen	Q	R	WQ	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	100%
<b>LESLIE E. SOUTH VACANCY</b>											
Mary Katherine Rochford	R	R	WQ	R	HR	R	Q	HR	HQ	R	100%
Sebastian T. Patti	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	HR	HQ	HR	R	100%
Kevin Rogers	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
William D. O'Neal	R	R	NO	R	R	R	NO	NR	R	R	70%
Anthony Lynn Burrell	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
<b>CIRCUIT COURT - COOK COUNTY</b>											
<b>RICHARD B. BERLAND VACANCY</b>											
William H. Hooks	Q	R	WQ	HR	HR	R	HQ	R	HQ	R	100%
Deidre Baumann	Q	R	NO	R	R	NE	NO	NR	Q	R	66%
William Burnett Raines	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	100%
<b>PHILIP L. BRONSTEIN VACANCY</b>											
Terry MacCarthy	Q	R	WQ	R	HR	R	Q	HR	HQ	R	100%
Diann Karen Marsalek	Q	R	NO	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	90%
Sharon Finegan Patterson	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	R	Q	HR	HR	100%
Thomas William Flannigan	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	100%
<b>FRANCIS J. DOLAN VACANCY</b>											
Susan Kennedy Sullivan	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Linda J. Pael	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	HR	Q	R	100%
Kevin J. Murphy	NO	NE	NO	R	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	20%
Ubi O'Neal	NO	NR	NO	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	10%
<b>MARSHA D. HAYES VACANCY</b>											
Raymond W. Mitchell	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	HQ	R	HQ	R	100%
Bonnie Carol McGrath	Q	NR	NO	NR	NR	NE	NO	NR	NO	R	33%
Carl B. Boyd	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
<b>DANIEL J. KELLEY VACANCY</b>											
John Patrick Callahan Jr.	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Joanne F. Fehn	Q	NE	NO	NR	R	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	20%
<b>CAROL PEARCE MCCARTHY VACANCY</b>											
Maureen Masterson Pulia	Q	R	NO	NE	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Michaela Nolan Ryan	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
Daniel J. Gallagher	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	100%
<b>JAMES P. O'MALLEY VACANCY</b>											
Thomas J. Lyons II	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	R	Q	HR	100%
<b>RONALD C. RILEY VACANCY</b>											
Sandra G. Ramos	Q	R	NO	R	NR	NE	Q	NR	Q	R	66%
Russell W. Hartigan	Q	NE	Q	R	HR	R	HQ	HR	Q	R	100%
James Michael Bailey	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	100%
John Patrick Nyhan	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
Edmund Paul Michalowski	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
Marvin W. Gray	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	NR	Q	R	90%
Tracey J. Stokes	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
<b>CIRCUIT COURT - COOK COUNTY</b>											
<b>NINTH SUBCIRCUIT</b>											
<b>SANDRA G. OTAKA VACANCY</b>											
Abbey Fishman Romanek	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Yehuda Lebovits	Q	R	NO	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	90%
Geary W. Kull	Q	R	WQ	R	HR	R	Q	R	HO	HR	100%
Dennis Michael Fleming	Q	NE	Q	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	100%
<b>ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP A</b>											
Steven James "Steve" Bernstein	Q	R	NO	NR	R	NR	Q	NR	NO	NR	40%
Michael Ian Bender	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	HR	HO	R	R	100%
Jeffrey Dov Greenspan	Q	NE	NO	R	R	R	Q	R	HO	R	88%
William Joseph Luby	Q	R	Q	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	R	100%
Scott Bagnall	NO	R	NO	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	10%
Mary Susan Trew	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	HQ	HR	Q	HR	100%

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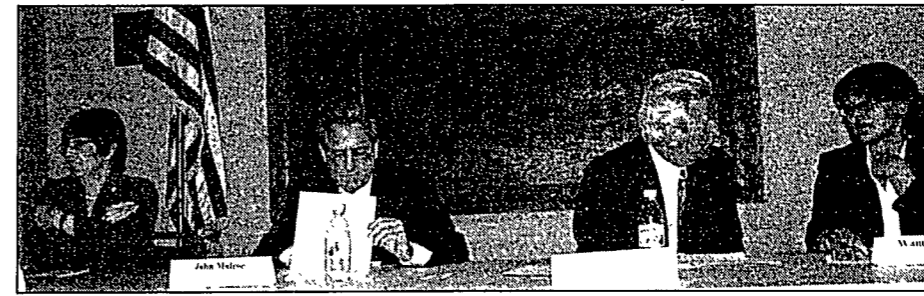
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<b>11TH SUBCIRCUIT</b>											
<b>BARBARA ANN RILEY VACANCY</b>											
Steve Fruth	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Maritza Martinez	Q	R	Q	R	NR	NR	Q	NR	Q	NR	60%
Ann Finley Collins	Q	R	WQ	R	HR	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Pamela McLean Meyerson	Q	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	HR	Q	R	100%
John Michael Lagattuta	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Pamela M. Leeming	Q	R	NO	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	90%
Thomas David Bilyk	Q		Q	NR	NR	R	Q	R	Q	R	70%
Lisa A. Marino	Q	R	Q	R	NR	R	Q	NR	Q	R	80%
Eugene Joseph Berkes	Q	R	NO	NR	R	R	Q	NR	Q	R	70%
Kim R. Kardas	Q	R	WQ	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
John W. Chwarzynski	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
Radusa Ostojic (objection pending)	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	R	R	100%
<b>15TH SUBCIRCUIT</b>											
<b>MARCELLA C. LIPINSKI VACANCY</b>											
Linzey D. Jones	Q	R	Q	HR	HR	R	HQ	R	HO	R	100%
Frank James Ryan	Q	NE	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Pat Flanagan	Q	NE	NO	R	HR	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Nicholas W. Karas	NO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	0%
Richard C. Karwazka	NO	R	NO	NR	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	NR	10%
Karla Marie Fiaoni	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Michael Brendan Barrett	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Joan Marie G. Kublanza	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
<b>THOMAS PAUL PANICHI VACANCY</b>											
George F. Scully	R	R	Q	R	HR	R	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Mary Therese Quinn	Q	Q	Q	R	HR	NE	Q	R	Q	R	100%
Michael T. Huguélet	Q	Q	NO	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	R	90%
Peter A. Fera	Q	Q	NO	R	R	R	Q	NR	Q	NE	78%
<b>WILLIAM MICHAEL PHELAN VACANCY</b>											
John C. Griffin	R	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	HQ	R	100%
Carl Evans Jr.	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	HQ	R	100%
Nichole C. Patton	Q	R	NO	R	NR	NE	NO	R	Q	R	66%
Thomas "TJ" Somer	Q	R	NO	R	NR	NR	NO	NR	NO	R	40%
Mary Beth Kent Duffy	Q	R	Q	R	R	R	Q	R	Q	NE	100%

### 10TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT

# Four Democrats square off at forum

By PATRICK BUTLER  
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More jobs and less government were a recurring theme during a Jan. 21 10th District State Senate candidates' forum as four longtime area residents wrestled for votes in Tuesday's Democratic primary. You can't collect enough taxes to keep state government operating if people aren't working, retired gas company worker John Mulroe and retired city Office of Emergency Management supervisor Thomas Ryan told audience members at the Jefferson Park and Portage Park neighborhood associations' town-hall meeting at the Copernicus Center. "Just go down Harlem Avenue and look at all the empty storefronts. We need



Mary Anselmo, John Mulroe, Thomas Ryan and Wanda Majcher chat before the start of the 10th District State Senate candidates' forum Jan. 21 at the Copernicus Center. The four Democrats will face each other in the Tuesday primary, with the winner facing Republican Brian Doherty, the current 41st Ward alderman. (Patrick Butler/Staff Writer)

to fill them up," said Ryan, who said he personally knows how hard it is to make ends meet even when you have two jobs. "When I was out ringing doorbells for this campaign, someone asked me if I was a Democrat. He said we Democrats are for working-class people, but that the working class people aren't

working anymore," Mulroe said. "My priority is to put the working class back to work," the former Edison Park Community Council president said. Ryan said he's against raising state taxes for any reason. "Cut the waste instead," he added. Mulroe said he'd consider

a progressive tax rate instead of the flat tax mandated in the state constitution, while circuit-clerk employee, former Madonna High School teacher and Polish community activist Mary Anselmo said the state should first go through its budget "line by line" and tighten it up. "I really believe there's a

lot of duplication of services," said Anselmo, who considers many of the different townships and school boards redundant. "We definitely should be consolidating; we've got 7,000 different governmental units in Illinois," said Mulroe, while Ryan suggested there may even be too many state representatives and senators in Springfield. "We started out with horses and buggies and now we're computerized. Maybe we don't need that many to do the work anymore," said Ryan, who supervised 200 people in the Office of Emergency Management. Wanda Majcher, former executive director of the Copernicus Foundation, said that while a careful look at the budget is important, it won't mean much without

widespread ethics reform — starting with caps on campaign contributions from special interests. Anselmo, who believes the best way to prime the economic pump is by giving more help to small businesses and education, also indicated she'd like to limit the influence of special interests. "Right now the lobbyists control everybody," she said. "The minute they give you a contribution they think they own you. You see it in Springfield every day." Majcher said she'd also support term limits "because it's hard for newcomers to get elected" running against an incumbent while Anselmo and Mulroe said they'd like to see some outside entity redraw district boundaries every 10 years based on census information.

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## MAINE SOUTH

# Students protest teacher layoffs

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More than 50 students held a lively rally Friday outside Maine South High School in Park Ridge as they protested plans by district administrators to lay off 75 teachers across three high schools.

Chanting "Save our teachers," the students, the majority of them from Maine South, marched in a circle outside the Maine Township High School District 207 administration headquarters, which is housed inside the school. Many carried signs with messages that included: "Educate, don't obliterate," "I love my teachers" and "Please don't make us pay for your mistakes."

"District 207 has some

of the best teachers in the country and the students have developed close bonds to these teachers. We cannot afford to lose these teachers," said Maine South student Anna Rangos, an organizer of the protest.

Student Abby Meyer said: "We're mad because these are teachers who have made an impact on our lives."

In their chants students called upon District 207 administration to use budget reserves rather than eliminate staffing positions, while Rangos demanded the Board of Education and district administration provide students with "accurate and detailed information on where our money is being spent." Some students also

felt the teachers-union — the Maine Teachers Association — should agree to pay cuts or salary freezes in order to save the positions of nontenured teachers.

"Their arrogance has led to many teachers being laid off," Meyer said, referring to members who voted not to reopen the teachers contract and forego pay increases next year. District officials have said this could save as many as 55 jobs, but the teachers union has asked the administration to fill a \$15-million deficit with reserve funds instead.

Student James Kulka, holding a sign that read, "Don't tread on me," said equal salary reductions across the board "wouldn't be a bad idea," while

student Jake Kenneally suggested teachers at the higher end of the pay scale should agree to pay cuts.

But senior Chris Anderson said he didn't believe teachers should be forced to lose part of their salaries.

"It's not the teachers' fault that all this money isn't there," he said. Several teachers watched the rally from inside Maine South's front hallway, and some even appeared to cheer the students on.

As the rally wrapped up about 2 p.m. a student could be heard singing the chorus of the 1984 Twisted Sister song, "We're Not Gonna Take It" as he and other student protesters left the school.

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## 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

# 6 vie to face Quigley in general election

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Voters in the 5th District Congressional primaries will have a bewildering array of backgrounds to choose from Tuesday.

There's incumbent Mike Quigley, a former Chicago

aldermanic aide and Cook County Board member who won a special election last year to replace Rahm Emanuel when he became White House chief of staff; pharmaceutical product development engineer/financial services executive Ashvin Lad; Illinois Minutemen founder Rosanna Pulido; former Army Ranger captain turned lawyer/developer/contractor David Ratowitz; and peace activist and French translator Matthew Reichel, as well as Terrence Gilhooley and Andrew Williams, who couldn't be reached.

The 40-year-old Democrat Quigley, who served nine years as a county commissioner and just completed his freshman year as a congressman, spent much of his time on basic constituent services and promoting several "transparency" bills, and working to get federal aid to public transportation, pointing out that every billion dollars spent on mass transit creates 36,000 jobs.

Republican Lad's legislative priorities include tax relief for small businesses, accelerated training for laid-off workers in distressed industries and job development by lowering taxes on small businesses so they can afford to hire again and use trade schools and community colleges to train a more-

skilled work force, according to Lad's campaign manager Mick Paskiewicz.

Asked how Lad would deal with competition from countries like China, noted for its cheap products, Paskiewicz admitted the options are limited right now.

Lad doesn't want to aggravate China since they hold so much of our debt, but this country can build up its own skilled work force so it doesn't rely on China, his campaign manager said.

Lad also favors stopping the high spending. And while the country can't keep absorbing thousands of illegal aliens, Lad would not deport all aliens, yet at the same time he opposes any kind of blanket amnesty.

"His position is that while we should continue encouraging legal immigration, we need to find ways to enforce our laws," Paaskiewicz said.

Lad also supports "conceal and carry" for gun owners and continuing the "troop surge" in Iraq, which has produced an "astonishing" turnaround, that could eventually transform Iraq into an ally, Paskiewicz.

Pulido, who was the strongest GOP vote-getter in last year's special 5th District election, would avoid any unnecessary regulation of small businesses, but favors a tighter rein on Wall Street. A former small-business owner herself, the 44-year-old former producer/host of Caregivers Radio is probably best known as the founder of the Illinois Minutemen and her strong stand against illegal immigration, which she says

costs Illinois taxpayers \$3.5 million annually.

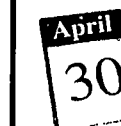
Ratowitz, another Republican who describes himself as an unabashed free-market supporter, believes every dollar spent by government is one less dollar circulating in the marketplace. He believes the fastest road to recovery is through across-the-board cuts in tax and spending in all budget categories, including entitlements and defense. And while he believes the jury may still be out on global warming, Ratowitz has no doubt thrifty use of energy makes economic, as well as environmental, sense.

Reichel, 29, who got the most votes of the 5th District race's three Green candidates, favors stimulating the economy by putting people to work with public-works projects like the kind FDR started during the Depression. Like Quigley he'd like to spend a lot of that money on mass transit, which he believes would help the environment as well as hassled commuters. But, he added, "I think we should have let the big banks fail. There's no such thing as a bank too big to fail."

To keep the big banks from getting too frisky in the future, Reichel suggested a small tax — "maybe one-tenth of 1 percent" — to make bank executives think twice before getting into any especially risky deals. Going a step further Reichel said he'd promote monetary reform by auditing and eventually abolishing the Federal Reserve Bank to put monetary policy back in the hands of Congress.

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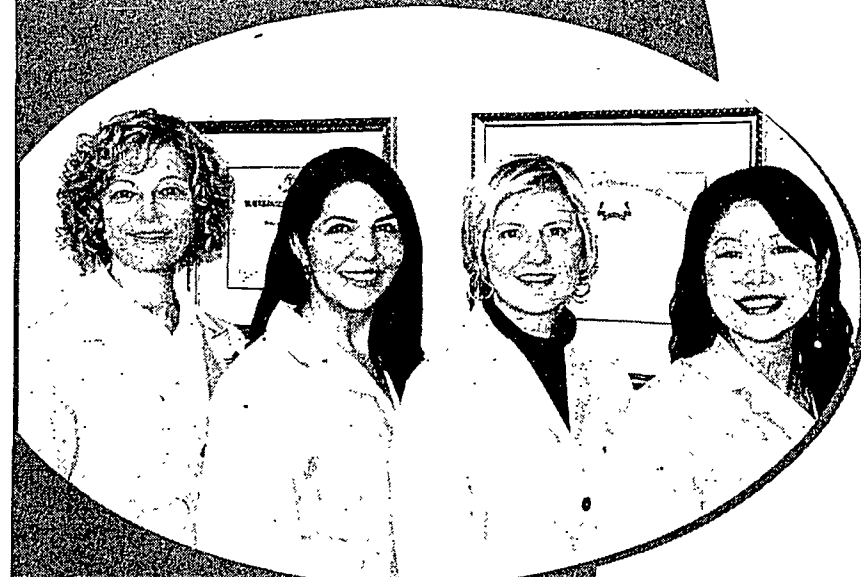


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MAINE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Union faction pushes to resume bargaining

By TONY BERTUCA  
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There is dissension in the ranks of the Maine Township High School District 207 teachers union, Pioneer Press has learned.

A tenured teacher at Maine East, whom Pioneer Press agreed not to identify, said a movement was afoot to force the union back to the bargaining table.

According to union bylaws, the teacher said, members could put together a petition drive to force the issue to be re-examined.

"There has been a lot of misinformation," the teacher said. "There are plans in the works to do something and I think its growing"

The teacher, whose job is not scheduled to be eliminated, said he represents a faction of other tenured teachers who want another

a chance to discuss ways to save the jobs of their colleagues.

"Right now, we need to let this run its course and we'll see what happens after the vote Feb. 1," he said.

District 207 has announced that it plans to cut 137 jobs, including 75 teachers, from its payroll next year to help close a massive deficit.

The District 207 teachers union — the Maine Teachers Association (MTA) — voted in December not to reopen their contract and forego wage increases, which district officials have said could have saved as many as 55 jobs.

Instead the union has demanded that the school board vote to tap an \$86-million reserve fund to save the teaching jobs.

But Superintendent Ken

Wallace has said he is unwilling to take such action because it would not be financially responsible.

There was also talk of a "voluntary give-back" that union members could engage in to donate money to the district to save jobs, but details have yet to emerge.

Maine East special-education teacher Mike Bender said he felt frustrated with the union's decision.

"A lot of people in the union did a lot of fear-mongering," he said. "I think this is a true failure for the union. I felt there was really a dragging of feet from the union leadership. There was misinformation. "They told people that if we opened the contract the administration would be able to do anything. That's not true."

To further complicate matters MTA President

Emma Visee has said about 30 teachers at District 207 are expected to retire by 2013 and that the district should take that into account when making the budget cuts.

"In the meantime, you are cutting a legion of the next generation of young educator," she told the school board at a recent meeting.

Visee said the administration should not ask teachers to pay for a problem they did not cause and urged the board to tap the reserve fund.

"How does a district with a healthy fund balance in 2008 find itself in a double-digit deficit?" she asked the board. "The district's budget problem begs the question: Who was minding the store?"

The school board is expected to vote on the job cuts Monday.

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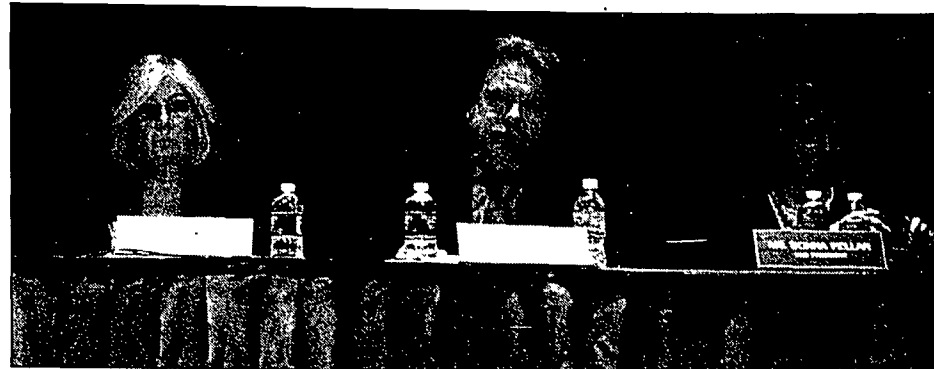
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Maine Township Board of Education members, including Secretary Cheryl Johansson, member Sean Sullivan and Vice President Donna Pellier, listen to a student speak against a proposed cut of 75 teachers at the Board of Education public meeting Jan. 20 at Maine East High School. Students, faculty, parents and residents filled the school's auditorium to voice their complaints and concerns. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

### District 207

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many. I urge the board to make the responsible choice and to tap into the reserves. Our students are worth it."

But Superintendent Ken Wallace, who has put the cost-reduction plan together, said the district is unwilling to tap the reserves to save jobs because the district is already tapping it to the tune of \$22 million by the end of 2010. Even in the best-case scenario, Wallace said, the district will be spending that cash balance down to meet other expenses.

"Folks, we are spending our fund balance down," he said. "Yes, we have a healthy fund balance but they go away quickly. It just simply won't work. If we do that, this district is fundamentally changed."

"We would have to go out to taxpayers and ask them to bail us out and that's not the responsible thing to do."

Wallace said there was a financial "tipping point" of 50 percent the district could not cross, otherwise it would be forced to borrow money annually to meet expenses.

"We've got tough decisions ahead of us," he said. "There is no scenario in which it heals itself."

Student after student who went to the microphone to be heard sided with their teachers and asked the board to use the reserves.

Students have shed tears in the halls the past week — "a week we should have been worrying about finals, not which of our teachers are going to get cut," said Maine East Junior Sean Foley. "You are crippling school spirit."

Along with students, who were permitted two hours to speak, teachers slated to lose their jobs also made emotional pleas to the school board to find another solution.

Dana Nixon, a science teacher at Maine East whose job is scheduled to be cut, said the students would feel the impact of the



Maine Township Board of Education President Edward Mueller listens to a student speak against a proposed cut of 75 teachers Jan. 20 at the Board of Education public meeting at Maine East High School. Students, faculty, parents and residents filled the school's auditorium to voice complaints and concerns. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

board's decision at every level because many of the teachers on the chopping block also coach or sponsor various extracurricular activities.

"The students are not what caused this situation," she said. "Why are they the ones to pay for it? You can't tell me programming won't be affected. A quality education is more than reading, writing and arithmetic."

Julie Lam, another Maine East teacher slated to be cut, told the board she is a graduate who loves teaching at her alma mater.

"I wanted to give back to the community that gave me so much," she said. "If you support the students, please support the teachers."

But Mike Bender, a special-education teacher and softball coach whose job is scheduled to be cut, was a noted exception. Instead of asking the board to tap the reserves, Bender asked his union to return to the bargaining table.

"I ask our union leadership to work this out with the board," he said.

Union members in the crowd scoffed. In an interview Bender said he felt frustrated with the union's decision to forgo a negotiation to save jobs. "A lot of people in the union did a lot of fear-mongering" he said. "I think this is a true failure for the union. I felt there was really a dragging of feet from the union leadership. There

was misinformation.

"They told people that if we opened the contract the administration would be able to do anything. That's not true."

Bender, who has been only teaching for three years, said tenured teachers who voted "no" the first time should take a good long look at what their colleagues who are preparing to lose jobs are going through.

"It feels like a wake," he said. "I was a Maine East student. Working here is a dream job for me."

"We chose not to talk because they didn't want to set precedent. It's frustrating to me. A lot of people think this is a game of chicken. It's not. There's potential to save jobs. What's right is right."

But compared with the vast majority of those who spoke at the public meeting, Bender was in the minority.

Sandra Deines, a former District 207 teacher and current Park Ridge resident, urged the board to tap the reserve fund, which she said was meant for a rainy day.

"The people who that money belongs to are the people in this auditorium," she said. "It's raining." To illustrate her point, Deines walked up to the stage upon which the board was sitting, opened a yellow umbrella, and placed it in front of them. It remained there until the conclusion of the meeting.

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# 'We are a family here to fight against you'

## Students unite in rally against teacher cuts

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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With many admitting they had become united by layoffs befalling teachers they admire and respect, students from across Maine Township High School District 207 spoke emotionally and passionately Jan. 20 against budget cuts under consideration by the Board of Education.

For more than two-and-a-half hours current students of Maine South, East and West high schools took the microphone individually and in groups, speak-

ing of school funding they believed had been mismanaged; of negotiations that should be resumed; and of teachers they considered as role models and friends. Most urged the Board of Education and administration to find other ways to partially plug a reported \$15-million deficit rather than eliminate 75 teachers and 62 other support staff.

"They are a source of moral advice, friendship and support when we need them," Maine East student Michaela Laws told the board. "It pains me and many others to see that the very teachers who cause students to go that extra mile in their classes will not be returning next year."

Raja Umair-Amjad, of Maine East, said: "I can guarantee you I have met

at least 15 to 20 teachers who have inspired me, and most of them are getting cut."

Stella Abbinante called the cuts "by far the worst decision made," and described the decision to release only nontenured teachers from across the district "troubling."

"These teachers that are well-deserving of their jobs are getting kicked out on the street just because they didn't meet the tenure qualification," the Maine West student said.

Several students spoke on behalf of individual teachers facing the loss of their jobs. More than 500 Maine West students reportedly signed a petition in support of speech-and-drama teacher Mark Begovich, while Louie Tsch-

lis and several members of the Maine South basketball team rallied for sophomore coach and physical education teacher Brendan Smaha.

"You can't get rid of someone who brings so much to our team and our school," Tschlis said. "Getting rid of him is like getting rid of someone from our family."

Maine South students Ryan Fahey and Eric Malin made signs asking for their math teacher Matt Young to be spared from the cuts.

"I understand there's a budget deficit, but you can't cut the teachers," Fahey said. "Find other options."

Maine East swim coach Andrew Kittrell was described as "an impeccable role model" by student Ben Schaufele.

"Over 100 students have

been helped, guided, touched and inspired by this man," he said.

Maine East students Shivani Pandya and Jocelyn Cruz carried large posters with the many names of teachers their school is slated to lose at the conclusion of the school year.

"We are here for our teachers. We don't want to let them go," Pandya said.

Maine South student Patrick Wohl evoked loud cheers and applause when he suggested student representatives be named to the Board of Education and make recommendations for dealing with the budget deficit.

"We go to school every day, we see what's going on and we have something to say," he said, suggesting

that selling advertising on in-school TVs or allowing cell-phone companies to rent school roof space for antennas were just two options for generating revenue.

Though many students addressed specific losses at their own schools, many also acknowledged that a sense of unity between students at all three schools has developed as they have worked together to oppose the proposed cuts.

"I'm here to fight for the family we have all become," Maine East student Jay Espinosa told the board and administration. "We are no longer Maine East, Maine South and Maine West. We are no longer competitors. We are a family here to fight against you."

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## Myth #1:

"The district is in an extreme financial crisis."

### Reality:

• The district has ample reserves to weather the current financial storm. Last year, the State Board of Education gave District 207 its highest possible rating for financial strength. The State Board of Education recommends that schools keep a reserve (savings) fund of 25% of their operating budgets. For District 207, that means that at least \$32.5 million should be held in reserve. Right now, our reserve fund stands at over \$86 million.

• District 207's reserve fund exceeds that of many districts, including Hinsdale, New Trier, Lyons, Lake Park, Evanston, District 214, District 211, Glenbard, Glenbrook, and DuPage District 88 schools, in terms of percentage of yearly budget held in savings.

• The administration's projections are based on worst-case, doomsday scenarios. For example, the administration assumed a 1.0 consumer price index for 2009, but this turned out to be 2.7. This means that the district underestimated \$1.4 million in revenue for years 3, 4, and 5 of their projection.

## Myth vs.

# Reality

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### DISTRICT 207 BUDGET CUTS

## Myth #3:

"Cutting 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the teaching staff is the only option."

### Reality:

• This is not the only option. It is simply the only option the administration chooses to explore.

• Choosing to cut 130 staff positions, including 75 certified teachers, in a single year is a rash decision that will have long term negative consequences on educational quality and property values in the district.

## Myth #2:

"Cuts will have little impact on the quality of education for students."

### Reality:

• Class sizes will go up for every student in every single subject area, reducing the amount of individualized attention every student will receive.

• Our students face imminent reductions in foreign language, fine arts, and other academic programs that enrich the high school experience. Library staff is being cut by 50% across the district.

• Extra-curriculars also face major reductions, including, but not limited to, debate, COACH peer tutoring, 20 intramural programs, fencing team, boys' gymnastics, speech team, and jazz band. The board has stated that it will consider further reductions to other student activities and sports in the spring.

• Students who are most in need won't receive the support they require as the district has cut 3 administrators, 9 teachers and 6 aides in the special education department alone.

• 35 clubs and 31 sports teams will be losing a sponsor or coach if 75 positions are cut.

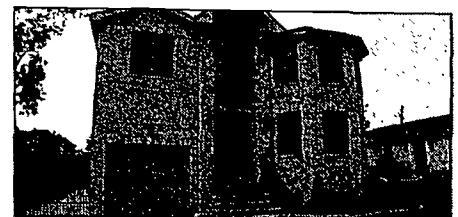
"On February 1st, urge the Board of Education to make the responsible choice to spend a fraction of its reserve fund to maintain the quality of education in District 207. Our students are worth it."

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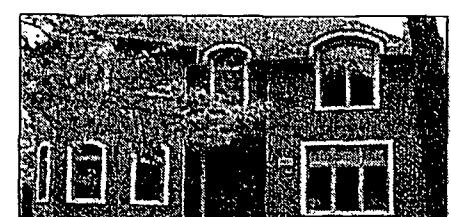
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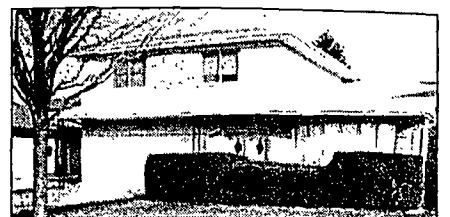
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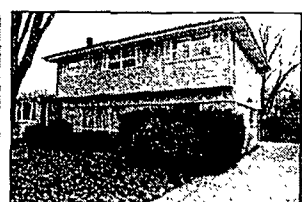
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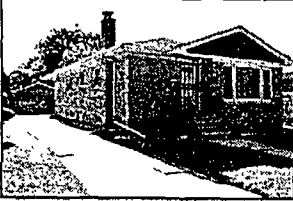
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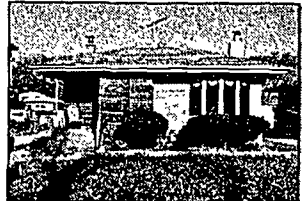
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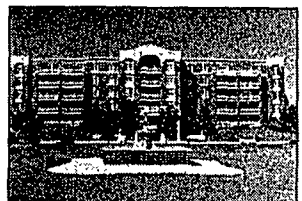
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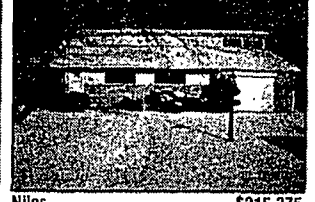
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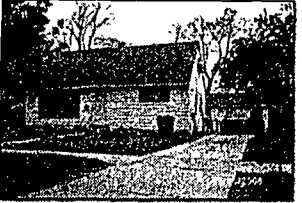
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## NILES POLICE

# Accidental shooting wounds girl, 8, in face

By **TONY BERTUCA**  
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An 8-year-old girl was accidentally shot in the face by her 13-year-old brother Sunday afternoon on the 8600 block of North Oketo Avenue in Niles, according to police.

The girl appeared to be in stable condition and her brother will not be charged in the incident, police said.

"We are treating it as an accidental shooting," said Sgt. Tom Davis, of the Niles Police Department. "No charges will be filed.

The girl appears to be fine. "She is recovering from the gunshot wound. It was a through-and-through wound. No damage to any of the teeth, tongue or interior of the mouth."

Police say the children took a gun, a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol, from

a family business in Chicago, unbeknownst to any adults.

"The two siblings were allegedly playing in the basement of the home with toy guns when the brother apparently retrieved a .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol and shot his sis-

ter," according to a police report. "The bullet hit the girl in the cheek and exited out the other side of her face."

Both parents, as well as other relatives, were home at the time of the incident. The girl was transported to Advocate Lutheran

General Hospital in Park Ridge.

"She remained conscious and was speaking to officers throughout the ordeal according to officers on the scene and at the hospital," according to the police report.

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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

8400 block of North Prospect Avenue. She was released on \$10,000 bond and was due in court today (Jan. 28).

### BURGLARY

Esteban Alvarado, 45, of 3828 N. Osceola Ave., Chicago, was charged with theft and criminal trespass Jan. 18 after allegedly burglarizing a car on the 7300 block of North Melvina Avenue. Also charged with

theft were Jesse Delgado, 19, of 4882 N. Marmora Ave., Chicago, Oscar Delgado, 29, of the same address, and Freddy Rivas, 20, of 2333 N. Mango Ave., Chicago. All offenders were released on \$1,000 bond and are due in court March 10.

### DUI

Juan Espinosa, 27, of 226 N. Waveland Ave., Rochford, was charged

with driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday on the 9900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court March 12.

Merrily Dawson, 52, of 6818 N. Mendota Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday on the 6900 block of North Caldwell Avenue. She was re-

leased on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Feb. 23.

Lamorris Scott II, 39, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday on the 8400 block of North Prospect Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and was due in court today (Jan. 28).

Yin Li, 35, of 234 Custer St., Evanston, was charged

with driving under the influence of alcohol Jan. 21 near Howard and Natchez avenues. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court March 10.

Bladimi Crispin-Ayala, 25, of 9276 N. Courtland Drive, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday on the 9200 block of North Courtland Avenue. He was released on \$4,000 bond.



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# Dillard, Hynes for governor

Illinois is in crisis. Expenses are exceeding revenues by \$12 billion; the state has \$4.5 billion in bills that it can't pay. Pension funds sit with \$80 million to \$90 million in unfunded liabilities. Unemployment tops 11 percent.

Whoever wins the November election for governor will face problems of unprecedented scope. Voters need to ensure that their party's candidate is the one best equipped to deal with these problems. Whoever wins has to be willing to make decisions that may make him a one-term governor.

Republicans have a strong field of candidates, but the one with the best chance to get Illinois back on track is **Kirk Dillard**. His unique experiences — chief of staff for Jim Edgar, a judge and a state legislator for 15 years — give him a head start on others. He understands the budgeting process better than most and knows how to work with the legislature to get his ideas passed.

While not ruling out a tax increase or tax cuts, Dillard says you can't talk about either without cutting the budget and creating a new set of ethics.

Dillard favors zero-based budgeting as a first step to reining in spending. He wants to eliminate fraud in Medicare and get more of its recipients into managed care programs. He plans to rewrite pension laws as a further way to reduce the budget.

To reduce unemployment, Dillard favors more business-friendly moves. He wants to provide tax incentives, tort reform, and fewer bureaucratic barriers, and lower the cost of workers and unemployment compensation programs. He also vows to create "the most aggressive job-recruitment program" in the state's history.

Dillard has the political savvy to deal with House Speaker Mike Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton. That's important if the next governor wants to move his agenda through the legislature.

For Democrats, **Dan Hynes** shows the best understanding of the state's problems with a clear plan on how to solve them. The state comptroller has spent 10 years dealing with the state's finances so if anyone knows where the soft spots are, it's Hynes.

His budget plan combines strategic cuts with a targeted tax increase. Hynes wants to bring operations down to 2005 levels, use the state's rainy-day fund to fill current budget gaps and extend the state sales tax to luxury services such as tanning salons.

He also wants to save money by combining the state treasurer and comptroller, and eliminating the lieutenant governor position.

