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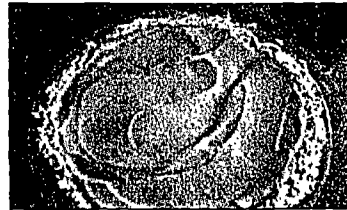
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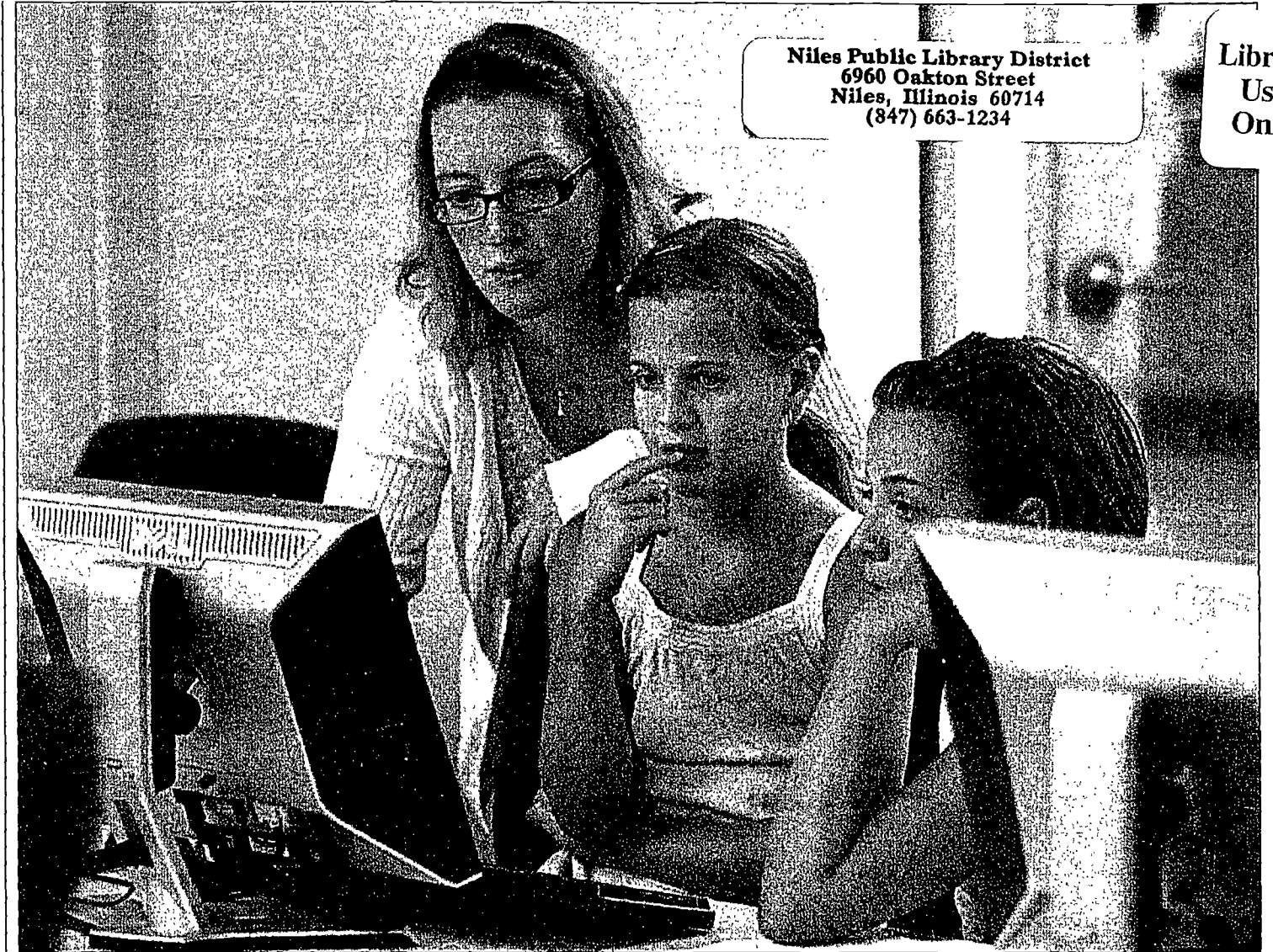
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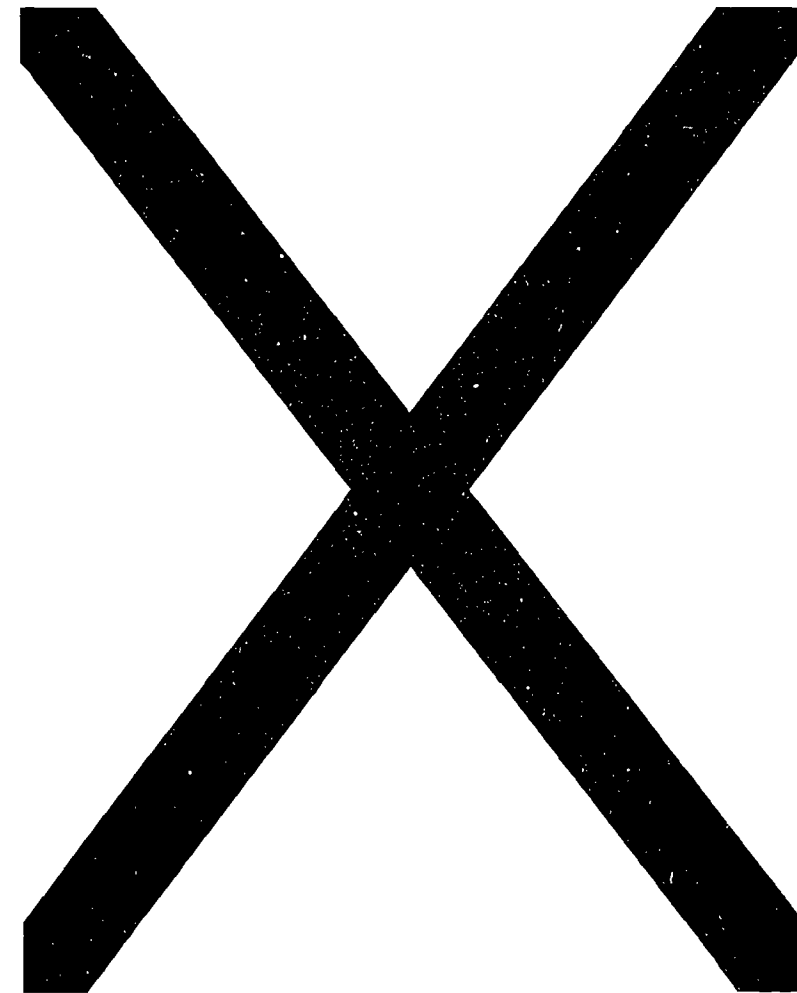


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Niles Youth Librarian Sarah Spetoskey on July 23 helps sisters Nerina, 9, and Elimina Alic, 11, both of Niles, set up their video game at Niles Public Library's Create Your Own Video Game seminar. PAGE 3. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)



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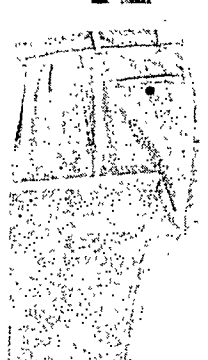
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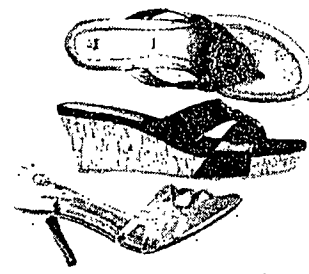
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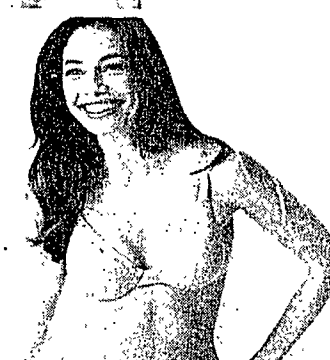
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VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dispute over sign continues

By ALEX MCLEESE
 Contributor

Mayor Robert Callero and Trustee Chris Hanusiak sparred at the July 27 Village Board of Trustees meeting over how to decide whether to remove the sign in front of Village Hall commemorating former Mayor Nicholas Blase, who is now serving prison time after being convicted of federal corruption charges.

At the last meeting of the board the trustees decided to forego a popular referendum proposed by Callero, and agreed to wait to conduct an internal vote on the matter until its August meeting, when Trustee Louella Preston would return from vacation. At that meeting and elsewhere, Hanusiak, who lost to Callero in the last mayoral election, has consistently advocated removing the sign and replacing it with a memorial for fallen soldiers, firefighters and police officers. Callero has argued for keeping the sign.

At the beginning of last month's meeting Callero announced that the board would not be deciding the matter internally until it polled citizens in the village newsletter, "Focus on Niles." Under his plan the board would then vote on the matter, likely at its September meeting. Callero said he had polled the trustees before the meeting, and they had agreed. He added that by village rules he has the right to decide what to put on agendas for board meetings.

Hanusiak voiced strong opposition to the proposed survey and questioned the mayor's understanding of village procedure.

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"Will there be surveys for taxes?" he asked. "With this precedent, what else will we be led to?"

Trustee Alan Weel responded that the board ought to be democratic.

"The constituents of this community deserve a right to have a say-so on this issue, and I will not vote until that happens. I think it's a compromise for us to gather some facts for me to make a well-rounded decision," he said. Looking at Hanusiak, Weel said, "You may not want to look at survey data because it's clear that your mind is made up."

Citizen and former trustee candidate Rosemary Palicki, who has argued strongly for removing the sign, was not persuaded. "It looks like you don't want to take responsibility," she said.

But Callero argued that the board could not rely solely on the input of citizens who choose to make public comments at meetings.

"Citizens deserve a right to be heard, not just the 10 who have gotten up and said so," he said.



Cool class Ian Lemke, of the St. Paul, Minn., library system came to Niles Public Library on July 23 to teach workshop participants how to create their very own video game. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

FLOOD CONTROL

Niles dodges severe flood damage as stormwater study moves along

By ALEX MCLEESE
 Contributor

Though Niles has not been hit as hard as many Chicagoland communities by recent rainstorms, some residents are frustrated by persistent flooding.

The village is providing short-term fixes and proceeding with computer modeling that will eventually suggest systemic solutions. Cook County has declared itself a disaster area because of the July 24 storm, a step in the process for qualifying for federal aid for residents.

Debbie Babich, of 7513 Nora, has lived in Niles for 20 years and suddenly in the past four years has been faced with constant sewer backup. Twenty-minute rains can produce 2 inches of flooding in her basement, apparently because of a problematic parking-lot sewer near her that feeds into her home.

"The village does flush out things, and everyone is very nice," she said. "I just don't know what to do."

Assistant Village Manager Steven Vinezano is leading the Stormwater Commission, which along with a private contractor

is studying flooding in Niles. He said that, though larger projects cannot be undertaken immediately, solutions are on the horizon.

"If we get a call from someone we've never heard from before, we go out and do tests. Something may fail with the home system, and we always try to go out there and do whatever we can," he said. "For big pipes, that comes at the end of the engineering study, when we'll determine big-picture repairs."

Vinezano said stormwater engineering firm Hey and Associates has completed field work in the village, and is now putting its data into computer models.

"They're doing hydraulic modeling, which takes the sewer system and maps of the town, and seeing where it comes out of the sewers, where it goes, to start determining where the choke points are," he said. "In November or December, there will be a final report, and an opportunity for the public to get involved prior to the report being accepted. Solutions could be anything from hard pipes to water-retention infrastructure to cost-sharing programs."

According to Vinezano the rain on July 24, which amounted to 4 to 6 inches, was the largest single-day rainfall in Niles since September 2008, when 720 homes flooded. The 2008 rain was especially devastating because it came after substantial rain earlier in the week. Vinezano said he only knows of 15 homes that flooded because of the July 24 rain, along with one car and the basement of Gemini Junior High School.

Cook County's declaration of a disaster area is a first step in enabling residents to receive aid from the federal government. Residents who suffered damage should photograph it and then fill out a Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Data Collection Questionnaire and return it to the village of Niles.

Questionnaires are available at www.cookcountyhomesecurity.org, or by calling (847) 588-8007. Completed forms should be faxed to (847) 588-8051, mailed to the Stormwater Commission, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714, or brought to any public building in Niles.

BUSINESS

Village tries out incentive package to attract grocer

Trustees hope move will revive shopping strip

By ALEX MCLEESE Contributor

In an unprecedented move the Niles Village Board of Trustees voted unanimously July 27 to grant an incentive package to Tony's Finer Foods to encourage the chain to move into a property that had languished unoccupied for three years.

The board approved \$225,000 in waived permit and occupancy fees, as well as a cash supplement, to bridge the gap between the asking price of Dominick's, which had occupied the property, and the amount Tony's was willing to pay.

Though administrators said

such deals have been struck in other communities, Niles has never before offered a similar financial package to persuade a business to move into the village. But trustees said that this situation is markedly different from past situations.

Tony's will be moving into a location at 8900 N. Greenwood Ave. left vacant by Dominick's. The strip has suffered from the absence of a large business.

"The dark building causes the village not to receive sales-tax revenue, and negatively impacts other businesses in the mall," said Village Manager George Van Geem.

Trustee Alan Weel said: "We're convinced that increased foot traffic will help those smaller businesses. Those smaller businesses thrive on foot traffic."

Tony's is buying the entire mall. Van Geem said sales-tax receipts from the new grocery

store should pay back the incentive package within six months. "The store in Riverside is very successful, and a very well-run operation," said Community Development Director Chuck Ostman.

Some trustees raised doubts about the wisdom of setting a new precedent for granting village money to private businesses.

"So we all agree, we will not make this a habit," said Trustee Andrew Przybylo.

Trustee Joe LoVerde echoed that opinion. "This is the first one, hopefully not the first of many," he said.

Van Geem and Mayor Robert Callero confidently defended the deal. "The empty building is not only doing nothing for us, but actually hurting us," he said. "It starts to reflect badly on the economic landscape of the village."

Callero said officials had "mullied this over for a long time."

Przybylo raised another concern, about how the agreement would affect competing grocers.

"Will this take away from the Jewel around the corner, or from the Shop & Save in Golf Mill?" he asked.

Van Geem said the situation facing Tony's was different.

"There are extenuating circumstances that other grocery stores don't have to deal with," he said. "They're not burdened with issues related to their building."

Shop & Save manager Cleo Kouzoukas was unconvinced.

"There are 17 stores in the area already; why do we need another one? It's oversaturated," he said. "I don't think it's fair at all. Of course, they should be giving us money, too. We're already established, and we're here. That's not right."

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VILLAGE FINANCE

Voluntary buyout plan OK'd to slash \$900K

By ALEX MCLEESE Contributor

The Niles Village Board of Trustees voted 4-1 on July 27 to approve a Voluntary Separation Incentive Program for village employees that is designed to cut \$900,000 in expenditures, as called for in this year's budget.

The plan laid out by Village Manager George Van Geem offers a lump sum of \$30,000 or five years of fully subsidized group health insurance for the eligible employee's enrolled level of coverage to employees who will have worked for the village for a minimum of eight continuous years by Sept. 30, except for those who are required by law to retire

prior to April 1, 2011.

Van Geem's conditions apply to about 170 village employees, and he expects that 15 or 30 employees will take the incentive.

"The bar was as low as I wanted to go and still be low enough to capture a large number of eligible employees," he said. "The idea is to make as many eligible as possible so more people have the option to leave. We save more money the more people that go."

Audience member Heidi Zielke said she opposes Van Geem's plan.

"For eight years of work, \$30,000 is pretty generous," she said. "You could tier the incentive with higher amounts for more years."

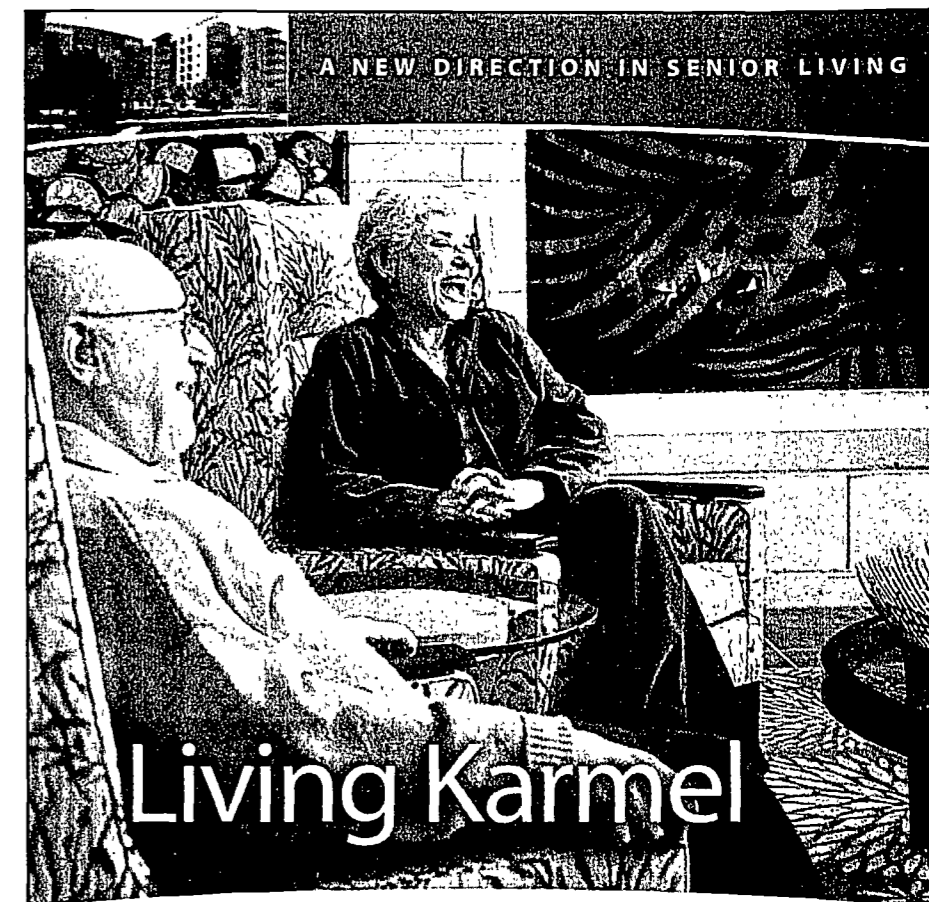
Van Geem said he wanted

to keep the incentive simple.

"No matter where you draw the line, somebody on the wrong side will have problem," he said. "If there are tiers, the problem will be that someone missed the tier by weeks or dollars, so it's easier to have one amount for service and for a lump sum."

Van Geem said he reserves the right to accept or deny an employee's decision to take the incentive. If all of the public-works employees take it, for example, he said he will have to tell some employees they cannot leave.

Trustee Joe LoVerde voted against the incentive program. He could not be reached for comment.



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DISTRICT 63

Former school supe is a finalist for Wis. job

By JENNIFER JOHNSON jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Former East Maine School District 63 Superintendent Kathleen Williams was selected as a finalist last week for superintendent of the Wausau School District in Wausau, Wis.

The school district announced July 27 that Williams was one of five candidates under consideration by the Wausau School District Board of Education. Interviews of the candidates occurred during two days last week and

Williams was one of three finalists selected, the Wausau Daily Herald reported.

Final interviews of the three candidates were expected to take place this week, according to a news release from the school district.

The Wausau School District consists of 15 elementary schools, three middle schools, four high schools and three other educational facilities. Williams was superintendent of East Maine District 63 from 2000 until her retirement in 2009.

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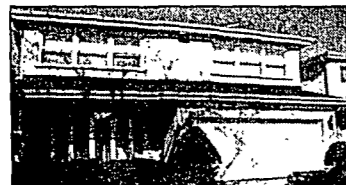
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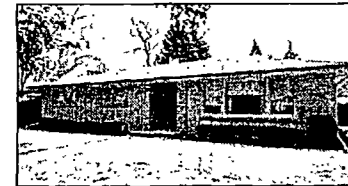
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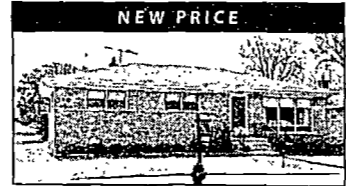
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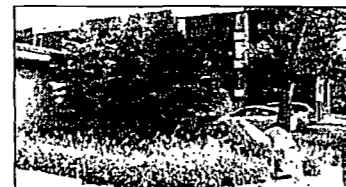
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NORTH SUBURBAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

Libraries look to take loan system private after loss of state funding

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A committee of suburban library directors is working to keep the popular interlibrary loan program in place despite a loss of state funding that once supported it.

The committee, consisting of directors from the Park Ridge, Niles, Morton Grove, Glenco, Indian Trails, Freemont and Grayslake libraries, is preparing to seek proposals from delivery companies to determine the cost of permanently privatizing the van service at the heart of the interlibrary loan program.

Janet Van De Carr, executive director of the Park Ridge Public Library, said discussions have involved pooling resources among the libraries within the North Suburban Li-

brary System in order to pay for the delivery service on a regular basis. Forty-seven of the 49 libraries within the system are now funding van delivery on a temporary basis through the end of summer as a result of the closure of the North Suburban Library System headquarters in May.

"We feel it's such a vital service that if it can't be provided through state funding then we would like to find a reasonable alternative," Van De Carr said.

Delayed state payments to the NSLS forced the closure of the consortium and, along with it, interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing between libraries, two services that give library-card holders access to books, CDs, DVDs and other materials from li-

braries across Lake County and northern Cook County.

If the delivery service is privatized and funded by the libraries that use it Park Ridge Public Library patrons may need to pay a fee if they want to order materials from other libraries, Van De Carr said.

"It's possible we might have to pass on some sort of fee for interlibrary loan. But at this time we really don't know," she said, explaining that the libraries are waiting to see what the actual cost to them will be.

Van De Carr said patrons have voiced their concerns about interlibrary loan coming to an end.

"People would hate to see it go away so we are going to do everything in our power to keep it going," she said.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

ASSAULT

Edmund Krol, 56, of 8349 W. Maynard, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault. He allegedly threatened a victim with a kitchen knife while one foot away, saying: "I'll kill you." His court date is Aug. 18.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Pedro Gerena, 41, of 2234

ILLINOIS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

End in sight for delayed work

The Illinois Department of Transportation has completed its construction on Waukegan Road, but IDOT work on Milwaukee Avenue is projected to last until mid-August, while Cook County construction on Greenwood Avenue will continue through the fall. As of early this week IDOT contractors were expected to be

W. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, was charged July 26 with disorderly conduct. He is a convicted sex offender, and allegedly made a victim feel uncomfortable by following her and asking intrusive questions. His court date is Aug. 27.

THEFT

Kenneth Kirkpatrick, 43, of 1407 E. 69th Place, Chicago, was charged July 27 with retail theft made a felony by the amount. He allegedly stole \$300.82 worth of decorative wall tile from Home Depot, 901 Civic Center. His first court date was Friday.

Norbo Ochirov, 20, and Bair Dansorunov, 18, both of 5141 W. Agatite Ave., Chicago, were charged Saturday with retail theft. They allegedly stole \$306.93 worth of clothing, cellular phones and roofing equipment. Their court date is Aug. 25.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A male juvenile, 17, was charged Sunday with knowingly damaging property. He allegedly shot rubber bullets at a vehicle.

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project, which has been beset by delays and was scheduled to be completed by Nov. 30 of last year, by the middle of August.

The Cook County Highway Department is doing pavement patching and making storm-sewer improvements on Greenwood Avenue from Oakton Street to Dempster Street, and from Church Street to Golf Road. Before the construction strike the project's target completion date was Oct. 29 of this year.