Like most gubernatorial candidates, Hynes wants to reform the state pension system by ending early retirement deals and eliminating double-dippers. He also wants to install some Medicaid reforms.

To create jobs, Hynes wants to invest in new technologies, and offer tax incentives to new small businesses and those which locate in underserved areas.

He does not believe the state can cut its way out of the current situation and thus supports a progressive income tax that would target the top 3 percent of residents, those making more than \$200,000 per year.

Hynes acknowledges he's not the most charismatic candidate in this race, but he has the political will to make the tough choices and pull the legislative leaders with him.

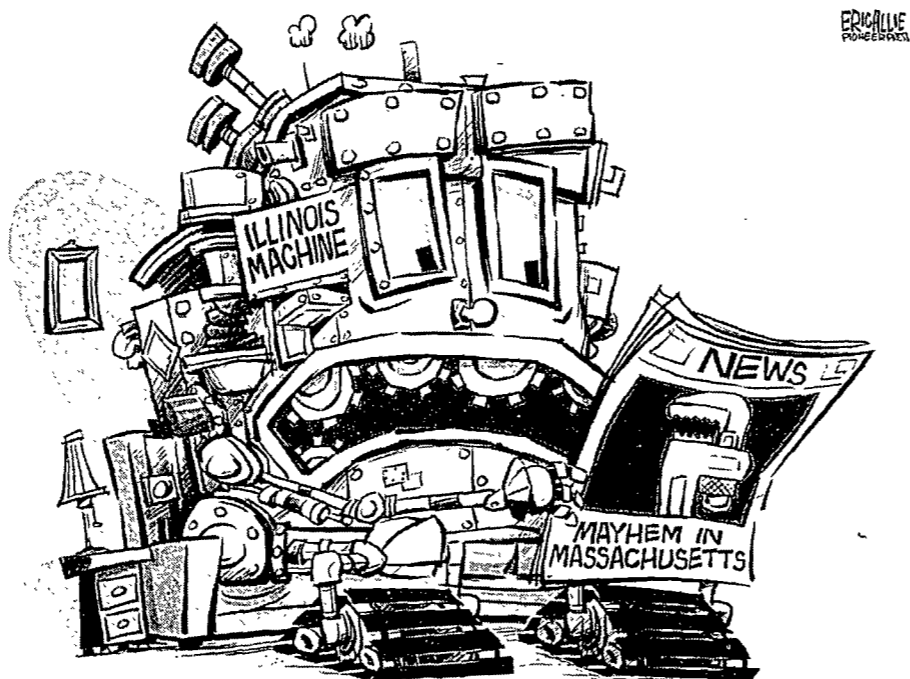
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ENDORSEMENTS RECAP

## Our choices for Tuesday's primary

- Here are the endorsements we made for contested races in Tuesday's primary.
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| <b>10TH STATE SENATE</b><br>Democrat: Thomas M. Ryan 3     | <b>Republican: Roger Keats</b>  |
| <b>COOK COUNTY PRESIDENT</b><br>Democrat: Toni Preckwinkle | <b>COOK 13TH DISTRICT</b><br>Larry Suffredin  |
|  | <b>COOK 17TH DISTRICT</b><br>Democrat: Victor Forys<br>Republican: Elizabeth Doody Gorman |

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## Soot-covered snow mountains



**CHERYL O'DONOVAN**  
VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

January is unpredictable, at once fierce with precipitation, or growing unexpectedly mild.

The snow recedes. Strange items emerge that only a landfill could love. A straw from Portillo's. One of those blue Valu-Pak envelopes. Pink plastic wrap that may have wrapped a cookie from Valentine's Day — two years ago. Traces of the holidays remain, too. My Weight Watchers weigh-in booklet, which was shredded in a hopeless rage. An elf discarded some tinsel. Rudolph left a Bud Lite can.

The Exxon Valdez didn't leave this much ugly. Our snow layer reflects

weather patterns: sleet, rain, ice, meteor shower and an eight-inch blizzard. These layers melt and refreeze. Once frozen, only an oil rig and a drill with the depth level set at "mantle" can penetrate the morass.

Snow trucks leave a trail of salt and grime and shovel snow to a mountain range no Von Trapp would climb. My van bears the scars from encounters with these soot-capped monsters.

Roads that once accommodated a parade float narrow to the width of a bobby pin. A rickshaw couldn't get through there, much less a van full of kids and a furry hound.

Dropping off the kids at school is tricky. The snow barrier prevents an exit. "No, no, wait!" I yell. "Let me pull up to an open drive."

Too late. My child hammers the door against the hardened snow like a battering ram against a castle gate.

That evening, sorting through my son's back-

pack, I discover petrified carrots and an official memorandum. Residents who live around the school's perimeter complain about moms blocking their drives.

The next morning, I'veer the van over, tires screeching. "Three seconds to move out!"

Children always move like molasses when time is critical and there's a squad car parked a few yards ahead. My youngest struggles with the bulk and tugs on his gloves. "Mom, I gotta get my backpack on."

I chew my lip frantically. "Hurry! Before someone sends an irate e-mail to the principal." I check for windows of furious parents writing down my license plate. One woman appears as though she might unleash the mastiffs.

He departs, pulling on his Bears cap, and I steer onto the street.

I barely avoid being sideswiped by a mother who does the same exact thing.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

# Things are not what they seem

By STEVE BECKER

One occasionally hears the term "free finesse" applied to a seemingly helpful lead made by an opponent, but sometimes there is a question as to whether or not the finesse is really free. It is easy to misapply the term, which is exactly what declarer did in this deal where he unnecessarily went down one.

East dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 7 5 4 2  
♥ —  
♦ 10 6 2  
♣ K J 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ 9  
♥ A K J 10 8 5 2  
♦ Q 8 7 3  
♣ 8

**EAST**  
♠ 6  
♥ Q 7 6 3  
♦ K J 9  
♣ Q 10 9 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 8 3  
♥ 9 4  
♦ A 5 4  
♣ A 5 2

### The bidding:

South 1♠ Pass  
West 4♥ Pass  
North 4♠ 5♠  
East Pass 5♥

Opening lead -- 8♣

West led his singleton club against South's 5♠ contract. Acting under the impression that he was getting a free finesse, declarer played dummy's jack and took East's queen with the ace.

After drawing trumps, South led a club to the king, hoping to find the suit divided 3-3 so that he could later discard a diamond on dummy's 4♣. But when West failed to follow to the second club, there was no way declarer could avoid losing a club and two diamonds for down one.

It might seem that South is sure to fail whatever he does, but actually he can make the contract with proper play.

Declarer should assume from the bidding, as well as the opening lead, that the 8♣ is a singleton. No harm can come from making this assumption because if West has the Q♣, it can be trapped later on.

After ruffing two hearts in dummy and drawing trumps, South then plays the ace and another diamond. The defenders can now do no better than collect their two diamond tricks, after which they are stymied. If West winds up on lead, he must return a heart or a diamond, allowing dummy to ruff as South discards his club loser.

If East wins the third diamond, he must either yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a club into dummy's K-J. The so-called free finesse at trick one turns out to be an illusion.

## Voting is right and responsibility

With the primary elections only weeks away, so many important issues of prevailing concern bring some important thoughts to mind regardless of one's political party affiliation. Important issues and practices prevailing now empower us as voters to be encouraged to always remember and respond, especially in current times, by exercising our right and responsibility as voters.




Consider the following: Make elected representatives and those aspiring of election to office hear and listen to us since we elect them to office to represent us, pay their salaries, benefits and expenses and monitor them to understand our needs and establish and install legislation that will govern us and the quality of our lives, lives of our families, children and grandchildren. We must speak our minds because our voice counts. We have to vote on issues within our communities on local issues, national and international issues, those existing and others yet to surface, and may have need for improvement for those

existing, those existing in danger of rescinding or dissolution, or those needed, qualifying for funding to become realities to enhance our daily lives.

For those of us who have children and grandchildren too young to vote, we have to vote on issues that affect them and their future including schools, education, safety, environment, health, homeland security and other issues that will

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affect and have influence on them and affect their future. When each of us votes, we are each in the driver seat participating actively in safeguarding our future.

By not voting and expressing our views, needs, desires and dissatisfactions, it will be a disservice to us, our families, neighbors, friends and

also contribute to stagnation.

Celebrate life and be in it, as a participant in the mainstream, not just an observer on the sidelines. Be observant, knowledgeable, vocal when there is need to be, and benefit by being so. Standing by the sidelines at a time when participation is required is a disservice to us and our community. It is a responsibility of and for each of us to keep ourselves knowledgeable to stand up when we should to pre-

serve progress, be it in maintaining the status quo when good, or forging ahead when that is beneficial by voting and preserving the best for the majority, and to honor those who went before us and benefit the mainstream majority currently, and of all those who will follow us.

Last but not least be sure to vote at the poll or by absentee ballot if necessary.

Sof Levin  
Niles

## 'Berry' sorry about acai fly-by-night



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN  
THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: I sent in for the 99-cent trial of an acai berry detox product. I was sent the original three bottles of supplements. When I received my Visa bill, I was charged \$260 by the company for nothing. I did receive a shipment from them, but returned it and cancelled the order. They have since charged me another \$771.

I finally was able to stop them, but the bill is still in dispute. They need to be stopped from doing this to others.

Grace Nowacki

Dear Grace: Sorry to hear you got sucked into the same scam we've written about here since last January. Thousands of consumers have been lured by promises of free or cheap "trials" of various acai berry products and then unwittingly signed up for monthly subscriptions for more products (at significantly higher prices).

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has filed several lawsuits against various acai berry product purveyors.

It's good that you've disputed the charge. Now you should file complaints with Madigan's office ([www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov)), the Federal Trade Commission ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)), and the Better Business Bureau ([www.chicago.bbb.org](http://www.chicago.bbb.org)), and let your credit card issuer know that you did so. Good luck; we'll keep our fingers crossed for you.

Dear Fixer: I have an account with DirecTV. I got behind in my bill, and on Nov. 21, DirecTV took \$767.20 out of my bank

account without notice.

I called them and they told me I was being charged for the bill I owed, which was \$189, plus another \$578 in early cancellation and other fees.

I squared up with DirecTV and agreed to reinstate my service, and they agreed to refund me the amount they took from my account, minus what my bill was, which equaled approximately \$565.

I have yet to receive this refund. I have contacted DirecTV nearly every day, and every time they give me a different answer as to when I am going to get my money. I have spoken to three supervisors, two managers and countless associates.

My refund, according to them, has been processed wrong up to three times and they claim that is the reason for the delay. Every time I call, they tell me that the last representative "did it wrong."

I am at my wits' end with this and do not know what else to do to get my money back. They had no trouble taking that money but have no desire to get that money back to me.

Jennifer Duque

Dear Jennifer: It sounds like your refund took a vacation just before Thanksgiving with no intention of emerging until after the holidays. Given that it's already January, The Fixer was happy to help give this problem the little nudge it needed.

We got in touch with DirecTV spokesman Robert Mercer, who got some executive-level office types to look into this. They found your refund, and then they deducted payments that were due for December and January. That left \$456.70, which they've refunded to your account.

So that's fixed.

But while we're on the subject of early termination fees, here are a few things for the rest of us to remember for all sorts of service contracts:

■ If you have a bundled package of phone, Internet and TV services, don't assume that each of the services has the same terms and conditions. For example, one may offer a trial period while another may charge a fee if you cancel before the contract is up. So read the fine print.

■ If you cancel a service during a free trial period or after the contract is finished, keep a record of the date of the cancellation, the name of the rep you spoke with and the confirmation number. That'll help in case there's a dispute later.

■ Even if a company offers a free trial period, it might still charge you for equipment. Make sure you understand what you're getting into before signing up.

■ Some companies' terms and conditions allow them to automatically re-up your contract unless you say no, and many will automatically create a new contract whenever you change or add a service.

### Stop this urban legend

It's tough to stop a false story once it gains steam, but we'll give it our best shot. Recently, a couple of readers have forwarded e-mails to The Fixer expressing concern that the federal government is releasing cell phone numbers to telemarketers and that you'll be billed each time a marketer calls you.

This rumor has been going around since at least 2004. If you get such an e-mail, delete it, and let the person who sent it to you know that it's not true.

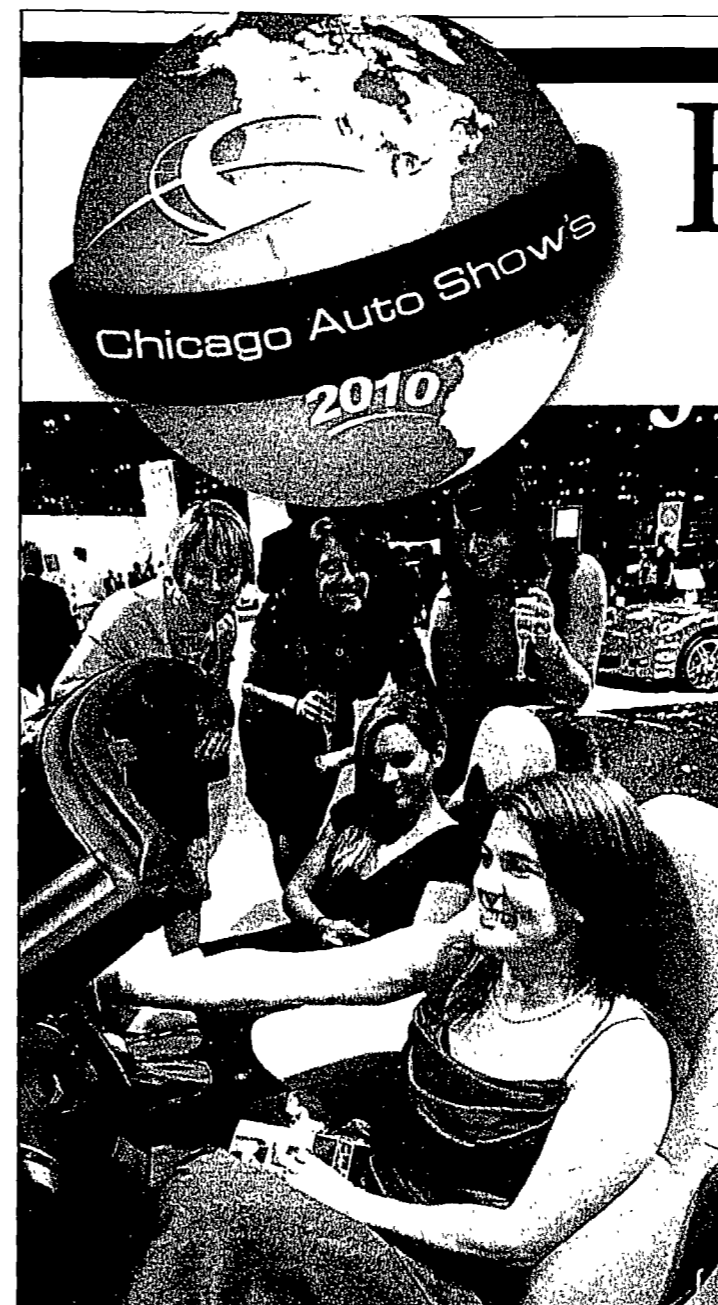
As for the warning to register your cell phone with the National Do Not Call registry, you can if you want — but it's not vital, since Federal Communications Commission regulations already block most telemarketing calls to cell phones, according to Snopes.com, the rumor-checking Web site.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at [www.pioneerlocal.com](http://www.pioneerlocal.com).

# First Look Charity

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Be among the first to see the 2010 Chicago Auto Show by attending First Look for Charity. The black-tie event, held the evening before the auto show opens its 10-day run, benefits 18 notable Chicago area charities.



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Employment counseling, by appointment. Saturday, Jan. 31 - Legal counseling, by appointment. Saturday, Jan. 30 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10:00 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed). Monday, Feb. 8 - Alzheimer's caregivers support group, 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 2 and 16 - Medicare counseling, by appointment. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays starting Feb. 6 - Income tax preparation, by appointment. Wednesdays, Feb. 10 and 24 - Grief and loss support group (call first). Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 27 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Feb. 27 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed). Two bunco parties will be held Jan. 29 at the South Park Recreation Center, Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue in Park Ridge, to benefit the Center of Concern. The first event, "Bunco and Lunch" for men and women, will be noon to 3 p.m. "Ladies' Night" will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets at \$15 includes bunco games and prizes, choice of beef sandwich or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy at [redacted]

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Business savvy? Not me apparently



PAUL SASSONE

I guess I just don't understand business.

Those who take the risk are entitled to the reward, right? Isn't that the way business is supposed to work?

So, I'm puzzled by the increasing instances of businesses that refuse to do business unless they receive "incentives" from the government.

How many times have you seen a business imitate Scarlett O'Hara, flirting with officials of various communities for the best offer? The beau (community) that offers the better proposal is accepted. And the business and the community are joined together in holy economy.

The rationale is that both the business and the community will benefit from

the result. The new business will bring customers and tax revenue to the community, so the incentives really are an investment by the local government.

If the business is a success, everyone benefits. Yet here again, I don't understand how the community's hard-working, tax-paying residents benefit.

And if the business is not a success, the community — including those same hard-working, tax-paying human beings that the community government represents — will pay for that business failure in higher taxes and fees.

A recent example of this incentive dance between government and business is in Oak Park, where the plan commission has given initial approval to a proposal that would bring a 20-story hotel and condos and stores to the corner of Lake Street and Forest Avenue.

The proposal still needs a final plan commission recommendation to the Village Board, which will make the ultimate decision.

So, there is a long way to go.

But an interesting part of the proposal that the plan commission supported is a cash incentive to the hotelier of \$500,000 to defray start-up costs. The village also would donate land valued at \$4.2 million to the developer — another "incentive."

A good idea? I don't know.

But if village government is willing to give away \$500,000 to increase business sales and thus sales tax revenue to the village, then how about this: Give each of Oak Park's 50,000 residents \$10 with the stipulation that each \$10 has to be spent at an Oak Park business.

That would add \$500,000 in spending to local sales tax revenue. It would help local businesses. And it might help some Oak Park residents who are having a tough time in this economy.

But, I guess a hotelier needs the money more. See? I told you I don't know anything about business.

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Looking beyond Tuesday



RANDY BLASER

Last week's election in Massachusetts probably means little to the Illinois primary next week.

The historic election in the Bay State will have ramifications for the Prairie State later.

Watching from the frozen border of Illinois and Wisconsin, I was expecting Republican Scott Brown to win in Massachusetts for a number of reasons.

Sure, tons of liberals live out there, but once you move beyond the media types, do-gooders and college professors in Boston and Cambridge, you have a lot of working class regular folks, especially in the hardscrabble suburbs.

With Ted Kennedy gone, they were drifting.

Second, the Democratic candidate was an uninspir-

ing train wreck, taking the election for granted. Nobody really likes that. They want a race.

Finally, it just fits the script of American politics. Kennedy's death was the symbolic end of an era, an era that died a long time ago. He can't be replaced. This Scott Brown fellow hit the right notes and just looks the part. His win was almost inevitable, as inevitable as Barack Obama's election in 2008.

Obama was the right man at the right time. Apparently, so is Brown. Americans still essentially want change. What kind of change? I think it looks something like this:

We don't want to be mired in a phony war against terrorism in Iraq, but we don't want to be namby-pambies either.

We don't want to torture detainees in the war on terrorism, but we don't want them to get the same treatment as your typical car thief in an American courtroom.

We want access to affordable health care, but if you don't have a job, your neighbor's house is fore-

closed and you lost all the equity in your home, maybe you have more immediate problems.

We want our representatives to have a lively debate about the issues but stick to what's important now. You don't debate tomorrow's starting pitcher when your closer just loaded the bases today.

What does the election in Massachusetts portend for Illinois? Nothing for next week. The big race will be for the U.S. Senate in November. The odds that Illinois Democrats can keep Obama's Senate seat just got longer. Brown's win in deep blue Massachusetts indicates it can happen in just-as-blue Illinois.

Historians say that in the Great Depression, President Roosevelt would try anything and keep what worked and toss what didn't. If our leaders are unwilling to do that today, then the electorate will.

It all seems scripted for a guy like Mark Kirk. Randy Blaser is a real estate agent with REMAX Center in Grayslake. Reach him at rjblaser@comcast.net.

RE/MAX Real Estate advertisement featuring various property listings with photos and descriptions, including 'Thinking of SELLING Your Home?' and contact information for agents like Dan Florian, Elizabeth Lindsay, David Braun, and Ivy Moy.

Kitchens & Baths UNLIMITED, INC. advertisement featuring a large photo of a kitchen and text describing their services: 'Unlimited Choices | Extraordinary Results | Custom Design & Installation. Visit our Showroom Today.' Contact info: 1232 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, IL • 847.729-1212 • www.kbuinc.com

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How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress Week ending January 22. Table listing votes on 'Troubled Assets' and 'Stolen Nuclear Materials' with names of senators and their votes (Y/N).

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### 4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week



Tom Malta

**1. "An Evening of Jazz,"** featuring the Tom Malta Big Band, 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Robert L. Johnson Auditorium at Niles West High School, 5701 W. Oakton Ave., Skokie. \$15; \$8 for students. Proceeds benefit the music programs at Niles West. Call (847) 626-2990 or e-mail [nweveningofjazz@gmail.com](mailto:nweveningofjazz@gmail.com).

**2. "The War Within: A Portrait of Virginia Woolf"** will be shown at 2 p.m. Jan. 30 at Block Cinema, in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Free. Call (847) 491-4000.

**3. "Awake and Sing!,"** through Feb. 28 at Northlight Theatre, located in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. In a cramped Bronx tenement during the Great Depression, a working-class Jewish family copes with financial hardship as they dream of a brighter future. \$10-\$50. Opening performance and post-show reception on Jan. 31, \$75. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit [www.northlight.org](http://www.northlight.org).

**4. Skokie Concert Choir** will present its winter concert at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 at Ezra Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster St., Skokie. \$10; \$4 for children. Visit [www.skokiechoir.org](http://www.skokiechoir.org).

# Art piece maps O'Hare's traffic

By J.T. MORAND  
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Look at a corner of Sara Schnadt's "Network Hub," and it appears the yellow and silver strings stretching out from a large shiny ring go on forever, stopping in a mirrored corner only for a moment before continuing on.

You might get a familiar feeling while reading the city names, both domestic and international, written on the mirrors where the strings are attached.

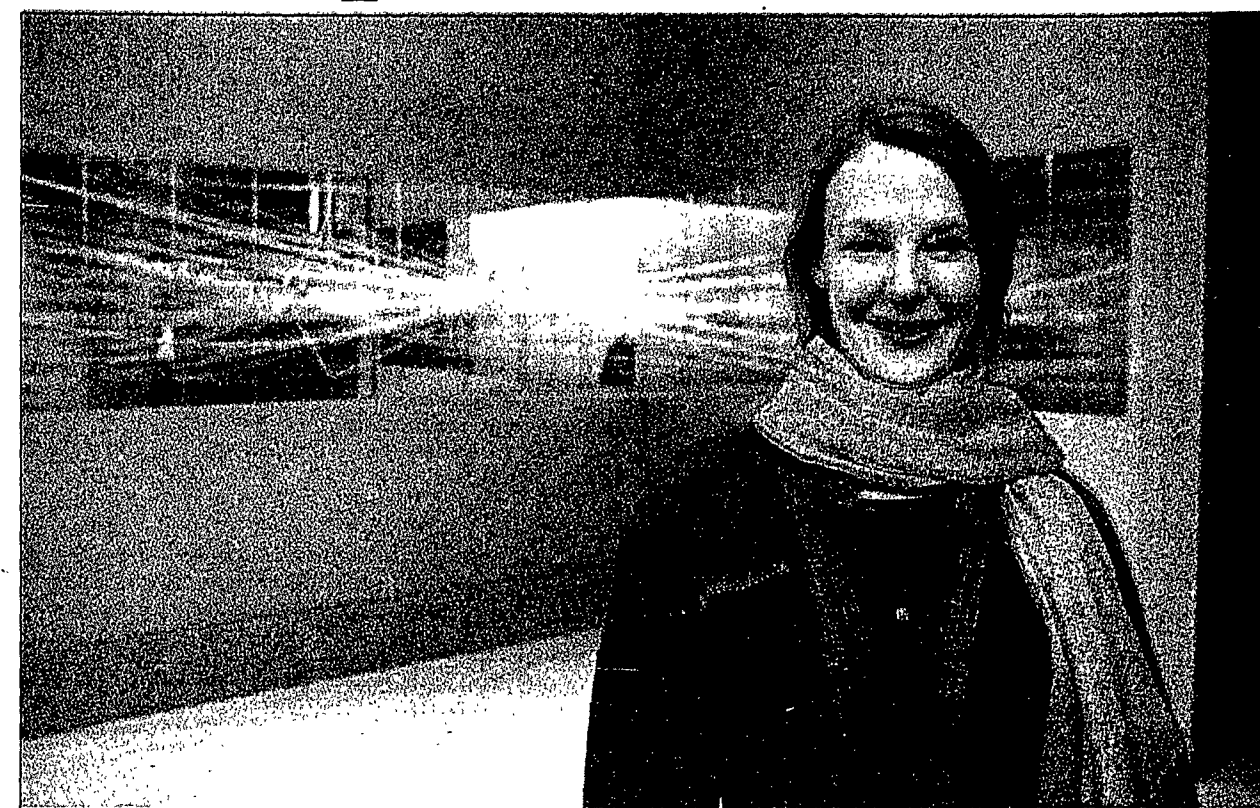
And, considering Schnadt's piece is in the InterContinental O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont, which is near the world's second busiest airport, you might realize you're looking at the artist's representation of O'Hare Airport.

"Network Hub" is just one piece in "Crossroads," an exhibit celebrating Chicago and its connectivity to the rest of the world, strategically placed at the Rosemont hotel by nine Chicago galleries. "Crossroads," which is open to the public, features approximately 60 pieces in several mediums by 30 local and international artists on the first floor. Pieces will be changed out periodically through next September.

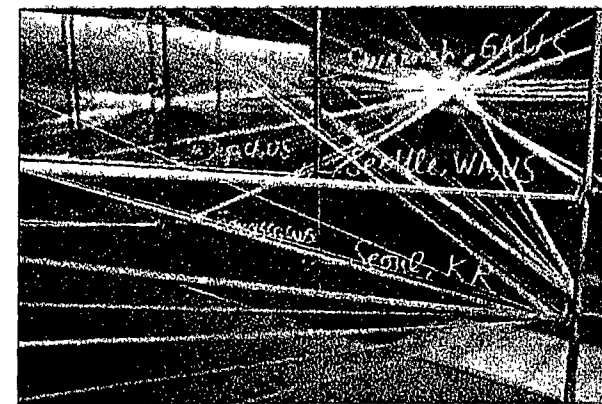
Some of the images from the "Constructed Landscapes" series by young photographer Kevin Malella, of Chicago, show locations around Chicago where industry clashes with natural landscape. The mixed media on panel pictures by Leopold Segedin, who has been making art since the 1940s, show scenes observed from the El tracks.

But, Jennifer DeCarlo, the exhibition curator, said Schnadt's piece almost literally represents what the exhibition is about.

"Sara's is a nice component that ties everything



Chicago performance/installation artist Sara Schnadt, who is inspired by information systems, created "Network Hub," which represents flights from O'Hare Airport, at the InterContinental O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)



The names written in yellow on a series of mirrors represent the destination cities of flights leaving O'Hare Airport. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

together," she said. "Chicago is the crossroads of America."

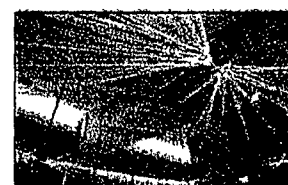
Schnadt, a performance/installation artist living in Logan Square, is fascinated by network information systems. She's known for similar works, such as "Connectivity,"

made with string, thread, twine, wire and two maps to represent the Internet, which was shown at the Museum of Contemporary Art in 2007, and a piece in

an empty storefront at 220 S. Wabash in Chicago as part of the Pop-Up Art Loop project in 2009. The latter represented a combination of the Internet, flight patterns and the social news and networking site Digg.

Schnadt was commissioned to do "Network Hub."

She researched destinations from O'Hare and viewed animation of air traffic from the airport



Mirrors in "Network Hub," created by performance/installation artist Sara Schnadt, of Chicago, facilitate the idea of expanding space. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

and noted which were the heaviest traveled routes.

The yellow string represents the color of departures as they appear on monitors at O'Hare, and this particular installation represents departures between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2009, when "Network Hub" was installed as a live performance. The destinations were hand-written on mirrors by Schnadt.

"It's more personal and it's different from computer text, which makes it more like a journal or like when people write on the back of photographs," she said.

The silver string connects the ring, which represents O'Hare, to some of the other busiest airports in the world.

"It almost looks like the exhaust trails of airplanes," Schnadt said.

The mirrors, she said, facilitate the idea of expanding space and more networks.

Putting "Crossroads" at the InterContinental O'Hare, which was designed as an arts and entertainment venue, makes sense. It's a nice introduction for visitors to Chicago's art culture, DeCarlo said, because the exhibit displays several different mediums by artists from all walks of life. It's also for residents to see how Chicago connects to the rest of the world.

"Art is for everyone," she said. "You should be able to find it everywhere. You should find it more commonly in the spaces we travel."

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OPENING

EDGE OF DARKNESS
A homicide detective (Mel Gibson) investigates the murder of his son and becomes embroiled in corporate skullduggery.

WHEN IN ROME
When a romantically disillusioned New Yorker (Kristen Bell) pulls a coin out of a fountain in Rome, she becomes the object of fervent desire for three men.

Arnett, Dax Shepard, Mark Steven Johnson ("Ghost Rider") directed the romantic comedy. Rated PG-13 for some suggestive content.

STILL PLAYING

EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES
Hoping to find a cure for his children's rare genetic disease, a businessman (Brendan Fraser) joins forces with an unconventional medical researcher (Harrison Ford).

FILM CLIPS

LEGION
The archangel Michael (Paul Bettany) takes the side of the human race on the brink of the apocalypse.

TOOTH FAIRY
After being mean to a kid, a professional hockey player (Dwayne Johnson) is forced to serve a week as a tooth fairy.

THE BOOK OF ELI
A lone wanderer (Denzel Washington) carries a sacred book across the post-apocalyptic wasteland in an attempt to save mankind.

THE SPY NEXT DOOR
A former CIA agent (Jackie Chan) finds himself protecting neighborhood kids on the run from spies.

DAYBREAKERS
After most of the planet has been transformed by plague into vampires, a medical researcher (Ethan Hawke) looks for a way to save the dwindling, still fighting human race.

THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS
The latest from Terry Gilliam ("Brazil"), and Heath Ledger's final film, is all about an ancient mystic (Christopher Plummer) wandering the world with a traveling circus and trying to undo a deal with the devil.

LEAP YEAR
A woman (Amy Adams) who plans to take advantage of an old Irish custom and propose to her boyfriend on Feb. 29 runs into trouble on the way to Dublin.

YOUTH IN REVOLT
After falling in love with his

dream girl at a trailer park on a nightmarish vacation, a mild-mannered, sex-obsessed 16-year-old Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) resolves to become "bad, very bad," so his mother will kick him out of the house and he can return to the girl - leading to his transformation into the ultra-cool teenage sociopath Francois Dillinger.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
The singing varmints contend with The Chipettes, a rival female trio. Director Betty Thomas returns for the sequel to her animated family hit, featuring the voices of David Cross, Jason Lee, Justin Long, Amy Poehler and Anna Faris.

A SINGLE MAN
If you can overlook first-time director Tom Ford's staccato, fragmented editing style and self-conscious use of palette to divide the gray present of his main character from the vibrantly colored past, "A Single Man" repays patience with serious, rewarding dividends.

THE YOUNG VICTORIA
More, thankfully, than just the story of the regal young love of Victoria and Prince Albert, "Young Victoria" deals primarily with the treacherous year before the teenage queen assumed the throne - and the various high-powered schemers who attempted to control her.

CRAZY HEART
A familiar story rendered more subtly in 1983's "Tender Mercies," "Crazy Heart" nonetheless gets a lot of emotional mileage out of the saga of Bad Blake, a broke-down-and-busted country music legend badly in need of redemption.



Josh Duhamel and Kristen Bell in "When in Rome."

thanks to an Oscar-worthy central performance from Jeff Bridges. As the old, tired, perpetually drunk and impressively pot-bellied Bad, Bridges never hits a sour note, even when he's stumbling off stage mid-song toretch in an alley.

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national rugby team in an attempt to inspire his dangerously racially divided country with an unlikely attempt to win the World Cup. "Invictus" has all the makings of a ripping yarn, especially considering that in broad outline, it's basically true.

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"The Gimmick" will be presented by Pegasus Players Feb. 11-March 28 in the O'Rourke Center at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$17 for Thursdays and Fridays; \$25 for Saturdays and Sundays. Preview performances, Feb. 11-14, are \$15. Senior and student discounts are available. Call (773) 878-9761 or visit [www.pegasus-players.org](http://www.pegasus-players.org).

"Hate Hamlet" will be presented by Big Noise Theatre Company through Feb. 7 at the Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$18 for senior citizens and students; \$12 for children ages 12 and younger. Visit [www.big-noise.org](http://www.big-noise.org) or call (847) 604-0275.

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## EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES ★ ★ 1/2

There's nothing excessive about the melodramatic elements in "Extraordinary Measures," and that's a bonus, considering its subject matter. It also has little more to offer than an old-fashioned, disease-of-the-week TV movie, despite the presence of feisty, beatifically suffering children, hand-wringing parents, a gruff, crusading doctor and a race against the clock.

Loosely based on the story of John and Aileen Crowley, whose quest to save two of their young children (born with the rare neuromuscular condition Pompe disease) was documented in the nonfiction book *The Cure*, the film focuses primarily on the desperate dad (Brendan Fraser) and on his refusal to accept that there is no treatment for the invariably fatal illness. As the 9-year life expectancy for his sassy, wheelchair-racing third-grader Megan (Meredith Droeger) approaches (his equally doomed son Patrick is basically a prop wheeled in occasionally for extra sympathy, and Keri Russell as the Crowley mom is mostly a nonentity), businessman John tracks down the one eccentric research scientist who might be able to help.

You can tell Dr. Robert Stonehill (Harrison Ford) is a renegade ready to take on the medical establishment because he drinks beer and listens to loud '60s rock music in his lab. But the mix of opposites with dedicated nice-guy John helps move things along as they form a partnership — creating a biochemical company designed to make Dr. Stonehill's theoretical treatment a practical reality.

The drama, which was adapted and directed by



Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford in "Extraordinary Measures."

Robert Nelson Jacobs ("The Water Horse") and Tom Vaughan ("What Happens in Vegas"), spends the majority of its time tracking the business travails the partners encounter, first as a struggling nonprofit and then as part of a large pharmaceutical corporation that buys their company. And the effect those travails have on their research and the likelihood of the survival of John's kids. That's an effective strategy and it gives "Extraordinary Measures" more dramatic ballast than you might expect.

It also provides a shade of moral complexity, as in the scene in which John pitches the medicine that could save his children to potential corporate purchasers as "a highly lucrative revenue source" that would leave Pompe sufferers on the hook for expensive meds for the rest of their lives.

Of course, John will be able to afford it. He's in for a piece of the action.

## THE TOOTH FAIRY ★ ★

After the success of "The Race to Witch Mountain" and "The Game Plan," it's probable that we can count on a steady diet of innocuous family comedies featuring the likable Wayne "The Rock" Johnson. So just prepare yourself to see a lot of The Rock as a selfish on the outside, caring on the inside, immature man-mountain just waiting to be reformed by the love of a good kid.

This time, he's a minor league hockey player named Joe Kingman, who's washed out of the NHL and

settled for celebrity as an ultra-violent blocker known as "The Tooth Fairy" for his habit of leaving stray dentition on the ice after each body check.

When he's not brutalizing opposing players, Joe is up in the stands crushing the dreams of his young fans, like one young boy who makes the mistake of telling him he wants to be a big-league player one day, "like you used to be."

Joe's less than encouraging reply and the fact that he later swipes gambling money from under the pillow of a little girl who's just lost a tooth, draws him a citation from the Department of Dissemination of Disbelief. And a two-week sentence to become a tooth fairy himself, handed down by tooth fairy honcho Julie Andrews.

You should pretty much know what to expect from there. First we get Rock in a tutu, the 2n Rock in a skin-tight fairy suit, cranking out the slapstick. "The Tooth Fairy" labors hard for laughs, but despite The Rock's likability, the participation of screenwriters Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandell ("Parenthood," "City Slicker") and a cameo by Billy Crystal, tedium reigns. The comedy isn't nearly as lead-footed as the heartstring-plucking, though, as Joe gradually comes to appreciate single-mom girlfriend Ashley Judd and her two precocious kids.

The moral is predictable and belabored — not to mention debatable — but it's welcome. Because you'll know the end is near.

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# Ron Hawking thinks big for show in small space

Ron Hawking's "One From the Heart" at the Skokie Theater and Music Foundation, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$35 in advance and \$44 at the door. (847) 677-7761 or www.skokie theatre.com.

By JOANNA BRODER  
Contributor



Ron Hawking

Audiences should find the same strong voice and showmanship they have come to expect from Chicago entertainer Ron Hawking, but in his newest, cabaret-style show, they will find something else as well — a sense of intimacy.

Unlike Hawking's previous shows, which would sometimes play to about 1,000 people, in his new production, "One from the Heart," he will entertain audiences as small as 75 people.

Cabaret, which started in Paris in the late 1800s, distinguishes itself from other forms of entertainment generally by the venue, which is usually a club or nightclub.

After you attend a cabaret-style show, you have not only heard good music and songs, "but you feel like you know the entertainer personally," said Mark Burnell, who will accompany Hawking on the piano during some of his shows. (Another pianist will play for the other shows.)

Cabaret is piano and vocals in their "purest sense," Hawking added. "It's magical."

"One From the Heart" will run Jan. 29 and Feb. 28 at the Skokie Theater Music Foundation at 7924 Lincoln Ave. in Skokie, and on Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and 20 at Davenport's Piano Bar & Cabaret at 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood.

Hawking may be accustomed to playing to large audiences (an earlier show, "The Men and Their Music," took place at Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, which holds about 950

people), but according to Hawking, the smaller spaces where he will perform "One from the Heart" will not affect his delivery.

"I'm high energy," Hawking said, "and I don't just come out and sing the song. The minute I hit the stage, no matter how big or small the stage is, for me it's like Carnegie Hall."

One thing that will change in his new show is that Hawking will focus solely on music. His impersonations of Wolfman Jack or Casey Kasem, found in his earlier show, will not be part of it.

"One from the Heart" will provide "an eclectic mix of a lot of different types of music," Hawking said. Expect songs by Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Lenny Welch, to name a few. Hawking draws his inspiration from performers such as Ray Charles, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Mel Torme, he said. All the great performers, including Hawking's role model Sammy Davis Jr., spent at least some segment of their lives performing cabaret, he added.

Burnell thinks "One from

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"The Music Man" will be presented by Christian Youth Theater Chicago Feb. 11-21 at the Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. Performances are

at 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Feb. 11 and 18; 7 p.m. Feb. 12 and 19; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Feb. 13 and 20; and 2 p.m. Feb. 14 and 21. Tickets are \$9-\$12 in advance; \$11-\$14 at the door. Call (847) 516-2298 or visit www.cytchicago.org.

"Nervous Conditions" will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 29 and 2 and 8 p.m. Jan. 30 in Northwestern University's Alvina Krause Studio in Annie May Swift Hall, 1920 Campus Drive, Evanston. Adapted from author Tsitsi Dangaremba's novel of the same name, "Nervous Conditions" is set in Zimbabwe during the Second Chimurenga (Struggle for Independence). Admission is free.

"Number of People," March 6-April 11 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and grappling with the challenges of aging, a Holocaust survivor bears witness to his past in an exploration on the elusive nature of memory. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for previews, March 6-7. Call (773) 753-4472 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

Pegasus Players will present its 24th annual Young Playwrights Festival, a professional production of three one-act plays written by Chicago high school students, at 8 p.m. Jan. 28-29 and 3 p.m. Jan. 31 in the O'Rourke Center at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$15, with student and senior discounts available, and may be purchased by calling (773) 878-9761 or online at www.pegasus-

players.org. Piccolo Theatre, in association with Chicago dell'Arte, will present a brief history of commedia dell'arte for World Commedia Day at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Evanston Arts Depot, located in the Main Street METRA Station, 600 Main St., Evanston. World Commedia Day includes the history and style of commedia dell'arte, featuring many of the "stock characters" such as Pantalone, Pulcinella, Isabella and zanni. Tickets are \$5. For reservations, call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccoloteatre.com.

"Return to Haifa," the world premiere of a work by Evanston-based playwright M.E.H. Lewis, will be presented by Next Theatre Company Feb. 4-March 7 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Performances at 1 p.m. Wednesdays (Feb. 24 and March 3 only); 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$40, with discounts available for groups, those 25 years and younger and full-time students. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

"The Who's Tommy," 8 p.m. Feb. 18-20, 25-27 and March 3-4 and 7; and 2 p.m. Feb. 21, 28 and March 6 in Northwestern University's Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$15; \$12 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tlc.northwestern.edu.

and Feb. 28, 3 p.m.: Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." \$22/\$18/\$8.

Chicago a cappella performs in the Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$35 for preferred seating, \$28 for general admission, \$22 for seniors; and \$12 for students. Call (773) 755-1628 or see www.chicagocappella.org. Feb. 13, 8 p.m.: "Roll, Jordan, Roll: The Spiritual, Old and New." The vocal ensemble will sing both traditional and contemporary works, including arrangements by Moses Hogan, Adolphus Hallstork and Rollo Dilworth.

Chicago Chamber Musicians, (312) 225-5226, www.chicagochambermusic.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$20-\$40; \$10 for students. Feb. 14: "Winds and Strings," featuring Antonin Dvorak's Bagatelles, Franz Krommer's Partita in B-flat Major, and Anton Bruckner's String Quintet in F Major. Chicago Syntagma Musicum will present "A Schubertiade," a concert of German songs and piano works featuring

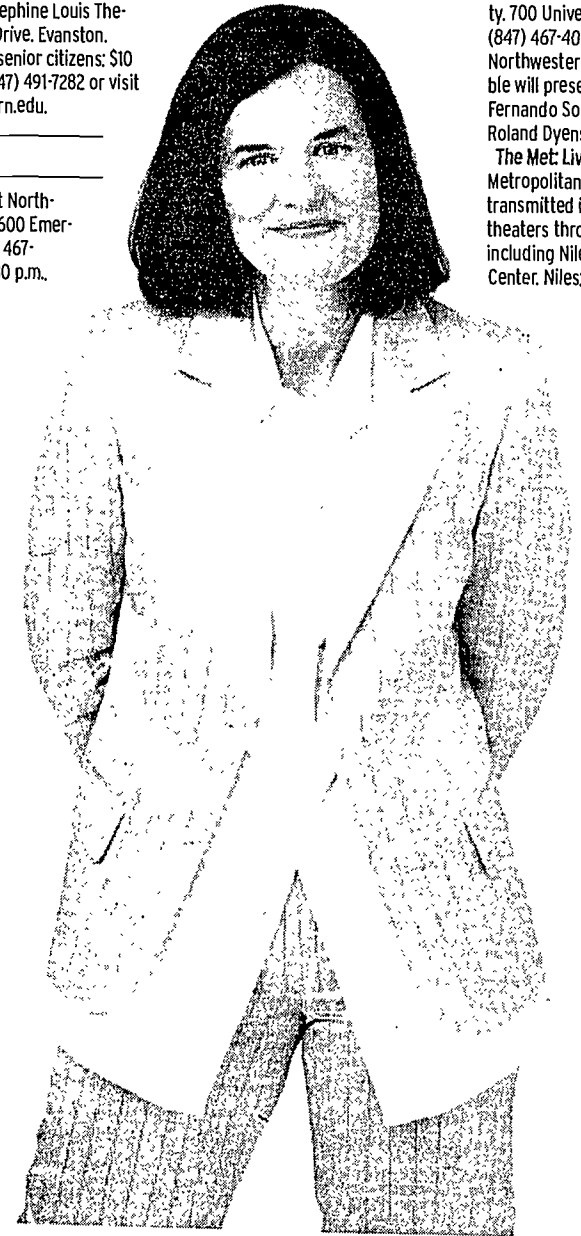
music by Schubert, Dvorak, Brahms and Busoni, performed by Andrew Schultze, bass baritone, and Svetlana Belsky, piano, at 3 p.m. Jan. 31 at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., Evanston, \$20; \$15 students and seniors. Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago, will host "Complaints, Cancellations and Classy Singers," a presentation by Jack Zimmerman, subscriber relations manager for Lyric Opera of Chicago, at 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at the North Shore Retirement Home, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10 members, \$15 guests. Call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 475-5345.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are \$25; \$20 for senior citizens; free for children 12 and younger. Tickets at the door are \$28; \$23 for seniors; \$5 for students. Feb. 7: "Trumpet Spectacular," with Don Cagen, trumpet. The program includes works by Altenburg, Vaughan Williams, Haydn, Dvorak and Janacek.

Lutkin Hall at Northwestern University, 700 University Place, Evanston, (847) 467-4000, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Guitar Ensemble will present music by G.F. Handel, Fernando Sor, Igor Stravinsky and Roland Dyens. \$7/\$5/\$4. 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

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Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, (847) 467-4000, Feb. 7, 3 p.m.: Alice Millar Birthday Concert. Bienen School of Music faculty member Stephen Alltop will conduct the Alice Millar Chapel Choir and soloists as well as the Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra in a program featuring Mozart's Requiem and Symphony No. 41 in C Major ("Jupiter"). Admission is a freewill offering.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, (847) 905-1500, www.musicinst.org, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.: MIC Chicago Duo-Piano Mini-Fest, featuring pianists Yulki and Tomoko Mack in a program of works by Piazzola, Lutoslawski and Gershwin. \$20; \$15 seniors; \$7 students. Feb. 7, 3 p.m.: MIC Chicago Duo-Piano Mini-Fest: Concertos! A Tribute to Steinway of Chicago. The program will include MIC duo-pianists-in-residence, Claire Aebersold and Ralph Nelweem, in a performance of Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos in E flat Major, K. 365. \$20; \$15 seniors; \$7 students.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicochestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861, Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m.: "Opera Potpourri," with soloists Jessye Wright, mezzo-soprano, and James Cornelison, tenor; and narrator Henry Fogel. The program includes selections from "Othello" by Verdi; "Samson and Delilah" by Saint-Saens; "Carmen" by Bizet; and "The Damnation of Faust" by Berlioz.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, (847) 467-4000, www.pickstaiger.org, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Band presents "Pann-American - The Music of Carter Pann." \$7/\$5/\$4. Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m.: Contemporary Music Ensemble performs Bernard Rands' "Deja"; Jay Alan Yim's "plicity"; and Hans Thomalla's "Stucke Charakter." \$7/\$5/\$4. Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra performs Haydn's Symphony No. 104 in D Major ("London") and Sibelius' Symphony No. 3 in C Major. \$7/\$5/\$4. Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble performs Ralph Vaughan Williams' Perchoro alla Marcia from Symphony No. 8 in D Minor, and works by Steven Stucky, William Bolcom and Olivier Messiaen. \$7/\$5/\$4.

Rembrandt Chamber Players present the 15th annual High School Chamber Music Competition at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 31 at Northeastern Illinois University's Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, Free. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org. Skokie Concert Choir will present its winter concert at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 at Ezra Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Tickets: \$10; \$4 for children. For in-

formation, visit www.skokiechoir.org. 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, March 14: "A Season of Sweet Sunday Treats: Timeless Classics," under the direction of Francesco Miloto. Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" will be performed, with Yuan-Qing Yu, assistant concertmaster for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, as the featured violinist. The program will also include Brahms's Symphony No. 2. S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, www.evanstonspace.com, (847) 492-8860, Feb. 7, 3 p.m.: The Musical Offering divas Kirsten Hedegaard, Victoria Holland, Tina Pappademos and Sarah Ponder will present a program of operatic gems, including duos, trios and quartets by Gluck, Handel, Mozart, Bizet and others. \$12; \$8 students and senior citizens in advance; \$15/\$10 at the door.

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treast.org, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.: Frank Sinatra Jr. \$80. Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie, (847) 677-3334, www.ethicalhuman.org, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.: "A Prairie State Companion," written and directed by Ken Novak. Includes songs, stories, satire and sketches. Benefit for cancer patient Brian Barne. \$10 includes refreshments. "An Evening of Jazz," featuring the Tom Matla Big Band, will be presented at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Robert L. Johnson Auditorium at Niles West High School, 5701 W. Oakton Ave., Skokie. The concert will include pop and jazz groups from the high school as the opening act. Tickets: \$15; \$8 for students. Proceeds will benefit the music programs at Niles West. E-mail nweveningofjazz@gmail.com or call (847) 626-2990.

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Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, (847) 467-4000, www.pickstaiger.org, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Jazz Orchestra, featuring trombonist Steve Davis, \$7/\$5/\$4. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. Feb. 21, 7 p.m.: Merle Haggard and Kris Kristofferson. Tickets: \$35-\$65, March 25, 7 p.m.: Justin Bieber, \$39.50, \$29.50, April 9-10, 8 p.m.: Celtic Woman (Irish music), \$50, \$75.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Jan. 29, 8 p.m.: The Falconaires Orchestra presents "When Music WAS Music," playing selections from the "Great American Songbook." Jan. 31, 2 p.m.: Ron Hawking: Up Close & Person-

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www.bricktonartcenter.org. Through Feb. 20: "Saying Goodbye, Again," a homage to the Christmas tree ... and its demise. The second annual conceptual show inspired by the idea of getting rid of one's Christmas tree includes works by Sandra Bacon, Courtney Brobst, Pate Conaway, Linda Doyle, Melanie Feerst, Carolyn Golaszewski, Celia Hicklin, Judith Hladik-Voss, Judy Langston, Elizabeth Mandell, Bret Marion, Cheri Naselli, Nikki Nolin, Susan Parmentier and Ed Pino.

Lincoln Terrace Art Studio & Gallery, 5027 Warren St., Skokie. (847) 673-0345. Through February: "Leonid Osse-ny: Nu and Flowers," featuring paintings of flowers and figurative studies.

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator. (847) 674-3806. Through Feb. 26: "Hexagons," two-dimensional sculptural paintings by Lincolnwood resident William F. Whiteside.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Through Jan. 29: "Curt Frankenstein: Dream World and Real World," featuring works by surrealist artist Curt Frankenstein (1922-2009). Feb. 4-March 26: "Corey Postiglione: Retrospective of Paintings 1972-2010." A reception will be held

from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 4.

**AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**STAGE**

Open auditions for the Performing Arts at Oakton production of the staged reading "Beast on the Moon" will be held from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 1-2 at Oakton Community College's Studio One Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. No appointment is necessary. The director is seeking three men of all ages and one woman to play in her 20s. Prepared monologues and cold readings will be heard. "Beast on the Moon" will be staged Feb. 27-28. For information, call (847) 635-1897.

Big Noise Theatre will hold auditions for "All Shook Up!" at 7 p.m. Feb. 8-9 at Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln, Winnetka. Seeking to cast actors ages 16 and up for principal roles and ensemble (dancers and singers). All roles open. No appointment required. No pay. Prepare 32 bars of a song and bring sheet music. Accompanist will be provided. Be prepared to dance. Performances will be April 23-May 16 at the Prairie Lakes Theatre in Des Plaines. For information, visit www.bignoise.org or call (847) 604-0275.

**MUSICIANS**

Skokie Park District-sponsored senior performance troupe seeks a pianist to serve as accompanist. No pay. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons, some Thursdays at the Oakton Community Center, Skokie. Performances and rehearsals held year around, except for January and July. Sight-reading a plus. Call (847) 998-8894.

Northlight Theatre will hold its annual benefit, "Live and Swingin'," the 35th Anniversary Celebration, Feb. 6 at Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago. The evening will feature entertainment by Michael Ingersoll and other cast members of the Chicago production of "Jersey Boys" and swing band The Flat Cats. Gala Booth (four guests) and Table (10 guests) prices range from \$1500-\$10,000, with \$350 individual tickets also available. Contact Jenny Hess at (847) 679-9501, ext. 3312, or jhess@northlight.org.

**SINGERS**

The Northwest Choral Society invites experienced singers to audition for its 44th anniversary concert season. Auditions are held any Tuesday evening, through March 16, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines. The ensemble offers a varied repertoire and strong vocal sections in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. To schedule an audition, call (773) 504-3426 or visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Skokie Festival of Cultures Planning Committee meets at the Oakton Community Center at least one Monday per month leading up to the 20th annual Festival of Cultures on May 22-23. To participate or for information, call Pamela Zeid, (847) 674-1500, ext. 2180.

**BENEFITS**

The Chicago Bar Association's 86th annual holiday revue, "I'm a Lawyer. Get Me Out of Here!," will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The production showcases a singing and dancing cast of more than 60 lawyers, judges and law students who are expected to comically chronicle the exploits of President Obama, Sarah Palin, Bernie Madoff, Hillary Clinton, Rod Blagojevich and others. A reception follows the performance. Tickets

are \$50 and can be reserved by calling (847) 635-1893. Proceeds benefit scholarships and programs funded by the Oakton Educational Foundation.

**BOOKS & POETRY**

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. Feb. 6, 3 p.m.: Appearance by Newbery Medal winning children's writer Rebecca Stead, author of *When You Reach Me*.

**CHILD'S PLAY**

Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. Feb. 2-6: Disney on Ice presents "Celebrations." Performances at 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$60, \$75.



Author Rebecca Stead will discuss and sign her book, *When You Reach Me*, winner of the 2010 Newbery Medal, at 3 p.m. Feb. 6 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Call (847) 676-2230.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Feb. 27, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.: TheatreworksUSA presents "Max & Ruby," \$18.

Evanston Festival Theatre, in association with The Viola Project, will present "Dash for the Crown: Shakespeare's History Plays," an after-school work-

shop on Shakespeare's history plays for girls ages 10-14, from 3:30-6 p.m. March 24-25 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Students will enact dramatic scenes from the Hundred Years War to the War of the Roses, and visit kings from John to Richard III. Fee is \$75 per student. Reduced rates are available: \$45 per student until Feb. 24, \$55 per student until March 10, \$65 per student until March 17. For information, contact Brianna Sloane at brianna@piccolotheatre.com or (847) 424-0089.

Jodi Koplin's Jigglejammer classes, for children ages 6 months to 3 years

**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**Dads and daughters can dance the night away**

By MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

Little girls, ages 3-9, will dress in their party best for the Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley Ave., Park Ridge. "It's a fun date night for daddy and daughter to build some memories and make new friends," said Mary Bart, special events supervisor for the Park Ridge Recreation & Park District.



The Park Ridge Recreation & Park District is hosting a Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance Feb. 12.

The good time begins with each dad and daughter photographed by a professional photographer. The 5" by 7" print "is a keepsake for them," Bart said. It's adorned with the event name and date plus elipart.

The menu includes chicken strips, pizza, a dessert table and a drink table. "We have a DJ that comes out with dancers," Bart reported. "The DJ does all kinds of fun dances with (attendees)." There are also limbo and hula hoop contests.

Bart noted that by the end of the evening a lot of the little girls are dancing together "and dads are chit-chatting with other fathers."

The cost is \$29 per resident couple, \$47 for non-resident couples, \$14 and \$28 per additional person. For details, call (847) 692-5127.

**They've got rhythm**

Hip-hop and tap dance styles will be combined with percussion when Boomshaka performs at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Northwestern University's acclaimed drum, dance and rhythm ensemble uses everything from sticks to poles, buckets, hands and feet to keep the beat. The

family concert will be in the main floor Baxter Room auditorium. For details, call (847) 965-4220.

**Mush!**

Learn what it's like to compete in the 1,150-mile Alaska Iditarod sled-dog race from a woman and an Alaskan husky who have been there during Sled-Dog Race Adventures, 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Karen Land (with Borage) will describe their thrilling years racing in the event. Stop by the Youth Services Dept. or call to reserve tickets. For details, call (847) 663-6622.

**Local Super Bowl**

Forget the National Football League. There will be even more excitement at Skokie Madden Bowl II, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

30, at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Players in 6th grade through adults are invited to register for competition on the Madden '10 for Xbox. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to GameStop. Snacks and prizes will be provided. Everyone can watch the action. For details, call (847) 678-3733.

**Heart-to-heart**

Fun stories, a craft project and a treat they will make together are the fun activities planned for kids ages 3-8 and grandparents at Let's Make a Valentine's Day Treat for Grandma and Grandpa, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Registration is required. For details, call (847) 324-3149.

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Actress Cheryl Lynn Bruce and director Ron O.J. Parson in "The Old Settler."

## 'Old Settler' explores race, family relationships

**'The Old Settler'**  
Feb. 2-March 28 at Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. \$40-\$65. (847) 242-6000 or [www.writerstheatre.org](http://www.writerstheatre.org).

By **ROBERT LOERZEL**  
Contributor

Ron O.J. Parson says he feels a sense of purpose whenever he directs plays about black characters at theaters where the audiences are predominantly white.

"It's more than just one play — it's introducing a whole people to another culture," he says.

Parson is currently directing "The Old Settler," John Henry Redwood's play about two African-American sisters living in Harlem in 1943. Previews begin Feb. 2 at Writers' Theatre in Glencoe, and opening night is Feb. 11.

This certainly isn't the first time that Writers' has featured black actors in prominent roles, but the theater isn't exactly known for producing plays about the experiences of blacks.

Actress Cheryl Lynn Bruce, who plays the older

sister, Elizabeth, says "The Old Settler" reveals the feelings of black women who worked as domestics at a time when America was highly segregated. Much has changed in recent decades, but race is still a touchy subject. That didn't change just because America elected a black president, Bruce says.

"Because of the election, there's been an opportunity that's both frightening and promising to discuss race," she says. "It's such a volatile topic."

Of course, "The Old Settler" is not just about race. At its core, it's about the complicated bond between two sisters. When a handsome young man moves into their apartment, the relationship between the sisters gets even more complicated.

"Every play I do, I try to find the love in it," Parson says. "This is a love story, basically, about two sisters. The term 'Old Settler' means an old maid — a woman, as they say in the play, pushing 40, who's never been married."

Bruce says she's drawing on some of her own experiences as she plays Elizabeth. Like Elizabeth, Bruce is the eldest sibling in her family. "I think birth order has a great deal to do with our outlook," she says.

The younger sister, Quilly (Wandachristine), senses that Elizabeth is falling in love with the roomer, Husband Witherspoon (Kelvin Roston Jr.), before Elizabeth even realizes it.

Bruce can relate to that situation, too, since it's similar to the way she fell in love with her husband. "I was not looking for a boyfriend or even interested," she recalls. "I was staggered when a friend later said, 'Oh, I thought there was going to be something between you.'"

Parson, who's an actor himself, says he enjoys collaborating with actors whenever he directs.

"I don't believe I can tell an actor everything," he says. "We talk about the character. The actors discover a lot of things for themselves."

Comment: [pioneerlocal.com](http://pioneerlocal.com)

## 'Zombieland,' 'Adam' on DVD

By **BRUCE INGRAM**  
Film Critic

### NEW THIS WEEK

**ADAM**  
★ ★ ★ 1/2

A young man (Hugh Dancy) with Asperger's Syndrome falls in love for the first time with a woman (Rose Byrne) who moves into his building after his father dies. There's a lot to admire about "Adam," which has been handled with warmth and intelligence and a refreshing willingness to confound expectations by writer/director Max Mayer. It was a buzz movie at this year's Sundance festival, but it may have commercial difficulty if only because this is a story about two people who have a hard time connecting. And it might be hard for audiences to make that same vital connection. Rated PG-13.

**LOVE HAPPENS**  
★ ★

Aaron Eckhart as a widowed psychologist who's written a best-seller on coping with grief and Jennifer Aniston as a flower shop lady rebounding from the latest in a line of cheating boyfriends, never quite click the way they should in this surprisingly heavy-duty, emotionally messy romance. Eventually, "Love Happens" starts to feel more like it's about processing trauma than love's sweet song. Rated PG-13.

**ZOMBIELAND**  
★ ★ ★ 1/2

A horror comedy that actually is surprisingly funny, for a change, "Zombieland" offers the almost unheard-of bonus of being romantic, touching and kind of sweet as well — as sweet as you can be with blood spurting and entrails flying all over the screen. Woody Harrelson and



Aaron Eckhart and Jennifer Aniston in "Love Happens."

Jesse Eisenberg ("Adventureland") complement each other nicely as a redneck wild man and a neurotic nebbish who team up with a couple of wandering con-artist sisters (Emma Stone and now undeniably cool Abigail Breslin) to find their way home after a virus turns 99 percent of the population into high-speed dead brain munchers. One of the nicest things about "Zombieland" is that these characters eventually wind up seeming to really like each other — and you're likely to wind up thinking you wouldn't mind hanging with them yourselves. Zombies or no zombies. Also, prepare yourself for a surprise cameo that raises the film to another emotional/comical level entirely. If you're lucky, you won't have heard what to expect. If you have, rest assured that it lives up to expectations. Rated R.

**BRIGHT STAR**

The story of one of the most celebrated romances in literary history: between the doomed, 22-year-old John Keats and 18-year-old Fanny Brawne. Writer/director Jane Campion ("The Piano") gives "Bright Star" a somber, brooding, beautifully composed quality to match the young sort of joy to the entirely chaste (but exceedingly passionate) proceedings. "Bright Star" is a tribute to youth, beauty, delirious happiness and the lost art of the love letter. Rated PG for thematic elements, some sensuality, brief language and incidental smoking.

**THE HURT LOCKER**  
★ ★ ★ ★

There's not much of a plot in this episodic story of a bomb-disposal unit in Baghdad, led by a complicated and crazy-brave sergeant (Jeremy Renner in a breakout performance), doing their best to stay alive near the end of a tour of duty. But the tough and tragic "Hurt Locker" deals in the kind of suspense that could give you second-hand post-traumatic stress disorder. Rated R.

**THE BOYS ARE BACK**  
★ ★ ★ 1/2

A newly widowed single dad (Clive Owen, particularly good), with one six-year-old boy from his second marriage and another teenage son, recently re-acquired from his first, learns what it means to become a parent with many misadventures. "The Boys Are Back" was directed by Scott Hicks

### THE INVENTION OF LYING

★ ★ ★

An unemployed screenwriter ("The Office" creator Ricky Gervais) of lecture films becomes the first human being to evolve the ability to lie — and naturally becomes rich and famous. Essentially, "Invention of Lying" boils down to a brilliant sketch-comedy conceit stretched out to feature length and it eventually runs out of dramatic steam, but it's often extremely funny and more thoughtful than you might expect. Rated PG-13.

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Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit [www.rosemonttheatre.com](http://www.rosemonttheatre.com). March 12-14: "Storytime Live." Hosted by Nickelodeon characters Moose and Zee, the show features "The Backyardigans," "Wonder Pets!," "Ni Hao, Kai-lan" and "Dora the Explorer." Tickets: \$15-\$45.

"The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" will be presented by Emerald City Theatre Company at 3 p.m. Feb. 6 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets: \$7 for general admission; \$5 for children under 12; and \$4 for groups of 15 or more.

Call (847) 635-1900.

**COMEDY**

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. [www.centreeast.org](http://www.centreeast.org). Feb. 5, 8 p.m.: Paula Poundstone. \$25-\$45. Feb. 20, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.: The Second City 50th Anniversary Tour. \$25-\$35.

The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. (774) 283-7071. Through March 31, 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays: Natural Gas, the house improv team of The Gift Theatre Company, performs. \$5.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. March 10: Stand-up comedian Chelsea Handler's "Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang Tour." \$49.50, \$59.50, \$75. March 27, 7:30 p.m.: Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White presents his new stand-up show, "Behavioral Problems." Tickets: \$45.75-\$35.75.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokiethatre.com](http://www.skokiethatre.com). Feb. 19, 8 p.m.: The Edge Comedy Club presents "The Ha-Ha-Hotties," an all-female stand-up comedy show. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.

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Dance Chicagoland Chapter #2001, will be held Feb. 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont. Spectator tickets: \$4-\$40. Visit [www.usadancechicago.org](http://www.usadancechicago.org).

Evanston Dance Ensemble presents "Cinematic Dance Inspired by the Movies," March 5-7 at The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. From Hitchcock to "Hairspray," Fosse to "Flashdance," suspense to spaghetti westerns, the movies provide the inspiration for the ensemble's 13th annual production, which includes artistic contributions from guest choreographer Harrison McElowney and projectionist John Boesche. Performances are at 6:30 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$21; \$15 for children under 18, students and senior citizens. Premium seats available for \$25; \$20 for children. For tickets, visit [www.northshorecenter.org](http://www.northshorecenter.org) or call (847) 673-6300 or. For information, visit [www.evanstondanceensemble.org](http://www.evanstondanceensemble.org).

Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie. (847) 626-2122. Jan. 29-30, 7 p.m.: The 2009-2010 Auroris Dance Company will present "Momentum." The show will feature 17 Niles North students performing jazz, tap, modern, hip-hop, ballet, Broadway and contemporary dance. Tickets: \$9 in advance; \$10 at the door. For tickets, contact Deanna Sorlino at [deasor@niles219.org](mailto:deasor@niles219.org).

**GROUPS & LESSONS**

Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance, the national organization representing amateur ballroom dancers. Lesson begins at 7:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:15-11

p.m. Admission: \$8 members; \$10 non-members; \$6 college students with ID. Dance music for all swing, Latin and ballroom dances. Partners not required - singles welcome. Beginning dancers encouraged. For information, call (847) 577-9014 or visit [www.usadancechicago.org](http://www.usadancechicago.org). Feb. 13: "Carnival in Rio" at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park, featuring the samba.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, through May 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per guest. For information, call (847) 698-5501 or (773) 685-8407. Feb. 1, 8 and 15, 7-9 p.m.: Square dancing lessons at Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, downtown Park Ridge. First lesson free. Call (847) 729-5805.

Squares 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. Feb. 7: Music by The Dick Elliot Band.

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. Feb. 8: "Veterans for Freedom."

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. Feb. 27: Rick Allison.

**FILM**

Block Cinema, in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. [www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema](http://www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema). Admission is \$6; \$4 for Block Museum members, senior citizens, and students with ID, or as noted below. All films shown at 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Political Comedies series - Jan. 28: "Bananas." To impress a pretty activist (Louise Lasser), New Yorker Fielding Mellish (Woody Allen) travels to civil war-torn San Marcos, where a resident played by Carlos Montalban faces a growing left-wing insurgency. The Teen Screen series - Jan. 29: "Seventeen." Joel DeMott and Jeff Kreines' expose of a group of teenagers in Muncie, Ind., in the early 1980s. Bloomsbury on Film series - Jan. 30, 2 p.m.: "The War Within: A Portrait of Virginia Woolf." This award-winning documentary provides a compelling glimpse into the complex life and work of one of the central figures of the Bloomsbury group. Admission is free. Feb. 6, 2 p.m.: "Visual Acoustics," a documentary that celebrates the life and career of architectural photographer Julius Shulman. The Reeltime Independent Film and Video Forum presents award-winning independent feature, documentary and short subject films and videos. Each screening is followed by discussions with the audience. All Reeltime screenings are free. Feb. 18, 7 p.m.: "Radical Discipline: The Story of Father Pfleger." A discussion with Evanston filmmaker Bob Hercules will follow the screening.

**SINGLES**

Blazers, Boxers and Boots singles dance party will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria, Mount Prospect. Prizes will be awarded for the best male and female "blazers, boxers and boots" outfit. Open to ages 21 or older. [www.GourmetConnections.com](http://www.GourmetConnections.com).

ComboSingles, comprised of Professional Social Singles and Jewish Social Singles, open to singles 21-plus. All prices include dinner, tax, gratuity and administrative fee, except where noted. RSVP two days before each event. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit [www.combosingles.org](http://www.combosingles.org). Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m.: Bowling at the Brunswick Zone-Deerfield, 10 S. Waukegan Road. Fee is \$20 for league members, \$25 for nonmembers. No advance reservations required. Socializers who prefer not to bowl are welcome to join the group for a \$10 cover charge. Feb. 7, 5 p.m.: Super Bowl party at Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, 393 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. \$35.

Love Bowl Speed Bowling Super Bash, 6 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Brunswick Zone Bowling Center, 7333 Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Men take turns bowling two frames with women, then move on to the next lane until everyone meets. \$20 includes Speed Bowling, social mixer, snacks, raffles and more. Call (847) 604-3518 or visit [www.speed-bowlingchicago.com](http://www.speed-bowlingchicago.com).

Young at Heart Singles Club sponsors ballroom dancing for all ages. Semi-dressy to dressy attire for women; jackets for men. No jeans or gym shoes. All dances are from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for members; \$9 for guests. Call (847) 678-7068. Jan. 29: Dance at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, with music by The Variety Pak. Feb. 5: Dance at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park; music by Ken Jandes.

**ET CETERA**

Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. May 8, 7:30 p.m.: Smucker's Stars on Ice Tour, including Evan Lysacek, Tanith Belbin, Benjamin Agosto, Sasha Cohen, Todd Eldredge and Michael Weiss. Tickets start at \$25.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. [www.celticknotpub.com](http://www.celticknotpub.com). No cover unless noted otherwise. Jan. 31, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with Jennifer Armstrong.

Intergalactic Bead and Jewelry Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Skokie Banquet and Conference Center, Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie. To register for classes or for more information, visit [www.beadshows.com](http://www.beadshows.com).