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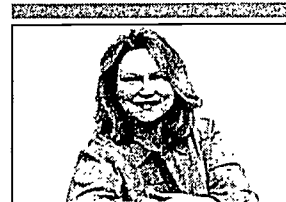
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A history of similar shades



CHERYL O'DONOVAN
 VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

In this economy, we can't afford a bigger house, so we're remodeling. My husband's idea of remodeling is digging out dog toys from the back yard. So when workers carted in ladders, tarps and hammers, he panicked. But they're soon done. Our downstairs den is transformed, decorated in

a soothing color mix of chocolate and spa blue. Now, when you redecorate, you feel you have the monopoly on your colors. After our den project, my friend redecorated her kitchen. "I'm so excited. Our new cabinets come next week." "What colors are you going with?" "Oh, a chocolate brown and a pretty silvery blue." I choke. "A, a spa blue?" I pull out swatches I carry in my purse. "This blue?" "Why, yes." She sips her green tea. "But, Sherwin promised me those colors." "Sherwin?" "Sherwin Williams." Soon, everywhere I look, I see spa blue and choco-

late brown. Nate Berkus, Oprah's decorator, features a living room makeover bathed in blue and brown. Here I thought I was so "original," and Martha Stewart's warehouse has shipped thousands of towels and sheets in spa blue and chocolate to international destinations. This didn't happen only to me. Imagine England's dismay when it found out our flag colors. "Well, the stars are different," George Washington explained apologetically. "The Union Jack doesn't have stars." From his throne, the English king tossed off his royal robe in a snit. "Betsy Ross didn't have a color

wheel handy, did she now? Even included stripes." "Our slogan guys told us we could do a lot with red, white and blue." The king snorted with disgust. "There's green and yellow, Washington. Even purple." Benjamin Franklin piped up. "There's spa blue and chocolate." Washington stared at Franklin. "Has Nate Berkus been here?" Our next project will be a kitchen remodel. The Eisenhowers have more modern cabinets than we do. We'll even try different colors. We're reviewing contractor estimates now. My husband turned white. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com.*

WE SAY Open meetings should include public comment

The U.S. Constitution guarantees citizens the right to seek "governmental redress of grievances." But before there can be redress, there has to be the ability to address. On the local level that often means the ability for residents to address their elected officials at village board meetings, school board meetings, etc. But no Illinois law compels public officials to provide for public comment at municipal and other local government meetings. Public comment is all over the lot. Some boards give residents a chance to speak at board meetings. Others do not. And still others provide restricted access, conditional on such nebulous concepts as decorum and good manners, that can be defined by public officials. No one disagrees that public meetings should be orderly, or that officials should be able to conduct the public's business free from harassment or abuse. But too often public officials equate opposition with abuse and choke off, or eliminate, public input in the name of order and decorum. But it is lunacy and profoundly anti-democratic to eliminate the public from the public's business. Democracy is messy. And a resident's right to seek redress of grievances shouldn't depend on what

community he or she lives in. In Niles, only recently did the public gain the ability to address the Village Board of Trustees at an early enough point in meetings that their comments might actually be able to impact how officials vote on an issue. Legislation passed by the Illinois House and Senate seeks to ameliorate the problem of public comment. House Bill 5483 was sent to the governor June 24. He should sign it. The bill amends the Illinois Open Meeting Act to require public bodies to make proposed minutes of an open meeting available for viewing within eight business days after the meeting. But the bill also requires that "Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body." This is a diluted version of the original bill, which guaranteed comment at any open meeting. But the legislation is a step forward. It lets citizens know they have a right to address their elected officials. It's a beginning. Perhaps elected officials may begin to look for ways to allow public comment instead of how to disallow it. We hope so. While decorum is good, democracy is better.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Benefits
Catholic Charities' Northwest Regional Office welcomes golfers and sponsors for its first golf outing, which will benefit the agency's Senior Services in the northwest suburbs. The outing will take place Sept. 22 at the Schaumburg Golf Club, 401 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg. The \$250 per person reservation includes: full lunch buffet from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., use of the driving range and three putting greens, Florida Scramble with a 12:30 shotgun start, beverage cart, six holes of contests, two hole-in-one car prizes, three-hour open bar, buffet dinner, auction items and awards. Additional sponsors are still needed. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$250 to sponsor a hole; \$800 to be a Contest Sponsor; \$1,500 to be the Printing Sponsor; \$4,000 to be the 19th Hole Reception Sponsor or \$9,000 to be the Golf Outing Event Sponsor. Sponsors receive signage, acknowledgment in the program book and mention in event publicity. To register for the golf outing or for sponsorship information, call Glenn Van Cura, director of Catholic Charities' Northwest Regional Services, (847) 376-2118, or e-mail gvancura@catholiccharities.net. For more information about Catholic Charities Senior Services in the northwest suburbs, visit: catholiccharities.net/ccnw.

The Kevin Dennis Family Benefit will be held from 4 p.m.-midnight Aug. 28 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. Mr. Dennis, of Edison Park, died Aug. 8, 2009 as a result of an undetectable heart condition at the age of 31. He leaves behind his wife, Laura (Tully), and sons, Jack, age 4, and Quinn, age 2. Mrs. Dennis grew up in Edgebrook, where her parents still reside. The event will raise money for Kevin's sons' education and will include a silent auction, raffles, and live performances by the Larkin and Moran Brothers and more. For more information and to purchase tickets or advertisement or well-wish messages for the ad book, to make monetary donations and donations to the auction, visit www.rememberingkev.com.

Center of Concern
The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes: Tuesdays, through Aug. 31 - Employment counseling, by appointment. Tuesday, Aug. 17 - Medicare counseling, by appointment. Wednesdays, Aug. 11 and 25 - Grief and loss support group (call first) Saturdays, Aug. 14 and 28 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Aug. 28 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed) **Center counselors** also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption. **Preparation of simple wills** and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See www.centerofconcern.org.

Civic
The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North

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Clubs

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 Hennmueller, (773) 774-9671.

I Chiacchieroni Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. The next meeting will be Aug. 12. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: ichiacchieroni@yahoo.com.

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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.

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

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, presents "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race" running through Jan. 2. The exhibition examines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with physicians, psychiatrists, and other medical professionals, used science to help legitimize persecution, murder and, ultimately, genocide. It chronicles the Nazi campaign,

from 1933 to 1945, to "cleanse" German society of individuals viewed as biological threats to the nation's "health." The objects, photographs, documents and historic film on display provoke reflection on the continuing attraction of biological utopias. This exhibition was produced by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Admission is free with museum admission. For hours and admission prices, call (847) 967-4889 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will host its annual Wine Fest, a one-of-a-kind extravaganza of food and wine at Chicago's oldest home, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 11. This year's theme is "Everyday Wines." Guests can meander through the spectacular grounds of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House and enjoy unlimited tastings, food and entertainment. The event also will feature a silent auction and the opportunity to purchase "Instant Wine Cellar" raffle tickets to start or complement a current collection. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased online at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org or by calling (773) 631-4633. Street parking is available, and guests also can take the Union Pacific/Northeast line of the Metra and exit at Norwood Park or the CTA's Blue Line (Harlem Avenue stop).

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are

held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others.

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Wright College is seeking artists and crafters for its indoor annual Craft Fair on Sept. 12 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. Wright's Center for Lifelong Learning sponsors the fair, which runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tables will be assigned on a "first-applied-for, first-assigned" basis. Tables range from \$65 to \$100. Admission and parking are free. Contact Gail Toribio at (773) 481-8805. Also, a vendor application is available at wright.ccc.edu.

Crafts

The Parents Club of Guerin College Preparatory High School is seeking crafters for its annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 30 throughout the first floor of the school, at 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. Admission is \$2; children under 12 free (strollers are not permitted). Refreshments are also available for purchase. To receive an application form, call (708) 453-6233. Crafters can also download an application form from www.guerinprep.org. Deadline for participation is Oct. 15; entry fee is \$60.

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full-time, one week session, \$128 for member, \$166, nonmember; part-time: 3 days per week (parent's choice), \$86, member, \$111, nonmember. Those who pay in full for all nine weeks for Camptastic 2010 receive one free week.

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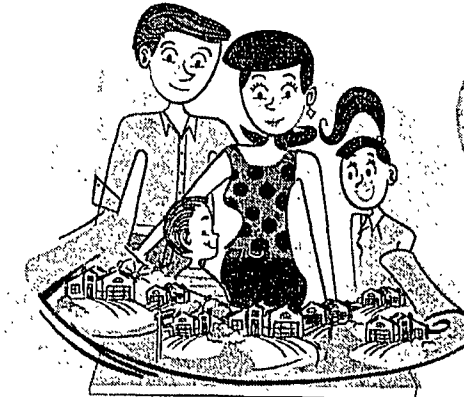
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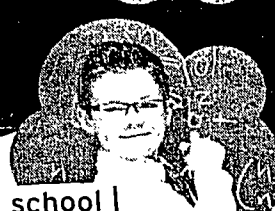

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Food Drives

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

Fundraisers

The community of Notre Dame College Prep is conducting a fund-raiser (Mike-A-Palooza) for Mike Schwass, an alumnus who has become a quadriplegic, from 6 p.m.-midnight Aug. 7 at the

school, 7655 W. Dempster St., Niles. Schwass earned a master's degree in social work and dedicates his life to inspiring others to triumph over adversity. He is in need of a new handicapped accessible van and help with medical expenses. The event will include food and drink, sweet table, raffles, silent auction, games and live music with the Wild Ones and the Bryn Mawr AllStars. Entrance fee is \$15. Donations of raffle and silent auction items for the event also are needed. Contact Peggy Herweg. (847) 827-5221, or e-mail Herwegj@comcast.net to donate.

For a second consecutive year, canine companions are invited to join in the fight against cancer at the American Cancer Society's Bark For Life. The event will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Sears Centre Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates, and includes a one-mile walk, canine contests and entertaining activities for dogs and owners alike. The fund-raiser honors the life-long love, support, and compassion dogs provide to cancer patients and their families during times of both struggle and joy. Canines also hold roles as therapy and service dogs. Owners can register online or at the event; registration is \$25 in advance or \$35, the day of the event. Each participant is encouraged to have a minimum fund-raising goal of \$100. "Dog Lovers" who raise at least \$100 will receive a Bark For Life bandana. "Golden Bells" with at least \$250 in pledges will receive a bandana and a commemorative T-shirt; and "Wonder Dogs" who raise \$500 or more will receive a T-shirt and a Bark

For Life leash. Proceeds will aid the American Cancer Society's support services for local patients and their families, as well as cancer research programs, community education and advocacy initiatives. Bark For Life is one of 13 canine Relay For Life events scheduled throughout Illinois in July and August. Contact the American Cancer Society. (847) 368-1166 or visit www.barkforlifefw.com.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc., 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed, or buys a gift card from the company - and also asks for the Lutheran General discount - will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AlMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office. (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa. (847) 823-9274; or visit www.like-newautospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the homepage with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

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.

Health

The Us 100 International Summit, Symposium and 20th Anniversary Celebration for men and their families battling prostate cancer is scheduled for Aug. 20-21 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont. A pre-symposium, "Advocacy Summit, Moving Beyond the Confusion About Prostate Cancer Screening and Treatment," will be from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dr. Damon Arnold, director, Illinois Department of Public Health, will kick off the first of nine sessions on Friday at 2:50 p.m. Registration and information is at <http://www.us100.org/2010symposium> or 1-800-808-7866.

Women age 35 and older are invited to participate in a national research study of the Hologic, Inc. tomosynthesis 3-D mammography system. The study is conducted at the Advocate Lutheran General Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. This is the only site in the Chicagoland area selected to conduct this multicenter clinical trial. The principal investigator for the study at this site is Dr. Sarah Friedewald, section chief, breast imaging and co-medical director of the Caldwell Breast Center at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. The study is being done to see how breast tomosynthesis mammography, a 3-D imaging exam, compares to a conventional digital 2-D mammography exam. Women ages 35 and older who are planning to have a routine mammogram may be eligible

to participate in this research study. Participants will have additional 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional views taken of the breast. The study will take about 15-30 minutes, which includes the time it takes to read and complete a consent form. If interested in participating in the research study, call HealthAdvisor, 1-800-323-8622 and mention Code 8W35. There is no cost to study participants.

Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenon at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

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. **Ongoing programs** - **Moms In Motion:** Prenatal and postpartum moms are invited to participate in this land/water exercise program offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Club Res Fitness Center. Fee: \$5/class. Call (773) 990-5600 for more information. **Yoga:** All levels are welcome. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at Resurrection Medical Center. Fee: \$8/class or \$75 for a 10 class punch card. Call the Health Management Department at (773) 792-5022, for details.

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

Kids

Attention all youth 12-19 years of age. Golf Mill Shopping Center needs singers, musicians and dancers, plus variety performers like animal acts, jugglers, magicians, comedians, and performance artists for Golf Mill's Got Talent. This two-day event starts Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m., with registration and auditions for youth age 12-19, followed by finals at noon Aug. 21. The first-place winner will take home a Shopping Spree valued at \$500. Prizes provided by JCPenney, Kohl's and Target will be given to first-, second- and third-place winners. Teens are to register in Center Court beginning at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 17. On Aug. 21 at 1 p.m., Kiara Rivera, first-place winner of 2008 Teen Idol at the Mill will kick-off finals for 30 Talented Teens at the Mill. All final-

ists will receive a free backpack, courtesy of Body Central and special savings at JCPenney from Aug. 17 to 21. (847) 699-1070 or visit www.golfmill.com.

Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

Movies - "Dear John." (PG) at 2 p.m. Aug. 7. **Youth programs** on a drop-in basis - **Babytime**, 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. **Rise & Shine Storytime**, 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more. **Computer classes** -10:15-11:45 a.m. Aug. 5. Beginner session, learning the basics about spreadsheets and workbooks, formatting cells and using simple formulas.

Maine Township

Maine Township's popular annual Community Garage Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 25 in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Space reservations will be accepted beginning Aug. 2. Reservations with payment will be accepted until Sept. 20, but spaces are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces are 8-feet by 16-feet and cost only \$20 each. Net proceeds from the event benefit the MaineStay Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry. Residents can also make a donation of cash or merchandise. Merchandise for resale will not be accepted for drop-off at Town Hall until Sept. 20. Donated merchandise will be sold by Township staff. Donation checks should be made payable to: "Maine Township Adventure Camp" or "Maine Township Food Pantry." Call Marie Worobec. (847) 297-2510, Ext. 270, or see www.maine-township.com.

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

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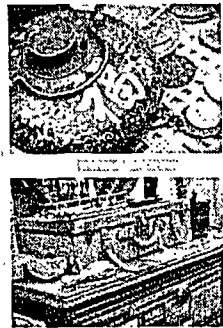
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A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. **The Cavern Beat**, a Beatles tribute band, will play from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa streets, Niles. Visit www.niles-park.org.

2. **"Fame"** will be presented by ArtReach Educational Theatre in partnership with Spotlight Theatre Production Company at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7; and 2 p.m. Aug. 8 at Stage One Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. Tickets are \$18 at the door; \$16 in advance. Call (630) 808-5852 or visit www.artreachspotlight.com.

3. **The Edge Comedy Club**, featuring North Shore standup comedians, 8 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com.

4. **The Silent Film Society of Chicago's 2010 Silent Summer Film Festival** will feature "The Mark of Zorro," starring Douglas Fairbanks, at 8 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, with live photo-play accompaniment by the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$14 for students and senior citizens; \$17 at the door. The series continues through Aug. 27. For ticket information, call Dennis Wolkowicz, (773) 205-7372, or visit www.silentfilmchicago.com.

Retired educators and artistic couple show together with paintings, quilts

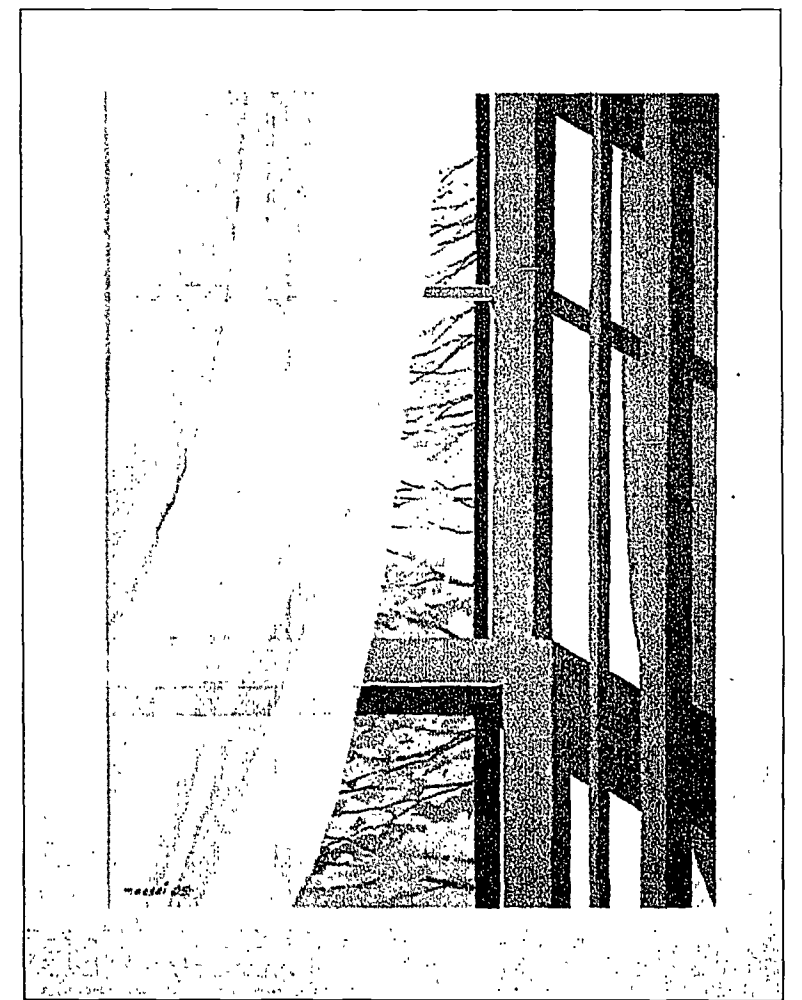
'Brush and Needle'

by John and Gerry Macsai, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, through Sept. 9, at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 448-8260; www.city-of-evanston.org/noyesgallery.

By J.T. MORAND
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Gerry Macsai gave up traditional quilting, which repeats patterns, in order to be more creative so she could create art quilts like this one.



Windows are John Macsai's favorite subject matter when he paints with watercolors.

After years as academics in architecture and mathematics, John and Gerry Macsai are showing off the power of their right brain in "Brush and Needle," an art exhibit featuring his watercolor paintings and her quilt work at the Noyes Cultural Center in Evanston.

However, making the leap into the arts wasn't hard for the Evanston couple to do. There are some similarities between their former professions and their art.

John Macsai was a professor in the school of architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago between 1970 and 1996, and is now professor emeritus. From the 1950s through the 1990s, he worked for architectural firms, including his own, designing and doing renderings. But, he had to stop when other aspects of the business took up more of his time.

Transitioning from architecture to painting was not a giant leap for him.

"Architects always used to draw," he said. "Before I went to architecture school, I studied graphic arts in Hungary."

He also takes classes at the Evanston Art Center.

Windows and forests are his favorite subjects, and there are common elements between his architectural drawings and his watercolor paintings.

The retired math teacher decided to make her a traditional quilt for a wedding gift. She also made a quilt for her daughter, who got married shortly after her cousin did. Gerry, who had experience sewing, soon discovered making traditional quilts didn't excite her.

"A traditional quilt is a repetitive pattern, and it really got boring," she said.

But that all changed when she saw some non-traditional quilts, also known as art quilts. Repetition went out the window and the subjects of her quilts became more organic, featuring trees, leaves, flowers, water and people.

"You can do anything you want," she said. "There's a freedom to take an idea and play with it and make it yours."

Quilting isn't totally unlike math. Some math can be quite abstract and often there's more than one way to arrive at an answer, she said.

"It's not as rigid as people think," she said.

Gerry said she prefers quilting because she has no drawing or painting skills.

"What I like about quilting is you let the fabric do the drawing for you," she said.

This is the first time husband and wife have exhibited together. Originally they were supposed to show in separate spaces, but the curator decided to show their work in a single space, Gerry said.

John's painted images of forests and trees seen through windows complement the nature and abstract images Gerry

created with fabric. "They look good together," she said. "I'm amazed at how good it looks."

She hopes visitors seeing the two mediums together will expand how they look at art, especially quilting.

"I hope they see quilting in a much broader aspect, as something that can be evocative, abstract and a visual pleasure."

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Robert Duvall stars as a 1930s Tennessee recluse who holds a "funeral party" for himself. Aaron Schneider makes his directorial debut in the Southern drama featuring Sissy Spacek and Bill Murray. Reviewed in this section. Rated PG-13 for some thematic material and brief violent content.

MIDDLE MEN

An entrepreneur becomes in-

involved with criminals, porn stars and worse while introducing pornography during the early days of the Internet. Luke Wilson and Giovanni Ribisi are featured in the comedy-drama. Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, language, drug use and violence.

THE OTHER GUYS

Two mismatched New York City detectives (Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell) run into trouble while trying to emulate their street-tough, crime-busting heroes (including Samuel L. Jackson). Adam McKay ("Talladega Nights") directed and co-wrote the

action comedy. Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content, language, violence and some drug material.

STEP UP 3D

Tough kids and privileged kids team up again to compete in a big hip-hop showdown - this time in three dimensions. Jon Chu ("Step Up 2") returns as director. (107 min.) Rated PG-13 for brief strong language.

STILL PLAYING

CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE

Canines and felines set aside their ongoing war to fight a rogue cat super-spy (voice of Bette Midler) with her own plans to take over the world. (82 min.) Rated PG for animal action and humor.

CHARLIE ST. CLOUD

A young man (Zac Efron), overcome by grief and guilt after the death of his little brother, takes a job as the caretaker at the cemetery where he was buried. Burr Steers ("17 Again") directed the drama. Rated PG-13 for language including some sexual references, an intense accident scene and some sensuality.

COUNTDOWN TO ZERO

A documentary tracing the atomic bomb from its invention to the present, nine nations having become nuclear powers. Directed by Lucy Walker ("Devil's Playground.") Rated PG for thematic material, images of destruction and incidental smoking.

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS

A rising executive (Paul Rudd) finds the perfect guest (Steve Carell) for a monthly event his boss calls a "dinner for idiots," with bonuses to be had for the winners. Jay Roach ("Meet the Fockers") directed the remake of the French comedy "The Dinner Game." Rated PG-13 for sequences of crude and sexual content, some partial nudity and language.

RAMONA AND BEEZUS

It's wholesome, wholesome, wholesome for the entire family, but don't hold that against "Ramona and Beezus." It's not saccharine sweet; room is made for sadness, bruised feelings and real-life anxieties - and it's more fun than you might expect. Eleven-year-old Joey King is delightful as Beverly Cleary's mostly inadvertent trouble-making heroine Ramona, caught between Little Miss Perfect big sister Beezus (Disney actress Selena Gomez) and an adorable baby sister. She also has to cope with some big-time adult problems such as

FILM CLIPS



'Middle Men'



'Step Up 3D'

Dad (John Corbett of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding") losing his job and her favorite aunt, Bea (Ginnifer Goodwin of HBO's "Big Love"), being thrown into a tizzy by the arrival of the twinkly-eyed high-school boyfriend (Josh Duhamel) who dumped her long ago. "Ramona and Beezus" has tree-lined suburban street cred to spare, but Cleary's brand of idyllic childhood isn't divorced from reality. Something dire even happens to the family cat. (B) (104 min.) Rated G.