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. [www.irish-american.org](http://www.irish-american.org). Feb. 14, 5-9 p.m.: Valentine's Day Hooley, featuring dancing, singing, refreshments and live music by Joe Cullen and Kathleen Keane. \$12 includes light food and a cash bar.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokiethatre.com](http://www.skokiethatre.com). Jan. 30, 8 p.m.: "Conversations with Teddy Roosevelt," presented by Joe Wiegand. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Feb. 12, 8 p.m.: Vaudeville presents "Shitck With Us: A Vaudeville Burlesque." \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.

For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit [www.oakton.edu/emertus](http://www.oakton.edu/emertus). The New Yorker (HUM E93-71) focuses on selections from the venerable publication established in 1925. A subscription is required. Six-week course meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, starting Feb. 1. Course fee is \$77.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Teatime treat
  - 6 Thin coin
  - 10 Nav. rank
  - 13 Bother
  - 19 Hook on a hawk
  - 20 Klutz's cry
  - 21 Jean- Godard
  - 22 Fit for farming
  - 23 Start of a definition of a perfectionist
  - 26 Channel
  - 27 Plead
  - 28 Skeleton part
  - 29 Elizabethan instruments
  - 31 Yen
  - 32 Relinquish
  - 33 Occur earlier
  - 35 To (perfectly)
  - 36 Et —, TX
  - 39 Puppeteer Lewis
  - 40 TV's "Street"
  - 42 Part 2 of definition
  - 48 WWII abbr.
  - 51 Palm oil?
  - 52 Aristocratic address
  - 53 Duel tool
  - 54 Metric measure

- 55 Relished a roast
- 56 Dismay
- 57 Chest material
- 59 Sun screen
- 60 Ulrich of Metallica
- 62 Caustic stuff
- 63 Ryan of "Boston Public"
- 64 Broke to smithereens
- 66 Thornfield governess
- 68 Part 3 of definition
- 69 Black
- 70 Sullivan's heroine
- 73 — even keel
- 74 Heel
- 76 Impresses immensely
- 79 Confess
- 80 Helicopter part
- 82 Party present
- 84 Picnic pest
- 85 Authentic
- 86 Anapest, for one
- 87 Spanish title abbr.
- 88 Broadway letters
- 89 Prohibit
- 90 Part 4 of definition
- 94 Borscht ingredient

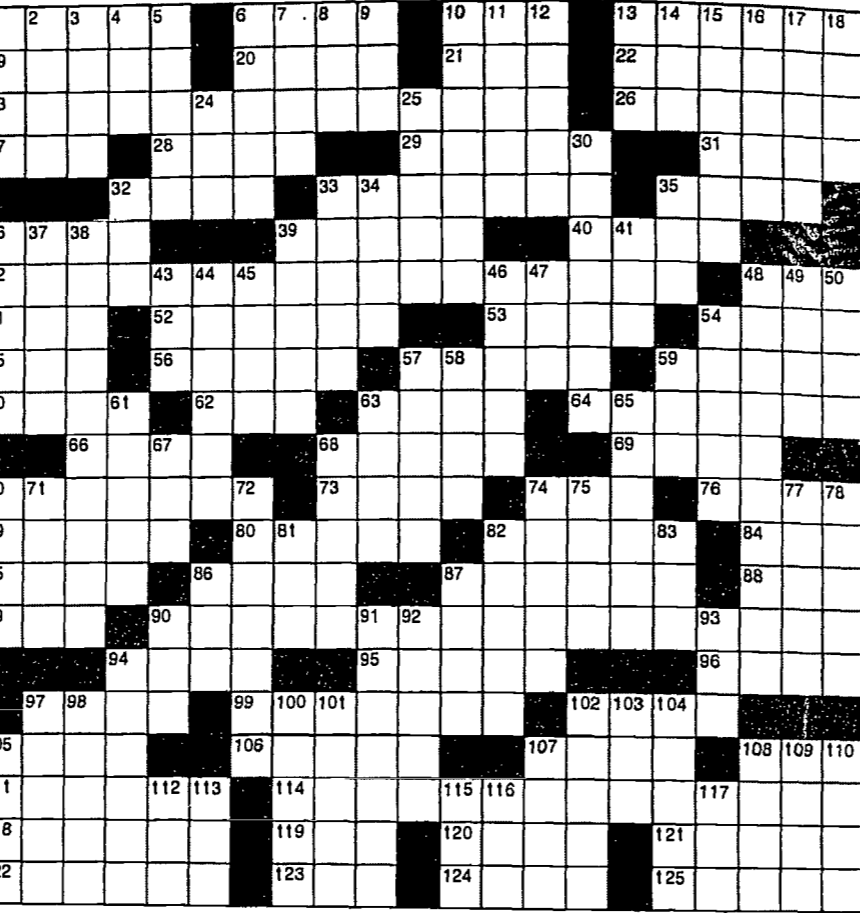
- 95 Diva Leontyne
- 96 Petty or Chandler
- 97 Stallion's sweetie
- 99 Mideastern kingdom
- 102 "The Ramayana," e.g.
- 105 — song (cheaply)
- 106 Casual cloth
- 107 School founded in 1440
- 108 Absorb, with "up"
- 111 "The Barber of Seville"
- 114 End of definition
- 118 Carved a canyon
- 119 Sue — Langdon
- 120 — Linda, CA
- 121 Avid
- 122 Became rigid
- 123 Guitarist Paul
- 124 "River" (61 hit)
- 125 Be grateful

- DOWN**
- 1 Use a dirk
  - 2 Drac's wrap
  - 3 Couturier Cassini

## MUSIC STAND

- 4 Negative correlative
- 5 Follow
- 6 Metaphysical poet
- 7 Nebraska neighbor
- 8 Speedometer abbr.
- 9 "— Beso" ('62 hit)
- 10 Pianist Arrau
- 11 — del Este
- 12 Mid-size band
- 13 Contains 14 — deco
- 15 One in a million
- 16 Diminish
- 17 Pizza serving
- 18 Son of Adam
- 24 Time-honored
- 25 Office worker
- 30 "Georgy Girl" group
- 32 Pigeon English?
- 33 Med. professional
- 34 Unwelcome visit?
- 35 Donkey
- 36 Pansy part
- 37 "West Side Story" role

- 38 "The New Yorker" humorist
- 39 Where to find a plover
- 41 Positive vote
- 43 Singer Sumac
- 44 Steering device
- 45 Potter's need
- 46 Ancient Sanskrit
- 47 Mineral spring
- 48 Indecisive
- 49 Burn remedy
- 50 Firewood measure
- 54 One of the Aleutians
- 57 Chavez or Romero
- 58 "— go brag!"
- 59 Rocker Morrison
- 61 Astrologer Leek
- 63 Mrs. Jupiter
- 65 Skater (to Postal abbr.)
- 67 Postal abbr.
- 68 Club creed
- 70 Apparel
- 71 Concept
- 72 Pulled a sulky
- 74 Hiawatha's transport
- 75 Declare
- 77 Join up



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Answers: Inside today's classified section

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of Feb. 1 - Feb. 7

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
Your natural Arian leadership qualities make you the person others will follow in tackling that important project. But don't get so involved in the work that you neglect your personal life.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
Aspects favor sorting through your possessions, both at work and at home, to start giving away what you don't use, don't need or don't like. Relax later with someone special.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
The issues are not quite as clear as they should be. That's why you need to avoid getting involved in disputes between colleagues at work or between relatives or personal friends.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
You'll get lots of support from others if you own up to your mistake quickly and include a full and honest explanation. Learn from this experience so that you don't repeat it.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)**  
There might be some early confu-

sion over a major move, whether it's at work or at home. But once you get a full breakdown of what it entails, it should be easier to deal with. Good luck.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)**  
Creating order out of chaos, even in the most untidy spaces, should be no problem for organized Virgos. So go ahead and do it, and then accept praise from impressed colleagues.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)**  
Whether it's for business purposes or just for leisure, a trip might be just what you need right now. You would benefit both from a change of scenery and from meeting new people.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)**  
While things generally go well this week, a romantic situation seems to have stalled. But you can restart it if you want to. Then again, maybe this is a chance to reassess the situation.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)**  
A meeting that was promised quite a while back

could finally happen. So be sure you're prepared with everything you'll need to make your case sound convincing and doable.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)**  
A workplace blunder could create a problem down the line unless you deal with it right now to see how and why it happened. Don't be surprised at what you might learn.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)**  
This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as you decide what to keep, what to discard and what to change.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**  
Letting yourself be bathed in the outpouring of love and support from those who care for you will help you get through a difficult period sooner rather than later. Good luck.

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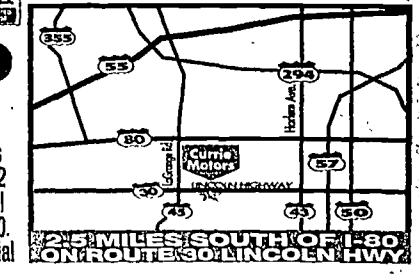
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# Audi S5 joins the pony car herd

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Two doors. Check.

Now add the good stuff that makes the argument: a 354-horsepower V-8 that displaces 4.2-liters (256 cubic inches for you old-schoolers who are now wondering how this engine compared to your old Mustang with a 289-cid V-8).

Pony cars have to have a V-8 engine sitting under the hood and driving the rear wheels. The Audi S5 Coupe does. Regarding the Audi's engine, instead of inhaling through a four-barrel carburetor, the high-tech Audi uses direct fuel injection, a step up from port fuel injection featured on most modern engines. The DI system places the injector inside the combustion chamber and results in even more horsepower per cubic liter and greater overall fuel economy.

With a velvety smooth and precise-shifting six-speed manual gearbox, the S5 V-8 gets 22 mpg on the highway, 14 mpg in the city. While these numbers are not terrible, they are not great. The 2011 Ford Mustang GT and 2010 Chevrolet Camaro, both with more than

400 horsepower, get 25 mph highway — but fuel economy is way overrated when you're talking about true pony cars.

Some folks are already crying foul because the S5 features Audi's fabled quattro all-wheel-drive system, so the engine's significant power actually gets routed to all four wheels, not just the rears. The fact that the S5's AWD heavily biases the power aft might make you feel better. It makes a huge difference in how the car feels on the road, which is dynamic, exciting and responsive to throttle-on steering. Plus, when the weather gets ugly (like it is now), the S5 maintains its composure and the driver's safety.

As you'd expect from a car that ranges in price from \$52,000 to about \$60,000, sophisticated electronic stability aids are standard. But that money is better seen and felt in other areas.

From any angle, the S5 looks strikingly powerful and fast. The LED running lamps emphasize the car's aggressive face that features Xenon headlamps as eyes.

Inside, sumptuous detailing includes the stitched leather sport seats and the S-trim-only red lines around the gauge pods. Com-

fort is great and functionality is high. The driver sits low and looks out over a longish hood. Ample room awaits front-seat passengers and their liter-size bottles of fancy water. Room in back is OK for passengers of compact dimensions or grocery bags. The truck is practically spacious, so the S5 can function as an everyday car.

But who cares about the trunk? What matters is how you feel when you drive.

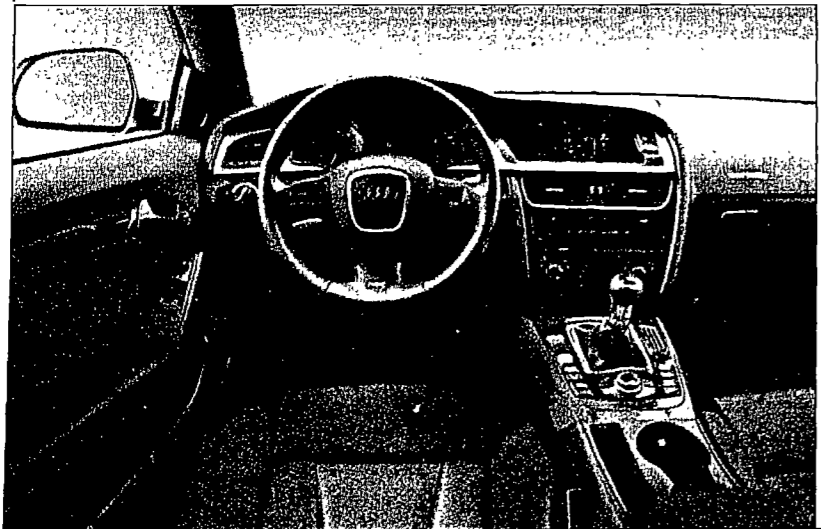
And does it ever drive. If you have trouble with speed, the S5 is not the car for you. Zero to 60 mph comes up in under five ticks of the second hand if you shift the gears yourself. (The V-8 with the S-Tronic automatic is slightly slower, but much less involving for the driver.) Brutally smooth and nearly drama free, the acceleration keeps rocketing the car forward up to an electronically limited speed of 155 mph. We didn't go that fast to test whether the electronic nanny was awake, but we can attest to the fact that the S5 will go fast enough to land you in jail if you're not careful.

The S5's feeling at highway speeds is eerily deceptive because the ride is so smooth, the steering so direct and the cabin so quiet. Velocities around the century mark feel like half that speed.

While many earnest performance cars offer similar levels of quantitative performance, it's the qualitative aspects of the S5 that make this otherwise capable vehicle something truly special. Take the rumble of the V-8 — it's magic. It's so good that when you pull in the driveway, you turn the radio off before you shut down the engine just so you can listen to the idle. This may be a high-tech German V-8 with double-overhead cams, but the sound is pure American.

If you like the way an old Mustang GT or Camaro Z-28 sounds but are now too old and/or successful to see yourself driving the modern incarnation of those models, the 2010 Audi S5 V-8 might be your car.

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# Forty-Eight ready to ride radical roads

MILWAUKEE — The new Harley-Davidson Forty-Eight motorcycle is a factory custom in the legendary tradition of the hot-rod Sportster line with the raw, elemental appeal of the Dark Custom bikes.

Riding low with a slammed suspension and featuring the classic 2.1-gallon "peanut" fuel tank, the Forty-Eight backs up its bulldog appearance with the performance of its blacked out and polished rubber-mounted Evolution 1200cc V-twin engine. The low solo seat, under-mounted mirrors, side-mounted license plate, clean rear fender and tall and fat front tire emphasize the Forty Eight's focus on chiseled customization. It starts at \$10,499.

With its classic bulldog shoulders stance, the Forty-Eight strikes a distinctive look and low profile that could only come from Harley-Davidson," said Ray Drea, Harley-Davidson senior director of styling. "The Forty-Eight model has a collective past life experience and broken-in look that is raw and authentic."

Harley-Davidson Sportster models like the Forty-Eight have retained an aura of rebellion since their introduction in 1957, when the custom culture was being formed by hot-rod gear heads. Sportster motorcycles became an iron canvas for many legendary choppers of that hot-rod era and beyond.

The Forty-Eight model showcases more of its black 1200 Evolution V-twin engine with polished accents and other components that have a clean

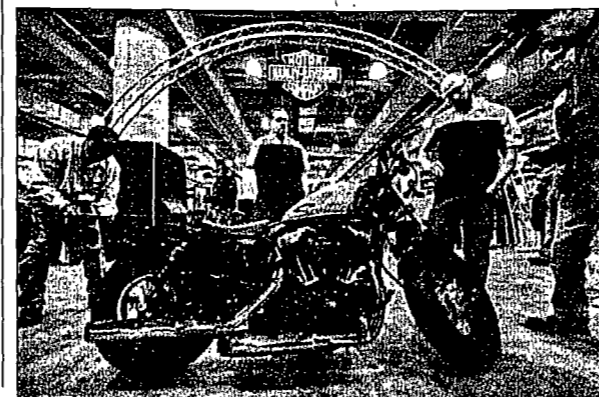
look highlighted by the peanut fuel tank, small solo seat and lightening holes in the backbone mounting bracket. The Forty-Eight offers a smooth ride on new front fork sliders, a tall and fat front tire and slammed rear suspension.

With electronic sequential port fuel injection and performance tuning with a broad torque curve, the Forty-Eight delivers a responsive ride with smooth clutch effort. The pipes on the chrome, shorty dual exhaust pound out the distinctive Harley-Davidson American V-twin sound.

The black chopped rear fender with combination stop/turn/taillights and a side-mounted license plate help show off the 150mm rear tire and 16-inch Black Steel Laced wheels. The front tire also rides on a wide black wheel.

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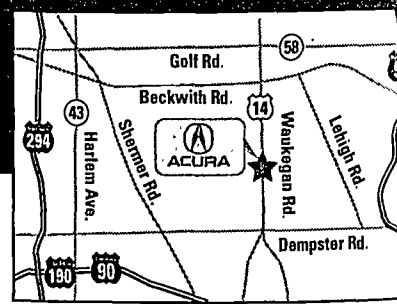
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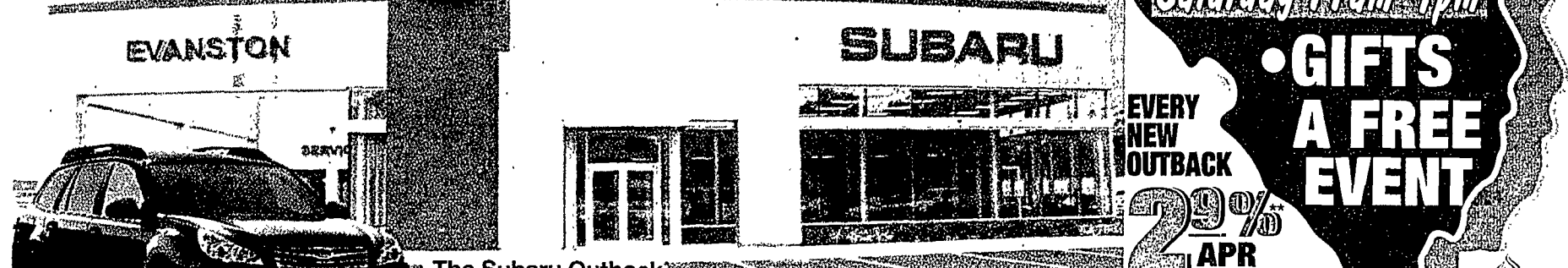
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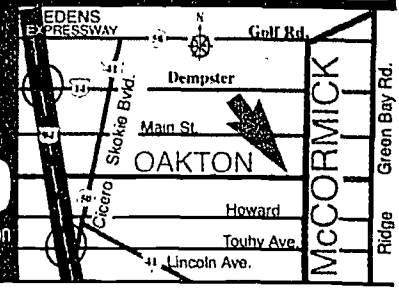
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## LEXINGTON HOMES

# Lexington Square boasts winning designs in city

By Jennifer Burklow  
FOR TODAY'S HOMES

When developer Jeff Benach envisioned the single-family row homes of Lexington Square in Bridgeport, he knew he had a winning design. Picking up four awards for architecture and interior design (two each) during the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago's 2009 Key Awards gala simply proved him right.

Teaming up with renowned Chicago architect Pappageorge Haymes and Houston interior designer Kathy Andrews, Lexington Square picked up Gold Key interior design awards for the Grant and Buckingham floor plans along with Silver Key awards for architectural design.

"I always thought Chicago architecture was sort of unique," said Benach, co-principal of Lexington Homes. "There are some pretty cool designs in old single-family homes that are timeless" and that's what he and his design team strove for at Lexington Square.

"I wanted it to look retro Chicago on the outside but as modern as possible on the inside," he added.

The builder group's Key Awards have been an annual event for 37 years, said Rita Unzner, director of the association. Committees of local building professionals — architects, designers and contractors — judge the entries and determine the winners.

"It is one of the prize possessions of the builders



Different designs, brick colors and elevations give each home at Lexington Square in Bridgeport a distinct look. The development recently received two Gold Key and two Silver Key awards from the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago for interior design and architecture.

to get these awards." Unzner said. "This is sort of like the cream of the crop in the industry when you receive these awards. ... It's peers judging peers ... it's a pretty big thing for our members."

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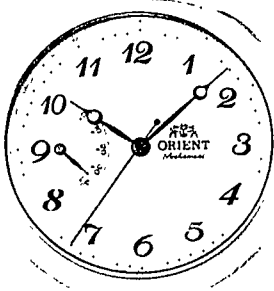


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Realtor Dan Cook in the Gold Coast neighborhood in Elgin. KAREN NAESS/FOR TODAY'S HOMES

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Elgin's Gold Coast a historic attraction

By Jeanie Mayer FOR TODAY'S HOMES

This week's featured community is part of Elgin's historic district. Commonly referred to as the Spring/Douglas Historic District, many in the business of real estate consider it to be the "Gold Coast" of the city.

The neighborhood is roughly comprised of about 12 blocks and, like many of Elgin's landmark areas, was developed during the city's heyday at the turn of the 19th Century. According to historic records, the earliest of the dwellings in this neighborhood date to the period just before the Civil War. The majority were constructed from 1880 to 1890.

The neighborhood is largely comprised of Colonial-Revival and Prairie-style homes, as well as large two-story frame homes that were constructed by the foremen and managers of the then-booming Elgin National Watch Company.

Don and Cindi Cook of the Cook Group at Prudential Starck Realtors say there are currently seven homes available in the neighborhood ranging in price from \$275,000 to \$420,000. The homes come in a variety of sizes and styles and range from seven to four-bedroom, no two are alike in this unique neighborhood.

The neighborhood is a charmer, with well-maintained lots, manicured gardens and wonderful period architecture that harkens to the boom years of the city, while offering all the modern conveniences buyers have come to expect.

For more information about the homes available in the Gold Coast, or about real estate in general, contact the Cook Group with Prudential Starck at 847-707-8777.

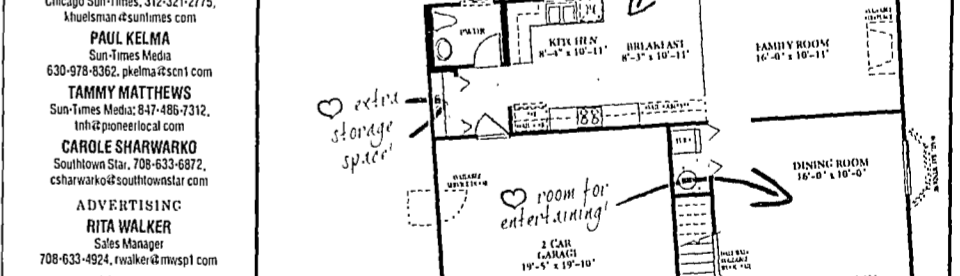
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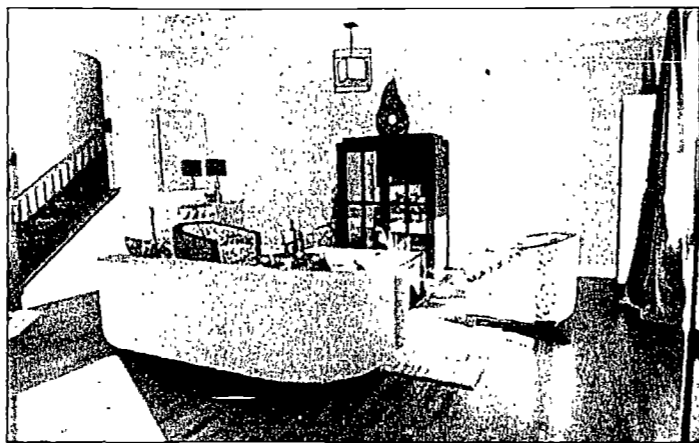
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Northbrook's Meadow Ridge is a gated community featuring 164 all-brick exterior town houses and duplexes.



All residences at Meadow Ridge feature 9-foot first-floor ceilings and oak plank flooring.

# Town center enclave

## Meadow Ridge takes advantage of Northbrook amenities

Meadow Ridge, a gated 164-unit community of attached single-family townhouses and duplexes, is sequestered on 40 quiet acres at Waukegan and Founders roads in Northbrook, yet the development is a true town center enclave only minutes from Metra and expressway transportation links.

Lured by quiet waterways, lavish landscaping and a leisurely, maintenance-free lifestyle, buyers are moving to Meadow Ridge development, according to KZF Development, the developer. "One of the best attractions of Meadow Ridge is its location in the heart of the North Shore," said Suzann Friedman, president of KZF Development. "The Northbrook Metra rail station at 1401 Sherman Rd. is within 1.6 miles of our community. It is about a 35-minute drive to Chicago's Loop by automobile via Edens Expy. (Interstate 94). Interstate 294 also is nearby."

According to a recent study of home sales activity by the RE/MAX Northern Illinois real estate network, Chicago sub-

urbs served by Metra commuter trains lead their resale volume much better than other areas of seven-county suburban market. The RE/MAX study concluded that the spike in gasoline prices that occurred in 2008 may have increased buyers' interest in being close to commuter train service, which could have helped home values in the Metra communities.

"Meadow Ridge is a private community targeted to family moving from large single-family homes on the North Shore," Friedman said. "Meadow Ridge's unique features include the lavish landscaping with active waterways, rocky outcroppings and two man-made lakes.

Sixty luxury townhouses are closest and occupied at Meadow Ridge and another 40 units are sold and under construction. Base prices range from \$495,000 to \$895,000.

"The demand for homes at Meadow Ridge is a result of the development's water-oriented design, the maintenance-free lifestyle and property's premiere town-center enclave location in east Northbrook," Friedman said.

Public schools that are among the top in the nation, the North Shore's low crime rate and the site's proximity to transporta-

tion, shopping and employment concentrations all make Meadow Ridge a desirable location, she added.

Northbrook's educational options include Glenbrook North High School, Glenbrook South High School, Countryside Montessori Private Elementary and Willowbrook and Maple elementary and middle schools.

Meadow Ridge also is a short drive from the nine-hole Willow Hill Golf Course and the Willow Festival Shopping Center at Waukegan and Willow roads. Just across the street from the development are the Techy Post Office and the Techy Towers.

Other recreational amenities include a 1.2-mile running/biking path around the community, which connects to trails running throughout Northbrook and the North Shore and the nearby Five Seasons Tennis and Country Club.

In addition to the Willow Festival mall, Northbrook is home to Jewel/Oscen, Northbrook Court, Plaza de Prado, Donnick's, Best Buy, Neiman Marcus, Macy's and Bonter Books.

Friedman said every model type is still available at Meadow Ridge, but good locations are going fast.

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Attractive waterways, rocky outcroppings and two man-made lakes make Meadow Ridge an attractive place to live.

"People buy at Meadow Ridge because they want the lifestyle," Friedman said. "Even in today's slower housing market, that doesn't change. It might take them longer to sell their existing home, but they still intend to make Meadow Ridge their home."

Meadow Ridge has averaged five home closings a month since October 2008, said Friedman, who noted that several buildings are under construction and more closings are scheduled in 2010.

More than 60 percent of the homes feature a first-floor master suite and every residence includes a large unfinished basement.

The residences are being built in two-unit duplex and four-unit townhouse buildings in the

upscale community, which features a guard house and private streets.

The two-story duplexes have three bedrooms, 2½ baths and 2,334 to 3,133 square feet of living space. The duplexes feature a private entry, soaring ceilings and a two-car attached garage.

The two-story townhouses are available with two or three bedrooms, including a first-floor master suite, 2½ baths and 2,236 to 2,617 square feet of living space. Townhouses also feature a two-story living room, 9-foot-high first-floor ceilings and an attached two-car garage.

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"We have some fantastic

inventory homes," she said. "If you're looking to buy at Meadow Ridge, now is the time to do it."

All of the homes come with high-end standard kitchen finishes, including granite counter tops, 42-inch maple or oak cabinetry, a stainless-steel General Electric appliance package and a choice of ceramic floor tile or oak plank flooring. Each unit includes an interior sprinkler system for fire protection.

Other standard features include a first-floor laundry room with washer/dryer hookups, the master bath has a 5-foot soaker tub, separate shower with glass floor, double vanity and a choice of ceramic tile or oak plank flooring.

The residences also come with fully softened yards with irrigation systems, landscaping, drywall finished garages, concrete sidewalks, asphalt driveway and heat and air-conditioning systems and prewired security systems lines.

The Meadow Ridge sales center at Waukegan and Founders roads in Northbrook is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday or by appointment. For more information, call 847-559-9800 or visit [www.MeadowRidgeNorthbrook.com](http://www.MeadowRidgeNorthbrook.com).



Lexington Square homeowners enjoy spectacular views of the city skyline from their rooftop decks.

## Lexington

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"It's always gratifying when your peers look at everything that's out there and like yours the best," Benach said. At Lexington Square, Benach's team used different designs, brick colors and elevations to give each row home a distinct look while also melding with existing Bridgeport architecture.

"At the end of the day these were designed to feel and live like single-family homes but they just happen to be attached," Benach said.

In addition to looking different, each home has a privacy fence and side yard, creating the outdoor living space associated with single-family homes.

Lexington Square offers two floor plans ranging from 2,216 to 2,507 square feet. Base prices from the mid to upper \$300,000s. The three-story homes come standard with three bedrooms, 2½

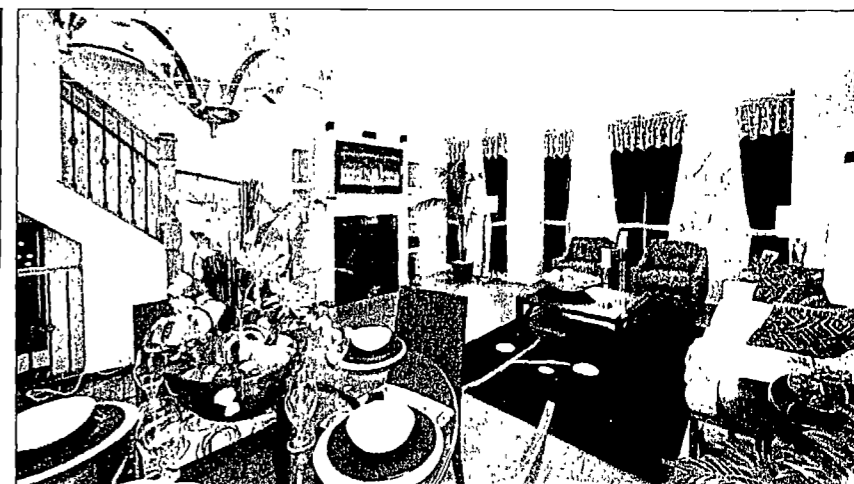
baths, rooftop decks (most with complete views of the Chicago skyline) and attached two-car garages. Additional bedrooms and baths are available.

A highlight of the homes, the rooftop decks can be expanded to cover a home's entire roof, Benach said. He called the view of the city skyline from the development's rooftop decks "unfrequent."

Located at 3704 S. Sangamon, Lexington Square is eight blocks west of U.S. Cellular Field, five minutes from the Dan Ryan Expressway and Interstate 55, and 10 minutes from the Loop, Benach said. Yet it sits in a quiet residential enclave across the street from recently renovated Donovan Park, which Benach called "a jewel."

"The location is great. It's a great little bedroom area. If you're a Sox fan it's even better. If you're a Cubs fan, well, we'll walk lightly around that," he joked.

"We have 39 homes and we've sold 12; they're the best value in the area," Benach said. "We're anticipating having



Large windows in the living rooms — which boast a fireplace and built-in shelving — make the homes light and airy.

it sold out by end of this year." A home featuring the Grant floor plan is available for immediate delivery. The 2,216-square-foot home is located at 956 W. 37th Pl. Unit 3. It offers three bedrooms, 2½ baths and is priced at \$416,600.

The home includes oak flooring and recessed lighting and features a kitchen with a breakfast bar, General Electric's Café series of stainless-steel appliances, granite countertops and 42-inch cabinets. The living room boasts an energy-efficient fireplace flanked by built-

in bookshelves. All Lexington Square homes have brushed-nickel lighting fixtures, oversized private balconies, GE stainless-steel appliances in the kitchen, hardwood flooring throughout the main level and raised-height vanities in the baths (granite or marble countertops).

Benach described the homes' interiors as "spacious, airy; there's a lot of windows and a lot of natural light coming in. I'd say that 75 to 80 percent of the new homes have windows on three sides" due to building code rules for the

rooftop decks. The city requires that residents be able to exit the rooftop via outdoor stairs in an emergency. Building the stairs created courtyards, which means that even though the homes are connected most of them have windows on three sides, he said.

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By Jeanie Mayer  
FOR TODAY'S HOMES

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For those that like to cook, the unit includes a full, step-saving kitchen, with refrigerator, stove, sink with disposal and overhead lighting. For those that don't cook, the monthly assessment includes 20 meals each month, housekeeping services, paid utilities and more.

The Greens offers an exercise room, a library, a den and a sun room for residents

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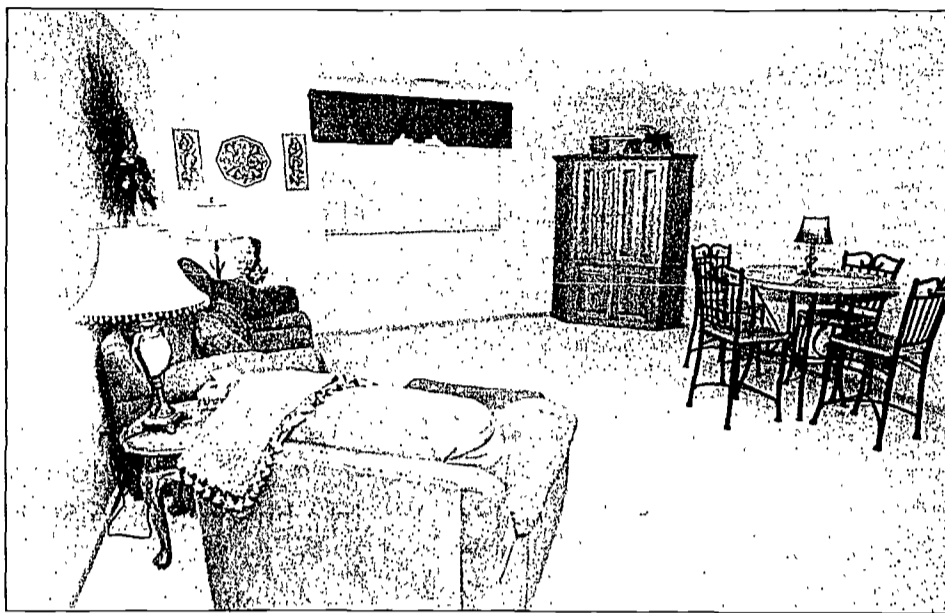
Home address: 801 N. McLean Blvd., Unit 262, Elgin

Approximate size: 4 rooms with 1 bedroom and 1 bath  
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Living room: 16 by 15 feet  
Bedroom: 14 by 12 feet  
Price: \$68,900

to enjoy. Weekly planned activities and outings are available at the resident's choosing. From Tai Chi and Yoga classes to Bridge Club and the Knitting Group, residents can be as involved as they choose at the Greens.

This premium unit is priced at only \$68,900.

For more information about this premium listing, or to arrange a must see private tour, contact realtor Cindi Cook of the Cook Group at Prudential Starck Realtors by calling 847-707-8777.



The cozy living room is just one of the highlights of this home at the Greens of Elgin. KAREN NAESS/FOR TODAY'S HOMES

## Chicago condo prices slip as pace of economic recovery slows

With home and condominium prices starting the year on the edge of a slippery slope, both buyers and sellers are seeking clarity on the future of residential real estate values, experts say.



Don DeBat  
ON THE HOME FRONT

Although the nation's housing market showed broad signs of stabilizing in the second half of 2009, and several economic indicators are pointing up, risks of a relapse remain high. Heavy foreclosure activity forecast in 2010 could potentially depress real estate prices further in the hardest-hit areas, according to a new economic outlook by Freddie Mac.

"At the national level, we expect the housing market to weather the growth in distressed sales without further significant setbacks, though

risks remain," said Frank Nothaft, vice president and chief economist for Freddie Mac. "The pace of recovery in this forecast is well below the growth following most recessions over the past half-century," Nothaft observed.

"For example, following the 1974-1975 recession and the double-dip recessions in the early 1980s, economic growth

surged 7 percent or more for sustained periods, more than twice the pace we expect over the coming year," he said.

"Why does Freddie Mac expect such a subdued recovery? The gloom is caused by the after effects of the financial crisis, according to Nothaft.

"The high rate of mortgage defaults and the growing inventory of loans in foreclosure, weakened bank balance sheets and corresponding reluctance to lend, and depressed household net worth remain a drag on the economy," he said.

In Chicago, the drag is pulling condo pricing downtown sharply lower in early 2010, noted Appraisal Research Ltd., a major condominium appraisal firm.

"Several buildings have undergone substantial re-pricing of their entire unsold inventory

in order to quicken the sellout of the property," said Gail Lissner, vice president of Appraisal Research. "Other buildings have opted for individual loss-leaders, testing the effects of particularly well-priced units on their sales pace."

As a result of re-pricing, Chicago's downtown condo market is becoming "bargainville" for prospective buyers, experts say.

Here are some examples of how prices recently have skidded:

■ At Astoria Tower & Spa, a 248-unit high-rise at State and 9th streets in the South Loop, you can buy a one-bedroom unit for \$159,800, down from \$199,800, reports Weichert Realtors — Frankel & Giles. Penthouse units that were selling for \$699,800 are going for \$549,800, a discount of 27

percent. Call 312-922-0650 or visit [www.astoriatower.net](http://www.astoriatower.net).

■ At Ontario Place, a 467-unit high-rise condominium conversion at 10 East Ontario in River North, prices have been slashed up to \$150,000 on some remaining upgraded one-bedroom units, pushing them down to a range of \$219,000 to \$245,000, reported American Invsc. As if the aggressive pricing wasn't enough, some buyers also are being enticed with a free parking space valued at \$40,000.

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■ At 565 Quincy, a West Loop condominium, prices recently were cut to \$164,000 from \$201,000 for a junior one-bedroom, one-bath unit, and one-bedroom, one-bath residences were reduced to \$219,000 from \$312,900. Two-bedroom,

two-bath layouts now are going for \$331,000, down from \$441,900. Parking, valued at \$35,000, now is included with the one-bedroom and two-bedroom residences, reported Belgravia Group, the developer. Call 312-207-0007 or visit [www.565quincy.com](http://www.565quincy.com).

If only falling home prices could find the basement floor. The federal government is projecting price decreases to continue through 2010. It is likely that the total fall in home prices between 2006 and the end of 2010 could hit 40 percent in some markets, putting prices at their lowest levels in 20 years.

Don DeBat's weekly real estate column is syndicated by DeBat Media Services. For more home-buying information visit his Web site at: [www.dondebat.net](http://www.dondebat.net).

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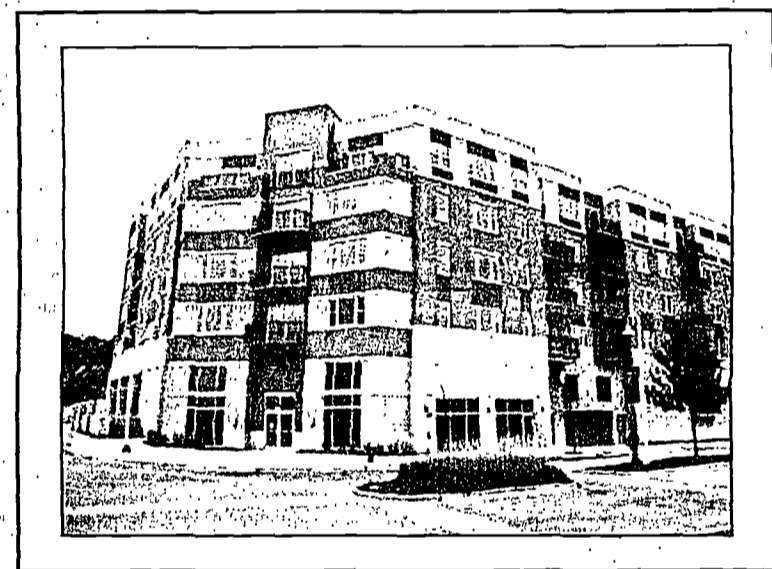
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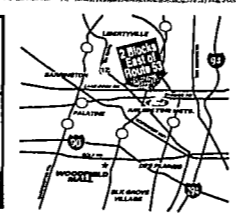
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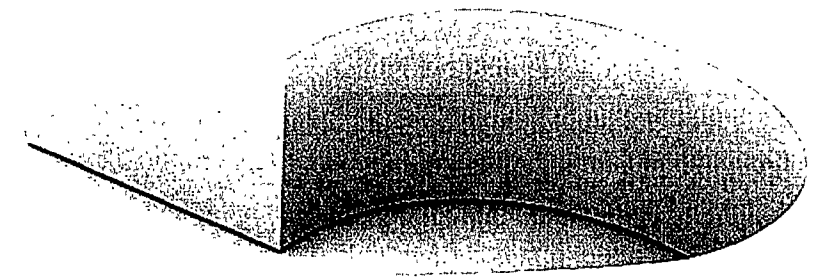
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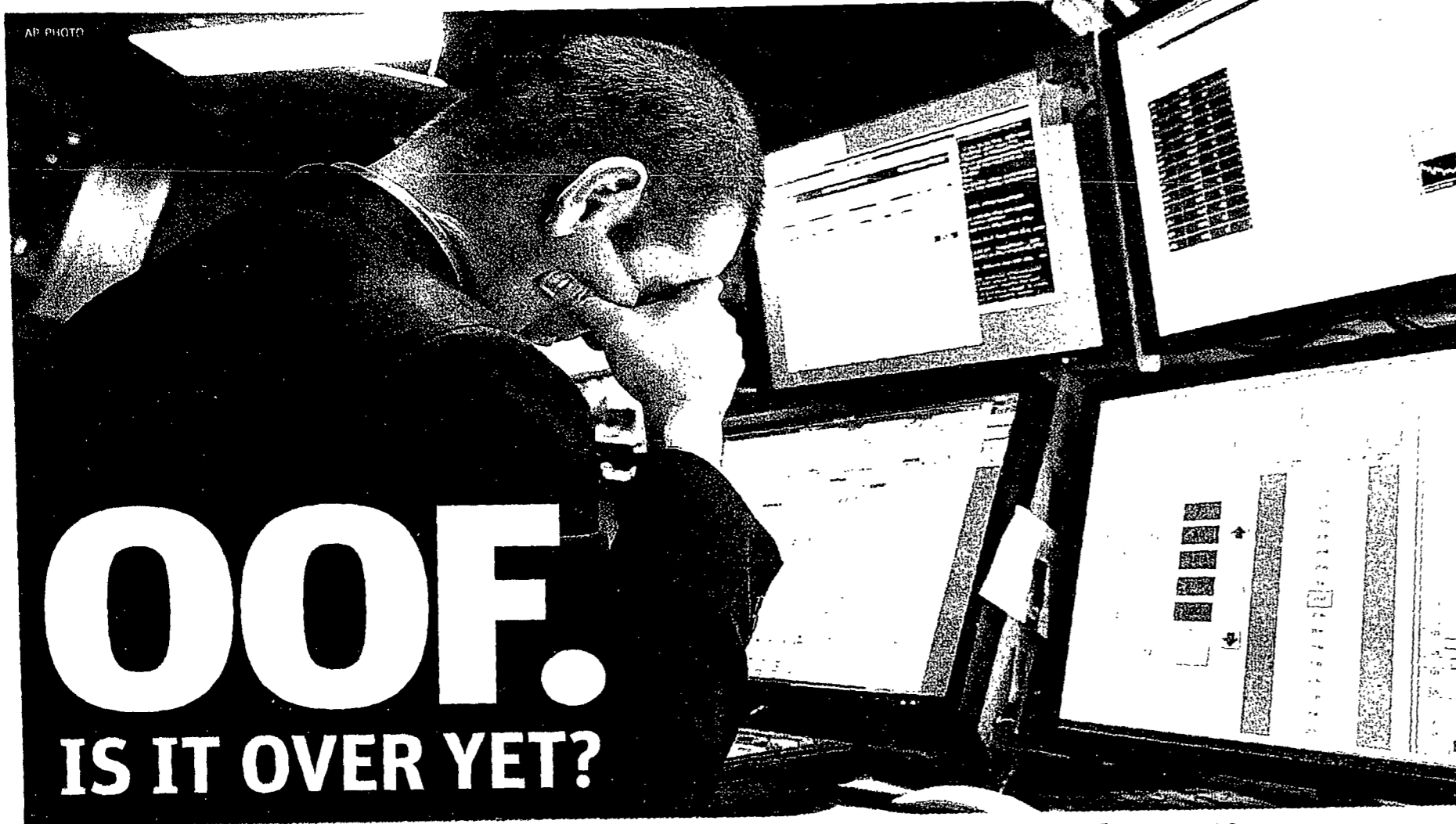
As we embark on a new decade, fresh out of one of the most volatile 10-year economic periods in history, predictions for the future run the gamut from total recovery to utter ruin. But one thing is for certain: where there is opportunity, there is hope.



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# OOF. IS IT OVER YET?

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There's nothing magic about entering a new decade, yet each tends to generate its own label: the "roaring twenties," the "Depression-era thirties," the "swinging sixties." In hindsight we may even refer to the decade just finished as the "naught-aughts," because it is the first decade since the '30s that the stock market failed to gain ground.

Each decade seems to carry its own signature in social trends, as well as economic forces that impact those social trends. In the past 10 years we saw the twin stock market peaks of 2000 and 2008, and two bear markets, and then substantial rebounds. It was a decade in which we learned to understand volatility.

But perhaps the past decade may best be remembered for an even more profound reason. Some call it "The Last Great Decade of American Prosperity." One economist labeled the coming decade "The Pooling of America" — projecting that for the first time we will confront the possibility of declining lifestyles for future generations.

I beg to disagree with this pessimistic outlook. Trends and times

may change, but they always create opportunities in a free-market economy. But it requires perspective to think beyond our current economic problems.

### Perspective and opportunity

I'm reminded of an interview I did in 1981 with the late A.N. Pritzker, founder of the Hyatt and Pritzker family fortunes. The interview took place as our country was in the midst of another deep recession, with double-digit unemployment and interest rates, and general gloom. Asked how the family fortune was created, Mr. Pritzker told me that he started in the 1930s, purchasing distressed properties. When I naively protested, "But that was in the middle of the Depression," he responded swiftly: "My dear, that's when the opportunities arise!"

A look back at history teaches that when one door closes in America, another one always opens. More than 100 years ago, Americans were shocked by the report of the 1890 census. It announced that so many people had moved to the West that effectively there no longer was a "Frontier."

That announcement caused people to become disillusioned about the promise of America. But historian Frederick Jackson Turner delivered his famous "Frontier Theory" speech at the Columbian

Exposition in Chicago in 1893. He said that the unique American character, forged by the experiences of the frontier, would continue to create new opportunities for growth and progress. And we did.

Just think of what would have happened if our grandparents had given up on America during the Depression, had stopped dreaming the American dream and working toward a better future for their children. America is still the one country in the world where people are trying to get into — instead of trying to escape from.

So it's our job to start rebuilding the America we want, instead of despairing about the problems that exist. That's the job of this generation, and it is a burden no greater than the ones carried on the shoulders of pioneers who settled the West, or laborers whose factory jobs brought us out of the Depression.

We in America will become exactly what we decide to be, and have exactly what we want most. It's up to us to decide that we want prosperity based on economic growth that comes from a strong and balanced free enterprise system. We've done it before, and we'll do it again.

And it's also time to start thinking about investing for that better future.

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Terry Savage began writing her weekly personal finance column for the Chicago Sun-Times 21 years ago this month.

Terry, a registered investment adviser, has written five books, including the latest "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire."

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# REASSESS FINANCES FOR 2010

Each decade carries its own financial signature, its own recipe for financial planning and success. Typically, the "smart money" figures it out first — and the novices pile in later, while the experts are unwinding their positions.

It's the very human nature of investing, the inevitable pendulum of fear and greed. In every economic cycle, the initial skepticism of the public is ultimately overwhelmed by the belated realization that there is money to be made. And the money is made when the original investors sell out to the newcomers.

So how do you avoid being mired in the current emotion, and force yourself to be open to the possibility that change will occur, and with it the opportunity for profits? It requires a willingness to take reasonable risk, and the self-discipline to evaluate those risks fairly. That kind of opportunity will come with every financial decision you make this year, and in the years ahead. Here are a few examples:

### Stock market investing

While I have no crystal ball for figuring out the future direction of the market on a daily or monthly basis, I am always willing to make a reasonable bet that the American future will be positive. It's in our DNA to invent, to create, and to build businesses in search of profits. That's what makes our economy grow, and creates both jobs and investment opportunities.

I may not be smart enough to create those businesses, but I want to look at the trends and try to be smart enough to invest with the most promising ones. And I've learned over the years that sometimes the best bets are the most obvious because people are hesitant to put their money where their brains are.

For example, in spite of what happens with health care reform, there will still be huge opportunities to invest in medical development — whether biotech pharmaceuticals, or new devices, or delivery systems. Our population is aging, and the boomer generation will vote with its money and its voice to demand new health resources.

I believe that a health care mutual fund, with a professional manager who knows how to find those opportunities, belongs in every portfolio as a long-term investment. And for those young people seeking a career with more opportunity and job security, health care and related

technology is the place to look.

In another area, we've all become aware that the government is debasing our currency by printing so much money, and taking on so much debt. When the world doesn't want our paper money, what asset will they choose? An investor with foresight will find some alternatives to dollars, but as part of a diversified portfolio. Just because the dollar is disliked doesn't mean that the world won't turn against the Euro with even greater ferocity. What has always been a store of value? Gold.

Energy is another focal point. While business cycles create changes in demand for energy, and prices are volatile, there is no doubt that we will want to heat our houses, drive our cars, travel to distant places. Today's surplus of natural gas could beckon new uses of this raw material as a substitute for oil. But who knows which technology will win out in the long run? It's another argument for a diversified investment portfolio.

### Earning interest, seeking yield

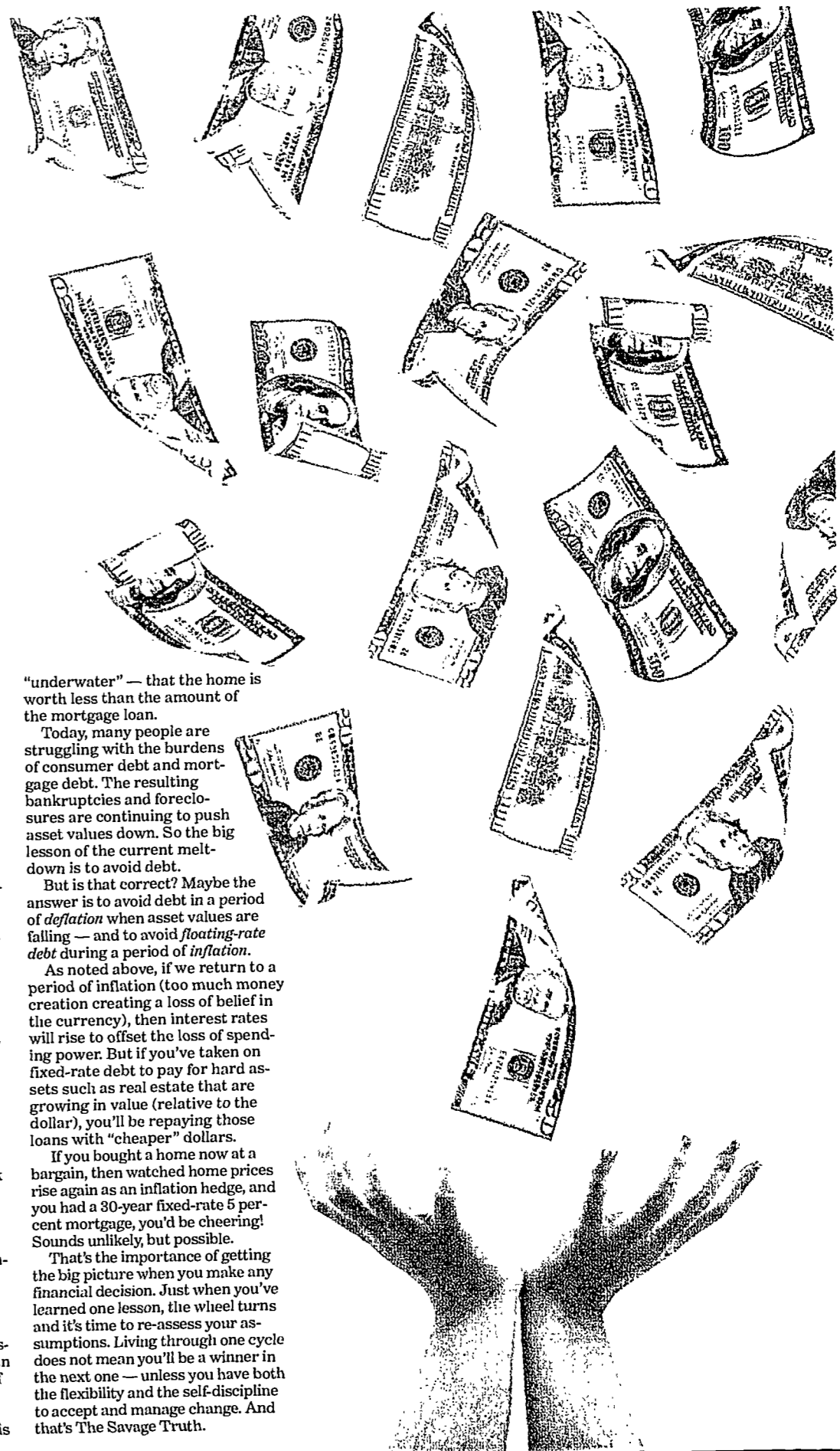
Everyone who was smart enough to store up some cash is annoyed at the low rates of return on safe investments like CDs and Treasury bills. The Fed is keeping interest rates artificially low to try to stimulate economic growth. Meanwhile, even the banks are choosing the riskless Treasuries as a safer alternative than making loans to businesses and individuals.

If that's the case, why should you stretch for a slightly higher yield? Yet that's just what many people are doing now — especially seniors desperate for income to pay their bills. They're investing in lower quality instruments, or locking their money up for longer terms just to get a bit more yield.

But is the risk worth it? If inflation returns and brings higher rates, you'll be sorry if you're stuck with low, fixed-rate bonds for the next 10 years. Staying in short-term, safe money markets yields may be unappealing today — but those rates could jump quickly if inflation returns.

### Your personal balance sheet

This is the trickiest issue of all. We've just had a very punishing lesson about the dangers of debt. In an economic slowdown, the burden of debt increases — especially as the value of assets declines. It's estimated that one in four mortgages is



"underwater" — that the home is worth less than the amount of the mortgage loan.

Today, many people are struggling with the burdens of consumer debt and mortgage debt. The resulting bankruptcies and foreclosures are continuing to push asset values down. So the big lesson of the current meltdown is to avoid debt.

But is that correct? Maybe the answer is to avoid debt in a period of deflation when asset values are falling — and to avoid floating-rate debt during a period of inflation.

As noted above, if we return to a period of inflation (too much money creation creating a loss of belief in the currency), then interest rates will rise to offset the loss of spending power. But if you've taken on fixed-rate debt to pay for hard assets such as real estate that are growing in value (relative to the dollar), you'll be repaying those loans with "cheaper" dollars.

If you bought a home now at a bargain, then watched home prices rise again as an inflation hedge, and you had a 30-year fixed-rate 5 percent mortgage, you'd be cheering! Sounds unlikely, but possible.

That's the importance of getting the big picture when you make any financial decision. Just when you've learned one lesson, the wheel turns and it's time to re-assess your assumptions. Living through one cycle does not mean you'll be a winner in the next one — unless you have both the flexibility and the self-discipline to accept and manage change. And that's The Savage Truth.

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# New Year. New Outlook.

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## Refocusing Your Finances for 2010 is Easier than You Think.

The recent economic cycle has reminded everyone that planning for a secure financial future is more important than ever.

With a new year upon us, why not make a resolution that will benefit you for many years to come? If you haven't already, this is an excellent time to take the necessary steps to ensure a better financial outlook for 2010 and beyond.

Do you want to send your children to college? Are you buying a house? Are you taking care of an elderly parent? When do you plan to retire? No matter your age or current financial situation, it's never too late to start planning.

Knowing where and how to start can be challenging. That's why the financial professionals at Fifth Third Bank are offering a few steps you can take to help make your future better, allowing you to enjoy the life - and lifestyle - you want for you and your family.

### Step One: Get Organized

Preparing for a better financial future requires some organization on your part. This will enable you to take stock of your current financial situation, and begin to give you a sense of your overall financial picture. Fortunately, it's not as difficult as it may seem. Use the questions below to begin organizing yourself financially.

- What is your monthly income?
- How much is your mortgage/rent each month?
- What's the total of your monthly bills?
- What is your current total credit card debt?
- What is your monthly car payment? How long until it's paid off?
- If you have children, are you hoping to send them to college?

### Step Two: Get Advice

While we all have different financial goals we'd like to accomplish, achieving them often requires the same thing: a knowledgeable, trusted advisor who can guide you in the right financial direction.

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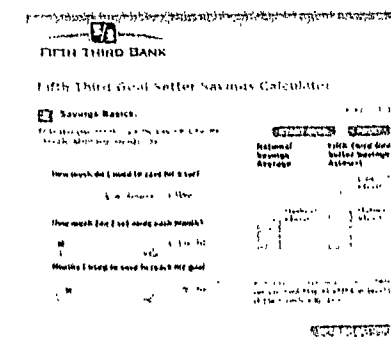
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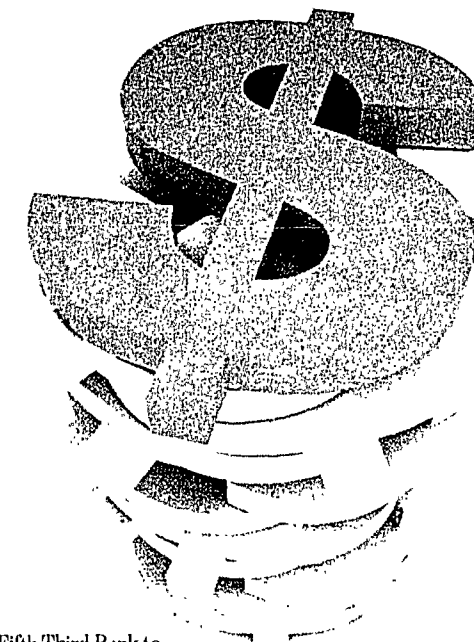


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Process: Erin sat down with Neal Hellner, manager of the North Wacker Financial Center. Neal walked her through a one-on-one financial consultation, and was able to recommend products and services that fit her and her company's unique needs.



Neal Hellner

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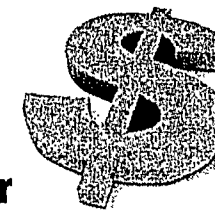
Situation: Ved was looking for unique ways to save money.

Process: Ved sat down with Nidhi Sarda, manager of the Crystal Lake Financial Center. After going through a one-on-one financial consultation, Nidhi was able to recommend how Ved could save money immediately, starting with his safe deposit box located at the branch.



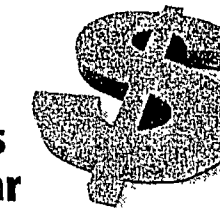
Ved V. and Nidhi Sarda

### The Results: Annual savings of \$4,300 a year



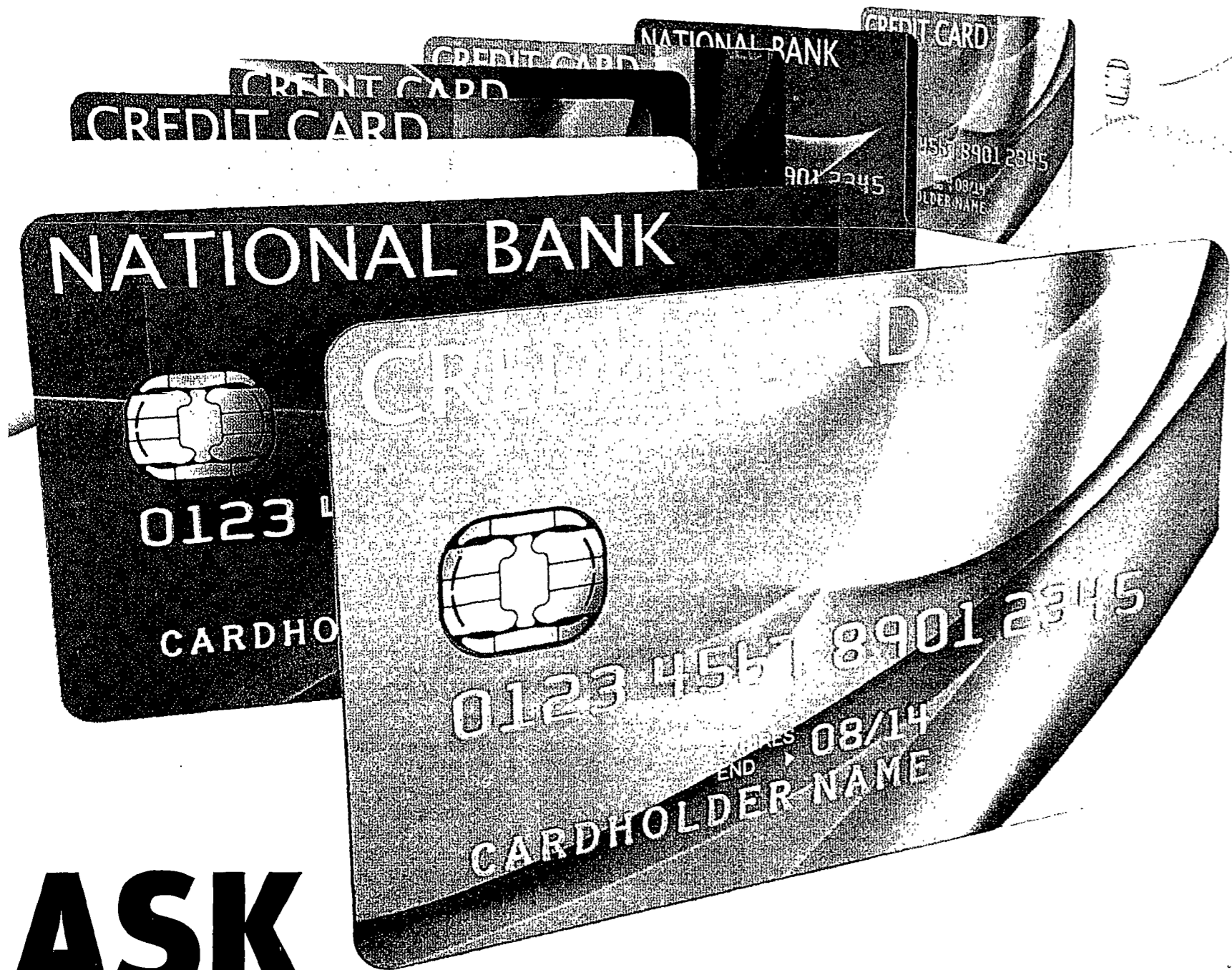
- Received \$20,000 in credit for company to manage expenses
- Cut 10 years off existing mortgage payments
- Reduced loan obligations by \$360/month

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# ASK TERRY

**ADVICE** | A sampling of some of the answers Sun-Times personal finance expert Terry Savage doled out through a tough 2009 about staying afloat and being smart with money

**I**f you have a personal finance question, ask Terry on her blog, [blogs.suntimes.com/savage/](http://blogs.suntimes.com/savage/). Submit it by posting a comment online. Only questions of general interest, please. No stock recommendations will be given.

Here are a few questions recently answered on the blog.

**Q.** My wife and I are 73, and all of our retirement money is in IRAs. We have about 25 percent in various Vanguard stock funds and 75 percent in their Prime Money Market fund. We have been afraid to move money into bond funds because of potential interest rate increases. We realize that we are not making any money in the money market fund, but we are more concerned about not losing money right now. Is our money reasonably safe in the money-

market fund considering all the financial troubles, national debt and the decreasing value of the dollar?

**A.** Yes, your money is more than "reasonably safe" in their money market fund — and I can completely understand your reluctance to expose yourself to more risk. I know all the formulas about needing "growth" or "more income" right now — but those are also highly connected to taking "more risk." So I will not urge you to stray into other areas, except to remind you that "over the long run" stocks give both growth and inflation protection.

At your age, the question is, "Do we have the 'long run'?" And also, if there is a break in the price of gold, natural resources, commodities — a distinct possibility here — then you might want to transfer a small amount into one of Vanguard's nat-

ural resources or gold funds, just as a hedge against possible inflation. Wait until people are saying that gold is a terrible investment — that's the time to buy!

**Q.** I am 22 years old and just graduated from college last May. I have been working since July and have a first-year salary of \$65,000. I currently have \$7,500 in my checking account and would like to keep \$3,500 in there for fixed monthly payments, discretionary spending, etc. That leaves me with \$4,000 to either invest or pay off debt, and I'm trying to figure out what to do with it.

**A.** I have a car loan of \$22,000 with a 2.9 percent APR, and my college loans have an outstanding balance of \$18,000 with a 6.125 percent interest rate.



**Q.** I am currently investing 6 percent of my salary into a Roth 401(k). (My employer matches 50 percent of that up to a maximum of 3 percent.)

**A.** I do not have any money in a savings account or any other form of long or short term savings plan. I think there is a pretty good chance that I will go to law school in about three to five years. How should I use the extra \$4,000 I have now and any extra money that I will earn in the future? Should I use it to pay off my car and student loans, open a savings or money market account, invest in a mutual fund or the stock market, or put it into my 401(k) or other retirement plan?

**A.** Well, first, let's agree that you're in an enviable place — money to invest and accumulate. Not many college grads can say that, so first, congratulations on a good job so far.

If you had credit-card debt, I would say to pay that down. But the low-cost car loan seems manageable.

You always need money for emergencies — maybe more than you think. So I'd put that \$4,000 in a money-market account, earning practically nothing. Try to add to it until you have at least \$10,000.

I also would advise you to put extra money toward your student loans, which have interest rates above 5 percent. That would be a real benefit, getting those off the books before you're ready for law school.

It's a mixed answer, and part of what you should do depends on your cash flow now, whether

you need to build more savings or pay down student loans. That's something you probably have an inner "feel" for. And pay attention to your instincts. You've done well so far!

**Q.** What is the latest information on the estate tax?

**A.** The latest information is that Congress created a mess by not acting before the end of last year!

There is currently no federal estate tax — but there is a strange kind of capital-gains-at-death tax, which I won't bother to explain here, since it will probably never actually be used. The real issue is whether Congress will be able to make the law they do pass retroactive for the first few weeks of the year. Lawyers for some rich person who died before the next version of the law is enacted will surely make a big case out of it!

For now, stand by. Or if your loved one is on life support and has a huge estate, you have a difficult decision to make, since whatever they enact in the next Congress is sure to be more punishing!

**Q.** My dad is 83 and is concerned that he has about \$40,000 sitting in the bank and more in checking. He wants to put it somewhere to gain some interest. I have checked into CDs for him and they are paying not much more than his savings account. He is reluctant to go into mutual funds at this point, with the market so unsteady. Any suggestions?

**A.** This is CHICKEN MONEY — and it belongs in insured deposits in the bank — even though it is not paying much. Remember, the motto: I'm not so concerned about the return on my money as I am about the return of my money. That said, some banks are truly paying almost zero.

With that amount of money, it's not worth moving for a few extra basis points — a disagreement I always had with my mother, who made an art out of finding the best rates. But the real purpose of this money is for his care and expenses — and you don't want to lose a penny. So leave it in insured deposits. You might want to leave half in a money-market fund, and half in a CD with a maturity of no longer than one year.

**If you had credit-card debt, I would say to pay that down. I also would advise you to put extra money toward your student loans.**

# YOU CAN CONVERT TO ROTH IRA NOW. IS IT A GOOD IDEA?

**A**nyone with money in a retirement plan faces a big decision in 2010: To convert or not to convert to a Roth IRA. That is the question!

If you have money in an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA rollover account, or a previous employer's 401(k), you'll have the opportunity to convert it into a Roth IRA — where all the money can be withdrawn tax-free. Starting this year, 2010, there is no income limit to do a conversion.

(Assets in your current employer's plan cannot be rolled or converted to an IRA unless specifically allowed by the plan.)

There's one important catch: You have to pay income taxes now on the amount you convert to the Roth.

So you should have the money available to pay the taxes in an account held outside your retirement plan — or you'll have to pay taxes on the money you withdraw to pay taxes, negating the benefits of the conversion.

**Crunching the numbers**

Almost every financial planning firm or mutual fund company is ready to offer advice, as well as online "calculators" to guide you through the decision-making process. One of the best is at [www.RothRetirement.com](http://www.RothRetirement.com), where you'll find step-by-step conversion information and an easy tax calculator.

The process of conversion is expected to be an easy one. You probably won't have to move to a new IRA custodian or change your investments. Most custodians will simply re-title the account as a Roth — and send you a form with your tax liability.

Before crunching the tax numbers, you need to understand the big issues involved in this decision. Most people would guess that tax rates, even on retirees with lower income, will be higher in the future to pay for our current spending binge. But the real question is whether you think the government will keep its promise of tax-free Roth withdrawals in the future.

Tax laws have been changed before — in the name of "fairness." Just ask seniors with higher incomes how they feel about paying triple the amount in monthly Medicare premiums — even though as high earners they paid more in Medicare payroll taxes over the years.

If you're willing to trade paying

taxes today for future tax-free promises, here are the issues you'll have to consider.

**Roth conversion rules**

When to pay the taxes: If you do the conversion from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA in 2010, you have a choice of recognizing all that income in the same year (2010) — or split equally between the next two tax years (2011 and 2012). Either way, it's going to be a big tax bite.