SALT

A CIA operative (Angelina Jolie) goes on the run and attempts to clear her name after a Russian defector accuses her of being a double agent. Phillip Noyce ("Patriot Games") directed the action thriller. (100 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action.

INCEPTION

Characters spend a lot of time sleeping in this movie, but not because things are dull. Occasionally confusing, yes, but never dull. This spectacularly complex, cerebral

hostile subconscious with their lives at stake. Never fear: "Inception" pulls its weight as purely entertaining popcorn, with no shortage of shootouts, car chases, explosions, etc. (In addition to a wealth of fantastic imagery), but it gives you something else to chew on as well. (B) (148 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout.

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

You may have seen it all before in other incarnations, permutations and combinations (even incantations), but "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" still casts a mean, audience-pleasing spell. Mega-producer Jerry Bruckheimer, director Jon Turteltaub and star Nicolas Cage, who previously teamed up for 2004's "National Treasure" (and its sequel), top themselves in this family-friendly, fantasy/adventure comedy. Cage plays Merlin's former apprentice, who has been searching centuries to find Merlin's successor, the only one who can protect the world from the all-powerful evil enchantress Morgana. Naturally, the future supreme master of wizardry turns out to be a nervous, socially awkward, apparently weak-kidneyed NYU physics nerd (Jay Baruchel) - who's not at all happy about the situation. The complicated plot moves along briskly and smoothly, never taking itself too seriously, the magical action starts early and grows increasingly spectacular, right up to the gollywhomping finale and, best of all, everyone on the screen seems to be having a really good time. (B) (111 min.) Rated PG for fantasy action violence, some mild rude humor and brief language.

- Reviews by Bruce Ingram

SHOWTIMES

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RAMONA AND BEEZUS (G) Fri-Thurs: 2:40-7:10

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DESPICABLE ME (PG) Fri-Thurs: 12:30-2:40-4:50-7:00-9:10

TOY STORY 3 (G) Fri-Thurs: 12:20-4:50-9:15

THE EXPENDABLES (R) Thurs: 12:00 a.m.

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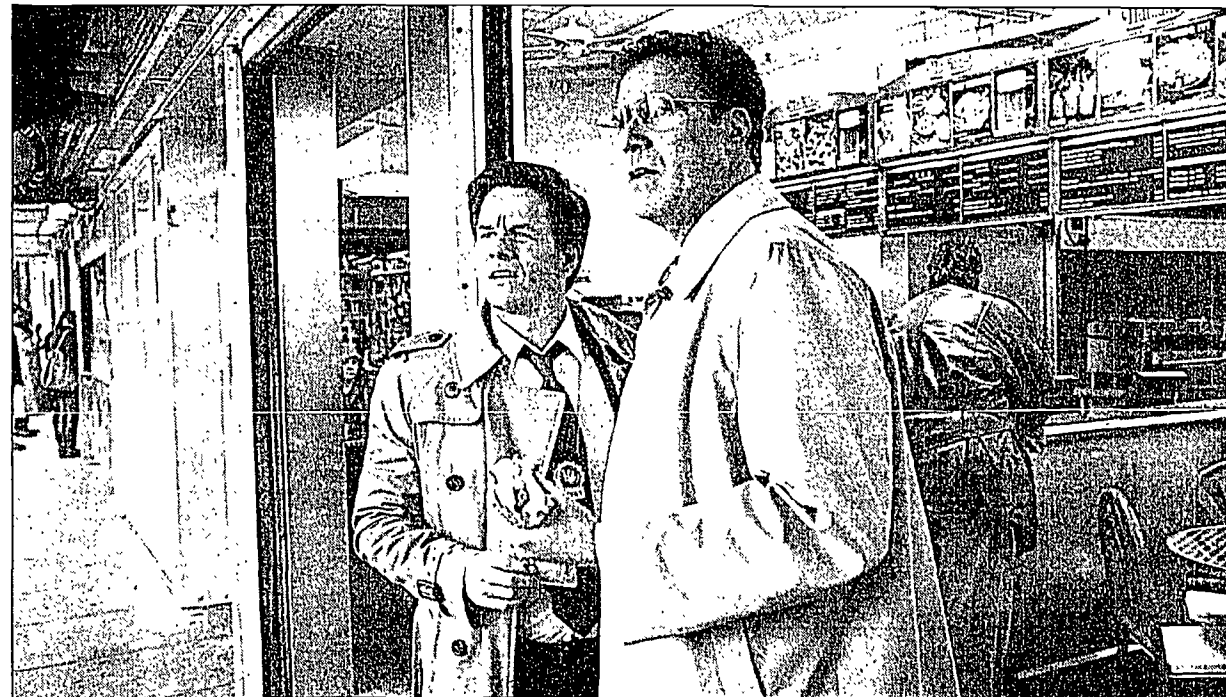
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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG-13)

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GROWN UPS (PG-13)

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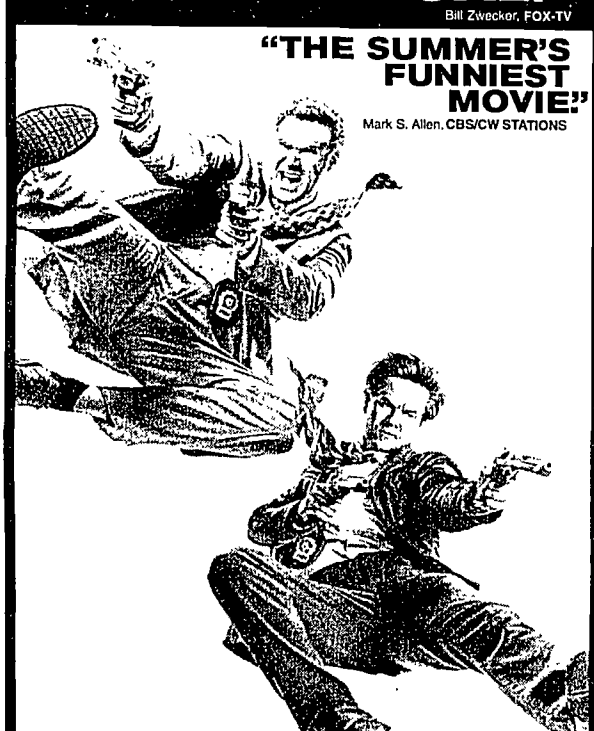
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SUMMER CONCERTS

Summer Concert Series will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Proesel Park, 7001 N. Kostner, Lincolnwood. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org. Aug. 18: Rhythm Rockets (jazz, R&B). Bluesmobile Cruise Night, sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association, will feature live music from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 14 in the METRA west parking lot, corner of Route 83 and Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect. Call (847) 506-4948.

Niles Park District family concerts at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa streets, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays. Visit www.niles-park.org. Aug. 6: The Cavern Beat (Beatles tribute band). Aug. 13: Soda (all-ages rock show).

Golf Mill Shopping Center, Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, will host a free concert by the Nevery Brothers at 7 p.m. Aug. 13 on a stage at the parking area outside the main entrance to the food court. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. The first 150 concertgoers to visit the Courtesy Table at the main entrance inside the food court will receive a free 50th anniversary camp chair (limit one per family). For information, visit www.golfmill.com or call (847) 699-1070.

Norridge Park District concerts will be

held at 4631 N. Overhill at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call (708) 457-1244. Aug. 5: Barefoot Hawaiians.

The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony performs at 8 p.m. Fridays at Hodges Park, located at the intersection of Vine, Main and Courtland in Park Ridge. Call (847) 604-0026 or visit www.prfas.org. Aug. 6: Brian Patti Big Band (Artie Shaw centennial celebration).

Skokie's Backlot Bash features main stage entertainment Aug. 27-29 along Oakton Street between Lincoln and Laramie, sponsored by the Skokie Park District. Call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.BacklotBash.com.

Starlight Concert Series is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Dawes Park, Sheridan Road at Church Street. Rain site is Levy Senior

Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Call (847) 448-8058 after 4 p.m. for rain site updates. Aug. 10: Singing in the Abbey. Aug. 17: Del Castillo.

The Brian Gephart Group, a jazz quartet, will perform at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 on the Ridgeville Park District outdoor stage, Ridge Avenue and South Boulevard, Evanston. For information, visit www.RPDsummer.org. Carillon Concert Series at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake-Cook Road, Glencoe, at 7 p.m. Mondays. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. Aug. 9: Charles Dairay. Aug. 16: David Maker. Aug. 23: Tin-Shi Tam. Aug. 30: Wylie Crawford. Sept. 6: James M. Brown.

Music on the Esplanade, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake-Cook Road, Glencoe. Call

(847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. Aug. 10: Mr. Myers (Calypso). Aug. 17: Route 66. Aug. 24: Morry Sochat & the Special 20s (Chicago blues). Aug. 31: Fernandez and Kimball. Hot Summer Nights Music Series, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake-Cook Road, Glencoe. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. Aug. 5: The Bolis. Aug. 12: Loose Change and Friends (Americana). Aug. 19: Be-a-ba do Samba. Aug. 26: Big City Swing with The Flatcats. Sept. 2: Alma de Tango.

STAGE

"Billy Elliot," through Jan. 15, 2011, at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph, Chicago. Tickets: \$30-\$100. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.Broadway-InChicago.com.

"Blackbird," presented by The Guild Theater at 8 p.m. Aug. 16-18 and Aug. 23-25 at Stage Left Theatre, 3408 N. Sheffield, Chicago. \$15; \$10 for industry. Call (312) 613-8885 or e-mail guildtheaterprods@gmail.com.

"Carousel," presented by Light Opera Works Aug. 14-29 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St. (at Sheridan), Evanston. Performances at 8 p.m. Aug. 14, 20-21 and 28; and 2 p.m. Aug. 15, 18, 22 and 29. Tickets: \$92, \$77, \$68 and \$48 for the main floor; \$77, \$68, \$48 and \$32 for the balcony. Ages 21 and younger half-price. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.LightOperaWorks.com.

"A Chorus Line," Sept. 1-Oct. 31 at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. The performance schedule is 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$35-\$48, plus tax and handling fees. Discounts available for students and senior citizens. Dinner/theatre tickets available Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$55. Call (847) 634-0200 or visit www.marriotttheatre.com.

"Daddy Long Legs," Sept. 16-Oct. 24 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Sept. 28 and Oct. 19 only); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (excluding Oct. 13); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (excluding Sept. 18) and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (excluding Sept. 26) and 7 p.m. (excluding Sept. 26 when show is at 6 p.m., Oct. 3 and Oct. 24). Jerusha Abbott's prayers seem answered when the generosity of an anonymous gentleman allows her to move from orphanage to university. Through her grateful letters, Jerusha shares her life with her mysterious benefactor as she grows into an intelligent, independent woman and enjoys a budding romance with a wealthy young suitor. Yet there is one startling fact that Jerusha has yet to uncover — one that will change her life forever. Tickets start at \$45. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"Equus," through Aug. 29 at Redtwist Theatre, 1044 W. Bryn Mawr, Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. The play is suitable for mature audiences only. Tickets: \$22-\$30. Visit www.redtwist.org or call (773) RAV-PLAY.

"Fame" will be presented by ArtReach Educational Theatre in partnership with Spotlite Theatrical Production Company at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7; and 2 p.m. Aug. 8 at Stage One Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. Tickets are \$18 at the door; \$16 in advance. Call (630) 808-5852 or visit www.artreachspotlite.com.

"40 Whacks," through Oct. 1 at The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway, Chicago. The dark comedy about the Borden family uses the infamous murder and Lizzie's trial to explore the public's fascination with death and violence. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays. Tickets: \$15. Visit www.theannoyance.com or call (773) 561-4665.

"From The Mississippi Delta," by Endesha Ida Mae Holland, will be presented in a dramatic reading by Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre at 7 p.m. Aug. 7 and 3 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Three actresses will perform multiple characters over a 20-year time period. Tickets are \$5 at the door. A "talk back" with the cast will follow each performance. For information, call (847) 448-8254.

"A Guide for the Perplexed," through Aug. 15 at the Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincoln Park. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$50. For information, call (773) 871-3000 or visit www.victorygardens.org.

"Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years," by Emily Mann, will be presented in a dramatic reading at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 and 3 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Tickets are \$5 at the door. A "talk back" with the cast will follow each performance. Call (847) 448-8254.

"Hesperia," presented by The Right Brian Project through Aug. 14 at the RBP Rorschach Theatre, 4001 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$15. Call (773) 750-2033 or e-mail tickets@therbp.org.

"Juliet: A Dialogue About Love," presented by Theatre Y Sept. 10-Oct. 3 in the Royal George Theatre Center's Gallery 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for students with ID. For information, call (312) 988-9000 or visit www.theroyalgeorgetheatre.com.

"The Lady's Not for Burning," presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre Sept. 17-Oct. 31 at No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for previews, Sept. 17-18. Optional dinner package, \$45. For information, visit www.theubique.org.

"Late: A Cowboy Song," written by Sarah Ruhl, through Aug. 29 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

"Leaving Timmy," through Aug. 15 at the Prop Theater, 3502 Elston Ave., Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15.

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"A Guide for the Perplexed," through Aug. 15 at the Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincoln Park. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$50. For information, call (773) 871-3000 or visit www.victorygardens.org.

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"Juliet: A Dialogue About Love," presented by Theatre Y Sept. 10-Oct. 3 in the Royal George Theatre Center's Gallery 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for students with ID. For information, call (312) 988-9000 or visit www.theroyalgeorgetheatre.com.

"The Lady's Not for Burning," presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre Sept. 17-Oct. 31 at No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for previews, Sept. 17-18. Optional dinner package, \$45. For information, visit www.theubique.org.

"Late: A Cowboy Song," written by Sarah Ruhl, through Aug. 29 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

"Leaving Timmy," through Aug. 15 at the Prop Theater, 3502 Elston Ave., Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15.

"Fame" will be presented by ArtReach Educational Theatre in partnership with Spotlite Theatrical Production Company at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7; and 2 p.m. Aug. 8 at Stage One Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. Tickets are \$18 at the door; \$16 in advance. Call (630) 808-5852 or visit www.artreachspotlite.com.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Art imitates art in production of 'Fame'

By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

Students at New York's High School for the Performing Arts spend four years rigorously perfecting the artistic skills they hope will guarantee them a show business career in "Fame." Thirty-two young people, ages 13-21, have undergone an equally demanding schedule for two months with ArtReach Educational Theatre, rehearsing the musical featuring book by David De Silva and Jose Fernandez, music by Steve Margoshes and lyrics by Jaques Levy.

Program director Dan Walsh, who directed and choreographed "Fame," wanted to stage the musical because "I felt it was a really good showcase for these kids."

He noted that ArtReach participants learn a range of theater, music and dance skills. The show provides "a positive message about what the arts have to offer in your life and the life lessons that go along with it, about motivation, discipline and self-esteem."

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7 and 2 p.m. Aug. 8 at Stage One Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. The show is produced in partnership with Spotlite Theatrical Production Company.

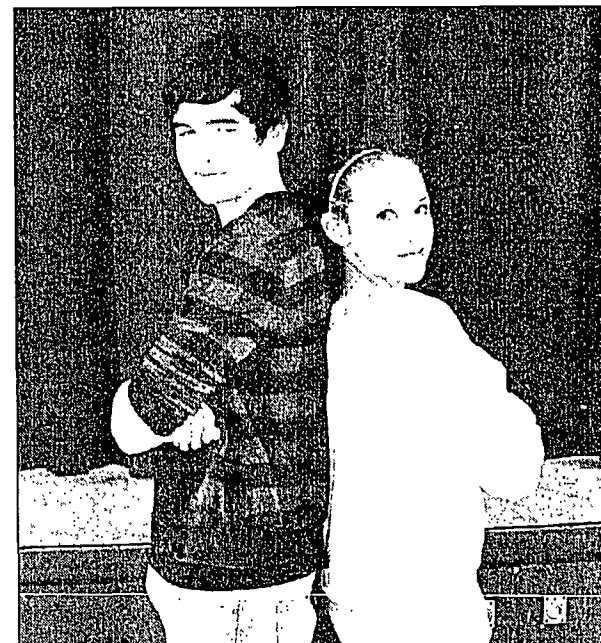
Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door. For details, call (630) 808-5852 or visit www.artreachspotlite.com.

Pack a picnic

Everyone is advised to bring a towel — because



(Clockwise from bottom left) "Fame" cast members SarahBeth Rabin, Lexi Burkley, Julie Hoadley, Tony Ball, Holly Moss, Jonah Parra, Olivia DalPorto and Drake Miller.



Drake Miller as Nick and Lexi Burkley as Serena in the ArtReach/Spotlite Production of "Fame."

you're going to get wet — at Eisenhower Public Library's Summer Picnic, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 7 at Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. There will

be activities, stories, snacks and a monster volleyball game at this event for all ages. Registration is required. For details, call (708) 867-

7828 or visit www.eisenhowerlibrary.org.

They've got rhythm

Your kids will get a thrill out of watching the Pan Go Steel Drum Band in action at 3 p.m. Aug. 8 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The group uses Trinidad steel pans to create Caribbean music, blending it with American rhythms to produce calypso, soca, samba, reggae, jazz and pop sounds.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or visit www.skokieilibrary.info.

Bop, don't stop!

Shhh! You won't hear that sound in the Niles Public Library during the Bibliobop Dance Party at 10 a.m. Aug. 13 at 6960 Oakton St. The library has an extensive music collection and DJ Miss Cate will choose the tunes you'll hear at this family event for all ages, from babies to seniors. You don't need to register; just drop in prepared to move to the music.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

Friendly persuasion

Your kids will learn that police officers are their friends at Stories with Officer Friendly, 1:30-2 p.m. Aug. 9 at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Park Ridge police officers will read stories and lead fun activities in the first floor meeting room.

For details, call (847) 825-3123 or visit www.parkridgelibrary.org. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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\$10 for students and senior citizens. "Lookingglass Alice," through Aug. 29 at Lookingglass Theatre Company, located inside the historic Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$28-\$64. Visit www.lookingglasstheatre.org or call (312) 337-0665.

"Louis Slotin Sonata," Sept. 10-Oct. 24 at A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells, Chicago. At 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 1946, Louis Slotin's hand slipped—a small, practically insignificant blunder, except that Slotin was the chief bomb builder at Los Alamos, and at that fateful moment he held in his hands a plutonium bomb core. With a structure inspired by classical music's sonata allegro form, "Louis Slotin Sonata" traces the true story of a brilliant scientist's last nine days, as his body and mind gradually succumb to the chaos wreaked by radiation. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$30; \$15 for previews, Sept. 10-12. Call (312) 943-8722 or visit www.aredorchidtheatre.org.

"Reefer Madness: The Musical," presented by ensemble113 at 8 p.m. Aug. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Athenaeum Theater Studio 3, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$15; \$10 students and seniors. Appropriate for ages 16+ or by parental discretion. ensemble113 was founded in 2008 by artistic director Clayton Fox with a group of alumni from Niles North High School. Call (773) 935-6860.

"Rock of Ages," Sept. 21-Oct. 3 at the Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe, Chicago. It's 1987 on the Sunset Strip. When a small-town girl meets a big-city dreamer in L.A.'s legendary rock club, they fall in love to the greatest hits of the '80's. Tickets: \$18-\$85. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.broadwayinChicago.com.

"Romeo and Juliet," Sept. 15-Nov. 21 in the Courtyard Theater at Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$44-\$75. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit www.chicagoshakes.com.

"She Loves Me," Sept. 14-Nov. 21 at Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Added matinees at 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 13 and Nov. 17. No 6 p.m. show on Nov. 21. Post-show discussions held every Wednesday. Tickets: \$45-\$70. Call (847) 242-6000 or visit www.writerstheatre.org.

"Oleanna," by David Mamet, Sept. 16-Oct. 31 at American Theater Company, 1909 W. Byron St., Chicago. Tickets: \$35-\$40; \$30 for previews, Sept. 16-19. Call (773) 409-4125 or visit www.atcweb.org.

"Once on This Island," through Aug. 29 at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. The performance schedule is 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$35-\$48, plus tax and handling fees. Discounts available for students and senior citizens. Call (847) 634-0200 or visit www.marriotttheatre.com.

"A Parallelogram," through Aug. 29 at Steppenwolf Theatre Company's Downstairs Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago. Bee is a young woman who believes she has the uncanny ability to see the future, and maybe even alter it. With the click of a television remote, she becomes bent on reinventing her own destiny—and possibly the world's. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays (Sunday evening performances through Aug. 15 only), with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Aug. 11, 18 and 25. Tickets: \$20-\$70. Call (312) 335-1650 or visit www.steppenwolf.org.

"A Pinch of Sage," presented by the senior citizen performance troupe Still Acting Up! at 2 p.m. Oct. 13, 17, 20 and 24 and 8 p.m. Oct. 16 and 23 at the Devonshire Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Tickets: \$13 in advance, \$14 at the door; \$11/\$12 for seniors; \$6 for children under 12; \$9 per person for groups of 20 or more. For tickets, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

"The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet," presented by Two Pence Shakespeare through Aug. 21 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Two Pence Shakespeare's inaugural production is set in Italy between the two world wars, exploring the realities of life after combat. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Tickets: \$20 (half-price rush tickets available at the door); \$15 for seniors; \$10 for veterans, students and industry members. For tickets, call (312) 488-1128 or visit www.brownpapertickets.com. For information, visit www.twopenceshakespeare.org.

"Wuthering Heights," Sept. 20-Oct. 31 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 4 p.m. Sundays. Previews at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and 17; 8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 18; and 4 p.m. Sept. 12 and 19. Tickets: \$32-\$35; \$27 seniors; \$20 students; \$20 for previews. Call (773) 761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m. Aug. 5-6; 10 a.m. Aug. 7; and 2 p.m. Aug. 8 in Northwestern University's Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$25; \$22 for senior citizens; \$10 for full-time students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

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"Theories of the Sun," presented by Sideshow Theatre Company Sept. 5-Oct. 3 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$10 for previews, at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5, 7 and 8. \$15 student and industry tickets are available for select Thursday and Sunday performances. Visit www.theaterwit.org or call (773) 975-8150.

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By ELIZABETH OWENS-SCHIELE
Contributor

Along a quiet street just off downtown Mount Prospect sits an old-fashioned ice cream shop that blends up some of the best homemade gourmet ice cream around.

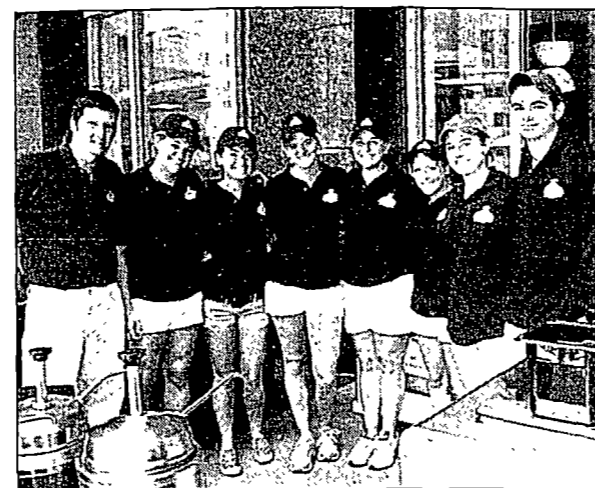
Warm weather, friendly service and loyal patrons have made this neighborhood institution a destination since it opened in 2001 as a family venture between Jim and Meg Capannari and Meg's sister, Katie, and her husband, Ken Dix. It's housed in the 180-year-old, charming Moehling General Store building next to a butterfly park where children are free to roam with faces smudged with tasty Capannari delights.

Avocado ice cream

"The biggest difference in our ice cream, beyond the quality, is Jim's ability to think outside the box," said Katie Dix, who manages operations and marketing. "He creates flavors you won't find [anywhere else like his bacon ice cream — it was fantastic, savory and salty — and he's planning an olive oil and avocado. He takes a lot of pride in his product."

These savory tastes accent the self-taught chef's already popular chocolate hazelnut ganache, recently recognized by Bon Appetit magazine, to local favorites such as the rich and decadent black raspberry chip to creamy double chocolate and peanut butter crunch.

Ralph Basile, a Mount



The staff of Capannari Ice Cream in Mount Prospect.

Prospect resident and regular, likes the Black Forest licorice, "it really tastes like licorice," he said, while Bruce Johnson is partial to peach and his son likes the cake batter.

"It's local, and it's really good ice cream," said Johnson, who discovered the gourmet gem in 2008. "It's smoother and it tastes more homemade." Capannari highlights the seasons with special flavors such as Irish cream, pumpkin, eggnog, creme brulee, lavender and ginger. From classic vanilla to upscale merlot sorbet, Dix estimates the shop makes more than 400 gallons of ice cream in its upstairs facility each week.

Family-style

Downstairs in the retail facility, family and friends staff the counter with friendly smiles all around. Meg Dix, 17, Katie's daughter, said she "loves the family surroundings" while her friend and co-worker, 20-year-old Callie Bischo, has been working at Capannari every summer for seven years.

"I love it, and can't get enough of it," Bischo said of scooping up cones, cups and blending shakes. "Our

staff is really tight, and we're a fun, bubbly group of kids."

It's that friendly service that keeps many local patrons coming back. And in these times, according to Dix, "This has become an affordable night out for a lot of people and families."

Beyond the retail shop, Capannari also sells its ice cream wholesale and recently started a corporate catering venture that has led up to 6,000 customers at companies such as Hewitt Associates for employee appreciation events.

Raised in Mount Prospect, Dix and her partners decided there wasn't a destination to take the kids locally for ice cream and decided to fill the niche. She plans to renew their lease again next year.

Cold comfort

"Ice cream is comfort food, a celebratory food," she said. "This is a great place to have people come and gather."

Which is why every ice cream season, Capannari hosts a variety of outdoor activities in the park next door. Check www.capannaris.com for a complete schedule.

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DIY maintenance

Transform yourself into an auto repair wizard.

By Megan McCann
Special to Pioneer Press

Built better than ever, modern cars have the potential last for years if properly maintained. For savvy car owners, maintenance does not require frequent trips to a service shop. By referencing books, Web sites and a vehicle owner's manual, drivers can save cash and improve vehicle performance by handling some car care at home.

Because today's cars are more complex than their earlier counterparts are, the one-size-fits-all approach for do-it-yourself (DIY) maintenance is eliminated.

"Due to the diversity between manufacturers and the complexity of the newer vehicles, it's hard to make a recommendation of car repair projects that the average car owner would be able to take on," said Steve Shrout, owner of Auto Service with Steve in Glenview. "Some projects like bulb changes, filter changes, tire maintenance and checking fluids still remain fairly simple and don't require an abundance of specialty tools."

Determining what projects can be tackled at home depends on the person performing the maintenance.

"I see people with a wide range of skills; while some peo-

ple may have trouble filling the gas and checking the oil, others are capable of rebuilding their auto from top to bottom," Shrout explained. "I advise people to always check to see what they need on newer car to comply with warranty requirements."

"Other than that, if you have the skills and the tools, anything is in your reach," Shrout said.

Even when attempting small projects, a car owner must first learn about the vehicle. Every vehicle should be sold with a manual that includes maintenance specifications.

"Owners should familiarize themselves with the standard maintenance intervals and [take the car to] a professional service shop at least twice a year to look for anything the do-it-yourselfer might have missed," Shrout said.

Shrout recommends finding books on car care procedures at the local library. Web sites, although informative, may not be accurate.

"The library is more apt to be accurate and can help you sort out which Web sites are precise," Shrout explained. "There are a lot of car club or enthusiast-type sites available that [provide] helpful information from others that own your same auto."

Before purchasing tools for an at-home garage, the do-it-

yourself mechanic must consider the type of vehicle and project. Different car models and projects require varied equipment. Essential pieces to every auto toolbox include a tire pressure gauge, screwdrivers, pliers, socket set and wrench sets.

"Good tools can be quite expensive, but poorly made tools can cost even more because they can cause damage or personal injury," Shrout explained. "The type of repair or maintenance you want to perform will determine the need for tools designed for the job. You may need different tools to change the headlamp bulb in your Toyota than you do for your Jeep."

Even more important than knowing the steps and tools needed to perform auto maintenance are learning the ways to do it safely.

"Safety should be job one for every professional and do-it-yourselfer," Shrout said. "Anytime a car is lifted for a service, it should be supported by a suitable safety stand and only lifted with the wheels blocked on the most level surface available."

Routine maintenance is the key to prolonging a car's performance. Every driver should check his or her car's tire pressure and wear monthly. Maintaining tires and routine oil changes can save money at the gas pump while keeping the car running.

"Stay with repairs and maintenance that you have the capability to handle and let your local professional keep you in good repair," Shrout said. "Automobiles are complex and better than ever for being low maintenance. Keep up with the manufacturer's scheduled services and your car will provide you dependable service." — PP



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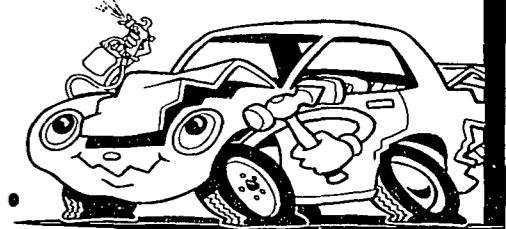
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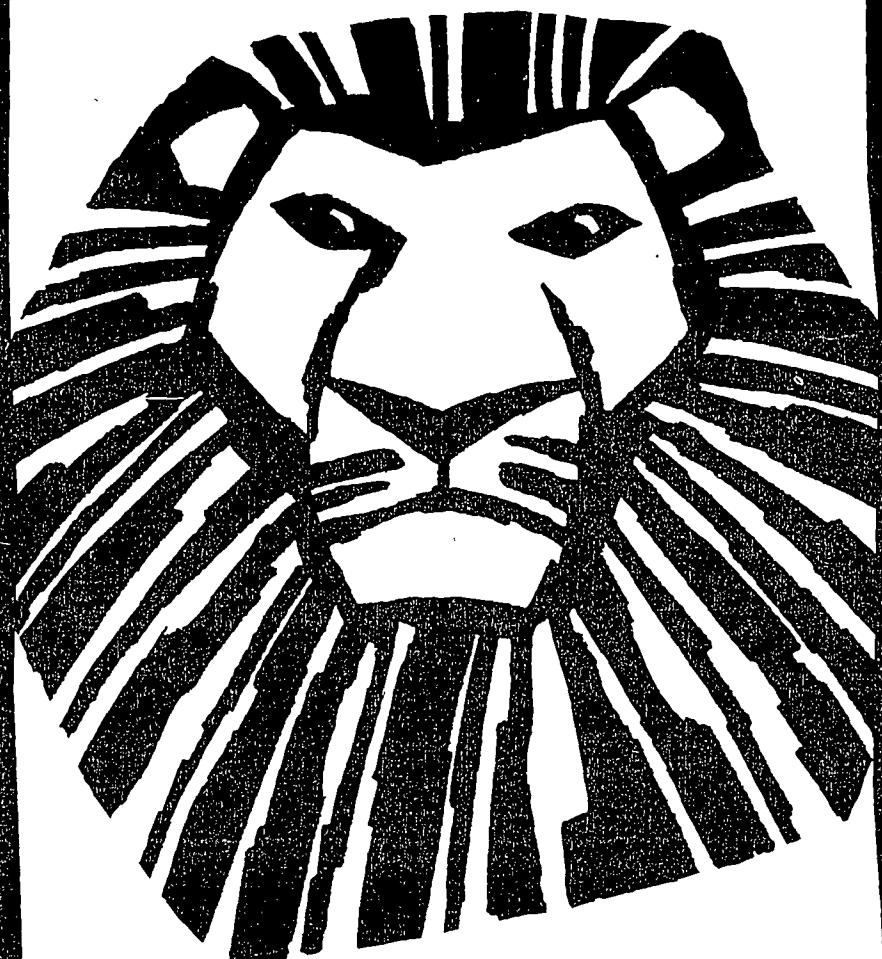


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Mazurkas. Tickets are \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door; \$8/\$10 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.evansonspace.com or call Rick Ferguson, (847) 866-6260. S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evansonspace.com, (847) 492-8860. Sept. 21, 8 p.m.: Violinist Anne Aikio Meyers, with pianist Reiko Uchi-daai. The program includes works by Beethoven, Debussy, Gershwin, Wagner and others. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$35 for reserved table seating.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

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. Oct. 29: Shakira. Tickets are \$9.50, \$39.50, \$69.50, \$99.50, \$149.50.

Blue Chicago, 536 N. Clark St. (at Ohio), Chicago. (312) 661-0100. www.bluechicago.com. Doors open at 8 p.m.; showtime 9 p.m. Admission: \$8; \$10 on Fridays and Saturdays. Wednesdays: J.W. Williams Blues Band with Patricia Scott, Thursdays: The Shirley Johnson Blues Band, Aug. 6-7; Charlie Love Blues Band with Patricia Scott, Aug. 10, 24; Charlie Love Blues Band with Dimetra, Aug. 13; Linsey Alexander Blues Band with Patricia Scott, Aug. 14; Tenry Johns Blues Band with Claudette, Aug. 20-21; Grana' Louise & the Troublemakers, Aug. 27-28; J.W. Williams Blues Band with Patricia Scott, Aug. 31; Linsey Alexander Blues Band with Laretha Weathersby.

Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect, (847) 788-9977. www.bluesbar.com. Music from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., unless noted otherwise. Aug. 6: Deja Vu, Aug. 7: Duke Tumatol & the Power Trio, Aug. 13: Vintage, Aug. 14: Howard & the White Boys, Aug. 20: Deep Six, Aug. 21: Dave Weid & the Imperial Flames, Aug. 27: VVX, Aug. 28: John Primer Band.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Mondays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with The Mudflaps. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session. Aug. 7-10 p.m.: The Bluegrass Advocates, Aug. 15, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch, Aug. 21, 10 p.m.: The Holy Hour House Band.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie, (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org. Aug. 14: Whiskey Bucket Blues Review with Charlie Rossiter, Henry Berry and Jack Rossiter-Munley, following 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up; all genres, all acoustic). \$5.

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 5464 N. River Road, Rosemont, (847) 928-9900. www.gibsonssteakhouse.com. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp Trio. InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont,

www.icohare.com/montrose_room, (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover, unless noted otherwise. Aug. 6: Voodoo Kings, Aug. 13: The Hue, Aug. 20: Trippin' Bilies, Aug. 27: Selective Recall.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Summer Irish Music Concert Series - Aug. 11, 8 p.m.: Tommy Sands, \$15, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m.: The High Kings, \$15.

The Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project: "A Celebration of Stephen Schwartz," 8 p.m. Aug. 7 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The evening celebrates the legacy of America's legendary songwriter Johnny Mercer by honoring Tony Award-winning composer Stephen Schwartz ("Wicked," "Godspell," "Pippin"). The program features performances from Schwartz's landmark shows, along with classic Mercer tunes, by Broadway star Shoshana Bean, Tony-nominated composer and lyricist Craig Carnelia, Grammy Award-nominated composer and lyricist Andrew Lipka and Grammy Award-winning Nashville singer and songwriter Lari White, as well as young songwriters from the Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project. Tickets: \$10-\$40. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.ticnorthwest.edu.

Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, (847) 448-8250, Aug. 13, 1 p.m.: The Dick Elliott Band performs big band tunes. \$5 at the door. Lincoln Restaurant, Lincoln Avenue and Irving Park Road, Chicago, Mondays, 7 p.m.: The Windy City Jammers play golden oldies. For information, call (847) 208-6055.

Q2, 1625 Hinman Ave., Evanston. www.quincerestaurant.net. Q2Nite live jazz performance series - artists perform sets at 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. and admission is free with a two-drink minimum. Aug. 5: Vocalist Typhanie Monique and guitarist Neal Alger, Aug. 19: Jazz pianist Joan Hickey and bass player John Tate, Sept. 2: Jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis and jazz guitarist Andy Brown, Sept. 16: Jazz pianist and vocalist Steve Rashid with guitarist and mandolin player Don Stierberg.

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. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. Aug. 14, 7 p.m.: Saxophonist Kenny G, with special guests Broadway star Stephanie Mills and singer-songwriter Jeffrey Osborne, will present a benefit concert for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Tickets: \$39-\$115, Aug. 21: Scorpions "Get Your Sting and Blackout" Farewell World Tour, with special guest Michael Schenker. Tickets: \$35, \$49.50, \$75.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Aug. 7, 8 p.m.: Lisa Roti in concert, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m., and Aug. 15, 2 p.m.: "Streetcorner Symphony," starring Layne "Doc" LaPage, Aug. 11, 1:30

p.m.: Jack Miuccio presents "That's Amore," Aug. 13, 8 p.m.: Jimmy Nileclub in "Music of the Fifties," Aug. 14, 8 p.m.: "A Song for You," starring Terre Cohen and Rich Maisel, Aug. 15, 7 p.m.: "Beckie Menzie Has No Standards," Aug. 20, 8 p.m.: "Diva Moments," starring Gillian Kelly and Claire Bigley, featuring arias, jazz standards and Broadway tunes. Aug. 21, 8 p.m.: Three Cat Media presents "Dream a Little Dream of Cass Elliot," Aug. 22, 2 p.m.: "Love is Here to Stay" with Eddy Patay, Shirlee Todd and Larisa Frumker, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m.: "La Tragedie de Carmen."

Songwriters Showcase, 8 p.m. Aug. 6 at Northwestern University's Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Emerging songwriters from across the country will entertain with original pop, music theatre, hip-hop, folk, Latin and country songs. \$10. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.ticnorthwest.edu.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evansonspace.com, (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: in advance, at the door, and reserved table seating. Aug. 5: Big Sam's Funky Nation (funk), \$12/\$15, Aug. 6: Tim O'Brien (folk/bluegrass), \$24/\$28, Aug. 7: Paul Ceban Tomorrow Sound (roots rock), \$12/\$15, Aug. 8: Howard Fishman Quintet (indie jazz), \$15/\$20, Aug. 10: Tony Lucca and Ernie Halter, \$12/\$15, Aug. 11: Joy Kills Sorrow (bluegrass/acoustic), \$10/\$14, Aug. 13: Tom Paxton (folk), \$24/\$28, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.: Megan McDonough (cabaret), \$15/\$20, Aug. 15: Down the Line and Jennie DeVoe (acoustic rock), \$10/\$15, Aug. 16: Ingram Hill (pop/rock), \$15/\$18, Aug. 18: Anders Osborne (roots rock), \$20/\$25/\$35, Aug. 19: Kim Wilson's Blue Allstars (blues), \$15/\$20, Aug. 20: Steve Forbert with Anna Fern (country/folk), \$17/\$20, Aug. 21: Beth Nielsen Chapman with Amy Speace, \$15/\$18, Aug. 22: Weavermania (folk), \$12/\$15, Aug. 26: Leon Russell (rock/country/blues), \$35/\$40, Aug. 27: Liquid Soul with Land of Atlantis (jazz/funk), \$15/\$20, Aug. 29: Shanta Loecker and Milk & Honey, \$8/\$12, Aug. 31: The Civil Wars & Madi Diaz with Tim Schurrer, \$8/\$12, Sept. 1: Sam & Ruby with Abalone Dots (folk/pop), \$10/\$14, Sept. 2: BeauSoleil Quartet avec Michael Doucet with Jim Lauderdale (Cajun/folk), \$25/\$30, Sept. 4, 2 p.m.: Talking Heads Tribute for Kids, \$10, Sept. 4: This Must Be the Band: Talking Heads Tribute, \$12/\$15, Sept. 5, 10 p.m.: Asobi Seksu (indie pop), \$12/\$15, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.: Anais Mitchell (folk), \$10/\$14, Sept. 10, 10 p.m.: Devon Alliman's Honeytribe (blues/rock), \$12/\$15, Sept. 11: Chris Smither, \$18/\$22, Sept. 14: An Evening with Jeff Daniels, \$25/\$30, Sept. 15: Raul Midon, \$18/\$22, Sept. 16: Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks (cowboy/folk/jazz), \$25/\$30, Sept. 17: John Gorka (folk), \$20/\$24, Sept. 18: Brendan James, \$12/\$15, Sept. 19: Michelle Shocked (rock), \$20/\$25, Sept. 20: Uncle Luucus (southern rock), \$10/\$15, Sept. 22: Chris Pureka (indie/folk), \$12/\$15, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.: Andrew Ripp and Caitlin Crosby, \$10/\$14, Sept. 24, 10 p.m.: Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars, \$17/\$20, Sept. 26: Al Day Trio and Steve Rashid (folk/jazz), \$15/\$20, Sept. 28: Stanton Moore Trio, featuring Anders Osborne (funk),

\$25/\$30, Sept. 29: Preston Reed (fingerstyle guitar), \$12/\$15, Sept. 30: John Coltrane Birthday Tribute (jazz), \$15/\$20, Oct. 1: Graham Parker (rock), \$25/\$30, Oct. 5: Jason Reeves, \$12/\$15, Oct. 6: Ruthie Foster (folk/blues), \$17/\$20, Oct. 7: Maria Muldaur, \$20/\$25, Oct. 9: Willy Porter with the Carpe Diem String Quartet (folk), \$25/\$30, Oct. 10: Guitar Master with Eric Johnson, Andy McKee and Peppino D'Agostino, \$35/\$40, Oct. 16: Chuck Prophet (alt country), \$12/\$15, Oct. 19: Guitarist Leo Kottke (Americana), \$35/\$40, Oct. 20: Al Stewart, \$17/\$20, Oct. 22: Tyrone Wells with Andrew Belle (pop/rock), \$15/\$18, Oct. 27: Marshall Crenshaw, \$17/\$20, Oct. 29: The Subbudes (rock/Americana), \$30/\$35.

ART GALLERIES

As You Like It Gallery, 825-B Chicago Ave., second floor, Evanston, (847) 864-3101, www.asyoulikeitsalon.net. Through October: "Coalescence," featuring interior landscapes on paper and canvas by Evanston artist Pat Murray.

Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, (847) 491-4000, www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu. Summer hours, July 9-Aug. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission to the museum is free; unless noted, admission to all programs is also free. Through Aug. 28, 1 p.m. Saturdays: Tours of the Block Sculpture Garden. Through Aug. 29: "Land Without End" and Other Works by Theo Lefmann, "in the museum's Ailsford Gallery. The fiber art of Chicagoan Theo Lefmann (1911-96) evokes the ancient and the exotic, echoing pre-Columbian and non-Western processes and forms with a distinct personal vision. A selection of Lefmann's colorful, richly textured and playful weavings, wall hangings and sculptural objects will be displayed. Through Aug. 29, 1 p.m. Sundays: Tours of "Land Without End" and Other Works by Theo Lefmann." Aug. 15, 1-4 p.m.: Family Day. Children age 5 and older and their families are invited to drop by for an afternoon of art-making activities and more.

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, (847) 835-5440, www.chicagobotanic.org. Admission is free; parking is \$20. Through Sept. 26: "Close: A Journey In Scotland," the culmination of photographer Allan Pollok-Morris' five years traveling through Scotland searching for new works in landscape design and land art. Included are works by landscape designers and artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, Charles Jencks, Ian Hamilton Finlay, Antony Gormley, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, Jinny Blom, Penelope Hobhouse, Gerald Laing, and Xa Tollemache.

Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar.php, (847) 491-2348. Summer gallery hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Sunday. Admission is free. Through Aug. 11: "Modern Groceries," Chicago-based photographer Stephanie Dean presents a series of still life photographs focusing on the way food is packaged and consumed.

Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road, www.evansonartcenter.org, (847) 475-5300. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Through Aug. 15: "Scene@Evanston Art Center," the EAC members show. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, (847) 965-4220. Through Aug. 30: Exhibit of Tarzan and Prince Valiant artwork by Hal Foster. Noyes Cultural Arts Center Gallery, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, (847) 448-8260. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. Through Sept. 9: "Brush & Needle," watercolors by John Macsai and fabrics by Gerry Macsai, in Gallery 2. Through Sept. 9: "A Sense of Place: Rural Indiana Narratives," photographs by Kay Westhues, in Gallery 1. Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, through Aug. 26: "Sculpture Invasion 2010," a juried exhibition featuring more than 40 works by members of Chicago Sculpture International. The exhibit presents numerous large outdoor sculptures throughout the Oakton Sculpture Park, which includes more than 20 permanent works. Smaller sculptures and maquettes will be displayed indoors at the Koehnline Museum of Art. Call Nathan Harpaz, (847) 635-2633, or visit www.oakton.edu/museum.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

The Rising Stars Theatre Company will hold auditions by appointment for its fall musical, "Hairspray," from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 22 and 7-9 p.m. Aug. 23 at 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Seeking a large cast of adults and teens, ages 14 and up, of all ethnic backgrounds. All teens should have strong dance skills. Prepare 32 bars of a song in the style of the show. Songs from the show are welcome but not necessary. Accompanist provided; bring sheet music in your key. Be prepared to dance. E-mail director@risingstars.org or call (773) 736-2490 for an audition appointment. Walk-ins welcome, but will be seen as

time permits. There is no pay. Performances are Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 6-21, at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. For information, visit www.risingstars.org.

SINGERS

Chicago Master Singers will hold vocal auditions for the 2010-11 season Aug. 10, 12, 16 and 19 in Palatine. Chicago Master Singers, under the direction of Alan Heatherington, is a 130-voice choral ensemble that performs vocal masterworks in collaboration with professional soloists and orchestras. Those auditioning are encouraged to sing a prepared piece of their choice, and bring three copies of the music. Auditioners without a prepared piece will be asked to sing a familiar song provided at the audition. A pianist will be provided for accompaniment. Auditioners will also be asked to vocalize and sight-read an unfamiliar piece. Membership dues are \$100 per year. Rehearsals will be held from 7-10 p.m. Mondays in Palatine, beginning Aug. 23, and also on Tuesdays and Thursdays of concert weeks. Performances in November, December and April take place in the Divine Word Chapel in Techny (near Northbrook). The May performances will be in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, College of Lake County, in Grayslake. For an audition appointment, e-mail cms.information@gmail.com or call (877) 825-5267.

Petite Opera Productions seeks northwest suburban area children, ages 8-14, to play the starring Gingerbread children's chorus in its November production of "Hansel and Gretel" in Park Ridge. The chorus is split into two soprano lines, and sings in harmony. Both boys and girls should have good soprano voices, be able to sustain their vocal part against a harmony line, be able to learn music quickly, and be 5'5" tall or under at the time of the production. Ability to read music is a plus. Auditions will be held in Park Ridge, by appointment only, from 9 a.m. noon Aug. 21. For the audition, each child should prepare the specific section of the Gingerbread chorus selection provided on the company website at www.petiteopera.org. Click on the Auditions link at the top of the page to download the PDF print music file and MP3 recordings for the high voice and low voice part. To request an appointment, call (847) 553-4442 or e-mail petiteopera@gmail.com.