Remember, your traditional IRA or IRA rollover accounts are filled with pre-tax contributions along with untaxed gains over the years. When you do the conversion, you'll add all that previously untaxed "income" to your current income to determine your tax liability.

If you made both deductible and non-deductible contributions to a retirement plan, the process will be more complicated. You cannot choose to convert only your non-deductible contributions. The tax owed on a conversion of a "mixed" account will be proportional to your pre-tax and after-tax contributions, so I hope you kept good records!

**Where to get the tax money:** Don't plan to use money from the IRA to pay the taxes. If you do, you'll lose the main reason for doing the conversion: The future tax-free growth of ALL that IRA money. And if you're under age 59½ and take IRA money to pay the taxes, you'll face that 10 percent penalty.

That means the conversion is most advantageous if you pay the tax bill with savings you've built up outside your IRA account. But how will you feel about writing that huge check to the IRS now, or in the next two years? What better things might you have done with that money you're sending to the government to pay the conversion tax?

**Where to get the IRA money:** There are still income limits on contributions to an IRA. In 2010, only

those with adjusted gross income of \$120,000 on a single return (\$177,000 on a joint return) can make new contributions to a Roth IRA. But you can contribute to a non-deductible, traditional IRA this year (and in future years), and then do a conversion to a Roth IRA. (This loophole is likely to disappear quickly.)

**Other conversion considerations**

As you sit down to consider the numbers, these nagging worries may make you think twice about doing that Roth conversion. The one group that might benefit most from this conversion opportunity are younger savers. They'll have more time for the money to compound, and overcome the taxes paid now. Then all that money would come out tax-free at retirement.

And for those who have lots of money, there is an additional benefit to converting to a Roth. There are no required minimum withdrawals from a Roth (at age 70½). So, if you don't spend the money in your lifetime, your heirs can allow it to continue to grow tax-free, or withdraw it tax free over their lifetimes — unlike withdrawals by beneficiaries of a traditional IRA, which are taxable.

Plus, by paying taxes on the money now, at today's relatively low rates, you lower the amount of your estate. That might be helpful if the estate tax returns at much higher rates.

**Reversing your decision**

There is a way to second-guess your tax bet. If you convert this year, and then the value of your account falls substantially, you can "recharacterize" the conversion — and do it again next year. That would save you from paying a big tax bill on the Roth conversion, based on the current high value of your account. Next year, if you reconvert to the Roth at lower market values, the tax bill would be lower!

As long as you filed timely income tax returns for the year in which you made the conversion to a Roth IRA, you have until Oct. 15 of the following year to recharacterize your converted IRA.

Yes, this is a complicated decision. That's why it's important to discuss this with your tax adviser well in advance. And if you can't come down on one side or the other, you can always convert a portion of your IRA to a Roth. That way you'll never have complete regrets about your decision. And that's the Savage Truth.

**There's one important catch: You have to pay income taxes now on the amount you convert to the Roth.**

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**Remembrances**

**Alberts, Colette A. (nee Denz)**  
Colette A. Alberts (nee Denz), age 90 of Park Ridge. Passed away January 20, 2010 in St. Alexius Hospital in Hoffman Estates. Beloved wife of the late John W. Loving mother of Mary (the late John) Woitczak, John (Evelyn), Julie (Alfred) Gregory and the late Thomas. Dear grandmother of Doreen (Chris) Roberts, Michael and Daniel (Jennifer) Woitczak, Sara (Ken) Murray, Jeffrey Alberts, Nadine Gumbs, William Rivera, Jeanine Gregory, Allison and Jake Seltzer. Great-grandmother of John, Anna and Alec Roberts and Jocelyn Woitczak. Fond brother of Robert and James (Marlene) Denz. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A funeral mass was held on Saturday, January 23, 2010, at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery. Visitation was held at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home on Friday, January 22, 2010. Donations to St. Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington Street, Park Ridge, IL 60068 are appreciated.  
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**Burval, Hazel C.**  
Hazel C. Burval (nee Carlson), beloved wife of the late Charles and long-time resident of Park Ridge, passed away on January 24, 2010 at the grand age of 92. Her loving daughters, Pat McNamara and JoAnn Kroeger, will deeply miss her as will her devoted sons-in-law, Sean McNamara and Ron Kroeger; her cherished sisters-in-law, Lois P. Carlson and Evelyn H. Burval; grandchildren, Niall and Eric McNamara, Adam and Emily Kroeger; great-granddaughter, Morgan Kroeger; and many caring nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her beloved brother, George E. Carlson, Sr., and sister, Evelyn R. Skau. Hazel has bequeathed her body to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois for medical research. Memorials to Rainbow Hospice. "The day Thou gavest, Lord, has ended."  
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**Erickson, Marthada F.**  
Marthada F. Erickson (Marty), born November 9, 1931, of Morton Grove, IL, residing in Chandler, AZ since 2008, passed away on January 17, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Milton A. Erickson, and survived by her daughters, Mary Ann (Dan) Ricketts, Nancy (Clyde) Church, Kathy (David) Brooks, and Martha Erickson; and her seven grandchildren (all living in AZ). Funeral services were held at St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 1730 W. Guadalupe Rd., Mesa AZ on Monday, January 25, 2010. She was interred with Milton at the National Memorial Cemetery of AZ. Marthada graduated from St. Frances Nursing School in Evanston IL. She was an outstanding citizen and active member of her community. She was co-chairman of the Morton Grove Blood drive from 1962 to 1972; and a member and past president and vice president of the Morton Grove Women's Club. She was also a past president of School district 70 PTA, a Girl Scout leader, a member of the Nurse's Association, The American Legion Auxiliary and a Lady Lion. She volunteered all of her life. Marthada was an exemplary and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will truly be missed by all of the people she touched in her life. In memoriam donations may be made to the Morton Grove Women's Club Needy Families Fund, c/o C. Kopczyk, 8373 Kay St. Niles, IL 60714. Condolences may be sent to 1610 E. Chicago St. Chandler AZ 85225.  
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**Remembrances**



**Flaherty, Alice Elizabeth**  
Alice Elizabeth Flaherty passed away on January 14, 2010 at age 93. She was born on August 19, 1916 to Albert and Etta (Boyd) Anderson of Sparta, Illinois. Alice graduated from the University of Illinois. Early in life, she worked as a high school English and music teacher, American Airlines ticket agent, First Federal Savings & Loan new accounts officer, and ultimately returned to substitute teaching. During her years at the bank, she authored five books and gave speeches on money management. She is remembered most as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a strong Christian with a ministry of encouragement who led Bible Studies and authored two books: Hope of Heaven, Joy of Earth and Fruit from the Vine. She also wrote a weekly newspaper column entitled "Help for Today" for 20 years. She served her Church for over 50 years in many capacities, including directing the Cherub and Presby Boys Choirs, co-leading the "Alpha Teens" youth group with her husband, teaching adult Sunday School classes, planning 23 Spring Banquet spiritual programs and "Summer Daze" musical programs, and serving as one of the first woman Elders. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Mildred Pardun, brother Vernon Anderson, and nephews Mike and USAF Captain Max Anderson. She is survived by her husband, John Flaherty, having celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 22, 2009; daughters Jeanine (Jim) Isham of Indianapolis, IN; and Cathy (Mark) Maxwell of Grand Rapids, MI. Also surviving are grandchildren John, Alex, Jill, and Adam Maxwell, and Carly (Shaun) Siderits; and great-granddaughter Shaely Siderits. A private service for the family took place on January 18, 2010 with burial at Memorial Gardens in Arlington Heights, Illinois. A memorial service to celebrate Alice's life and Homegoing will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 11 a.m. at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, located at 1300 W. Crescent Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois, (847) 823-4135.  
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**Loverme, Carmen**  
Carmen Loverme, age 77 of Park Ridge. Passed away Sunday, January 24, 2010. Beloved husband of Barbara C.; loving father of Michelle (John) Litwin and Steven (Jodi) Loverme; dear "Papa" of Sarah, Zachary, Aidan and Ian; dearest brother of Mary San Filippo, Grace Schifano, Rosina Giordano and Charles (Angie) Loverme. Preceded in death by a sister, Lucy Musty. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Carmen proudly served in the US Air Force from 1952-1956. He was an accomplished musician and teacher at the Litus and Wilkens School of Music. He was a Park Ridge police officer for 23 years, retiring in 1987. During retirement he played the vibraphones, performing at many occasions and continued to teach accordion and piano lessons to his students. He was on the board of directors for the Chicago Accordion Club, volunteered for 14 years with "Meals on Wheels" and "Fish" Organization. A member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, he took pleasure in planting flowers at the church. He also enjoyed vegetable gardening and making bird houses at home. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, 10 a.m., at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon, Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial to Messiah Lutheran Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Ryan-Parke Funeral Home.  
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Lucy Musty. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Carmen proudly served in the US Air Force from 1952-1956. He was an accomplished musician and teacher at the Litus and Wilkens School of Music. He was a Park Ridge police officer for 23 years, retiring in 1987. During retirement he played the vibraphones, performing at many occasions and continued to teach accordion and piano lessons to his students. He was on the board of directors for the Chicago Accordion Club, volunteered for 14 years with "Meals on Wheels" and "Fish" Organization. A member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, he took pleasure in planting flowers at the church. He also enjoyed vegetable gardening and making bird houses at home. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, 10 a.m., at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon, Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial to Messiah Lutheran Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Ryan-Parke Funeral Home.  
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**O'Grady, John J.**  
Age 83, resident of Park Ridge, formerly of Edison Park and Rosemont. Son of the late Evangeline and Hilary O'Grady of Edison Park. John practiced interior design service for residential homes in Chicago, Suburbs and across the USA. Beginning in 1965 in Wilmette, IL, then for many years at Borg Flowers & Gifts prior to opening his own business in Park Ridge known as John O'Grady Interiors. Visitation was held at Cooney Funeral Home on Friday, January 22. Interment Union Ridge Cemetery. For info: (847) 685-1002 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com).  
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**Preissner, Alfred Warren**  
Alfred Warren Preissner, age 78, of Park Ridge, beloved husband of the late Dolores Edna; loving father of Eric (Jo Ann) and Curt (Kathy); cherished grandfather of Max and Katherine; dear brother of Ray (the late Judith) and Ed (Waldtraut); also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Preissner was a 54 year member of United Association Plumbers Local 130, member of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering, Free Mason, U.S. Army Veteran and member of the American Legion. Memorial Visitation was held Friday, January 22 at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, Park Ridge. Memorial Service was Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707. Funeral info (847) 823-1171.  
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**Timmer, William I.**  
William I. Timmer, age 90, of Park Ridge passed away January 18, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Anne; dear father of Dr. William (Dr. Juanita) Timmer and Diane Timmer; cherished grandfather of Katherina, Charles, Michael and Andrew. Visitation was Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Nelson Funeral Home, Park Ridge. Funeral services were Monday, January 25, at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, Park Ridge. Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Memorials to Park Ridge Presbyterian Church appreciated. For info: (847) 823-5122 or [www.nelsonfunerals.com](http://www.nelsonfunerals.com).  
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**Wisniewski, James E.**  
James E. Wisniewski, age 53, formerly of Park Ridge, beloved husband of Linda (nee Jackson); devoted father of Kara, Keith and Kymberly; loving son-in-law of Ma and Pa; fond brother-in-law of Kevin (Corrine); dear brother of Karen (Dan) Davis; dear uncle of Olivia, Adrien, Jill, Jason and Jeff. Memorial visitation was held Saturday, January 23, at Salerno Rosedale Chapels, Roselle, IL. Joseph A. Russo, Funeral Director. Interment private. For info: (630) 889-1700. Please omit flowers.  
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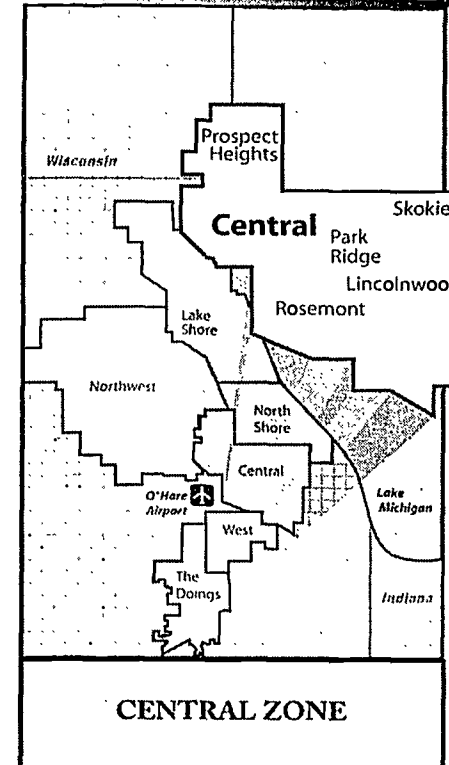
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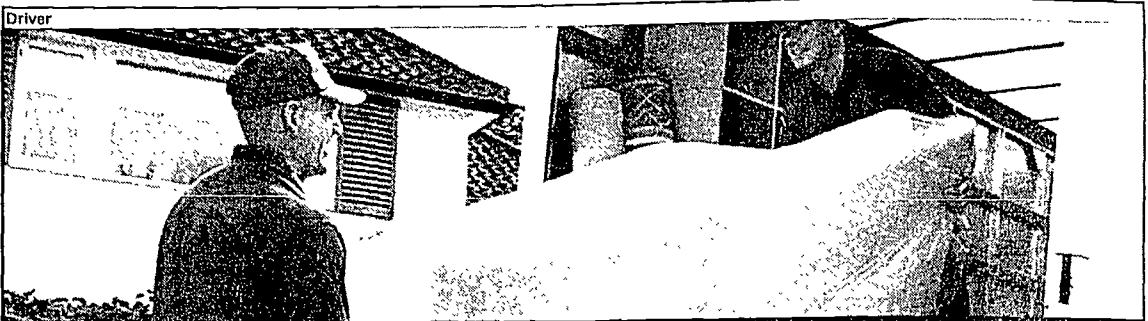
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# Guy grub

## Panini Bar scores points with Super Bowl fans

By **SUSAN KANE-PARKER**  
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Modern day sports fans can borrow from John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich, who "invented" the

sandwich in 1762. They can put together a panini bar for buddies while watching Super Bowl XLIV. Bob Hoover, vice president of sales and marketing for wife Mary Rose's

Barrington-based Cucina Della Rosa Cooking School, has fortuitously scheduled a Man Food and Jokes class for the Thursday before Super Bowl Sunday.

While not necessarily devoted to game-time food, the class will include panini, a grilled Italian sandwich that should easily score points with hungry football fans.

### Panini Bar

8 slices Italian bread or 4 ciabatta rolls or baguette, cut into 4 equal sections

1 oz. any cheese that melts well per sandwich: Fresh mozzarella, goat, Havarti, Fontina, Gorgonzola, etc.

Cured meat: Prosciutto, coppa, sopressata or Bresaola, chicken, or any sliced meat you have on hand, enough to cover 1 slice of bread 2 layers thick

Or: Thinly sliced cooked sausage

Vegetables: Use instead of meat, grilled veggies best - pre-grill thinly sliced eggplant, zucchini, onions or fennel, then layer between meat and cheese

Lightly season with salt and pepper

Fresh tomatoes add flavor and juiciness

Condiments: Light coating of olive tapenade, pesto or sundried tomatoes

Baby arugula, baby spinach or sautéed rapini  
Extra-virgin olive oil

Once you have your ingredients together, heat the grill pan. Toss a few drops of water on the pan occasionally; once the water bounces, the pan is hot enough to begin.

Lay the bread on a flat surface with the outside facing up. Lightly drizzle some olive oil over the slices, which prevents sticking as well as making the bread nice and crunchy. Place bread with the olive oil sides on the grill.

The first layer should be cheese, as the closer it is to the heat source the faster and better it will melt. Then add meat, veggies and greens. Spread the condiment on the inside of the second piece of bread and place on top to finish the sandwich. Lower the top of the grill pan and cook for about 5 minutes, flip and cook until cheese appears to be melted. Serve.



Picture of pure bliss: Bob Hoover of Cucina Della Rosa Cooking School with panini in one hand and a glass of beer in the other. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)



Before grilling, panini bread is coated with olive oil to keep it from sticking and give it a nice, crispy crust. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)



The fixings for a Super Bowl panini bar include: Mushrooms, tomato, onion and eggplant, all pre-grilled, as well as slices of Asiago cheese and tiny balls of mozzarella, shavings of a seasoned, dried beef called Bresaola, an Italian salami known as sopressata, arugula and pesto. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

with olive oil to keep it from sticking to the pan and lend a nice, crispy crust. "Some people say brush it on, some say drizzle it on, but I'm a guy!" Bob exclaimed, drizzling the oil out of the bottle with a flourish.

### No-fuss portability

Finished panini are wrapped in squares of parchment paper for no-fuss, no-muss portability. What real man wants to balance a plate on his knee while watching the game?

For those who don't want to spend \$70 to \$90 on Batali grill pans, an appliance called a panini press, or sandwich press, can be found at stores or online, starting at around \$35. An even less-complicated option is to use an ordinary

skillet or griddle, placing another heavy skillet on top of the sandwich for the squeeze effect.

For an extra treat, the Hoovers like to fry up dried Anaheim peppers as an accompaniment to panini.

Each November, Mary Rose strings up the elongated green chili peppers in a basement office, where it's cool and dry, and by January the peppers have shriveled and turned the color of terra cotta.

Dropped into a saucepan of boiling oil, the peppers puff up instantly.

"Then we salt these bad boys down," Bob said, noting that the platter of airy and crisp peppers represents the triumvirate of man food essentials: Fat, salt and a bit of zing.

And although Mary Rose, who worked previously as a wine and spirits buyer for Costco and Trader Joe's, suggests a "nice, hearty Chianti" to wash down panini, Bob knows what real men need: "Beer!"

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## Digest

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gin June 14 and run through Aug. 12. The 2010-11 school year programs begin Aug. 23. Morning classes or full-day programs are available for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week for 3- and 4-year-olds. Morning classes are from 9-11:30 a.m. and extended care is available between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Extended hours, including lunch, or full-day child care are available to all children.

Messiah's kindergarten class is available five mornings a week from 9-11:30 a.m., with extended enrichment hours available until 1:30 p.m. Full-day child care is offered, as well.

Openings are also available in Messiah "older 4's" class. This program is designed for children who have autumn or early-winter birthdays but are not yet 5 by the kindergarten entrance date. The class is held five days a week, 9-11:30 a.m., with extended hours available.

Messiah's fall Parent-Tot classes beginning Sept. 13, has openings for children ages 18-36 months old. The classes are on 10 consecutive Mondays for one-hour sessions, either 9:10-10:10 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m., and on Thursdays from 9:10-10:10 a.m. Winter and spring sessions are also held.

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center is a Christian preschool/kindergarten at 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge. To receive further information or registration materials or to schedule a school visit, call (847) 825-3767 and ask for Karen or go to [www.messiahchildcare.com](http://www.messiahchildcare.com).

### RESURRECTION

Resurrection College Prep High School's annual dinner auction, Res-Ma-Tazz, will be Feb. 27 at White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant in Niles. Members of the Resurrection community will be honored at the event.

Resurrection alumna and NBC sportscaster Peggy Kusinski, '81, will be honored with the 2010 Renaissance Award, which is Resurrection High School's highest honor and is awarded to individuals who have exemplified the Renaissance spirit

by embracing new ideas, independent thought and classical values, as well as excellence in their field of endeavor. As an accomplished Emmy-award-winning female producer and sportscaster, in a male dominated profession, Kusinski is a most worthy recipient of this honor. Her charity work, as well as her work with the "Girls in the Game" organization, supports the founding mission of the Sisters of the Resurrection — the "transformation of society" with an emphasis on the "uplifting of women in that society." As a Resurrection alumna, she continues to remain involved and supportive and is an especially great role model for the young women of Resurrection College Prep High School.

Mr. and Mrs. John Olander will also be honored at the event with the Charity and Truth Award. This award is given to members of the Resurrection community who demonstrate ongoing dedication and service to Resurrection High School through their commitment of time, talent or treasure. The Olanders are the parents of the late Christine Olander, a Resurrection graduate from the Class of 1980. Since 2002 the Olanders have sponsored an annual scholarship in memory of Christine, who died Sept. 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. The Olanders select a Resurrection student to receive the Christine Olander Memorial Scholarship each year.

The theme for this year's Res-Ma-Tazz is "My Kind of Town, Chicago Is!" In addition to the awards presentations, the evening will include cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions. The cost is \$50 per person and reservations may be made by contacting Carol Marchetti, (773) 775-6616, ext. 112, or [cmarchetti@reshs.org](mailto:cmarchetti@reshs.org). Check out the Res Web site at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) for complete details.

### SAINT PATRICK

The Saint Patrick basketball team has been invited to play in the McDonald's "City-Suburban Showdown" on Feb. 20 at Chicago's UIC Pavilion. Sponsored in part by the Integrity Group, the event will feature the Shamrocks and the Mount Carmel Caravan in the evening's first game at 6:15 p.m. Led by juniors Kort-

ney Darby and Jacob Williams, the Shamrocks will be challenged by the Caravan's guard, junior Tracy Abrams. Tickets are discounted to \$11 for adults and \$9 for students 18 or younger. To receive the discounted ticket prices, purchase tickets at St. Pat's, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. All seats are reserved and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the UIC Box Office, (312) 413-5700, or through TicketMaster; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or (800) 745-3000.

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran is hosting an open house for prospective students, prekindergarten 3-year-olds to eighth-graders and their families from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 31. Teachers from each class will provide information and answer questions along with parents and students giving tours of the facility. Refreshments will be served.

St. Paul Lutheran offers small class sizes, a comprehensive curriculum including Spanish (K-eighth grade), art, music, physical education, library and computers in the classrooms, as well as a mobile computer lab of laptops. Additional highlights include: full-day and half-day preschool program and kindergarten options, a full-time Special Education Resource teacher; many extracurricular and service opportunities; before- and after-school care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on-site hot-lunch program; multiple child discounts; and tuition assistance available.

For more information go to [www.stpaulwildcats.org](http://www.stpaulwildcats.org) or contact Debbie Townsend, school principal, (708) 867-5044, with questions or to schedule a visit.

The Student Council at St. Paul Lutheran School, 5650 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago, distributed a bottle of water to each of its students with the message of sharing water with the people of Haiti. The students will be filling the water bottles up with coins. The money collected through Jan. 29 will be donated to a charity to bring food and water supplies to children and adults impacted by the earthquake in Haiti.

### ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

St. Robert Bellarmine School, 6036 W. Eastwood

Ave., will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 31. Visitors can tour classrooms; view student projects; learn about programs for 2-year-olds, preschool, and K-8; and meet the principal, teachers and other parents. A family Mass will be at noon in the church before the open house. Other open-house times can be found at [srbcichicago.org](http://srbcichicago.org) or by calling the school office, (773) 725-5133.

### STUDENT AID PROGRAM

Northeastern Illinois University invites students and parents needing help under-

standing or completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to its campus to receive individual assistance from financial aid professionals. The program will be 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 13 at its main campus at 5500 N. St. Louis Ave.

Families will need to bring all completed or estimated 2009 income-tax forms, as well as any other asset information, to complete the 2010-11 FAFSA. Other information that will be available includes: electronic filing of the FAFSA; changes to the 2010-11 FAFSA; early-aware-

ness issues such as academic preparation; the effect of the economy of the student loan industry and planning for college costs; the College Illinois 529 prepaid tuition program; the types of financial aid sources, such as grants, scholarships, Federal Work-Study, and educational loans; and general information about federal tax credits and benefits for higher education.

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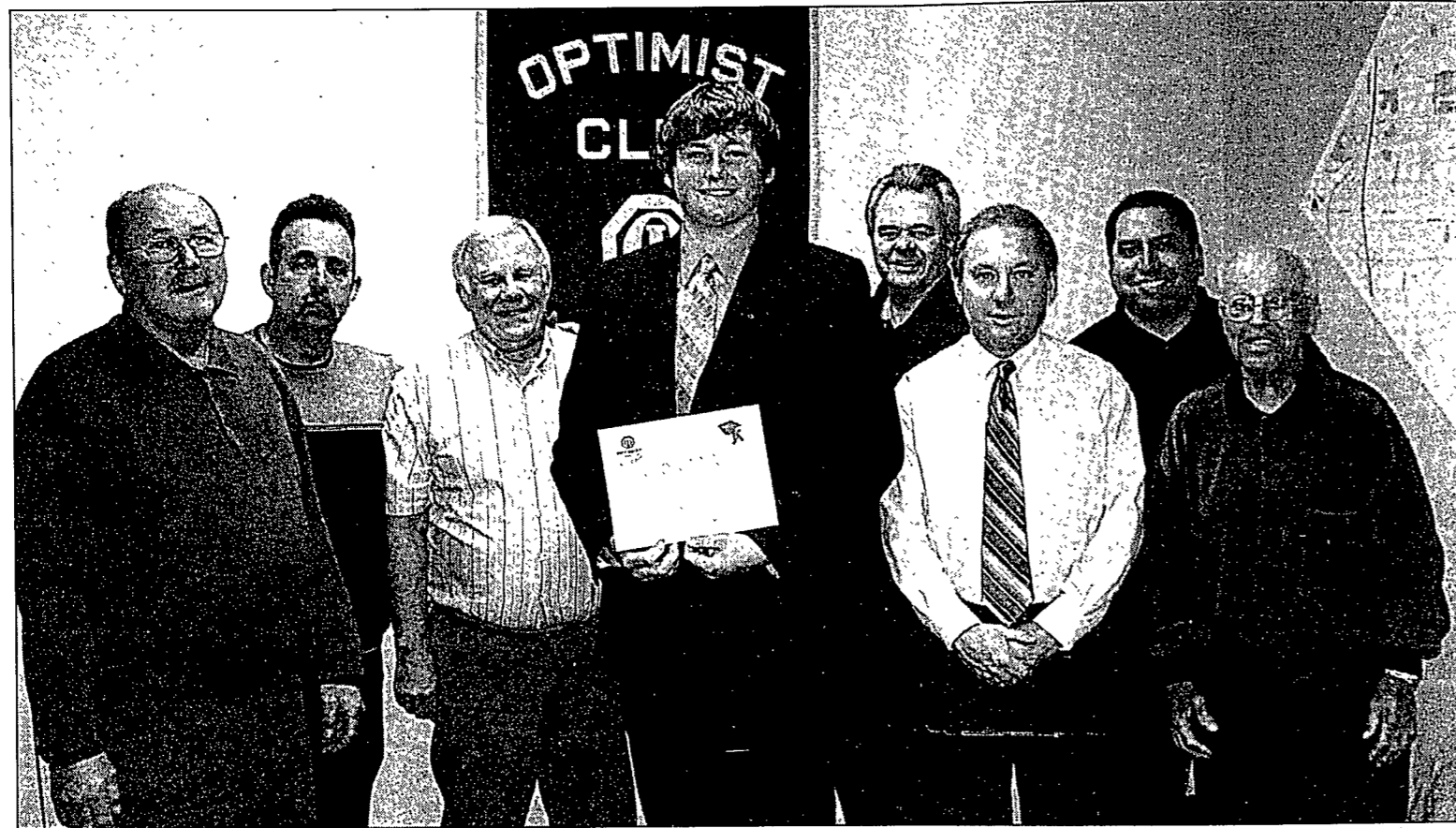
## OPTIMIST CLUB

### '09 Service Award Scholarship announced

This year's Optimist Club of Niles' \$1,000 Service Award Scholarship was awarded to Patrick Mirski.

Patrick has served his school and the community of Niles throughout his high school years in many ways that included tutoring fellow students, assisting with church and volunteer organizations such as Make-A-Wish and Habitat for Humanity.

Patrick is a recent graduate of Maine South High School and is currently a freshman at the University of Illinois where he aspires to pursue a medical career. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*



Pictured (from left to right) are Optimist Club members Rich Mangold, Harry Achino, Jerry Szczepanski, Award Winner Patrick Mirski, Dean Strzelecki, John Jekot, Brad Tokarz and Tom Bondi. (Contributed photo)



**Sunday supper** Park Ridge Rotarians provide and serve food Jan. 3 for St. Paul of the Cross Sunday Supper Program. The Rotarians included: Anna Rybak (husband George), Rick Libner (wife Joan), Dan Davidson, Dr. John Davis, Dr. Sandy Artisuk-Lynch (family Michael, Amelia, Raymond), Sharon Curio, Maureen Connelly, Don Ely and Diane Forsythe. (Photo courtesy Dr. Sandy Artisuk-Lynch)

## PNA assists needy kids at toy drive

The Polish National Alliance held their annual toy drive for needy children from the end of November through the second week of December.

A large decorated carton stood in the lobby of the PNA Building for donations that would be given by PNA Employees and guests who enter the building. The PNA affiliates, the two PNA Bank locations (Niles and South

Pulaski Avenue in Chicago) and the Polish Daily News (Dziennik Zwiazkowy) also participated in the toy drive with drop off boxes in their buildings.

PNA President Frank Spula appointed Vice President Paul Odrobina to oversee the collections. Mr. Odrobina's Administrative Assistant Joan Oskorep assisted in the organizing of the drive. Many of the Em-



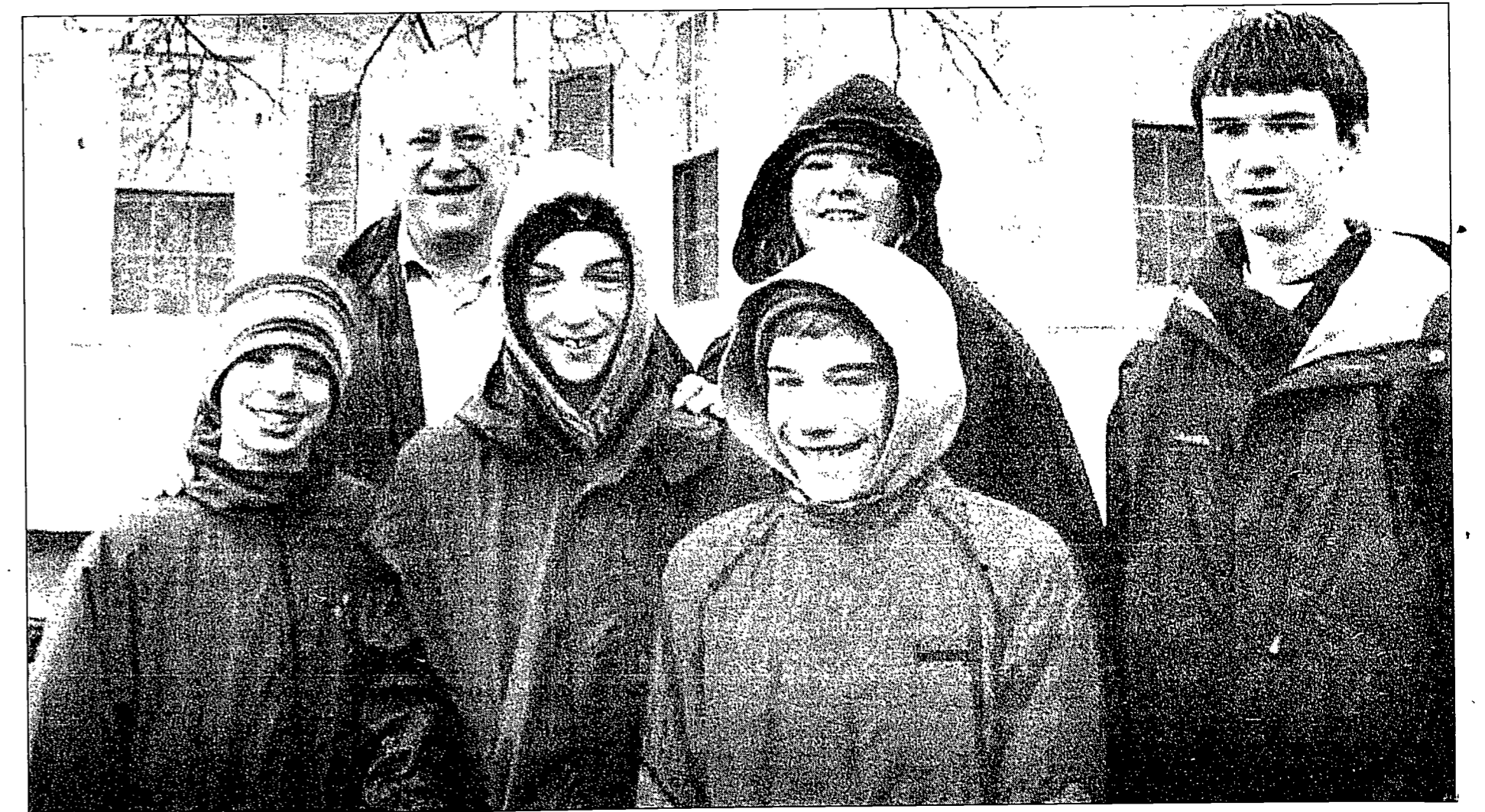
PNA Treasurer Marian Grabowski, PNA Bank Manager (Niles Location) Jolanta Walaszek, PNA President Frank Spula and PNA Vice President Paul C. Odrobina. (Photo courtesy of Robert M. Jadach)

ployees donated cash or brought items in as well. Cash donations were used to purchase toys from area

stores. On Thursday, December 17, 2009, the seven large boxes containing over 200

donated toys were delivered to the Shriner's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. The staff from the Hospital was so

grateful to all the people who donated toys to their children at Christmas. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*



**Scout team** Scouts and leaders from the St. Juliana Boy Scout Troop 965 take time out to pose with Gov. Pat Quinn. The troop was volunteering their service at the Edison Park Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Scouts included Mike Liberty, Bill Boudreau, Joe Boudreau, Steven Pelrine; in addition to leader Sue Heine. (Contributed photo)

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Township residents and \$85 for out-of-district students. Instructors work at a slow, basic pace, so that students can absorb material. Two free practice sessions are available each week with an instructor in attendance so students can practice and go over material and have questions answered. A tutoring program is also available for those who do not type or need a refresher course. Upcoming materials are provided. Upcoming classes include: Introduction to Internet and E-mail (class No. EM6) 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb.

9-25. Excel/Spreadsheets (class No. SS9) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 9 to March 4. Introduction to Desktop Publishing (class No. DP5) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 1-22. Introduction to Internet & E-Mail 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 9-25 (class No. EM7). Sign up on line at [www.niles-township.gov.org](http://www.niles-township.gov.org) or call Vicki at (847) 673-9300. Ext. 222.

### Clubs

**Alumnae Club of Park Ridge** will meet at 1 p.m. Feb. 10 at South Park Fieldhouse, Talcott Road and Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge. Allison K. Deputy will present a program on and demonstrate the benefits of Tai Chi. Members are asked to wear comfort-

able clothing to participate. Book Review members will be hostesses for the meeting.

**The Park Ridge Catholic Women's Club** will meet at 12:45 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Park Ridge South Recreational Center, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. The program will be the club's annual games and card party followed by dessert and coffee. Friends are welcome.

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois** will present "Ask the Experts and Knocking Down Those Brick Walls" at 2 p.m. Feb. 21, at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Ask any genealogical related questions regarding research into your family's history. The JGSI meeting facilities will open at 12:30 p.m. to accommo-

date members/guests who want to use library materials, get help with genealogy web sites or ask genealogical related questions before the main program begins at 2 p.m. Visit [www.jewishgenealogy.org/jgsi](http://www.jewishgenealogy.org/jgsi) or phone (312) 666-0100.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712** meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays from 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, e-mail jamesbond54762@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

**The Korean War Veterans Association**, Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henmueller, (773) 774-9671.

**Chiacchieroni** Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. The next meeting will be Feb. 11. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: [chiacchieroni@yahoo.com](mailto:chiacchieroni@yahoo.com).

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

**The Knights of Columbus** (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920. **The American Jewish Artists Club** is accepting new members. The group, founded in the early 1920s, focuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community. Call Lorre Slaw, (847) 272-0744, or e-mail [lslaw@oakton.edu](mailto:lslaw@oakton.edu). **Niles Chapter Toastmasters** meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

### Community

**The new Meijer store** at 9000 W. Golf Road in Niles offers visitors chances to win a four-day trip for two to Cancun including airfare and accommodations. Another winner will be selected to receive a Chicago Dining Passport gift certificate, valid at acclaimed Chicago restaurants Marche, Gioco, Red Light and Opera. This contest runs through Feb. 6. Another contest offers a year's worth of free groceries, to be provided as a \$100 Meijer gift card for each week in 2010. Patrons will have the chance to enter this contest until Feb. 20. The new Meijer store in Niles is grocery and pharmacy focused, while still providing some general merchandise offerings. Additionally, the store will feature many grocery items geared toward the diverse community that

surrounds it. **Chicago Blackhawk Center** Colin Fraser is having a winning season, as the Blackhawks are on fire this year. On Feb. 4, Fraser is sure to bring some of that heat into the Meijer kitchen, where he will whip up a signature dish for the crowd at Meijer's newest store, located at 9000 W. Golf Road in Niles. His teammates consider him the "best chef on the team." Meijer Healthy Living Advisor Maribel Alchin will accompany Fraser as they prepare their culinary creation. Fraser will cook up a storm from 5-6 p.m. and sign autographs from 6-7 p.m. The first 200 people to arrive starting at 4 p.m. will receive a wristband that ensures an autograph from Fraser. Fraser will cook up a storm from 5-6 p.m. and sign autographs from 6-7 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception's Holy Name Men's Club** will host its annual Super Bowl Party on Feb. 7 in the I.C. Parish Center, 7271 W. Talcott Ave. in Chicago. The party will feature a number of fun activities. Hot dogs, chili, snacks, a buffet and desserts are included in the entrance fee. Doors open at 3 p.m. so that guests can catch the pre-game shows. Advance ticket sales are available for \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, and may be purchased at the Immaculate Conception Parish Rectory, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, during normal business hours or after Masses on Sunday. Call the rectory, (773) 775-3833.

**Avenues Thrift Shoppe** offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

**Skokie Concert Choir** presents its annual Winter Concert, with choral music ranging from Kirby Shaw to Felix Mendelssohn, at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 in Congregation Ezra Habonim-Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. New choral director is Candice Crane with pianist Adrian Metzger. Purchase tickets at the door: \$10, adults; \$4, children. Call (847) 674-3219 or see [www.skokiechoir.org](http://www.skokiechoir.org).

**The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, continues its "In Conversation with..." series which provides opportunities to share knowledge about

a specific aspect of the Holocaust or contemporary genocides with Museum visitors. On Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m., visitors will have the opportunity to explore memory, identity and loss from the perspective of Holocaust survivor testimony, social services and theater. Participants include David Bier, consultant for Holocaust Community Services; and David Chack, president of the Association of Jewish Theatre. This event precedes the Feb. 28 film screening of "Prisoner of Her Past" and will address many of the issues central to this documentary. Free with museum admission. Call (847) 967-4889 or visit [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org).

**The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, welcomes its second traveling exhibition, "Anne Frank: A History for Today" runs through Feb. 28. Hours are: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The story of Anne Frank and her family is juxtaposed against world events before, during and after Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party's rise to power. Included are dozens of photographs of the Frank family and other occupants of the Secret Annex. The exhibition depicts those who chose to join the Nazi party, those who were bystanders and those who were willing to resist Nazi tyranny. It explores how racism, persecution and genocide were facilitated by political decisions as well as the actions of individuals. Call (847) 967-4800.

### Fitness Center

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

**Thai Yoga Bodywork** sessions are offered. Thai Yoga Body Work is like yoga combined with acupressure, combining the stretching aspects of yoga and the subtle use of pressure, enabling a relaxing therapeutic benefit that restores bodily harmony, flexibility, and overall health. Sessions are performed on a cushioned floor mat. A 50-minute session costs \$55 for members or \$65, nonmembers; 25-minute session is \$30, members or \$35, nonmembers.

**The Niles Family Fitness Facility** is dedicated to providing quality programs for people of all ages, for residents of Niles and surrounding communities. The Niles Family Fitness Center provides its members and guests with a state-of-the-art fitness facility, indoor aquatics center, gymnasium, indoor track, high quality fitness programs and many personal services. Members and guests enjoy massage therapy, personal training, fitness evaluations, assessments and diagnostics and a Smoothie Bar and Café. Winter registration has begun for Pilates, Spinning, Group Fitness Class, Yoga and more. Check out fitness classes for teens and the children's programs.

**Zumba for Life** is 1-3 p.m. Jan. 30. Join the party rocking the gym at Niles Family Fitness Center to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Whether a Zumba regular or one who has never tried it before, participants will enjoy this workout which

many call "exercise in disguise." Zumba is a unique and exciting high energy fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance in an easy-to-follow format. Some of the rhythms in a typical class include salsa, merengue, cumbia, bachata, cha cha, and reggaeton. No dance experience is necessary. Registration fee of \$30 includes refreshments, raffle prizes and goody bag for each participant. To ensure that a child is in the appropriate class, all new participants to the Learn To Swim program must attend a Placement Test. Participation in this test does not guarantee the child a spot in the Learn To Swim program.

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### Fundraisers

**Avenues to Independence** invites you to travel back to the 60s and "Put A Little Love In Your Heart" from 6 p.m.-midnight Feb. 20 at the Donald E. Stephens Ballroom, Rosemont. This annual fundraiser benefits adults with developmental disabilities, and includes an open bar, dinner, dancing, entertainment, silent auction, and valet parking; \$150. Call (847) 292-0870, ext. 108.

**It is not too late** to donate money to the annual Knights of Columbus Candy Drive to help mentally handicapped children. To donate, send tax-free donations to: KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

**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 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.

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

**Our Lady of Ransom Parish** in Niles is selling Entertainment 2010 Books, \$20. The book offers a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts also cover travel, car rentals,

movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. Proceeds benefit the parish. To order a book call Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

### Health

**Advocate Lutheran General Hospital** and the American Red Cross offer an Infant/Child CPR Course. This five-hour course teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children. It also includes information on how to prevent injuries to infants and children at home and in play areas. The next course will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Upcoming sessions will be Feb. 20 and March 6. Fee is \$50. Call 1-800-323-8622 or visit [www.advocatehealth.com](http://www.advocatehealth.com) to register. The code for this class is 8C16.

**Resurrection Medical Center**, 7435 West Talcott Ave., Chicago, will offer free HINI vaccinations to community members during the following vaccination sessions: Jan. 29, 8-10 a.m.; Feb. 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Feb. 26, 7:30-10 a.m. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 1-877-737-4636. Those who are unable to attend any of the sessions indicated can contact the Health Management Department at (773) 792-5022 to make an appointment for an alternate date.

**A local dialysis clinic**, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

**Resurrection Medical Center**, 7435 West Talcott Ave., Chicago, will offer the following health programs. Advance registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available. **Family Fitness Camp**, Mondays and Wednesdays, through April 28, from 5-6 p.m. This fun program is for parents and kids (ages 8 to 14) to focus on exercise and education. Mondays are in the swimming pool and Wednesdays are on land. Bring a swim suit and water shoes to the pool classes. Fee: \$5 per class.

**Pneumonia vaccinations** are available 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 29 in the Health Management Department, first floor of the hospital down, Entrance C. Fee: \$50 or Medicare Part B. **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.

### Library

**Niles Public Library**, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org). **Youth programs** on a drop-in basis - **Babytime**, 11 a.m. Feb. 1 for children ages birth to 2 years with a caregiver or parent. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. **Evening Family Storytime**, 7 p.m. Feb. 2 for families with children ages 2-6; reading stories, songs and activities. Come in pj's or not. **Fireside Stories**, 7 p.m. Feb. 3 for ages 3 with adult. Enjoy fireside stories, a craft and hot chocolate. **Rise & Shine Storytime**, 10 a.m. Feb. 4 for ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and activities. **Knights of Niles Chess Club**, 3:45 p.m. Feb. 5. Learn and improve skills. Short lesson followed by open play. All levels of experience are welcome, grades K-8.

**Youth programs**, registration required - **Storytime for Big Kids**, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 1 for ages 4 to kindergarten. **Toddler Time**, 10 a.m. Feb. 2 or 11 a.m. Feb. 3 for children 20-months to 3 years with caregiver; stories, songs, and rhymes followed by optional free-play period. **Preschool Storytime**, 9:30 a.m. Feb. 3 for ages 3 and one-half to 5. **Second Sunday Special: Bubble Magic**, 2 p.m. Feb. 14. Amazing bubble wonders with "Bubbleologist" Geoff Akins. Call to reserve tickets starting Feb. 1.

**Adult Programs** - Tall Tales & Short Stories for Adults, Book Discussion of adult short fiction by Dashiell Hammett, 10:30 a.m. Feb. 2. **Teen Programs** - Teen Advisory Board, noon Feb. 6. Join a friendly group of Niles teens who help plan programs and design library projects. **Pizza for participants**. **Craft project** - Valentine Felt Mascots, 2:30 p.m. Feb. 6. **Movies** - "The Proposal" (PG-13) 2 p.m. Feb. 6.

**Computer classes** - Introduction to Computers: 10:15 a.m. Feb. 2. Card Number required. Internet Searching Using Internet Explorer & Firefox: 1 p.m. Feb. 4. Learn about two primary Internet Browsers. Card Number required.

### Maine Township

**Maine Township's FISH** (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To

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become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken, (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

## Parenting

**Advocate Lutheran** General Hospital is offering a six-hour Baby Care and Development Class designed for couples, grandparents, childcare givers and adoptive parents who are expecting their first child. Topics include physical care, safety, sleep, common concerns, immunizations and development from birth through 12 months of age. The next sessions will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 1 and 8, and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 3 and 10, at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Fee is \$40 per couple or \$30 per couple if taken in conjunction with the Weekend Childbirth Series or Labor, Birth and Postpartum Class. Call Health Advisor, 1-800-323-8622, or visit [www.advocatehealth.com](http://www.advocatehealth.com). The code for this class is 8B11.

**The Childbirth Education** Department of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is offering a three-hour class designed for couples expecting a multiple birth. Topics include pregnancy, nutrition, labor and beyond, practical skills for problem solving, time management and coping skills. "Marvelous Multiples" will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 7 in the Labor and Delivery Conference Room of Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. The cost is \$45 per couple. This class is suggested to be taken in addition to the Childbirth Education Series. Call Health Advisor, 1-800-323-8622. The code for this course is 8B08.

## Parks

**Maine-Niles Association** of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

**Niles**  
**Parents interested in the Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool 2010-11 school year are invited to observe preschool classes in action. Class observation is the week of Feb. 8 during scheduled preschool classes; an appointment is required. The evening Open House is 7-8 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.; Grennan Heights, 8255 Oketo Ave. and Oakton Manor, 8100 N. Ozark Ave. Call the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633, for an appointment or to have information mailed to you. Preschool registration will take place March 1 for residents and March 8 for nonresidents.**

**Registration is being accepted for the Youth Basketball Winter Leagues for girls and boys in second through eighth grades which begin Feb. 13, ending April 3. Participants can sign up as a team or individually. Each participant will receive a team T-shirt, and is scheduled for 10 games. Volunteer coaches are also needed. Registration deadline is Jan. 19. Registration is being taken at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Call (847) 967-1529.**

**It is time again for Niles Park District's Cinderella Ball from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Howard Leisure Center. Girls are invited to ask the favorite man in their life (dad, grandpa, uncle) for an evening of fun. Girls in kindergarten through sixth grade will enjoy an evening of dancing to a live DJ, games, prizes, and refreshments. Fees are: residents, \$40; nonresidents, \$50 per couple; \$20 for each additional daughter. To register, come to the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., or call (847) 967-6633.**

**Niles Park District New 3's Preschool** is offered for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2009, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays or Wednesdays/Fridays, from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Call (847) 967-6633.  
**Niles Park District** introduces a new camp called School's Out Sport Camp. The camp will be available on five school holidays. The main emphasis of the camp is to provide safe, fun-filled days of playing and learning sports. Campers should bring a sack lunch and beverage. Camp takes place at Grennan Heights on Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day and Pulaski Day. Fees are: residents, \$36; nonresidents, \$45 per day. Call (847) 967-1529.

**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 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** 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 organizational leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for

**Learning Program.** ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m.-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 AbriBibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to [www.paperretriever.com/](http://www.paperretriever.com/).

**Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices.** Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000.

## Religion

**Theology of Park Ridge** continues its program, "Seeking Wisdom - Seeking Hope," from 9:15-11:15 a.m. in Our Lady of Hope Church, 9711 W. Devon Ave., Rosemont. Feb. 10: Msgr. Kenneth Velo; Feb. 24: Patricia Ahearn, Rainbow Hospice; March 10: Prof. Ghada Talhami. Single session cost is \$10. Men and women are invited. Call (773) 774-4421.

**St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel** is observing its fifth anniversary. The chapel, in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation.

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

## Reunions

**St. John Brebeuf** is hosting its second annual Alumni Basketball games starting at 4 p.m. Feb. 28. Contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266 or [lyrder@sbschool.org](mailto:lyrder@sbschool.org) or go to Facebook under the group of St. John Brebeuf Alumni.

**St. John Brebeuf School** in Niles is looking for graduates from the class of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at [lyrder@sbschool.org](mailto:lyrder@sbschool.org).  
**Elmwood Park High School** Class of 1970 is planning its 40th reunion for the fall of 2010. Classmates are asked to e-mail Christine Thomas Cowan ([cowan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cowan@sbcglobal.net)) or Janice Ryder ([deaton\\_janice@yahoo.com](mailto:deaton_janice@yahoo.com)) to place their information on the contact list.  
**St. John Brebeuf** is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alum-

ni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail [lyrder@sbschool.org](mailto:lyrder@sbschool.org), and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

## Maine Seniors

**The Maine Township MaineStreamers** program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to [www.mainetownship.com](http://www.mainetownship.com).

**Volunteer drivers** are needed for FISH. If interested in providing transportation to township residents who need local rides to medical appointments, etc., call Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, ext. 283.

**Maine Township** is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handymen in the area. If you know of someone and would like to submit a name, contact Therese Tully, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 260, and she will forward a form to complete.

**Maine Township**, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

## Seniors

**Golf Mill Shopping Center** is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township Mainstreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

**CJE SeniorLife** is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors, 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency. Additional supportive services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available. For an application and tour of Robineau, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.

**The North Shore Senior Center**, located in Northfield, is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors living in Maine Township. Deliveries are made during weekdays. For more information on becoming a volunteer,

contact Maura Rogan at (847) 784-6052 or e-mail [mrogan@nssc.org](mailto:mrogan@nssc.org).  
**Super Seniors**, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

## Senior Center

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

## Support

**The MOMS Club** is a nonprofit support group designed for the at-home mother and their children. The club holds weekly activities (playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and its popular Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momscubofnorthchicago>.

**Memories by the Fireside** is a general grief workshops for Polish speaking adults from 10 a.m. -noon Feb. 13 at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. Fee is \$15. Registration is required; call (847) 692-8884.

**An Interfaith Memorial Service** will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 in the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, 668 Graceland Ave., Des Plaines. This is an ecumenical prayer service for family and friends whose loved ones were served by Rainbow Hospice and/or who participate in Rainbow's adult grief groups. All community bereaved who wish to remember their loved ones are welcome. Registration requested; call (847) 692-8884.

**Younger Widowed** support group is an ongoing support group for widowed age 55 and younger. It meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

**The local TOPS Club** chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find another local chapter, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

**The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago** has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month beginning Feb. 1 at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms 6952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

**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.

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

**The Les Turner ALS** Foundation Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month 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](mailto:cowen@lesturnerals.org).

**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. Call (847) 692-8884.

**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. Call (847) 692-8884.

**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) 692-8884.

**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.

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

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

**The Cancer Support Group** for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly from 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month.

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

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

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

**Families Anonymous** is a free, 12-step, self-help support program for family members and friends who are concerned about the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Families Anonymous meets weekly from noon-1 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 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 Family

Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805, or [www.familiesanonymous.org](http://www.familiesanonymous.org).  
**The Maryville Crisis Nursery**, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers a safe harbor for children age 6 and younger when parents have nowhere to turn and no one to turn to during a family or personal crisis. It is a free, center-based program where children may stay for as many as three days. Its goal is to prevent abuse and neglect of children and to help a family stabilize its situation by providing support and resources. Examples of a crisis include times when families may experience domestic violence, parental stress, medical emergency or need respite care. The 24-hour Help Line is (773) 205-3637.

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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](http://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](mailto:bzarnikow@aol.com) to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

**An area Alzheimer's** support group for caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's Disease meets at 10:30 a.m. every second Saturday at Central Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jessi Lenih, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509.

**Queen of All Saints** hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Ionia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060. Additional meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

**Teen Center**  
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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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Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to check them out. Call (847) 375-8949. The Teen Center is located at 373 Golf Mill Center in Niles. **The Teen Center** is working with the Niles Senior Center to find teenagers willing to help senior citizens with leaf raking, snow shoveling and general yard work while earning money. Complete the Niles Teen Job Connection

form available on the center Web site and return it to Mark at the center. Information will be shared with the director of the center and contacts will be made with residents in need of services.

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## Volunteers

**Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care** will hold its next round of patient care training from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 30; 6-9 p.m. Feb. 3; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 6 at 444 North Northwest Highway in Park Ridge. If interested in becoming a patient care volunteer, contact Kathy Huber or Rhonda Parrow at (847) 692-8889.

**Many individuals** have found themselves laid off or unable to find employment. Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care would like to respond by helping professionals stay current with their job skills (or gain experience if recently graduated) by offering professional volunteer opportunities. Possible

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**Junior Achievement** of Chicago is a nonprofit organization focused on inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in the global economy. Volunteers from businesses are trained and

given materials to go into a classroom and teach students from kindergarten through high school about financial literacy and entrepreneurship-work readiness skills. Partnerships have been formed with some teachers at Niles North, Central and West High Schools for JA programs this school year. Volunteers are needed. Each program consists of five visits to the classroom for about 45-50 minutes each. If interested call Kristin Goodwin, operations manager, Junior Achievement of Chicago, (708) 456-1400, Ext. 245, e-mail [kgoodwin@jachicago.org](mailto:kgoodwin@jachicago.org) or go to [www.jachicago.org](http://www.jachicago.org). **The Men's Association** of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has recently expanded its role and membership

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

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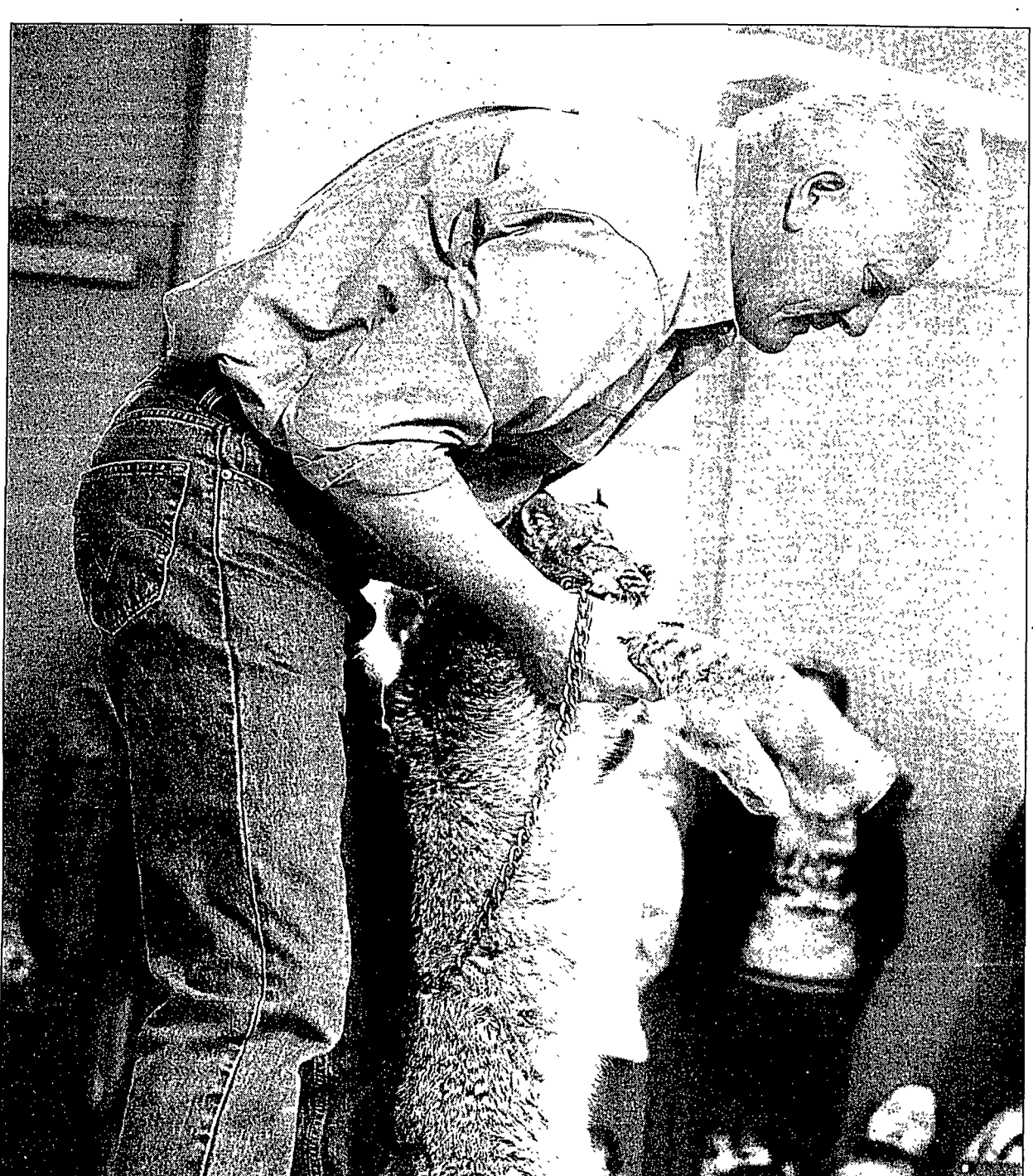
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**Wildlife show** John Basile, of Big Wolf Run Ranch, holds up Bloo the Lynx to show the coveted fur that is used to make lynx coats during a Jan. 10 visit to Niles Public Library. SEE PAGES 40 AND 41. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

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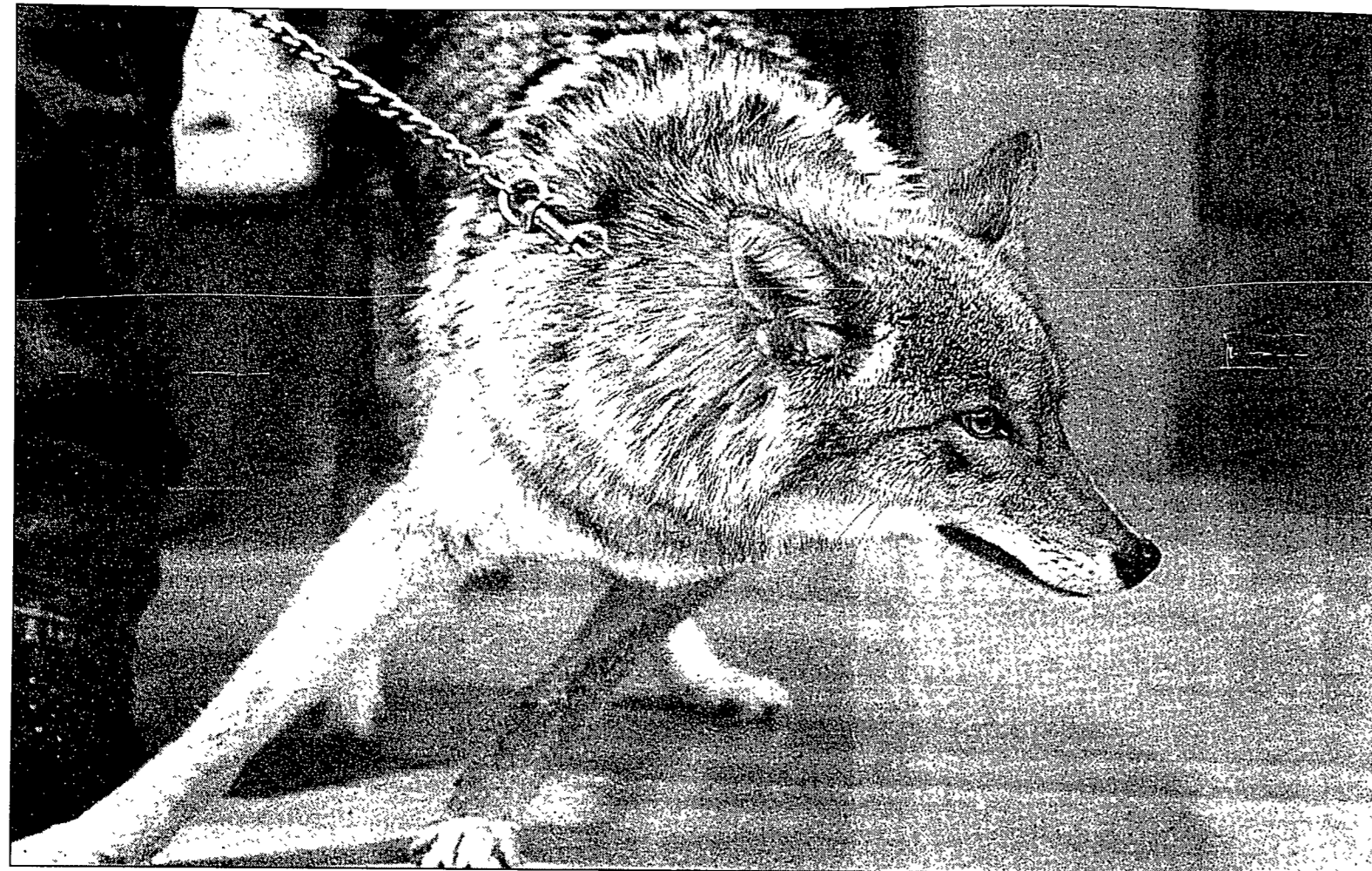
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Mahala, a purebred western coyote, struggles against the leash during a Jan. 10 visit to Niles Public Library. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)



Juno, a North American gray timber wolf from Big Run Wolf Ranch, shakes off some snow Jan. 10 after entering Niles Public Library. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

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provide tours and answer questions. To register, visit [www.oakton.edu/about/ourlocations/visit\\_us/visit\\_us.php](http://www.oakton.edu/about/ourlocations/visit_us/visit_us.php) or call (847) 635-1629.

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**An Introduction to Strategic Studies, Part II** (HIS T05-71) examines themes in international security affairs, including Pacific theater

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# ND's Chievous making name for self

## Son of ex-NBA player draws attention

By DAN SHALIN  
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**BOYS BASKETBALL** - Notre Dame junior Quinton Chievous said some of the best advice he's received from his father has been about patience and hard work.

"He always tells me to stay humble and not to (pay attention to player rankings)," Chievous said. "To put in the hard work and — if you do — you will be one of the top players."

Derrick Chievous should know what he's talking about. One of the best players in University of Missouri history, Chievous was a second-team All-American in 1987 and a first-round draft pick of the Houston Rockets in 1988. He spent five seasons in the NBA.

The younger Chievous — who stands 6-foot-5, a little shorter than his 6-7 father — is not yet a high school superstar as his father was in New York City in the 1980s. But in just his second season of organized basketball, Quinton Chievous is making scouts stand up and take notice. He's averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds for a Notre Dame squad that brings a 13-6, 5-2 mark into Friday's home clash with St. Joseph.

The forward's name is starting to appear on lists of the state's top juniors, and colleges are beginning to call. Joe Henricksen of City/Suburban Hoops Report recently ranked Chievous as the 31st-best junior in the state, stating that his "stock is soaring."

Among programs already showing interest are Bradley, Colorado State, Boise State and Loyola. Chievous recently chatted

### GAME BALLS

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Notre Dame 66, Carmel 48

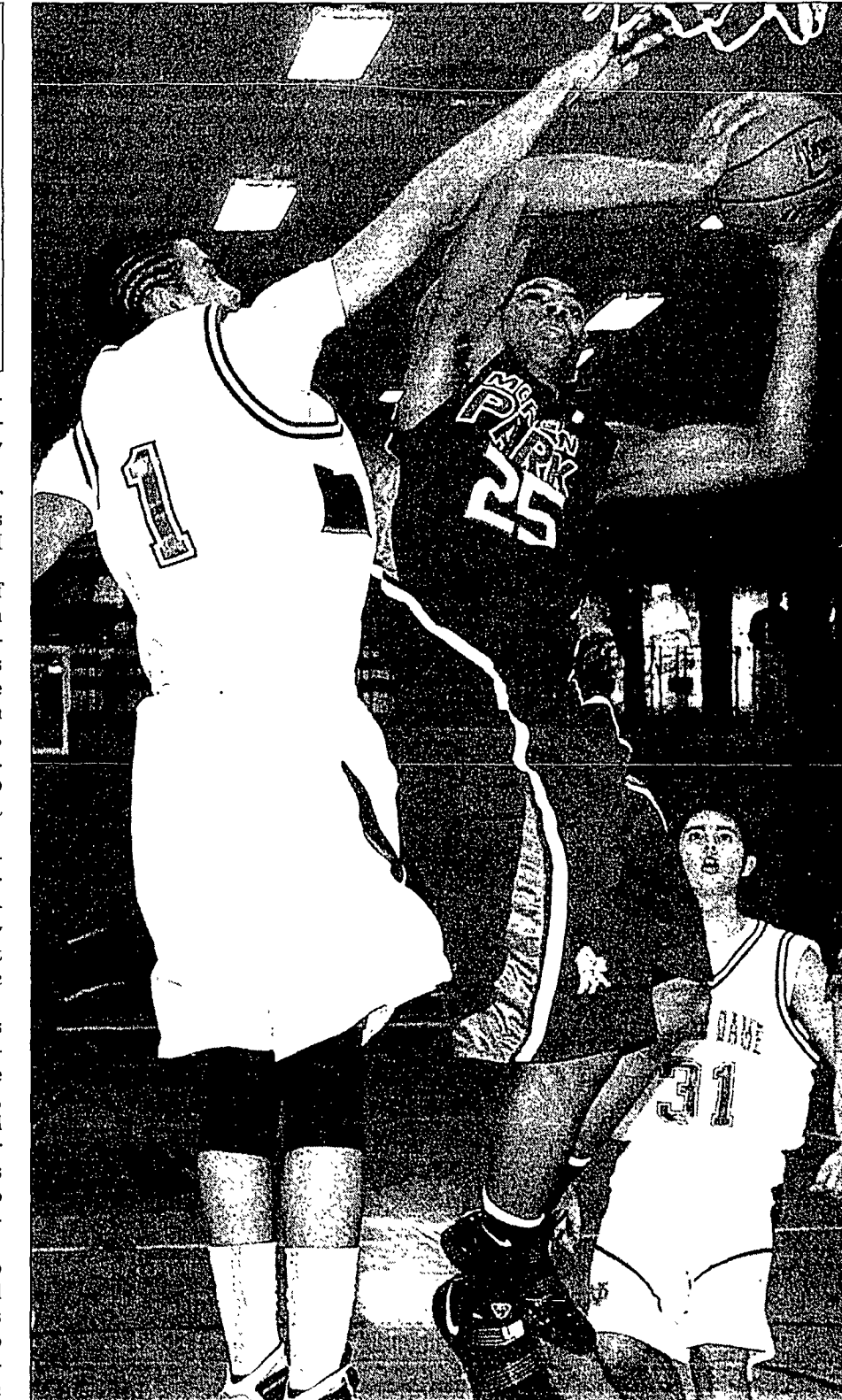
#### STAR PERFORMANCES

Shawn Wallace: Led ND with 20 points

Quinton Chievous: 14 points

#### GAME DAY

Up next: host St. Joseph, 7:30 p.m. Friday; vs. Lincoln Park at Whitney Young, 7:30 p.m. Saturday; at Marist, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday



Notre Dame junior Quinton Chievous (left) defends a shot by Morgan Park's Wayne Blackshear. Chievous' stock is on the rise in just his second season of organized basketball. (Stacia Timoner/for STM)

two-guard or (small forward) game." ND teammate Rodney Pryor can vouch for Chievous' work ethic, and said

he sees a bright future for the man they call "Q." "Quinton is always calling me to go work out in the gym. As he gets bigger,

stronger and continues to make smarter decisions on the court, I think he can go really far," Pryor said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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Girls gymnastics CSL Championships at Glenbrook North, 6:30 p.m.  
Boys swimming hosts Maine West, 5 p.m.  
Boys wrestling hosts Maine South, Maine West, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Boys swimming hosts Leyden, 10 a.m.  
**Sunday**  
Boys basketball at Lincoln Park, 3:15 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
Boys basketball at Maine South, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls gymnastics IHSA Regionals at TBA  
**Wednesday**  
Girls gymnastics at Fremd Regional, 6:30 p.m.

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Boys basketball at Maine East, 7:30 p.m.  
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Wrestling hosts Waukegan, Evanston, 6 p.m.  
Girls gymnastics at Glenbrook North, 6:30 p.m.  
Girls basketball hosts Maine East, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Boys basketball hosts Lane Tech, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
Girls gymnastics at Lake Forest Regional, 6:30 p.m.

NILES WEST

**Friday**  
Boys swimming hosts New Trier, 5:30 p.m.  
Girls basketball hosts Glenbrook South, 6 p.m.  
Wrestling at Highland Park, with Deerfield, 6 p.m.  
Girls gymnastics CLS South Meet, at Glenbrook South, 6:30 p.m.  
Boys basketball hosts Glenbrook South, 7:30 p.m.  
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Swimming at Maine West, 5 p.m.  
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Basketball at Marist, 7:30 p.m.