The Northwest Choral Society of Park Ridge invites experienced singers to audition to join the organization. Seeking basses, tenors, altos and sopranos with previous choral experience, 17 years of age or older. Rehearsals for the coming season begin Sept. 7. Visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

The Evanston Symphony Festival Chorus, Sue Young, director, is now recruiting for its sixth annual "An Evanston Symphony Christmas" concert. To be held Dec. 5. Rehearsals are held in Evanston and will begin in October. Interested singers may contact Cathy Carr at cathy.carr@carconsulting.net or the ESO at www.evansonsymphony.org.

Chicago Metro men's chorus rehearsals at 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Sokol Community Center, 4855 N. Elston Ave.,

Chicago. New members welcome. Call (847) 208-6055 or visit chicagometrochorus.com.

Skokie Concert Choir seeks male and female singers at any level of choral experience. No auditions are held. The choir performs a variety of music, from classical to Broadway, and performs two concerts annually, under the direction of Candice Crane, with accompanist Adrian Metzger. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, September through June, at Old Orchard Junior High School, 9310 Kenton Ave., Skokie. For more information, visit www.skokiechoir.org or call (847) 674-3219.

DANCERS

The Chicago Bulls will hold auditions

for its female dance team, the Luvabulls, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 15 at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Auditions for the 25-member team are open to dancers ages 21 years and older. The dancers are scheduled to perform at all Chicago Bulls home games and will have the opportunity to appear and perform at numerous other events including banquets, corporate parties, conventions, promotional events, trade shows and charity events. Additionally, the Luvabulls perform internationally in such places as Holland, England, France, Costa Rica, Japan, Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. Applications are due by Aug. 9. Forms are available at www.bulls.com. The 30th annual Carey Rose Winski Dance Scholarship Competition will be

held Oct. 3 at Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, 1147 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. The competition is open to any dancer, male or female, between the ages of 13 and 18. Competitors participate in a one-hour classical warm-up class and perform two three-minute solos, one in classical ballet (en pointe for girls) and one in any eclectic style, including jazz, modern or character (no tap). For an application, write to The Carey Rose Winski Memorial Foundation Inc., 69 Woodley Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.

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The Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College invites women artists to submit work for a juried exhibit.

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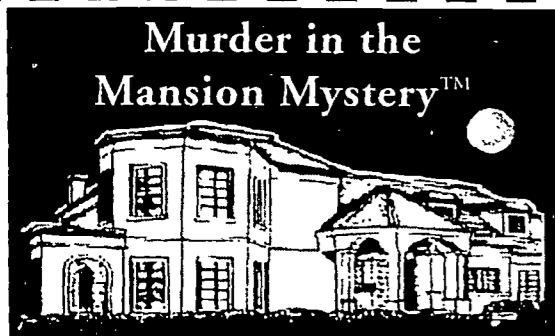
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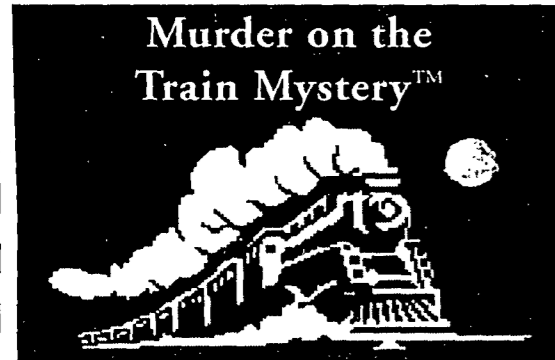
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dition set to run Oct. 21-Nov. 6. Deadline for entries is Sept. 1. There is no entry fee. "No Place Like Home: Examining Changing Landscapes In Our Lives" focuses on the places people call home and how that relates to personal identity. Works should adhere to the theme of how the concept of home shapes individual and shared experiences. Download the full prospectus at www.oakton.edu/news/events/events/NWGS_art_entry.pdf. The exhibition is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies at Oakton, in cooperation with the museum. Artists may submit only one original work for consideration. Works must be submitted on a compact disc as JPEG images with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. The CD must be labeled with the artist's name. Title of the work and medium. The CD also should contain a Word file with a one-paragraph description of the work and a one-paragraph artist biography. Submit entries to: Nathan Harpaz, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines IL 60016. For information, contact Harpaz at (847) 635-2633 or nharpaz@oakton.edu. Artists and crafts artists are invited to jury to participate in the 20th annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure II, to be presented by American Society of Artists Sept. 18 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, Park

Ridge. Potential exhibitors should submit four images representative of their work, one of their display set-up, first/last name, address, and daytime telephone number. Resume/show listing helpful. Send e-mail to Asoartists@aol.com or mail to American Society of Artists, P.O. Box 1326, Palatine IL 60078. For information, call (847) 991-4748 or visit www.americansocietyofartists.org. St. Eugene Church, Foster and Canfield, Chicago, is seeking crafters for its craft, rummage and bake sale, to be held Oct. 9. Tables are \$20. For an application, call (708) 583-9359. The Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique, sponsored by The Center of Concern, seeks participants for its boutique and craft show, to be held Nov. 20-21 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Space rental is \$20-\$80, plus 10% of sales. Call (847) 823-0920 (evenings). Deadline is Nov. 12.

MISCELLANEOUS

Be The Next Dorothy talent search competition, open to singers and actors between the ages of 16-21, will be held Aug. 14-15 at Northbrook Court in Northbrook. Contestants will vie to be cast in the musical, "WIZARD," which opens at New York City's Jazz at Lincoln Center in December 2010. Auditions on Aug. 14 are open to the first 400 contestants. Doors open at 6 a.m. Registration will occur from 8-10:30 a.m., with auditions starting at 11 a.m. Callbacks will be held Aug. 15, followed by the announcement of the local winner later that afternoon. For complete rules and registration, visit www.wiz-ardthemusical.com.

The Kiwanis Club of Evanston seeks entries for its annual Faces of Evanston photography contest, open to professional and amateur photographers. This year's contest theme is "Legacy." While the photos all should reflect Evanston, participants do not need to live in the city. Cash prizes of \$250 for first prize, \$100 for second prize and \$50 for third prize. Photographers can enter by submitting their photos on a CD, in print or online. There is a \$5 fee for each photo submitted. Entry deadline is Aug. 31. For a complete set of rules, visit www.evanstonkiwanis.org or call Stamatia Blanas, (847) 475-4544.

BOOKS & POETRY

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, (847) 835-5440. www.chicagobotanic.org. Admission is free; select event fees apply. Parking is \$20. Exhibits are on display in the Lenhardt Library, unless noted otherwise. Through Aug. 15: "Japonica: The Artistry of Japanese Rare Books." Five Japanese rare books will be featured in the exhibition, with the oldest dating back to 1684. Ezra Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, (847) 675-4141. Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.: Kenneth N. Green will discuss and sign his book, *I'm From Division Street*. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles, (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. Aug. 18, 1 p.m.: Discussion of *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. Aug. 23, 7 p.m.: Discussion of *Good Things I Wish*

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CHILD'S PLAY

Jodi Koplin's Jigglejammer classes, for children ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents, feature guitar, percussion instruments and puppets to introduce children to music. Ongoing classes available in Northbrook and Park Ridge. Call (847) 236-9235 or visit www.jigglejamproductions.com. Kids' Fun Fest will be held from noon-4 p.m. Aug. 14 in Center Court at Golf Mill Shopping Center, Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue, Niles. The event features a magician, still walker, juggler, face painters, and a Radio Disney AM1300 Road Crew party with music, games, prizes and more. Free. For information, visit www.golffmill.com or call (847) 699-1070. Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, (847) 832-6600. www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-noon Mondays; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Special members-only hours from 9-9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission is \$8.50; \$7.50 for senior citizens; free for children under 1. Through Sept. 26: "Smokey Bear and Woody Owl: Home Sweet Home," an interactive attraction designed for children ages birth to 8. Smokey and Woody, the United States Forest Service's most well-known mascots, will encourage families to spend time together outdoors, and inspire children to discover and care for the natural resources that sustain our world. Elements of the exhibit include "At Home in the Urban

Forest." "The Itsy Bitsy Spider Rain Garden." "A Happy, Healthy House." "Would You Believe It Comes From a Tree?" and "At Home in the Great Forest." Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Suggested donation is \$5 adults; \$2.50 senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. Kids Craft Mornings are offered from 11 a.m.-noon. Museum staffers and volunteers lead informal workshops where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects and engage in other hands-on activities related to native culture. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the museum. Kids Craft Workshops are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary. Aug. 7: Northwest Coast masks. Aug. 14: Talking feathers. Aug. 21: Dream catchers. Aug. 28: God's eyes. Sept. 4: Northwest Coast rattles. Sept. 11: Mini-tipsis. Sept. 18: Baskets. Sept. 25: Fetish bracelets. Niles Public Library District, 6960 Oakton St., Niles, (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. Mondays, 11 a.m.: Babytime, for children ages 2 and under, accompanied by an adult. The continuous year-round drop-in program includes stories, songs, fingerplays and playtime. Thursdays, 10 a.m.: Rise & Shine Storytime for children ages 2-6, accompanied by an adult. Aug. 13, 10 a.m.: Bibliobop Dance Party, for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and children. Aug. 10, 3:30 p.m.: Chat & Chomps book group for children in grades 4-6 will discuss *The London Eye Mystery* by Sibhan Dowd. Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m.: Artist Christine Thontont presents "How to Draw Mythological Creatures." Open to ages 7 and up. "Pinochio," through Aug. 29 at Marriott Theatre For Young Audiences, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. Performances are at 10 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, with several select performances at 12:30 p.m. \$15 per person. Visit www.marriotttheatre.com or call (847) 634-0200 for the exact schedule. 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. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. Aug. 28, 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.: The Wiggles' "Wiggly Circus Live!" Tour. Tickets: \$15-\$85. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., (847) 673-7774. www.skokieilibrary.info. Registration required for programs unless noted otherwise. Aug. 16, 3:30 p.m.: Screening of the documentary "What's On Your Plate?" for children entering grades 3 to 8 (parents welcome).

COMEDY

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Aug. 6, 8 p.m.: The Edge Comedy Club, featuring North Shore standup comedians. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.

DANCE

BallroomChicago.com Sunday Afternoon Dance, Aug. 22 at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Ave., Franklin Park. Lesson from 2-2:30 p.m.; open dancing from 2:30-5:30 p.m. \$12 per person. For information, call (847) 757-2227 or e-mail at bob@ballroomchicago.com. Brian Patti Orchestra presents a 10-piece ballroom dance band from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays at Mango Mexican Restaurant, 8743 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. \$5 cover. 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 for 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. Aug. 14: "Dance Buenos Aires," featuring the Argentine tango, at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park. Chicago Human Rhythm Project presents "Rhythm World" at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5 and 7 on the MCA Stage at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$30; \$25 for Rhythm World participants and MCA members. Visit www.chicagotap.org or call (312) 397-4010. The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, 1306 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, (312) 369-8330. www.colum.edu/dancecenter. July 29-31, 8 p.m.: The A.W.A.R.D. Show! 2010 Chicago, featuring the work of 12 contemporary choreographers. The preliminary evenings feature the work of four choreographers per night. Each dance piece is 12-15 minutes of a completed work, excerpt or work-in-progress. After each performance, an artist and audience discussion takes place, followed by an audience vote to select a finalist to perform on the final night of the series. Each night, the audience and the artists are invited to a post-performance reception to encourage further informal dialogue about the work. On the final night, a panel of experts in dance and other cultural arts fields, along with the audience, will choose the winner of the \$10,000 award. Tickets: \$15. Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.: "1306 - Ten Years Later," a celebration of the Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago's 10 years at its current location, 1306 S. Michigan Avenue. The event showcases regional dance artists and ensembles throughout the three-story building, including fully produced performances, studio showings, a FamilyDance Matinee, participatory workshops and classes, photo exhibits and media installations. Admission is free; no reservations are necessary. Dance Center Evanston, located in Evanston Plaza, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston, (847) 328-6683. www.dancecenter-evanston.com. Classes include ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, modern, Zumba and Ballet "Light and Easy." Giordano Dance School, 614 Davis St.,



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Evanston. (847) 866-9442. www.gordandodance.org. Aug. 7-28: Classes are in session for all levels, age 13-plus. Pay by the class for Giordano Jazz, ballet, tap, modern, ballet body, theater dance, contemporary, hip-hop, MoPeO and Zumba. Fall classes begin Aug. 30. It's Thursday! Dance Night, held at 909 Davis Plaza, Maple and Church streets, Evanston. Free dance lessons at 6 p.m., music from 7-9 p.m. Visit www.downtownevanston.org. Aug. 5: R Gang (Motown, R&B) Aug. 12: Bopology (swing), Aug. 19: Billy Croft & the Five Alarm (country).

Spares Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Aug. 15: Music by The Music Men. 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. Aug. 9: "Hot Weather - Cool Tunes." Aug. 23: "Summer's End."

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Summer Bash family festival, 6-11 p.m. Aug. 6 and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Aug. 7 at St. Stephen's Parish, 1263 Prospect Ave., Des Plaines. Featuring food vendors, crafts, bingo, raffles, games, live music and children's activities. Free admission. Call (847) 824-2026.

Lakeshore Arts Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 7-8 in Dawes Park, Sheridan Road and Church Street, Evanston. Featuring work by more than 120 juried artists, live music, art auction, food and a children's craft tent. Admission is free. Call (847) 448-8260 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakeshore. American Craft Exposition, Aug. 27-29 at Northwestern University's Henry

Crown Sports Pavilion, 2311 Campus Drive, Evanston. Approximately 150 juried craftspeople will exhibit baskets, ceramics, fiber works, furniture, glass, jewelry, mixed media, paper and wood crafts. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$12 for three-day entry in advance, if purchased before Aug. 24; \$15 for children 10 and under. Proceeds benefit breast and ovarian cancer research at NorthShore University HealthSystem. A benefit preview party will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 26. Tickets are \$100 and include a three-day pass to the show and all demonstrations. Collectors' Hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; tickets are \$150. Call (847) 570-5096 or visit www.americancraftexpo.org.

FILM

Niles Public Library District, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. Aug. 7, 2 p.m.: "Dear John," rated PG-13. Aug. 10, 2 p.m.: "French Kiss," rated PG-13. Aug. 13, 2 p.m.: "When in Rome," rated PG-13.

Aug. 21, 2 p.m.: "Michael Jackson's This Is It," rated PG. Aug. 26, 2 p.m.: "The Closet," rated R. In French, with English subtitles. Aug. 31, 2 p.m.: "A Good Year," rated PG-13.

The Silent Film Society of Chicago's 2010 Silent Summer Film Festival will be held through Aug. 27 at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, featuring films screened with live organ and orchestral accompaniment. Offerings include "The Mark of Zorro," starring Douglas Fairbanks, on Aug. 6; "The Penalty," starring Lon Chaney, on Aug. 13; "Harold Teen" on Aug. 20; and "Pollyanna," starring Mary Pickford, on Aug. 27. All screenings at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call Dennis Wolkowicz, (773) 205-7372, or visit www.silentfilmchicago.com.

LECTURES

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Sept. 26, 2 p.m.: "Eugene O'Neill and the Women in His Life," presented by Beth Wynstra, a professor at Babson College in Boston. The lecture includes a reading of "Always Gene," a one-act play written by Wynstra, \$10.

ORGANIZATIONS

The American Jewish Artists Club is now accepting applications for new artist members. The club exhibits widely in the Chicago area in museums, public venues and institutions, synagogues and community centers. Members also participate in salon discussions and art critiques, plein air painting sessions, and other activities. For information, visit www.american-jewishartistsclub.org. Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines. New members are welcome. For information, call Margaret Newman, (847) 924-8952, or visit www.dpago.org.

Northern Illinois Stereo Camera Club meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Morton Grove Public Library, 640 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. The group is devoted to preserving and promoting all aspects of three-dimensional art and photography. Beginners welcome. For information, call T.J. Adamczyk, (773) 631-7068, or Tom Stremiau, (773) 761-0795.

Park Ridge Art League meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the South Park Fieldhouse, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Guest fee is \$3. Call Dorothy Ousold, (847) 825-3505.

Skokie Art Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. Visit www.skokieartguild.org.

Skokie Photographic Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 W. Oakton St. All levels of photographers welcome. Call (847) 671-8324.

SINGLES

ComboSingles, comprised of Professional Social Singles and Jewish Social Singles, open to singles 21-plus. 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. Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Palace Chinese Restaurant, 9236 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m.: Miniature golf at Par-King, 21711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Lincolnshire, followed by dinner. \$15 for golf; cost of dinner, tax and gratuity on your own.

Jewish Senior Singles Social Club meets regularly for dinners and a variety of programs. For information, call (847) 676-2872.

TOURS & OUTINGS

"Evanston Women's History Walking Tour," presented by the Evanston History Center from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 7, starting at the Dawes House, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston. \$15 per person. \$10 for EHC members, payable day of event. Reservations recommended. Call (847) 475-3410 or e-mail khartzell@evanstonhistorycenter.org.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Music Literature and History (MUS 236-001) examines the musical styles, literature and concepts of the Renaissance, baroque, classical, romantic and modern eras. The 16-week course meets from 12:30-1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Aug. 24. For information, contact Glenna Sprague at (847) 635-1905 or gsprague@oakton.edu.

ET CETERA

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Aug. 15, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with Oba William King, Aug. 29, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with John Alexander Walter.

Family Karaoke and Poetry Slam, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. Admission is \$5 per family. Pizza slice/soft drink combos will be available for \$150. For information, call (847) 448-8254.

Monday Night Car Shows, from 6-9 p.m. Mondays, through Labor Day in the parking lot of the Hungarian Foods store, Oakton Street and Crawford Avenue, Skokie. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Free admission. For information, call (847) 433-2400 or visit www.mondaynightcarshows.com.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: \$8; \$5 for children ages 5-12; \$6 for students ages 12-22 and senior citizens. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through Jan. 2, 2011: "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," an exhibition about the role of science in Nazi ideology. Produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., the exhibit exam-

ines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with individuals in the professions traditionally charged with healing and the public good, used science to help legitimize persecution, murder and, ultimately, genocide.

RAVINIA

Ravinia Festival, Lake-Cook and Green Bay roads, Highland Park. Tickets can be ordered at www.ravinia.org or (847) 266-5100. Aug. 5, 7 p.m.: Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Conlon, conductor, and the Chicago Symphony Chorus, in the Martin Theatre. \$80; lawn \$12. Aug. 6, 4:30 p.m.: Preview concert by artists from Ravinia's Steans Institute, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. Free to those holding tickets to main stage performance. Aug. 6, 7 p.m. and Aug. 8, 1 p.m.: Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Conlon, conductor, and the Chicago Symphony Chorus, present Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," in the Martin Theatre. \$80; lawn \$12; ticket and brunch package \$90. Aug. 7, 1 p.m.: Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Conlon, conductor, and the Chicago Symphony Chorus present Mozart's "Così fan tutte," in the Martin Theatre. \$80; lawn \$12; ticket and brunch package \$90. Aug. 7, 1:30 p.m.: Master class with Nathan Gunn, baritone, and Julie Gunn, piano, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. Free. Aug. 7, 7 p.m.: The 800eans with special guest Big Head Todd & the Monsters, in the Pavilion. \$55; lawn \$27 (\$32 day of show). Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.: The Temptations and The Four Tops, in the Pavilion. \$45; lawn \$22 (\$27 day of show). Aug. 11, 7 p.m.: "Voices of the Future" - Robert Schumann 200 and Samuel Barber 100 featuring a Steans Vocal Showcase, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. \$10; no lawn sales; ticket and dining package \$35. Aug. 13-15, 7:30 p.m.: Annie Oakley 150 with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Paul Gemignani, musical director, in the Pavilion, featuring Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun." \$50-\$90; lawn \$20. Aug. 15, 1 p.m.: Vocal concert featuring artists from Ravinia's Steans Institute, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. Free. Aug. 17, 2 p.m.: Master class with Kiri Te Kanawa, soprano, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. Free. Aug. 17, 8 p.m.: Baroque Band, in the Martin Theatre. Program to include Bach: Harpsichord Concerto in D Minor; Telemann: Overture in D Major; and Biber: Battalia. \$30-\$50; lawn \$10; ticket and dining package \$70. Aug. 18, 8 p.m.: Kiri Te Kanawa, soprano, and Brian Zeger, piano, in the Martin Theatre. \$90; lawn \$10. Aug. 19, 5:30 p.m.: National Chopin Competition winner Claire Huangci, piano, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. \$10; no lawn sales. Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.: George Benson with Lee Ritenour and Dave Grusin, in the Pavilion. \$45; lawn \$16 (\$21 day of show). Aug. 20, 6 p.m.: Tianwa Yang, violin, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. Program to include Ysaÿe: Sonata in A Minor, Op. 27, No. 2; Prokofiev: Sonata in D Major, Op. 115; Hindemith: Sonata Op. 31, No. 2; and Bach: Partita No. 2 in D Minor. \$10; no lawn sales. Aug. 20, 8 p.m.: Yo-Yo Ma Silk Road 10th Anniversary Celebration, Yo-Yo Ma, cello, in the Pavilion. \$75; lawn \$25. Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m.: Counting Crows, in the Pavilion. \$65; lawn \$27 (\$32 day of show). Aug. 22, 7 p.m.: Crosby, Stills & Nash, in the Pavilion. \$80;

lawn \$27 (\$32 day of show). Aug. 24, 6 p.m.: Robert Schumann 200 with Claremont Trio, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. \$10; no lawn sales. Aug. 24, 8 p.m.: Counting Crows, in the Pavilion. \$65; lawn \$27. Aug. 25, 6 p.m.: Leila Josefowicz, violin, and John Novacek, piano, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. \$10; no lawn sales. Aug. 25, 8 p.m.: Tony Andriacchi, in the Martin Theatre. \$25; lawn \$10. Aug. 27, 6 p.m., Aug. 28, 5:30 p.m., and Aug. 29, 1 p.m.: Ruth Page Festival of Dance, "Mexico 200," featuring Oelfos Danza Contemporánea, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. \$40; no lawn sales; ticket and dining package \$60. Aug. 27, 8 p.m.: Poi Dog Pondering, in the Pavilion. \$45; lawn \$27 (\$27 day of show). Aug. 28, 11 a.m.: Kraft Kids Concert featuring Oelfos Danza Contemporánea, in

Bennett • Gordon Hall. \$10; no lawn sales. Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Rodrigo y Gabriela, in the Pavilion. \$45; lawn \$16 (\$21 day of show); ticket and dining package \$65. Aug. 29, 6 p.m.: Andreas Klein, piano, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. Program to include Mozart: Sonata in A Minor; Ravel: Sonatine; Prokofiev: Sonata No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 28; and Brahms: Sonata in F Minor, Op. 5. \$10; no lawn sales. Aug. 29, 7 p.m.: Carrie Underwood, in the Pavilion. \$95; lawn \$30 (\$35 day of show). Sept. 1, 6 p.m.: Robert Schumann 200 with Alon Goldstein, piano, in Bennett • Gordon Hall. \$10; no lawn sales. Sept. 1, 8 p.m.: An Evening with the Beach Boys, in the Pavilion. \$50; lawn \$16 (\$21 day of show); ticket and dining package \$65; World's Largest Lawn Party \$40. Sept.

2, 8 p.m.: Leonard Bernstein 20 Years Later and Aaron Copland 20 Years Later with The Knights, in the Martin Theatre. \$30-\$50; lawn \$10. Sept. 3, 8 p.m.: Nelly Furtado, in the Pavilion. \$90; lawn \$27 (\$32 day of show). Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Train, in the Pavilion. \$45; lawn \$22 (\$27 day of show). Sept. 5, 2 p.m.: Kraft Kids Concert featuring Tom Chapin & Friends, in the Pavilion. \$10; lawn \$5. Sept. 6, 7 p.m.: Labor Day Spectacular Tribute to Erich Kunzel with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and Alexander Kobrin, piano, in the Pavilion. \$35; lawn \$15; ticket and dining package \$55. Sept. 7, 8 p.m.: Leonard Bernstein 20 Years Later with Hershey Felder in "Maestro: The Art and Music of Leonard Bernstein," in the Martin Theatre. \$75; lawn \$10.

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PLAY REVIEW

Singing the praises of 'Late: A Cowboy Song'

'Late: A Cowboy Song' through Aug. 29 at Piven Theatre, 927 Noyes St. \$25. www.piventheatre.org or (847) 866-8049.

By CATEY SULLIVAN
Contributor

There's a delicate, quirky, disjointed feeling embedded in "Late: A Cowboy Song." Sarah Ruhl's realistic yet not-quite-of-this-earth drama quietly draws you with its oddball sense of sadness and displacement. This is a piece where tone and rhythm are as powerful as plot and characters, and where all those elements blend into an intriguing story that captures the essence of love while quietly, firmly challenging gender expectations.

Apologies if all that sounds a tad touchy-feely. Directed by Jessica Thebus and starring Polly Noonan, "Late: A Cowboy Song" is



Larry Grimm and Polly Noonan in "Late: A Cowboy Song."

firmly grounded in memorable, complex performances. The deceptively gentle narrative creeps up on you and then explodes with an emotional bang.

That resonance stems from a reunion of Piven powerhouses. Ruhl is a two-time Pulitzer finalist. Her longtime muse is Noonan, an actor who blends a childlike, quizzical demeanor with a steely backbone and understated

bravery. "Cowboy Song" is directed by Thebus, another Piven alum with a deep understanding of the off-beat nuances of Ruhl's prose.

The story focuses on Mary (Noonan) and Crick (Larry Grimm), a pair of child-like adults who have been together since they realized as 7-year-olds that they loved each other. Mary is the sweet, seemingly docile half of the

couple — and the responsible half since she has a job. Crick, by contrast, is the portrait of a spoiled boy stuck in an endlessly entitled and demanding adolescence. He also has a nasty possessive streak. Physically, the two couldn't be more different: Grimm towers over the waifish Noonan. He looks as if he could snap her in two as easily as snapping his fingers. So when Mary comes home late from work one day after unexpectedly running into an old friend, Crick's menacing distrust fills the room with tension.

The old friend is the laconic, cryptic and beautifully androgynous Red (Kelli Simpkins), a Pennsylvania cowboy prone to singing off-beat, lonesome songs that provide a Greek chorus commentary on the lives of Mary and Crick.

But where Red's eccen-

tric philosophizing is as benevolent as a sunset, Crick's is harsh and cruel — even when it is also inarguably funny. When Mary gets pregnant, Crick is quick to propose marriage — and a ceremony that's as isolating as possible. In keeping with his domineering insistence that Mary should not have any friends but him, Crick rules out bridesmaids ("Seven nurses in lilac preparing to take you to your death") and dismisses the idea of any kind of celebration at all.

Yet the more Crick clamps down on Mary, the more she rebels, including in a magical scene where she gallops free and fast on horseback. That spirit of independence continues when Mary's child is born intersex — a relatively rare condition where the baby has the sex characteristics

of both genders. The new mother instinctively understands that the surgery done to "correct" the baby's condition will eventually come back to haunt her child. In one particularly beautiful passage, Mary talks about the importance of the baby's name, capturing all the heartache and significance that comes of labeling things, whether or not the label fits.

As Mary, Noonan's sense of wonder, hurt and defiance are pitch-perfect. Simpkins is also spot-on, radiating a calm, nurturing warmth that's a direct counterbalance to Grimm's dangerously immature temper-tantrums. In the end, Noonan leaves the gender-indeterminate baby in good hands and the audience plenty to ponder as the stroller rides off into the sunset.

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MOVIE REVIEW

High on 'Get Low'

By BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

GET LOW
★ ★ ★ 1/2

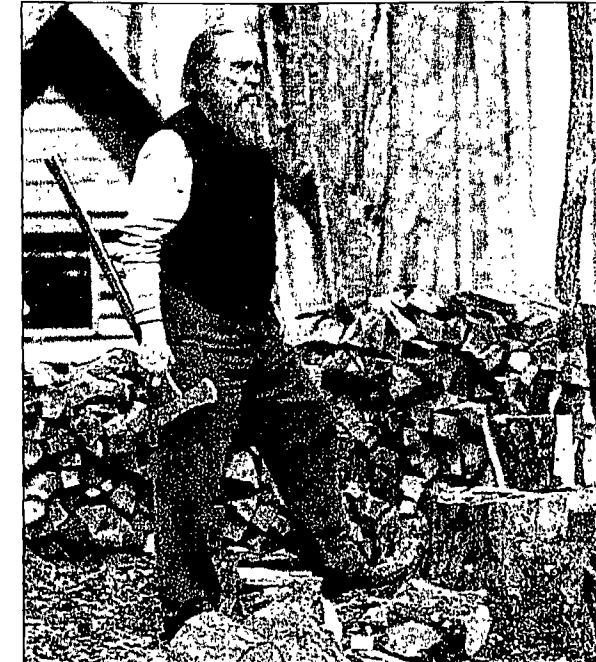
A rich and satisfying story with surprising depths, "Get Low" is one of those small films with a soul that's good enough to redeem at least three and a half, maybe four, brain-dead Hollywood formula jobs. Especially because it features a prime performance from the great Robert Duvall.

Duvall plays Felix Bush, a man who has lived alone on his isolated farm in the Tennessee hills for 40 years. The first time we see Felix, it's sometime in the 1930s, and he pretty much comes across as a bearded old crazy man, using his rifle to chase away curious boys from the neighboring town who ignore the signs reading "No damn trespassing. Beware of mule."

Felix is the object of gossip, scandal and even some fear among the townsfolk and he seems to like it that way. It soon becomes apparent, though, that there's more to Felix than what appears on the cantankerous, vaguely threatening, surface. He spends a lot of time mourning at a gravesite on his land and he's troubled at night by guilty dreams, clearly having to do with the death of the woman he loved.

It's probably fair to say that Felix is a lonely guy, living in self-imposed exile. But he begins to realize his sentence is almost over when he hears that an old friend of his has recently dropped dead. "It's about time for me to get low," he says to preacher Gerald McRaney, after driving into town to arrange his own funeral. He doesn't like the preacher's terms though, which include asking forgiveness for some unspecified sin.

Fortunately for Felix, there's somebody else in town who's in the burial



Backwoods boogeyman: Robert Duvall in "Get Low."

business. And fortunately for us, that somebody is Bill Murray, playing a transplanted city slicker funeral parlor owner who's dismayed to find himself on the verge of bankruptcy. He's so desperate, and so excited by the prospect of "hermit money," that he doesn't even balk at Felix's stipulation that he wants to throw a funeral party for himself in advance and invite everyone who can be reached to attend, offering as enticement a lottery for the deed to his farm.

The source of "Get Low" is actually a well-known folk tale, based on fact, about a Tennessee hermit named Felix Breazeale, who did indeed throw a funeral party for himself during the Great Depression, with his farm as bail for mourners. No one knows why Mr. Breazeale did it, though, and "Get Low" similarly does a nice job of keeping us guessing about the motives of our Felix. What is the old man's guilty secret? Why the sudden craving for mass human contact after shunning mankind in general for nearly half a century?

All is revealed in good time and with good grace, though some might feel disappointed

that the story moves towards a fairly conventional redemptive resolution. Settling that not-unreasonable complaint aside, though, there's still much to recommend about "Get Low." It's impressively directed by former cinematographer Aaron Schneider; a short-film Oscar winner making his feature debut. It features a dandy cast, including Sissy Spacek as a former love of Felix, Lucas Black as the young funeral parlor assistant who befriends him and, again, Bill Murray, who lightens the film considerably as the melancholy, hustling funeral-party promoter. And it comes complete with a script that's surprisingly funny and knowing in a homespun way.

The main reason to see this film, though, is Duvall, who, having figured out how to do the acting thing right nearly 50 years ago, hasn't made a false move since. And here he adds another fascinating character to the repertoire of Southern eccentrics, sloths, heroes, heavies and troubled souls he's specialized in since playing Boo Radley in "To Kill a Mockingbird" in 1962. Get a ticket.

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By BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

NEW THIS WEEK

DATE NIGHT
★ ★ 1/2

A case of mistaken identity turns a bored, middle-aged husband and wife (Steve Carell and Tina Fey), out for an obligatory night on the town, into the targets of hit men. Carell and Fey keep things diverting, more or less, particularly when Mark Wahlberg shows up as a super study espionage agent who makes Fey weak in the knees and irks the day-lights out of Carell ("For the love of God, will you please put on a shirt!"). You only get an idea of how good things could have been, though, during a post-credits outtake scene with the comics improvising stuff that's way funnier than anything in the script. Energetically directed by Shawn Levy ("Night at the Museum"). (BI) Rated PG-13 for sexual and crude content throughout, language, some violence and a drug reference.



Tina Fey and Steve Carell in "Date Night."

THE JONESES
★ ★ ★

David Duchovny and Demi Moore are the rich, successful, sexy, stylish and, above all, enviable mom and pop of a perfect family who

move into a posh neighborhood and set about making the neighbors drool over their fab fashions and glitzy gadgets. In ordinary circumstances, they'd just be annoying posers, but in debut writer/director Derrick Borte's consumer satire they're actually stealth marketers hired to create little seismic waves of competitive purchasing in the marketplace. Borte gets respect for not sacrificing the sharp edge of his satire for easy laughs, but he does take a bit of a moralizing tone at the end that

slightly disappoints. Bonus points, though, for the surprisingly creepy visual quote from "Night of the Hunter." (BI) Rated R for language, some sexual content, teen drinking and drug use.

RECENT RELEASES

AFTER LIFE
★ ★

Maybe she's dead; maybe she's alive. Maybe you're awake, but most likely you're asleep during this artsy, somnambulist horror thriller. Unhappy

elementary school teacher Christina Ricci wakes up on a slab after a car crash only to have her kindly funeral director (Liam Neeson) inform her that she is deceased — though he might also be preparing her to be buried alive. (BI) Rated R for nudity, disturbing images, language and brief sexuality.

KICK-ASS
★ ★ ★ 1/2

"Kick-Ass," adapted from a best-selling series written by red-hot comic book author Mark Millar,

offers as much opportunity for irony as it does for straightforward action, with foul-mouthed, 11-year-old ultra-violent Hit-Girl (Chloe Moretz) and her vengeful dad (Nicolas Cage) taking down a crime lord with the help of a feckless high school kid who fancies himself a costumed crime-fighter. Director Matthew Vaughn ("Layer Cake") takes full advantage of every opportunity for twisted humor and genuine action thrills. (BI) Rated R for strong brutal violence through-

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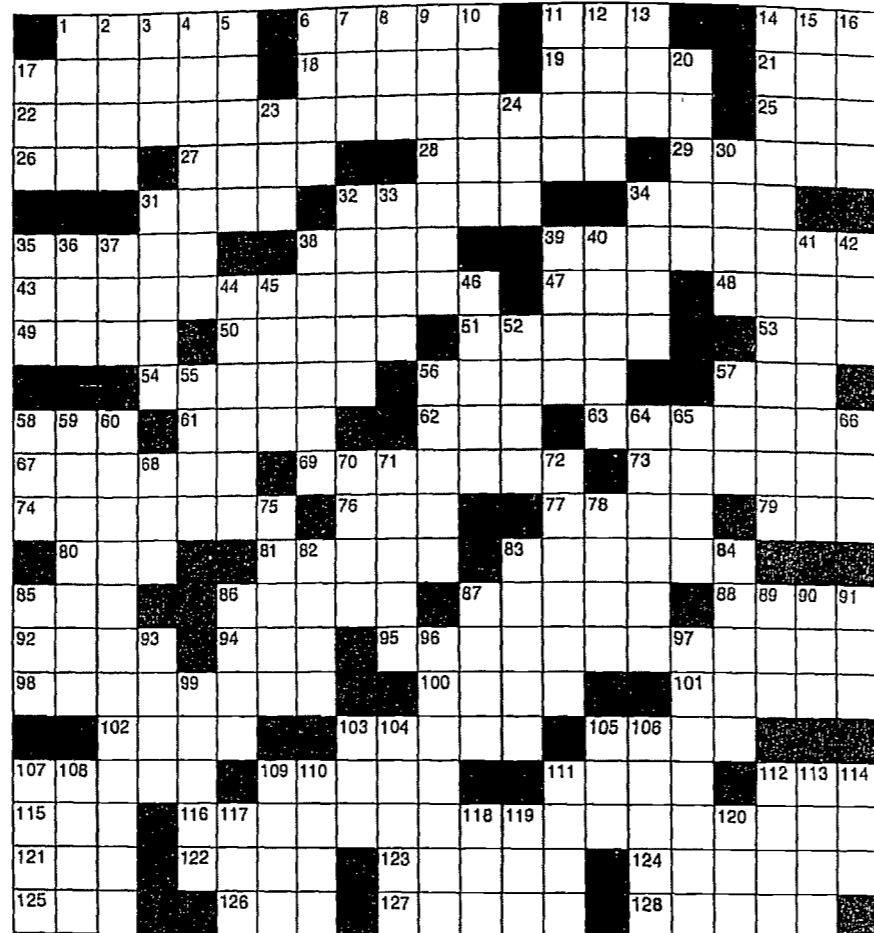
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 - 111 Like molasses
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 - 121 — bind
 - 122 Balder's dad
 - 123 Willow
 - 124 '59 Marty Robbins hit
 - 125 Cariou or Deighton
 - 126 Prone
 - 127 Stand out in the crowd
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 - 129 "Cabaret" (tune)
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 - 131 RCA competitor
 - 134 Unit of loudness
 - 135 Melpomene's sister
 - 136 Believe
 - 137 "Treasure Island"
 - 140 All-natural monogram
 - 141 Commercial
 - 145 Fellow
 - 146 Inventor Howe
 - 147 Synthetic fiber
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 - 149 Cockney's abode
 - 150 Pitch people
 - 151 Sign of sanctity
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 - 154 Offspring
 - 155 Likely to last?
 - 156 TROY
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Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of Aug. 9 — Aug. 15

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent in the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, that practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations. While that family problem might still rankle, it should be easing thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's energy levels

should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for those upcoming projects.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone's criticism might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter could cause some friction among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There might still be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your...

doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's merrier side dominates this week, and this means that, despite your usual busy schedule, you'll be able to squeeze in parties and all sorts of fabulous fun times.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An educational opportunity could lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean wit and wisdom helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally or even deliberately obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

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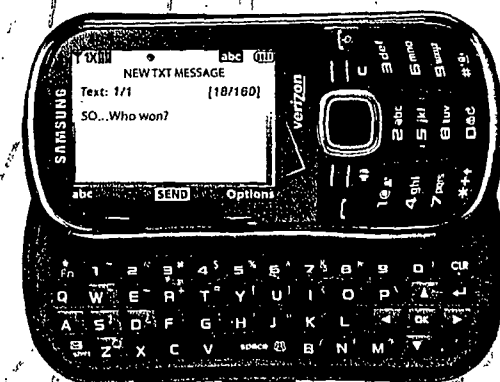
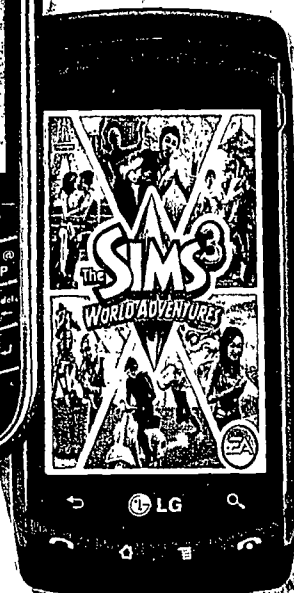
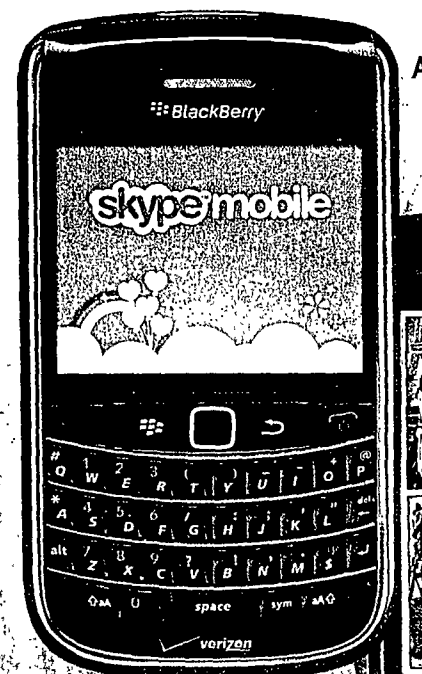
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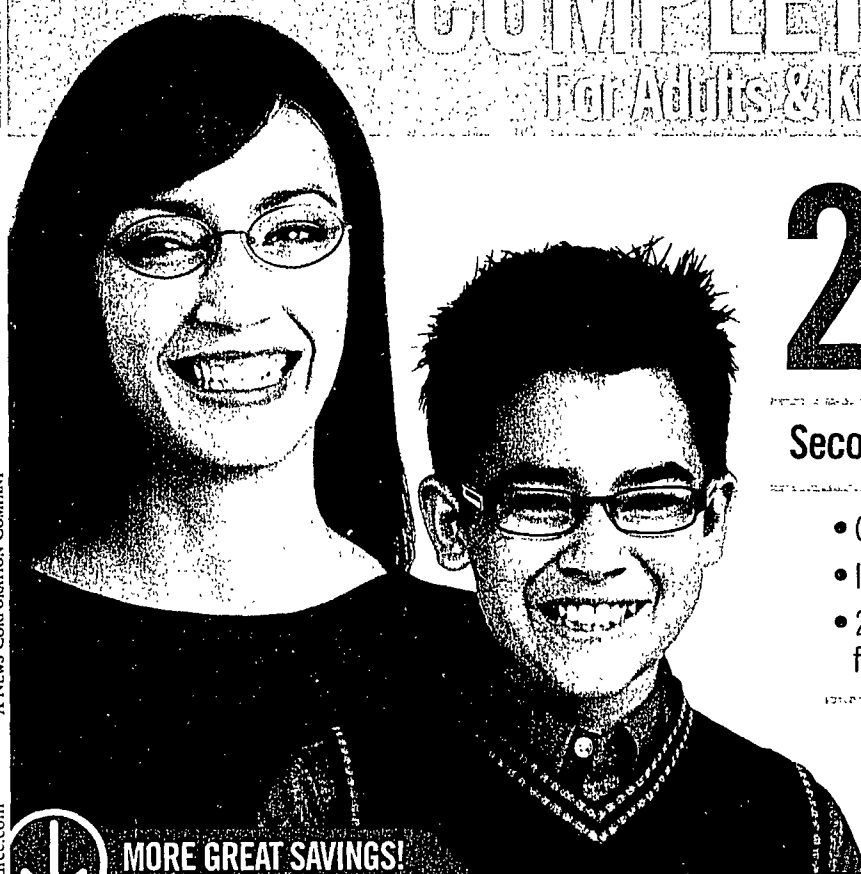
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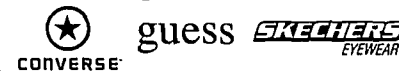


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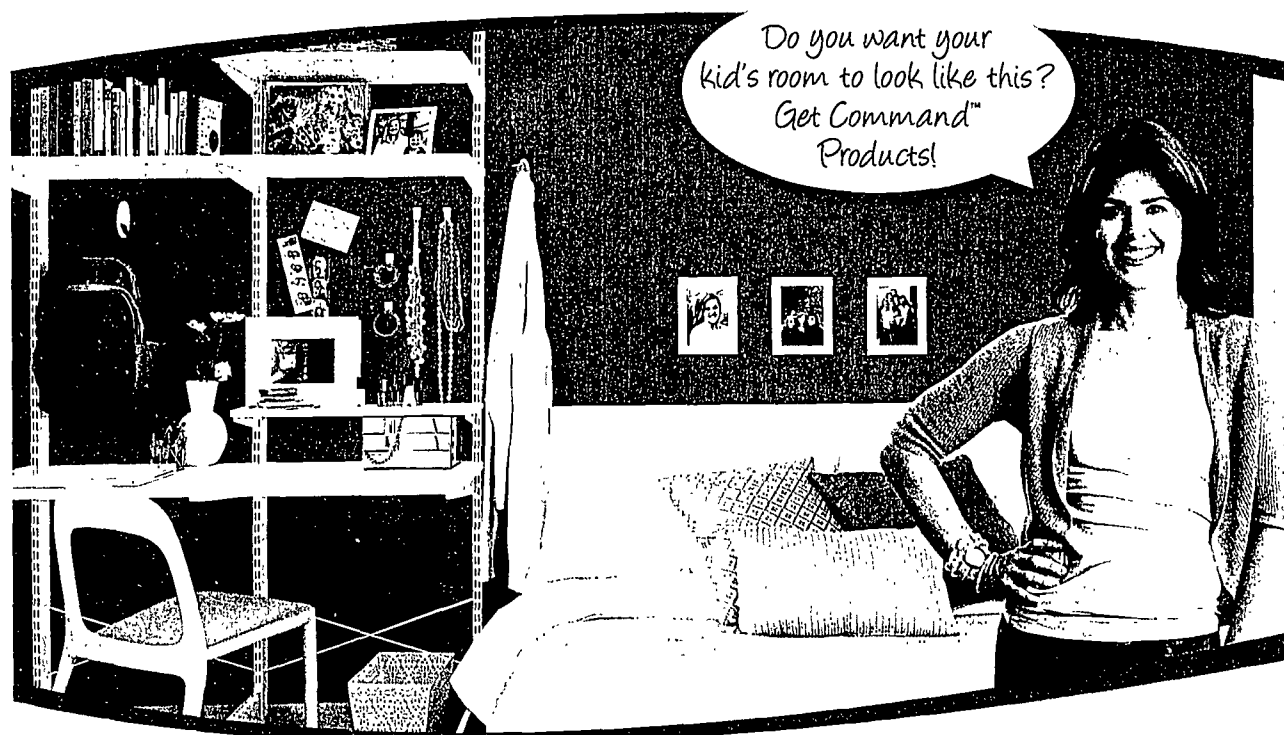
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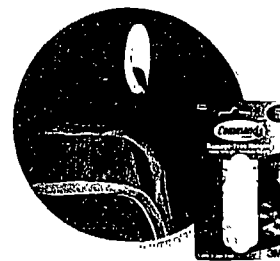


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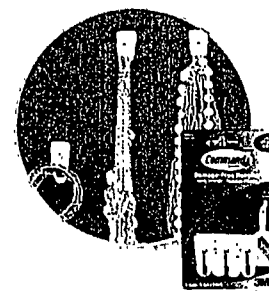


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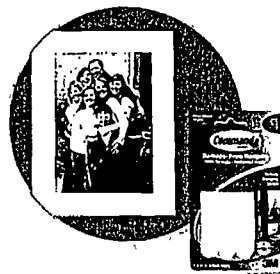
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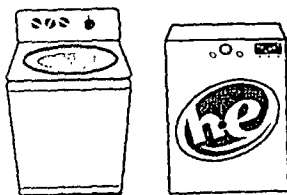