# Vikings blow away league power Deerfield

## Gomez leads attack to convincing win

By DAN SHALIN  
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**BOYS SWIMMING** - A breakout season for Niles North just keeps getting better.

The Vikings recorded a convincing 114-72 win on Friday over a Deerfield team that is usually one of the powers of the CSL North. Niles North head coach Seth Orlove said it had likely been nine or 10 years since the Vikings last beat the Warriors.

"I thought it would be a pretty close meet," he said. "But I think the boys were kind of excited to swim. The kids put their best swims forward and had a fantastic meet in general."

Winners for Niles North were Richard Gomez in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.95) and 500 free (5:10.02), and Javed Avdic in the 50 free (23.03), Karol Mlynarski in the 100 free (50.31) and diver Arsen Sarkisian (236.2).

North won all three relays. The team of Mlynarski, Evan Hagedorn, Gomez and Avdic was tops in the 200 medley relay (1:45.37); the quartet of John King, Ammar Shah, Alex Kite and Chris Moon took the top spot in the 200 free (1:37.05);

and a group featuring Avdic, Shah, Gomez and Mlynarski was victorious in the 400 free relay (3:28.79).

The Vikings, 3-0 in the CSL North, have their biggest conference test when they visit Glenbrook North at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

"It's going to present our greatest challenge. But we're excited for the meet," Orlove said. "As soon as (Deerfield) was over, we were already looking ahead to (Glenbrook North). I'm not ruling out a win. But it will be a tough meet for us."

Regardless of the outcome, the Vikings have

made great strides this season.

"If I were to cut the film of the season right now, it's been a success," Orlove said. "We've experience a growth in the program, we have huge numbers in freshmen, everybody is swimming well, the team is clicking, there is great team spirit and camaraderie and the parents are heavily involved in the program. But we're also excited about things to come in the next few weeks. We expect to continue to have highlights."

**At Niles West**

Niles West dropped a 110-

65 decision to Maine South on Friday before finishing third in Saturday's 11-team Bison Invite at Buffalo Grove.

"We did not swim well (against Maine South)," said Wolves head coach Dan Vanderjeugd. "I don't know if it was because it was finals week, or what. But we swam the worst we have all year."

Among the highlights were Konner Scott winning the 200 free (1:46.03) and 100 free (48.3).

Scott joined the 200 medley relay team that finished second in Saturday's invite. The unit, which also includ-

ed Tim Binkley, Ryan Miller and Elliott Kerbel, touched in 1:45.34.

Other Niles West highlights from the meet: Scott taking first in the 100 free (48.24) and 200 IM (1:59.89); Kerbel winning the 100 butterfly (56.55) and coming in fourth in the 200 free (1:52.76); Zach Rothstein winning diving (333.9); and Binkley finishing sixth in the 50 free (24.08).

"We did OK, but no one had lifetime-best times or even season-best times," Vanderjeugd said.

The Wolves host New Trier at 5:30 p.m. Friday. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*



Niles North's Karol Mlynarski swims to first place in the 100 freestyle during Friday's meet against Deerfield. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

# Notre Dame survives on Maine senior night

**HOCKEY** - The Maine Township Maine-iacs honored seniors Max Krautwald, Andrew Kreatsoulas and Patrick Praxmarer before playing rival Notre Dame Friday at the Niles Ice Arena.

The cheering continued all evening before the Dons pulled out the 5-4 victory.

Rob Rogowski, assisted by Andrew Kreatsoulas,

opened the scoring for Maine 33 seconds in. The visiting Varsity Ice Dons tied the game on a rebound by Nico Lazzaroni (Kevin Sanetra, David Fabris) and carried a 2-1 advantage into the second period, thanks to a wrist shot by Fabris (Micah Orchard).

Maine's Jack Lamey knotted the game back up early in the second period. The

Dons answered with a pair of tallies — an unassisted blast from the point by winger Liam Healy and a snap shot by Jonas VonAulock (Kyle Gronset).

Matt Marcin tried to lead Maine back with a pair of third-period goals, but Notre Dame's Orchard (Kevin Sanetra) contributed the clincher.

Both goalies played excep-

tionally well to keep their teams in the game. Maine Township goalie Ben Wade made 18 saves and Notre Dame's fantastic freshman, Alan Johnson, stopped 26 shots.

The Ice Dons celebrate their own senior night at the Niles Ice Arena at 6 p.m. Saturday, with the opener of a home-and-home series with Providence Catholic.

It will mark the final home game for captains Tom O'Brien and Ryan Zanon, Gronset, Lazzaroni, Dominick VonAulock and Chet Polonitza.

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# Demons hurting with Jones out of action

## Injury sidelines point guard for season

By MATT HARNESS  
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**GIRLS BASKETBALL** - The news that nobody connected with Maine East wanted to hear came with the announcement that Angela Jones is gone for the season.

The sophomore point guard injured her right knee against Maine West on Jan. 15. Because of swelling, the diagnosis remains unknown, but Jones was scheduled for an MRI this week. Even if the injury turns out to be minor, Jones

will not return this season. "We are all crushed," said senior Kristen Beierwaltes. "She's hurting, too. But she's been very positive on the bench."

Although not one of the team's top scorers, Jones directed the offense and was the team's best defender: Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak said that both Jolene Drblik and Audrey Klepadlo will share the point guard duties.

"It's a tough situation for those kids," said the coach, who still holds out hope Jones' injury won't require surgery. "They are not naturally point guards and now are being asked to do something they are not used to. They are putting a lot of pressure on themselves because a lot is riding on how

they play. To their credit, they are plugging away."

The Demons dropped to 1-6 in the CSL North and 6-14 overall with their 61-26 loss to Highland Park on Friday. The following day, the Demons stumbled against Resurrection 72-33, their second-biggest margin of defeat this season.

"We all were still kind of tired from the Highland Park game," said Beierwaltes, whose team trailed the Bandits 37-9 at halftime. "We were really flat in the first half. We picked it up in the second half."

Beierwaltes scored a team-best 17 points, Joy Ocampo added eight and Drblik contributed six.

Maine East, which was scheduled to play Leyden on Tuesday, visits Niles

North on Friday. The Demons beat the Vikings 44-41 in overtime Dec. 8 for their lone league win.

Despite the struggles this season, Beierwaltes insisted she is having the most fun of her career. The Demons already own one win than they did a year ago.

"I think we have been playing more like a team this year, and it's finally paying off," she said. "As much as I liked the other team, this is a lot more exciting. I want to go out with a bang."

The Demons will learn their playoff future when the IHSA releases tournament pairings on Friday. East will compete in the Niles North Sectional with eight other CSL teams.

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Maine East's Kristen Beierwaltes (11) drives into the lane during the Demons' loss to Resurrection on Saturday. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

# Cameau third for Demons at CSL meet

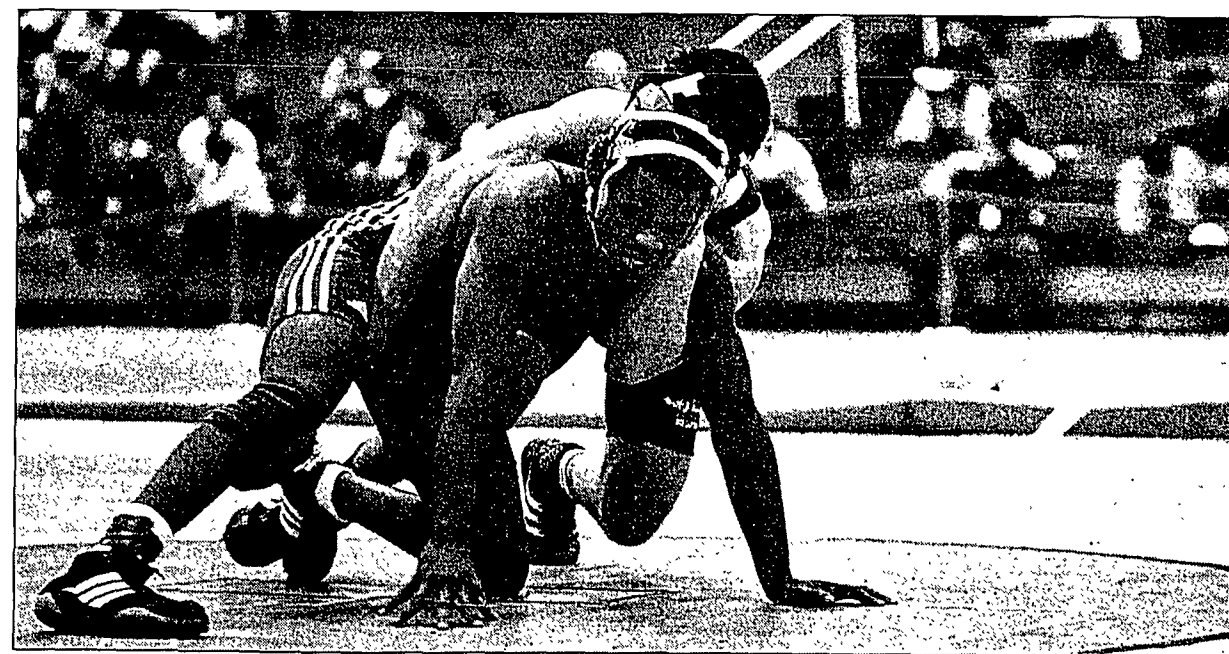
## East prepping for regional action

By MATT HARNESS  
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**WRESTLING** - There's so much competition at 215 pounds that Jeff Gaianakopoulos might not be in the lineup when Maine East hits the mats for the Glenbrook South Regional next month.

The senior (7-7) finished sixth at the CSL tournament at Maine West on Saturday. He fell to champion Artie Bess of Deerfield 14-2 in the semifinals before losing twice in the consolation bracket.

"We have numerous guys at 215, and we use everybody about equally," said Maine East coach Emiliano Hernandez, who also counts Charlie Kappos in that division. "This week, we may have somebody else in there. That's a weight class that we have a lot of kids in."



Maine East's Vlad Vilme tries to get to his feet during a 145-pound match against Maine South's Marjo Pajaj at the CSL meet at Maine West on Saturday. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

The team's top finish in the league tourney belonged to Nathan Cameau. The senior, in his first season with the Demons, placed third at 171.

"That was a surprise," said Hernandez, who tried for years to get Cameau to

come out for the team.

After losing in the quarterfinals, Cameau (11-4) won four times in the backdraw, including three victories by fall. He beat Maine South's Ryan Clark with a first-period pin to take third place.

"(Cameau is) making up for lost time," Hernandez said. "He's having a nice season. He's very raw. He knows a couple of things, but the biggest thing for him is to stay in good position and not make mistakes. Wrestling is hard, and there's a lot of stuff to

learn."

The Demons host CSL crossover matches against Evanston and Waukegan on Friday.

**Boys Swimming**

Maine East's Kevin Tom won the 200-yard IM in

2:13.89 during a 121-63 loss to Highland Park on Friday.

The freshman also swam on the winning 200 free relay (1:34.60) and 400 free relay (3:35.75) with Derek Chavez, Steven Tom and Danny Ward.

Daniel Siegart finished first in diving with 158.10.

The Demons, 0-2 in the CSL North, host Maine West on Friday and Leyden on Saturday.

**Boys Basketball**

The broken record keeps spinning. Nuse Khan scored 32 points in Friday's 63-52 loss against Highland Park, which dropped the Demons to 0-6 in the CSL North and 4-12 overall.

Khan came into the week averaging 28.1 points a game, representing 49 percent of Maine East's offensive output this season. The senior guard has scored more than 30 points in six games.

The Demons host Niles North today and visit Lincoln Park on Sunday.

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# Win over Mather proves Vikings' promise

## Nader explodes for 31 points, 15 rebounds

By MIKE CAMERON  
Contributor

**BOYS BASKETBALL** — Young, depth-challenged Niles North had every excuse in the world to mail it in for its noon, Saturday road engagement on short rest against a one-loss team following a Friday night defeat at Glenbrook North. Instead, the Vikings derailed Mather (18-2) with a scintillating second half to earn a 79-74 nonconference victory and weekend split. The host Rangers had been destroying Chicago Public League teams and also registered an impressive 73-67 win at Ridgewood (11-8) Dec. 29.

Abdel Nader, Niles North's multi-skilled, 6-foot-6 junior, lit up the gym with 31 points and 15 rebounds. Marlon Senior, 6-4 senior

guard, scored all 19 of his points in the second half. "We had a great third quarter and finished our quarters better than we had been doing. Mather shot 41 free throws, and we overcame that, too," praised Niles North head coach Glenn Olson.

Niles North (7-11, 2-4) managed to re-fuel only 15 hours after a physically taxing 65-49 loss to CSL North powerhouse Glenbrook North (14-3, 5-1).

Starters Nader (15 points, 8 rebounds), junior Andre Shaw (12 points), Senior (10 points), exciting 5-4 freshman point guard Malachi Nix (8 points) and junior Sam Sharples must log heavy minutes for the Vikes to stay in games against top foes. They battled constant full-court pressure and then chased the Spartans' many three-point threats.

The Vikings stayed close, trailing by just 19-18 with 5:27 left in the second quarter and 34-27 at the half. But Glenbrook North, rotating its deep bench, wore down

the visitors and went on a 28-7 spree to lead by a commanding 62-34 with 5:30 remaining.

Notre Dame-bound Alex Dragicovich paced GBN with 17 points, six rebounds and six assists. Sharpshooter Austin Weber canned three of the victors' 10 three-pointers.

Hounding those two snipers often left open junior reserve Tommy Hanrahan, who stepped up with four treys and a career-high 14 points. Olson stressed better finishes to quarters after Peter Szostak threw in a 16-footer at the first-quarter buzzer and Hanrahan ended both the second and third periods with three-pointers.

"We played a good first half. The second half was a combination of things. We're good enough to compete with the top teams when we do everything right," stated Olson.

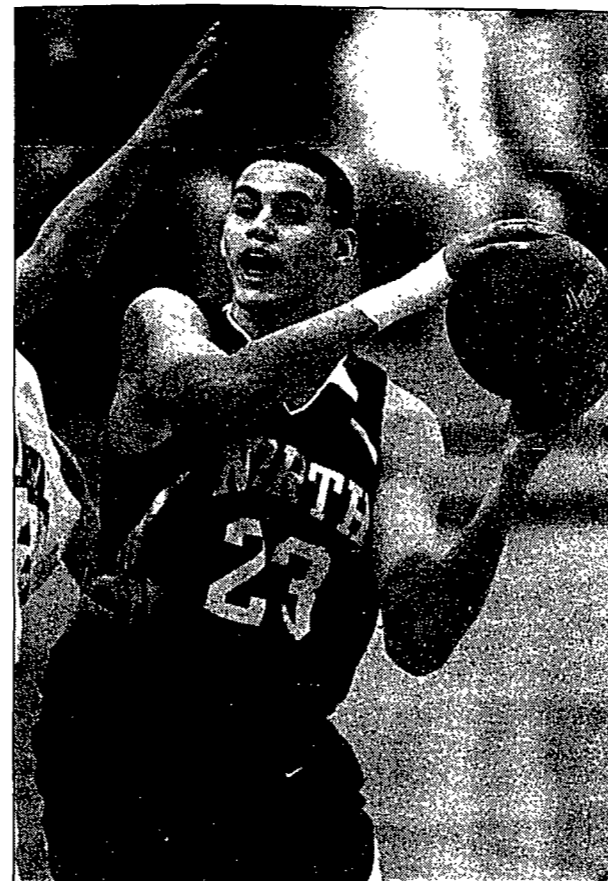
Niles North juniors Jovan Williams and Arthur Freitas each scored a bucket

in the fourth quarter. A transfer from Maine East, Nader is a budding star who destroyed Willowbrook with 42 points and four blocks in a Vikings' victory last month. The sky's the limit for diminutive freshman Nix, who combines quickness, skill and court moxie at the key point position.

"Nader just needs to keep playing and getting experience on this level. He missed six weeks in the preseason with a broken wrist. Nix loves to play the game; that's important, and it shows. He's only going to get better," said Olson, the former Maine East mentor who will lose only one starter, Senior, to graduation.

Niles North is going through a busy stretch with four road games in a week. The Vikings were scheduled to play at Gordon Tech on Tuesday and today visit Maine East, which still is looking for its first North win.

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Niles North's Abdel Nader (23) last weekend combined for 46 points during a 65-49 loss to Glenbrook North and a 79-74 win over Mather. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

# North, West both in line for conference crowns



Niles North's Brittany Ebeling will be among the Vikings gymnasts hoping to bring a CSL North title back to Skokie. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

## Wolves' title would be first in memory

By DAN SHALIN  
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**GYMNASTICS** — Niles West's gymnasts are looking to put a rough weekend behind them and make history at Friday's CSL South meet in Glenview.

The Wolves sit in first place and have a chance to end a long dry spell.

"We tied for second last year. I don't know when we last won it," Wolves head coach Pam Foerch said. "I honestly don't know. Usually we've gotten second or third. This would be a

great victory and I'm looking forward to a great performance."

West is coming of a sub-par outing on Saturday at its own invite, where the Wolves scored 70.1 and finished sixth in a 17-team field.

"We had a bad meet and counted five falls," Foerch said. "We're just not where we should be right now. But we have four days to work and get it back together (before conference)."

NW's Emily Fung had a strong showing with a sixth-place 9.1 on balance beam. Katelynn Johnson came in fourth on vault (9.45), sixth on bars (8.65) and eighth on floor (9.275). Callie Sher placed 12th on floor (9.0).

**At Niles North**

The Vikings scored 65.05 and came in 13th at Saturday's Niles West Invite, which head coach Charlie Friedman used as a tune-up for Friday's CSL North meet.

"Everybody on varsity got a chance to compete," the coach said. "We put the girls on events we thought they needed to practice on. We wanted to give them big-meet experience in the main gym and in front of a big crowd, so it was more like conference. They all did really well."

Friedman said Jenny Lin and Deborah Steinberg both had fine vaults, Brittany Ebeling was solid on beam and bars and Maddie Neuhaus turned in a

strong performance on beam and floor in one of her first meets back after injury.

The Vikings were coming off a 132.8 to 128.8 victory over Deerfield on Jan. 21. Citlali Cuevas and Steinberg both turned impressive vaults.

Niles North, the defending CSL North champs, will be looking to grab a share of this year's title at Friday's conference meet, 6:30 p.m. at Glenbrook North.

The host Spartans edged the Vikings during the regular season, but if NN takes first at the CSL North meet, the Vikings will own at least a share of the title.

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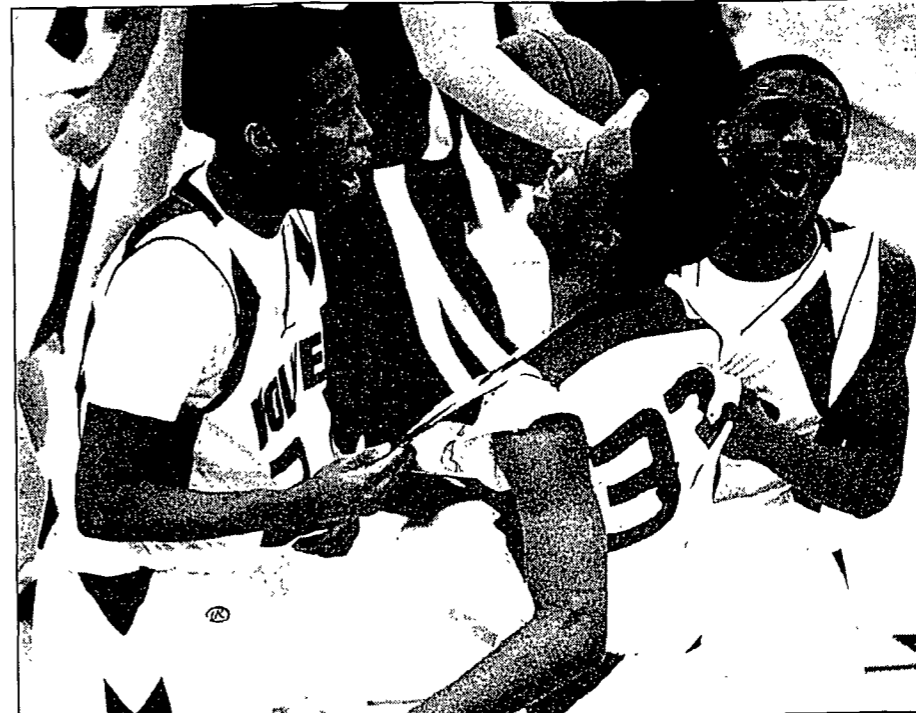
# Wolves work on toughness after loss to NT

## Cayemitte comes up big on defense

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**BOYS BASKETBALL** — Niles West coach Bob Williams wants his team to be special. But he doesn't want his players attempting things that are too out of the ordinary.

During the Wolves' 54-49 loss to New Trier on Friday, Niles West led by 10 points late in the third quarter and by six midway through the fourth, but then stopped doing what it was that made them successful, Williams said.



Niles West's Lauris Herth (from left), Tony Pierce and Donte Logan get excited after Pierce's three-point play. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

"I'm disappointed in the way we lost. We fell apart," Williams said. "We felt we needed to do special things to win — you don't. You have to execute your game plan. We did that very well for three quarters and were right where we wanted to be. But we got worried about winning."

The Wolves (9-9, 2-4) launched ill-advised shots and turned the ball over down the stretch. They also struggled to contain NT's

6-foot-7 sophomore Connor Boehm, who scored 14 of his career-high 25 points in the fourth quarter.

It marked the second time this season that Niles West found itself in position to beat the Trevians (14-3, 5-1), only to fade late when the game was on the line.

"Both games were there for us to win, where we were ahead late in the game and

we didn't execute what we needed to execute," Williams said. "I'm sure they feel relieved to win. We had them where we wanted them and didn't close the deal."

In both games, West senior Boris Cayemitte played fine defense on NT's California-bound swingman Alex Rossi. The 6-5 Rossi, who limped off with an in-

jured ankle late in the third quarter, had just seven points on Friday.

The Wolves' defensive stopper had held talented St. Patrick junior Jacob Williams to six points in Niles West's previous game. "I love to guard the best player and shut them down. I just try to do my best, and it works," Cayemitte said.

Cayemitte finished with

13 points and four steals against New Trier. Junior Tony Pierce led the Wolves with 15 points, while senior Chris McNichols scored eight off the bench.

Niles West dropped a 70-59 decision to Morgan Park at the Chops Billinger Memorial Shootout at North Park University on Saturday. The powerhouse Mustangs were without Louisville-recruit Wayne Blackshear and freshman sensation Markee Williams.

Junior point guard Donte Logan took Niles West scoring honors with 16 points.

Coach Williams thought his team had trouble rising to the occasion after the emotional loss to New Trier.

"It was the first time we came out and we were not as ready to go as we needed to be, and that was disappointing," he said. "It's tough to come back after a Friday night like that. But we have to look at those things and do what we need to do to be mentally tougher, more alert and disciplined."

The Wolves host Glenbrook South at 7:30 p.m. Friday before facing Gordon Tech, at Loyola's Gentile Center, at 4 p.m. Sunday.

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GAME BALLS RESULTS	
Friday:	New Trier 54, Niles West 49
Saturday:	Morgan Park 70, Niles West 59
STAR PERFORMANCES	
Tony Pierce:	Team-high 15 points vs. New Trier
Boris Cayemitte:	13 points against NT, held Rossi to 7
Donte Logan:	Team-best 16 points against Morgan Park
GAME DAY	
Up next:	Glenbrook South at Niles West, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Niles West vs. Gordon Tech at Loyola U., 4 p.m. Saturday
STANDINGS (through Sunday)	
CSL SOUTH	
Waukegan	6-0
New Trier	5-1
Maine South	4-2
Niles West	2-4
Evanston	1-5
Glenbrook South	0-6
CSL NORTH	
Deerfield	6-0
Glenbrook North	5-1
Highland Park	4-2
Niles North	2-4
Maine East	1-5
Maine East	0-6

# Wolves prepare for showdown with Titans

## West still in hunt for chunk of crown

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL** — Heading into the CSL South season, Niles West head

coach Tony Konsewicz believed his team needed to collect at least one win over both New Trier and Glenbrook South in order to claim the title.

And that's exactly how the race is playing out.

Entering their final two conference contests, the Wolves and Trevians are tied for second place at 5-2 behind the 6-1 Titans. Niles

West could secure a championship with a victory over Glenbrook South at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Titans defeated West earlier in the season in Glenview, thanks to a fantastic shooting display by Janelle Flaws. But the Wolves will be looking to turn the tables in front of a Pack-the-Place

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Niles West's Kelly Kleppin works on New Trier's Layne Teska Friday during the Trevians' 63-57 victory. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

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# DeGuzman energizes Niles North defense

Henley getting stronger after her surgery

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL** — Niles North coach Dan Paxson didn't know what to feel after Saturday afternoon's 53-46 loss to Loyola.

The coach was disappointed by the defeat, proud of his team's effort and confused why the Vikings (4-17, 2-4) do not play with the same energy all the time.

"Tonight we were into it. I thought we were paying attention and we understood what we needed to do and what Loyola was trying to do," Paxson said. "We could be better if we just came out with that kind of energy every night. But I felt we took a step (forward)."

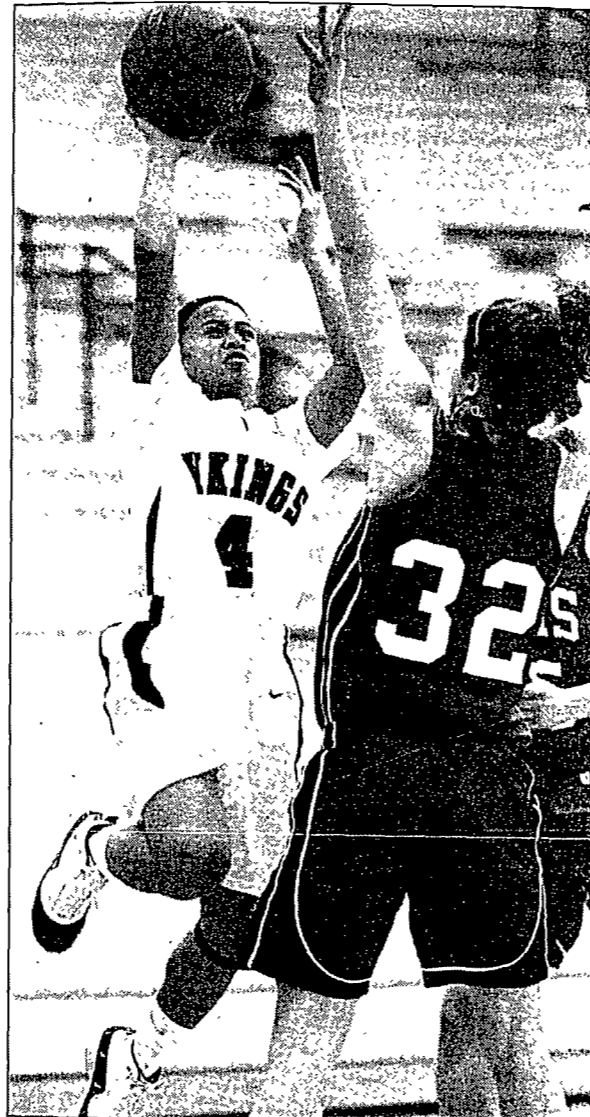
The Vikings led by six points early before settling for a tie at halftime. North trailed by 12 with a minute remaining, before scoring seven straight points in a furious late comeback against the Ramblers (18-12).

"That's what our coaches teach us every day in practice: to put our heads down, to keep fighting through it," NW sophomore Mariyah Henley said.

Henley led the Vikings with 22 points and 10 rebounds. The 5-foot-11 sophomore continues to recover after missing the first half of the season following shoulder surgery.

"I'm about 85 percent. I still have to get my shoulder stronger and rehab to be ready for regionals," Henley said. "The hardest thing has been conditioning and being able to run up and down the floor without breathing hard and getting tired."

Senior Pearlane DeGuz-



Niles North's Pearlane DeGuzman, who scored eight points Saturday during a 53-46 loss to Loyola, puts up a shot over Grayslake Central's Kat Dickson. (Rob Dicker/Staff Photographer)

man added eight points for the Vikings, and her tenacious defense helped inspire the late rally. Her stubbornness caused a Loyola player to throw an elbow and draw a foul.

Paxson loves the effort he gets from the guard and he has been pleased with her offensive contribution.

"Pearlane can be a pest," he said. "The pressure she brings for three quarters can make a difference in the fourth when players get tired after having her glued to them. She can stay tight

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# Sanetra, Olbeira make cut for State

ND just misses advancing as squad

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**BOYS BOWLING** — Notre Dame head coach Dominic Catalano came away from Saturday's Vernon Hills Sectional with mixed emotions.

He was happy to see Dons junior Justin Sanetra and senior Tony Olbeira post the top two scores in the competition. However, his excitement was tempered by the fact that ND missed out on qualifying as a squad for the IHSA State Meet.

Sanetra and Olbeira both will compete in downstate O'Fallon. Sectional champ Vernon Hills (5,958) and runner-up Lake Zurich (5,821) claimed the two team spots, while Notre



Notre Dame's Justin Sanetra rolled a 1,340 Saturday at the Vernon Hills Sectional to earn his first trip to the State Meet. (Allen Kaleta/for STM)

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# Wolves' regional looms

8 wrestlers place at CSL tournament

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**WRESTLING** — Following the weekend's CSL tournament, Niles West coach Anthony Genovesi said that the Wolves have plenty of room for improvement ahead of the regional on Feb. 6.

The Wolves placed eight of their 12 wrestlers among the top four at the confer-

ence meet at Maine West. "We did all right. We didn't wrestle particularly well. Some kids did well and some didn't," Genovesi said. "We still have work to do before the regional."

Niles West's Ben Rosen (119 pounds) and Chris Nguyen (145) both finished second in their respective weight classes.

Earning third-place honors for Niles West were Chris Ronning (152) and Anthony Suarez (160).

Steven Stock (125) and Kharum Khan (103) both earned fourth-place medals.

Niles West will face Deerfield and host Highland Park

at 6 p.m. Friday ahead of the Glenbrook South Regional.

## At Niles North

The Vikings' Chris Pazmino (140) and Mike Ayala (189) each placed second during the CSL meet.

"Those kids did pretty well to get to the finals," said Niles North head coach Marlon Felton. "There was a lot of effort by both of them, but they made a few little mistakes and were made to pay the price."

North's Todd Schoenburg came in third at 112 and Thomas Ehrlich was fifth in the heavyweight division.

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## Showdown

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crowd in Skokie.

"Friday night is pretty much for the conference championship," said Konsewicz, whose team will close against Waukegan. "The girls have put themselves in position to play for a championship. It would have been nice to sweep New Trier, but we split. Now we have to split with GBS and hold serve the rest of the way."

With the Niles West boys taking on GBS in the second game of Friday's varsity doubleheader, Konsewicz is hoping for a packed house.

"We've been drawing good crowds to our games. With the success we've had, there

has been interest," he said. "It's the first game of the (varsity) doubleheader. So, we'll get some of those that come early for the boys game. We should have a nice Pack-the-Place night."

### Recap

A career game by sophomore sensation Jewell Loyd was not quite enough to drag the Wolves out of a deep hole in Winnetka on Friday.

After trailing 30-12 at half-time, West rallied to pull within four points as Loyd scored 33 of her career-high 40 in the second half. The Trevians held on 63-57.

The sophomore had scored a then-personal best 34 points Jan. 16 against Deerfield.

"We struggled in the first half and had a real bad sec-

ond quarter, only scoring three points," Konsewicz said. "New Trier was firing on all cylinders. But I was happy that we didn't give up. We tried to make a game of it and continued to battle."

Konsewicz said Loyd's second-half performance again reminded him of Michael Jordan.

"In the first half, the girls missed some shots and we had just 12 points," he said. "But, much like Michael would do, (Loyd) put the team on her back and took over the game. She started taking it to them. She was starting to wear New Trier down a little."

"If we had had two more minutes, maybe there would have been a different outcome. But give credit to New Trier, they are an excellent team. Hats off to them."

## Defense

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on players the entire game. She doesn't get tired.

"Over the last 15 games, she's probably been our most consistent as far as energy and effort and defensive tenacity. She's also picking up her offense and attacking the hoop like crazy."

### Recap

Paxson said he was not pleased with his team's per-

formance in Friday's 44-33 loss to Glenbrook North.

"I didn't think we had a good game. The energy wasn't good enough. I don't know why. That's the part where I'm baffled. Some days I'm proud of the effort. Other days, for whatever reason, they're not coming out like they should."

### Welcome Back

The Vikings had a special guest at Friday's game. Breannah Ranger, the star of last year's team, was in town with her Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix to play Loyola

and Illinois-Chicago.

The Phoenix were a perfect 16-0 and nationally ranked before losing both games in Chicago. Ranger saw action in 11 of UWGB's first 18 games and scored six baskets.

Ranger's sister Sorriyah is a sophomore on the current Vikings squad; Henley is their cousin.

### Game Day

The Viking were scheduled to face Gordon Tech on Wednesday and will host Maine East at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

## State

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Dame (5,877) finished third.

ND's sectional score was better than seven state qualifiers from other sectionals.

"It's bittersweet," Catalano said. "Tony and Justin did so well, but we were 44 pins out of second place. It was even worse when we got back to school (after the sectional) and started looking at other section-

als and saw that, at three other sectionals, we would have finished in first place."

The Dons entered Saturday's sixth and final match down by 130 pins. They bowled an impressive 1,088, but it wasn't enough.

Sanetra (1340 pins) and Olbeira (1302) earned the only two at-large bids to State available to bowlers from non-qualifying teams. Each will be making his state debut. Last season, both attended the State Meet as spectators and vowed to return as partic-

ipants.

"Justin and Tony used that as motivation all year," Catalano said. "They wanted to get down there and compete. Once you are down there, it's a special thing to see. It's intense, competitive and fun."

The State Meet begins on Friday, and half of the individual participants advance to Saturday. Catalano hopes Sanetra and Olbeira will be around for the second day and ultimately finish among the top 25.

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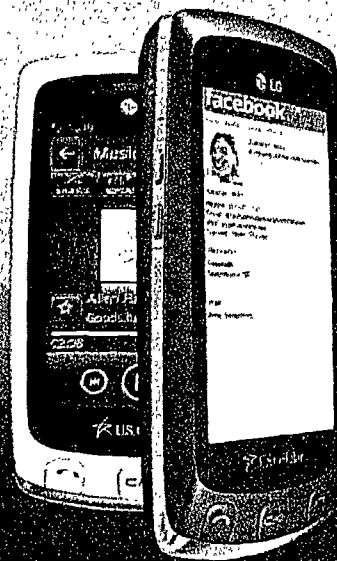
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