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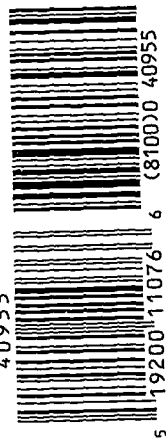
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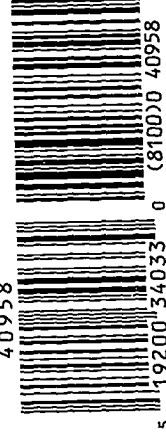
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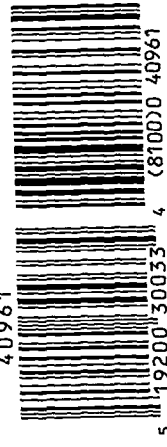
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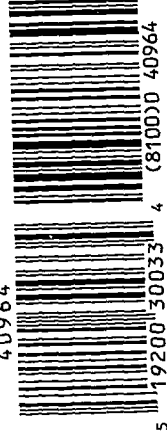
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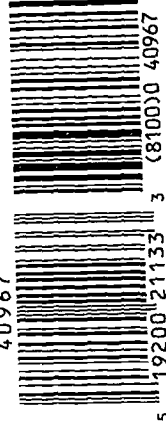
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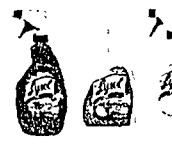
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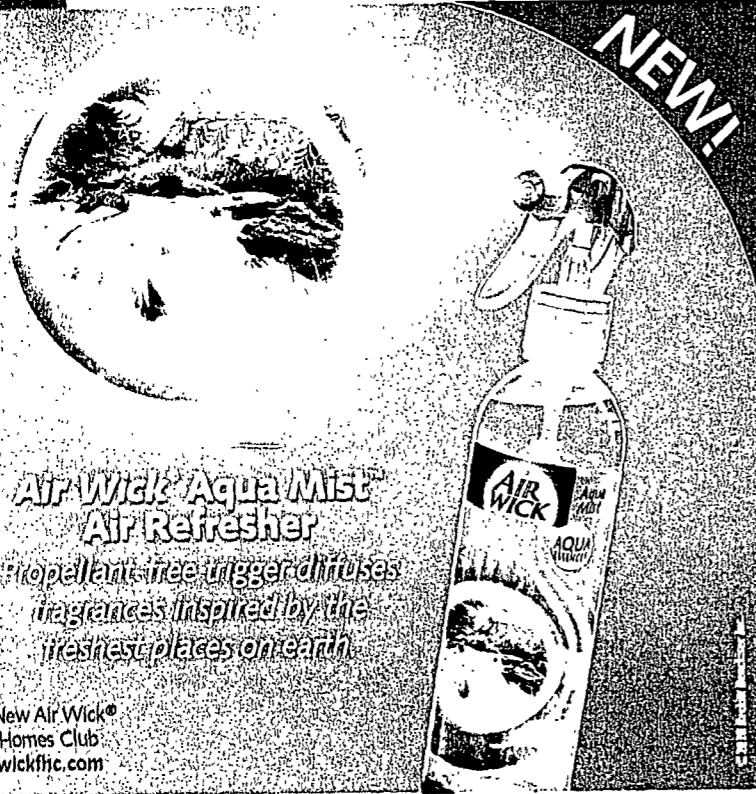
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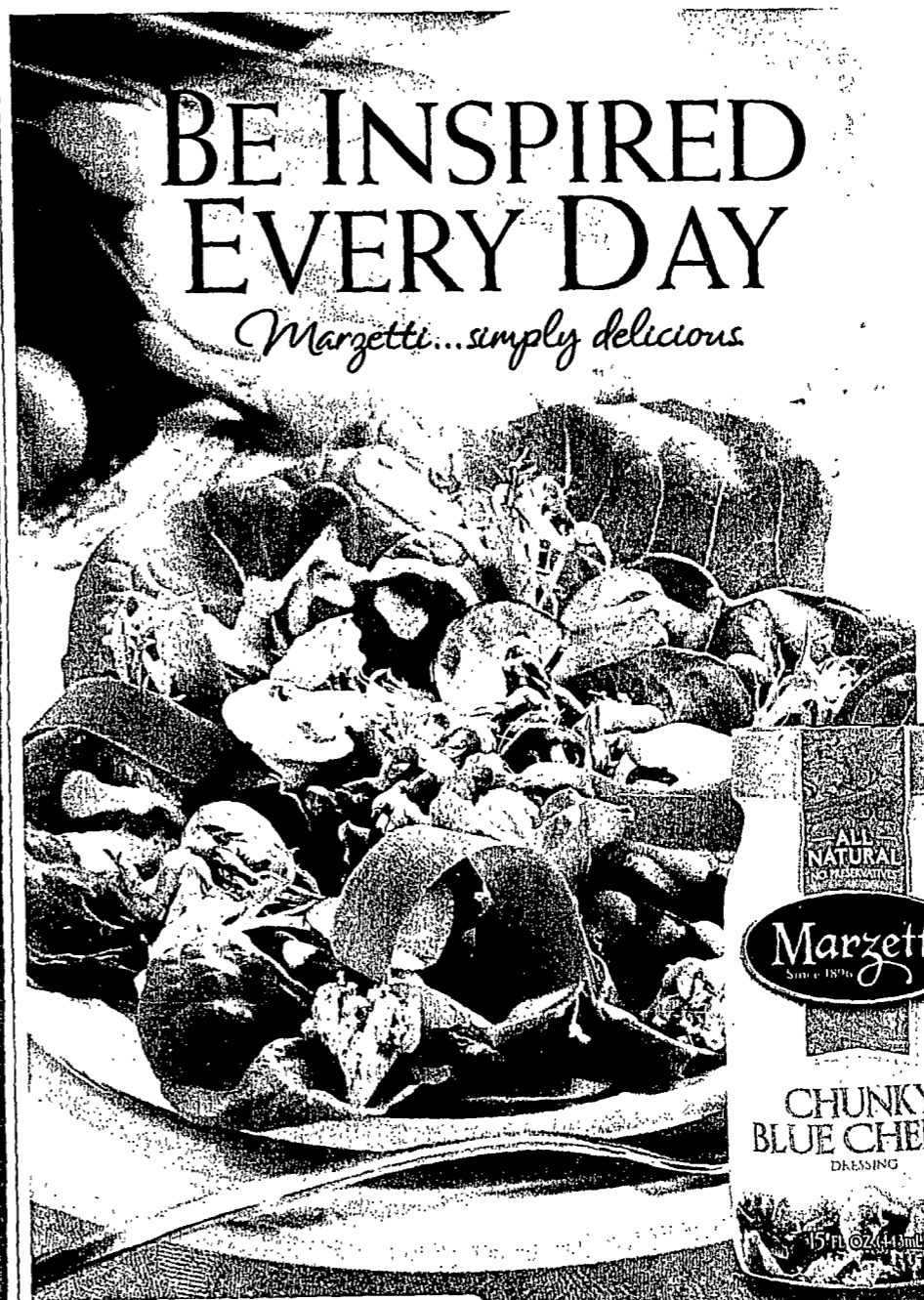
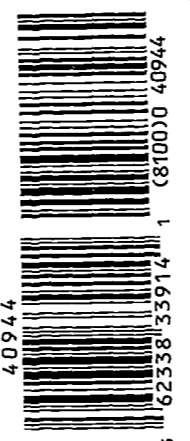
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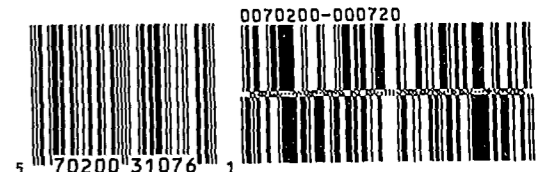
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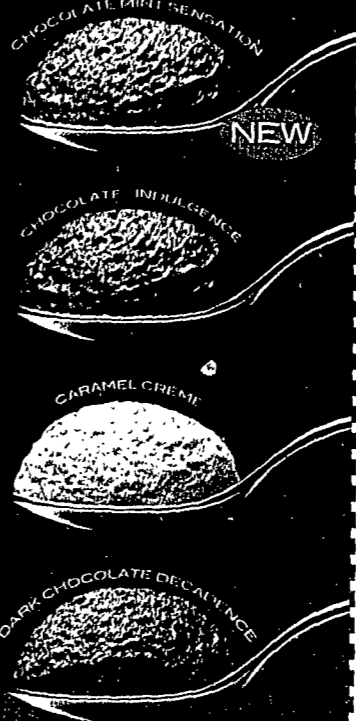


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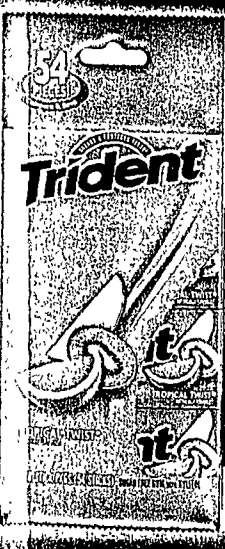
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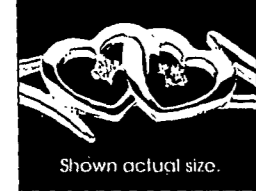


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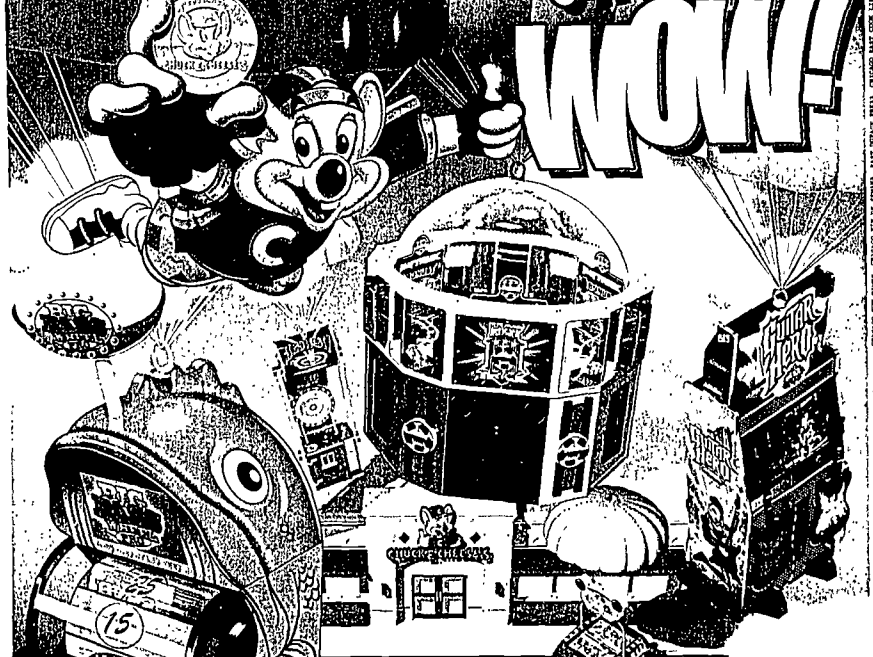
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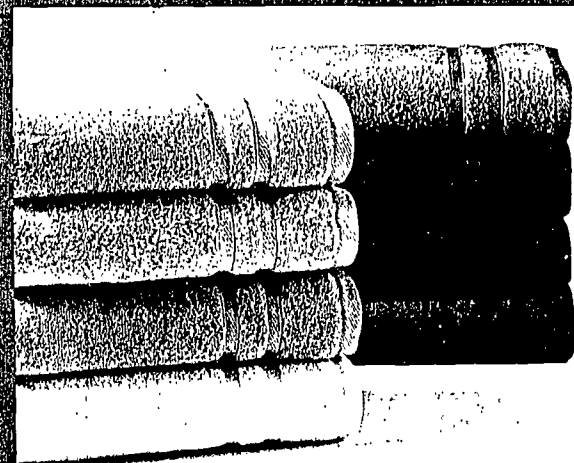
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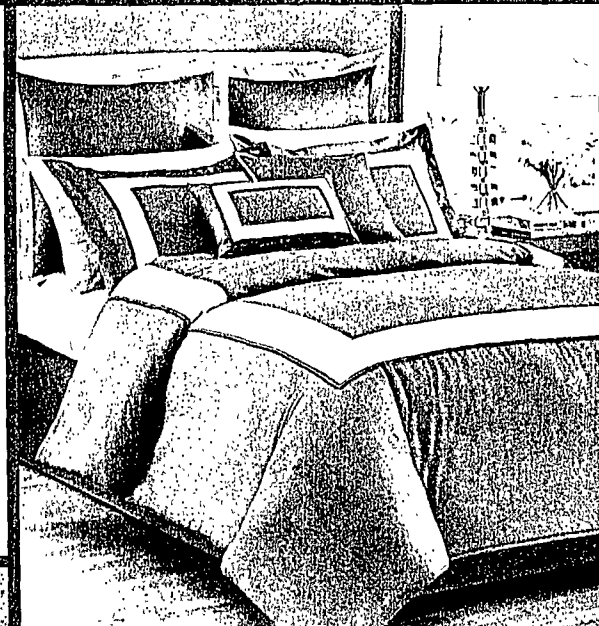


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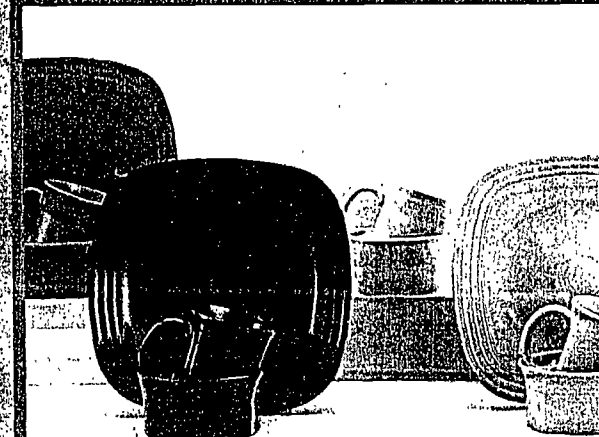
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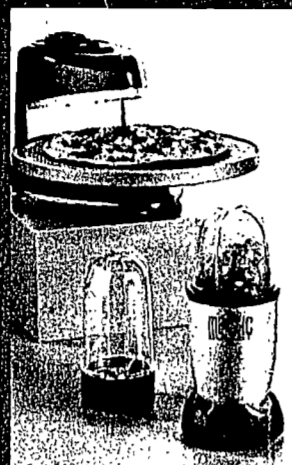
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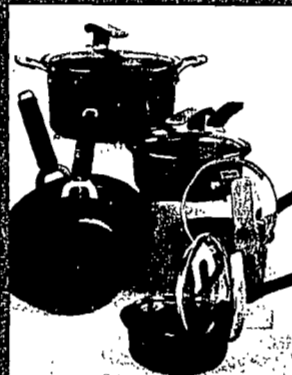
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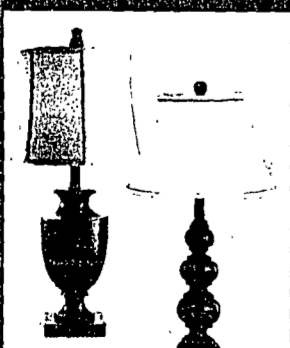
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Buy any Juniors' Levi's® Jeans on sale & receive a coupon for \$10 off your next \$25 Juniors' purchase. Orig. \$42. See sales associate for details. Sorry, added discount offers not valid.



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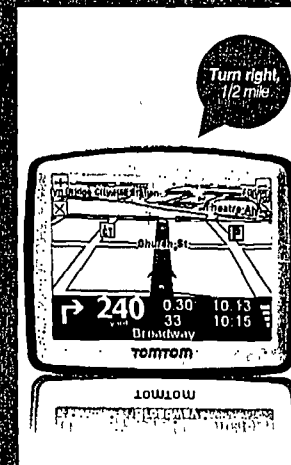
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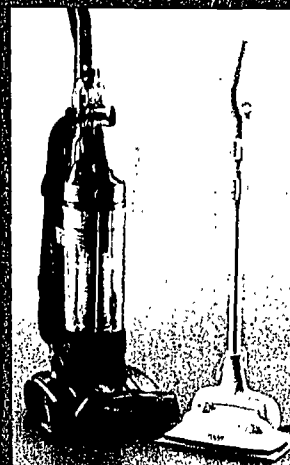
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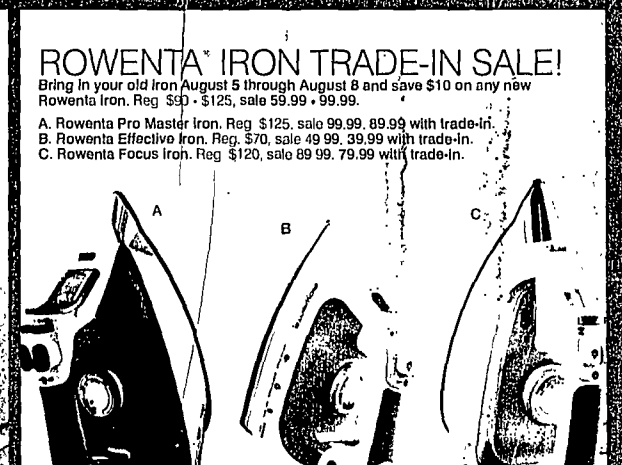
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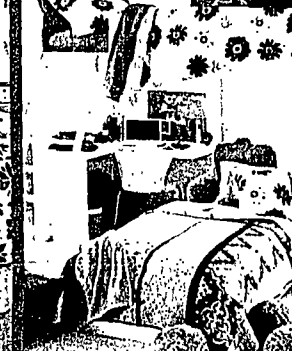
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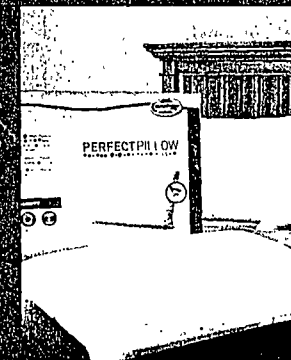
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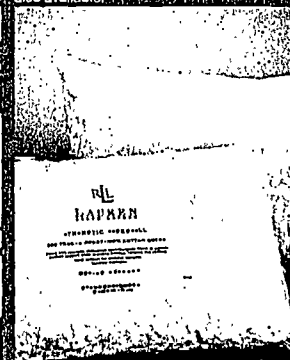
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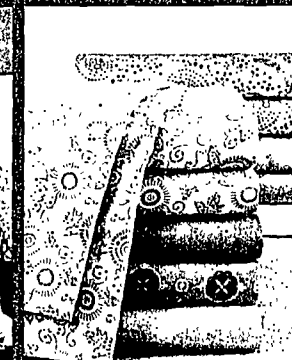
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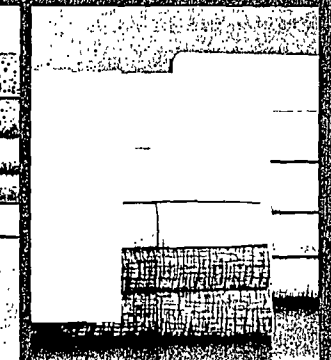
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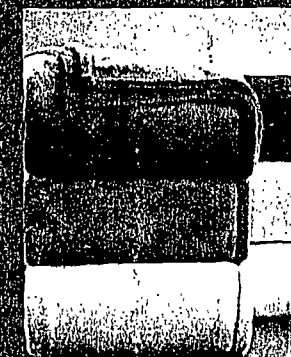
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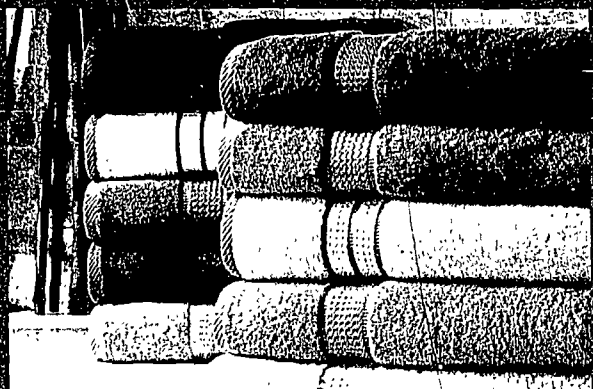
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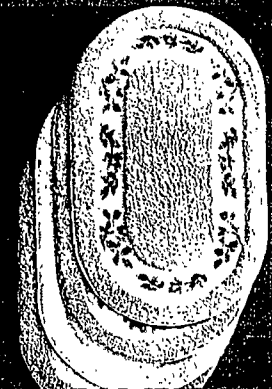
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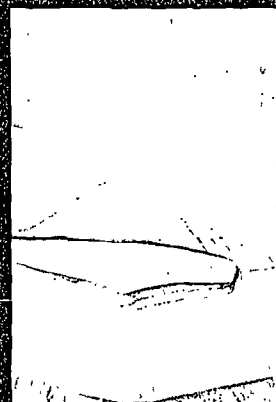
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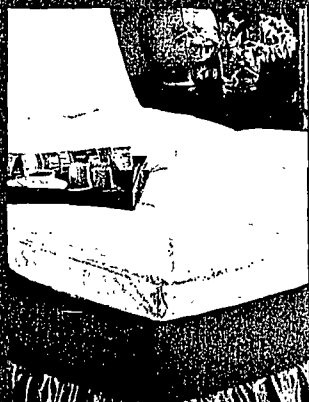
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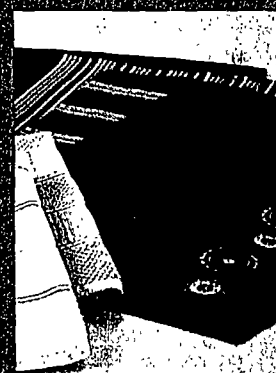
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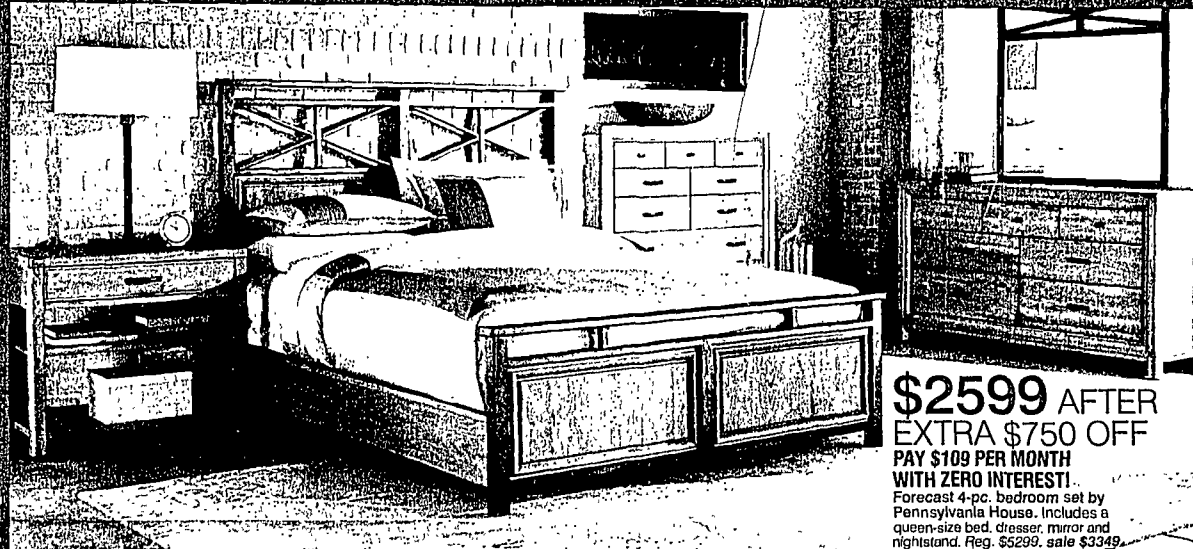
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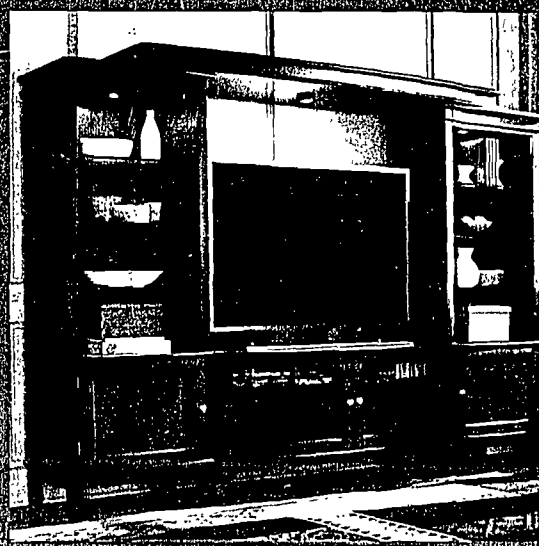
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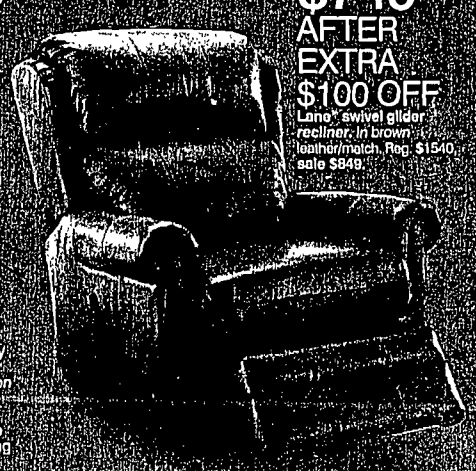
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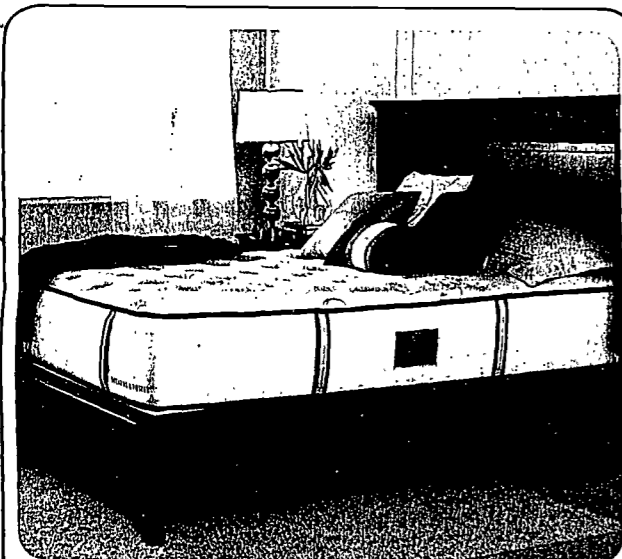
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BMW X5 M brings power to the road

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Enthusiasts may grumble about the revered M-badged being latched to an SUV, but the new BMW X5 M is no ordinary SUV and, in true BMW style, it handles like a sports car.

Where there is money to be made, car companies will innovate and adapt change into their vehicles, especially category toppers like the high-powered X5 M. Starting at \$85,400, my review managed to jump to \$92,125 with some upgraded audio and driver assistance packages. The X5 M proves there is a real market for huge horsepower and luxury utility space - enjoying it is going to cost you.

The X5 M is not just the X5 with some badging; this 555-horsepower rocket-sled features a twin-turbocharged V-8 engine that can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 4.5 seconds while delivering a 6,000-pound towing capacity along with its sports car moves. The M styling is more

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2010 BMW X5 M

ENGINE: 555-horsepower 4.4-liter twin-turbocharged V-8

TRANSMISSION: six-speed automatic

DRIVETRAIN: four-wheel drive

FUEL ECONOMY: 12 city/17 highway

BASE PRICE: \$85,400

AS TESTED: \$92,125

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aggressive than the base X5 and it is blended into a classy BMW package.

The five-seat midsize crossover M version does not offer a seven-passenger third-row option like the X5; new M trim-signal indicators are integrated into the front fenders and signature quad tailpipes finish off the backend.

The standard X5 M has 20-inch wheels featuring high-performance run-flat tires; combined

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Auction set for final penthouse condos at Grand Plaza

The remaining 10 residences in the Penthouses at Grand Plaza, 545 N. Dearborn, at the corner of Grand and Dearborn a River North high-rise community in Chicago, will be sold at auction on Thursday, Aug. 26, by Charwell Group, LLC, Accelerated Marketing Division.

The auction will be held at The James Hotel, 55 E. O'Hare Street at 7:30 p.m.

Published Reserve Prices for these Penthouse residences will range from \$345,000 to \$775,000, a decrease from recently published prices of \$652,900 to \$1,304,900. The developers have directed Charwell to guarantee the sale of five of the residences at or above the Published Reserve Price.

Tours will be offered during a series of open houses, to be held on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. through Aug. 22; and on Aug. 17 and 24 and Aug. 12 and 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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'05 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4	\$8,995	'07 Jeep Wrangler Sahara	\$18,995
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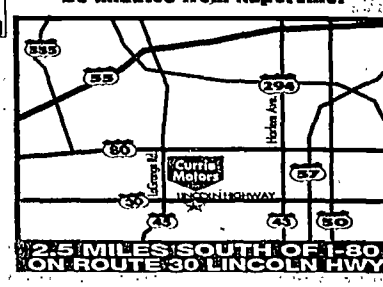
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BMW X5 M easily eats up the road

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with the X5 M's 10-millimeter-lower suspension, they look great nestled neatly into the wheel wells.

Describing the X5 M experience is not about describing general driving about town in BMW luxury, though I'm sure that is part of the life of an X5 M - it's just a waste of an opportunity to enjoy a thrill or two. When you jump on the highway, the M is nothing short of a monster gobbling up pavement as much as you push it.

And, boy, is it fun to push it.

Running south on Interstate 57, it was like seeing other vehicles in slow motion. While a manual transmission is not offered, the clutchless-manual mode incorporated into the X5 M's six-speed automatic transmission was impressive. Nudging the gear selector forward or backward results in a quick down or up shift. The X5 M gets an Environmental Protection Agency-estimated 12/17 mpg city/highway and, of course, you have to feed this beast premium fuel.

I found the X5 M's ride quality to be extraordinarily forgiving despite the huge rims and low-profile tires. I encountered very little body roll running through hard turns, which is a BMW trademark characteristic and one that translates well to the X5 M.

The crossover's M Drive feature allows drivers to customize the characteristics of the throttle, transmission and electronic stability system through a menu on the standard iDrive system's screen. Once you've made your selections, they can quickly be recalled by pressing the M button on the right side of the steering wheel. It's a quick and easy way to change the character of the X5 M if you find yourself in the mood to push the monster a bit.

Inside the cabin of the X5 M, you will find predictably high-grade materials and a classic gauge presentation on the dash. BMW is all about driving, so distractions of any kind are kept to a minimum. The front M sport seats are finished in leather and

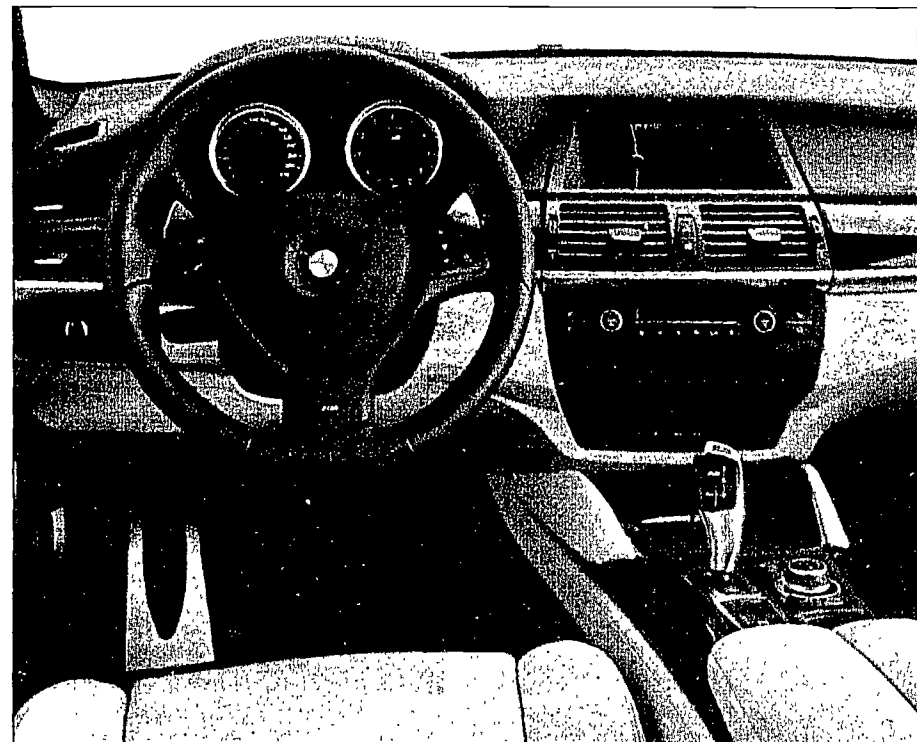
include 14-way power adjustment and a memory feature for the driver's seat, steering wheel and side mirrors. The seat cushioning is firm and I liked the extra-wide leather-wrapped M steering wheel.

The back seat is spacious with generous legroom even with the front seat adjusted for a taller driver. The cargo area measures 65.8 cubic feet with the back seat up and 75.2 when it's folded. This cargo space is still smaller than most in the class, but this not so much for utility as it is for performance, so I don't think that will be a determin-

ing factor when a buyer looks at the X5 M.

Standard safety features include antilock brakes, an electronic stability system, side-impact airbags for the front seats, side curtain airbags for both rows and active front head restraints.

Overall, the X5 M is an amazing melding of luxury, performance and high-powered class looks. The price puts this in a rather exclusive market, but those who appreciate 500-plus horsepower and the new M Drive system will no doubt find the extra cash somewhere.



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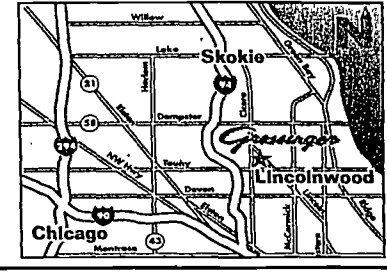
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Buyers find everything they want

Value pricing, 3.75 percent financing, brick and stone construction generates sales

First-time buyers are flocking to the luxurious red brick and natural stone townhomes at Millbrook Pointe in Wheeling. Value pricing and 3.75 percent financing make this the best value in town according to Gary Levitas, president of Northfield Group Ltd.

"First-time buyers who were previously priced out of the townhome market can now move up to a home of their dreams," said Levitas.

People who formerly looking for condos can now aspire to a charming three-story rowhome or two-story townhome priced from \$269,900.

Four new decorated townhome and rowhome models are open for viewing in this low-maintenance community, offering a carefree lifestyle for people with busy schedules. Buyers can move right into a spacious three-bedroom, 2½-bath townhome that offers granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, Pella wood windows and a full basement for an affordable price. That's an amazing value not found anywhere in the nearby vicinity, according to Levitas.

Buyers seem to be echoing his sentiments to the tune of 15 sales in three months. Several homes are now available for quick occupancy, while others may be customized to a buyer's preference.

Before purchasing a home, resident Joe Prokop said he toured countless developments and nothing came close to what he got for his money at Millbrook Pointe.

"It has everything, great prices, great location,



Millbrook Pointe, a new community of three- to four-bedroom brick and stone townhomes and rowhomes, showcases four decorated models from \$269,900. Pictured are the rowhomes.

quality building materials, and open floor plans. There's no better place to live for the price."

What convinced first-time home buyer Jeff Wolfson to buy now rather than later was all of the great incentives he received at Millbrook Pointe.

"But the all brick and stone construction, Pella wood windows, stainless steel appliances, and

two-car garage didn't hurt either," he said.

"The process of looking for a new home can be extremely intimidating," said first-time buyer David Moses.

After months of searching, he and his wife discovered Millbrook Pointe which clearly stood out

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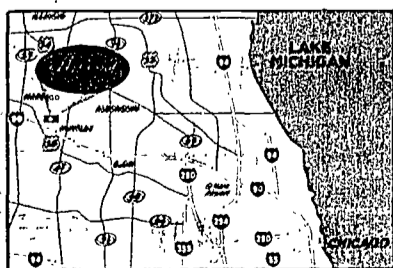


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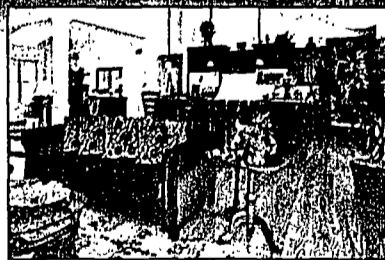
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Resale home market stabilizing as mortgage rates hit record lows



Don DeBat
ON THE HOME FRONT

Crystal-ball gazers are seeing a rapidly improving residential real estate market coming into focus on the horizon.

Boosted by record-low home loan interest rates, the year-long housing rebound is continuing in the Chicago area and resale prices are beginning to stabilize, experts say. Consider these positive mid-summer 2010 developments:

■ Home sales in June were 26 percent higher in the seven-county metro area than they had been a year earlier, with 9,022 units changing hands, according to data available through Midwest Real Estate Data, LLC (MRED), the multiple listing service for Chicago and its Illinois suburbs.

■ The average price of a home sold in the seven-county area in June reached \$274,217, up 2.6 percent from the \$267,338 average recorded in June 2009 and 5.6 percent higher than the \$259,573 average of May 2010, reported the RE/MAX Northern Illinois real estate network.

■ Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages average hit a record low 4.56 percent for the week ending July 22nd, down from last week when it averaged 4.57 percent, according to Freddie Mac. Last year at this

time, the 30-year loan average was 5.20 percent.

"When you consider that about a third of all transactions in June involved distressed properties, it is rather encouraging that the average price for all homes sold in the metro area was 2.6 percent higher than it was a year earlier," said Jim Merrion, regional director of the RE/MAX Northern Illinois.

"I think we're getting into a more stable pricing environment, which is something we've been missing for some time," Merrion said. "If that does take hold, it will be much easier for buyers and sellers to act with a sense of confidence, and that alone would be a real boon for the housing market."

"Chicago's housing market is stabilizing," agreed Genie Birch, president of the Chicago Association of Realtors. "Motivated buyers and sellers are working toward realistically closing deals at current market values."

Sales are forecast to remain positive in double digits in the Chicago-area and the state of Illinois markets through September," said Dr. Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, director of the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL) of the University of Illinois.

Home sales during the first six months of 2010 outpaced those for the same period last year by 37 percent in the metro area, with 38,053 homes changing hands this year compared to 27,757 in 2009. The increase in sales was comparable in the city and suburbs, with city sales climbing 36 percent and suburban sales rising 38 percent.

Home sales in the City of Chicago in the first half of 2010 totaled 11,231 units. Sales of attached properties — townhomes and condos — climbed 41 percent to 6,532 units, while single-family homes sales rose 30 percent to 4,699 units.

In Chicago, sales activity increased markedly in a number of neighborhoods. The following neighborhoods posted sales of at least 100 or more homes or condos

during the first half of the year compared with the same period of 2009: West Ridge (up 76 percent); North Center (up 63 percent); Lake View (up 46 percent); Lincoln Park (up 46 percent); Near North Side (up 39 percent); Dunning (up 75 percent); West Town (up 29 percent); Loop (up 82 percent); and Edgewater (up 70 percent).

Here is a county-by-county summary of sales results in the seven-county Chicago area compared to the same period in 2009.

■ Cook County. Total sales were 22,518, a 38 percent increase. Detached homes sales totaled 12,455, a 34 percent increase, while sales of attached units rose 44 percent to 10,063 units.

■ DuPage County. Home sales totaled 4,301 units, a 37 percent increase. Detached sales rose 36 percent to 2,851 homes, while attached sales increased 39 percent to 1,450 homes.

■ Lake County. Overall sales rose 38 percent to 3,359 homes, as attached home sales rose 50 percent to 745 units. Detached home sales increased 34 percent to 2,614.

■ McHenry County. With 1,494 sales recorded for the period, the county experienced a

29 percent increase. Attached sales were up 39 percent to 315 units, while there were 1,179 detached sales, a 27 percent gain.

■ Kane County. Home sales increased 61 percent, with 2,523 homes changing hands, compared to 1,564 sales during the first six months last year. Sales of detached homes in Kane rose 62 percent to 2,058 units and sales of attached homes climbed 59 percent to 465 units from the same period in 2009.

■ Will County. Total sales rose 21 percent, the smallest percentage gain of any of the seven counties. Detached sales were up 20 percent to 2,407 units, and attached sales climbed 25 percent to 682 units.

■ Kendall County. Total sales rose 29 percent to 769 units, led by an 81 percent increase in sales of attached homes, which totaled 213 units. Sales of detached homes were up 16 percent to 556 units, the smallest percentage gain in the seven-county area.

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9715 Woods Dr 2004: Schofield, William & Phyllis: \$480,000
South Barrington
2 Ashford Ct: Rangappa, Ramesh Babu & Subramanyam, Srividya G.: \$725,000

Westchester
2430 Enterprise Dr 2430: Straube, Hans & Mary: \$300,000
2545 Hawthorne Ave: Cervantes, John Ernest: \$410,000

Wilmette
921 12th St: Reineck, Paul E & Jessica L.: \$475,000
227 9th St: Taaffe, Edward J & Ellen C.: \$830,000
809 Central Ave: Shkolnik, Barry J.: \$825,000
843 Chilton Ln: McKenna, Warren P & Elizabeth J.: \$605,000
925 Columbus St: Charles, Mary Lourdes: \$295,000

307 Greenleaf Ave: Hirschfeld, John J & Lisa A.: \$980,000
2005 Greenwood Ave: Warn, Theodore & Georgia Schmit: \$675,000
2228 Greenwood Ave: Burks, Christopher M & Erin L.: \$951,000

2343 Greenwood Ave: Dethomas, Kevin & Susan: \$957,000
930 Greenwood Ave: Sillip, Samuel & Regina: \$1,320,000
2038 Highland Ave: Subbarao, Mark & Amanda: \$440,000
2117 Kenilworth Ave: Childs, Philip & Monica: \$650,000
2540 Marian Ln: Kang, Akira J & Naltzger Kang, Lisa A.: \$525,000

638 Prairie Ave: Ralffa, Marc & Filkins, Jessie: \$485,000
506 Ridge Rd B: Pollock, Marie Helene T.: \$375,000
2351 Thorwood Ave: Scholz, Gary & Debra: \$1,060,000
1013 Timber Ln: Kim, Peter J & Chia Ling: \$700,000
2215 Washington Ave: Boex, John & Speckman, Gina R.: \$470,000

3303 Wilmette Ave: Jackman, Edward & Elizabeth: \$340,000

Winnetka
610 Cherry St: Lambert, Joseph D & Karen I.: \$720,000
480 Elder Ln: Deblasio, Frances: \$870,000
608 Elm St: Purcell, David P & Stacy L.: \$3,125,000
480 Hawthorn Ln: Marchetti, Corey & Mary Jane: \$555,000
1011 Oak St: Fogt, Lisa M.: \$1,206,500
1110 Pine St: Macrithie, Christopher D & Jennifer R.: \$1,105,000
1225 Pine St: Satish, Poruvomba & Sothi, Rupa: \$1,687,500
414 Prudent Ave: Logan, Linda D.: \$903,500

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Auction of final penthouse condos at Grand Plaza set

Premier River North neighborhood homes set for Aug. 26 event

In what promises to be one of the best buying opportunities of the year, the remaining 10 residences at the Penthouses at Grand Plaza, a River North high-rise community in Chicago, will be sold at auction on Thursday, Aug. 26, by Chartwell Group, LLC Accelerated Marketing Division.

The auction will be held at the The James Hotel, 55 E. Ontario Street at 7:30 p.m.

"As Grand Plaza enters its close-out phase, the remaining 10 residences will be sold at the auction with published reserve prices of up to 53 percent off previous prices. Grand Plaza is one of the most successful River North condominium developments and is now 97 percent sold out. This represents the final opportunity to purchase one of these spectacular homes with amazing city views," said Bud Blinick, a Chartwell Group vice president.

"Savvy home buyers will get to establish their own purchase price through the bidding process, in a luxury high-rise community with a prime River North location," Blinick said. "Buyers will not only purchase a stylish penthouse at Grand Plaza, they will also gain access to a one-of-a-kind lifestyle just steps from the Magnificent Mile."

"Published Reserve Prices for these Penthouse residences will range from \$345,000 to \$775,000, a decrease from recently published prices of \$652,900 to \$1,304,900. The developers have directed Chartwell to guarantee the sale of five of the residences at or above the Published Reserve Price," said Jim Byczek, a vice president of Chartwell. "They want to send a strong, clear signal to the market that they are serious about selling the remaining residence-

es at the auction on Aug. 26." Financing is available for qualified purchasers at the Grand Plaza auction. Representatives of lenders will be available at open houses to discuss various loan packages and to pre-qualify buyers.

The Penthouses, featuring extra-large balconies with spectacular city views, range in size from a three-bedroom, three-bath 2,500-square-foot duplex to a two-bedroom, two-bath 1,230-square-foot residence. All the available condos are on the building's upper levels on floors 32 through 37, insuring unparalleled views of downtown, the city and the Chicago River.

All residents of the 37-story Residences at Grand Plaza have access to private resort-style amenities on ninth floor. The features include a swimming pool, named the best pool in Chicago by Red News, a 1/8-mile running track, a state-of-the-art fitness center, business center, The Club Nine Lounge, Library, Media Room, 24-hour professional food staff, Grand Plaza market by Jewel Osco, Bed Bath and Beyond, indoor parking and outdoor gathering places. An array of restaurants, shops and nightlife spots surround the property. Bus stops and the Red Line are just steps from Grand Plaza as well for a quick and easy commute downtown or to the airport.

Tours of the 10 remaining homes and the property's amenities will be offered during a series of open houses at Grand Plaza. Open houses will be held on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. through Aug. 22; and on Aug. 17 and 24 and Aug. 12 and 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Grand Plaza is at 545 N. Dearborn, at the corner of Grand and Dearborn. For additional information about The Penthouses at Grand Plaza, the upcoming auction and pre-registration, call the sales office at 312-644-9200 or visit chartwellgroup.com/GrandPlazaPenthouses.com.



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from other properties they had seen. He points to the quality workmanship and attention to detail in every home he saw. Also, Levitas and his staff went above and beyond the call throughout the building process.

"We were able to customize our home and even after closing, the team followed up with us to ensure our complete satisfaction. The experience was exceptionally positive."

Owners and potential buyers are also impressed by the innovative floor plans and complete customization offered at Millbrook Pointe. Spacious townhomes are crafted to feel like single-family homes. With up to 2,700 square feet of space, they have an abundance of windows that let the outdoors in. Kitchens are roomy and accommodate center islands, while master bedrooms are quite sizable and are separated from the other bedrooms for added privacy.

Since every buyer has their own set of wants and needs, Northfield Group offers buyers total customization within the footprint of their floor plan. They can redesign a floor plan layout, modify their kitchen, revamp a bathroom, enlarge a bedroom, plus make many more changes.

"The sky is the limit. We address their expectations and offer many choices to help buyers make their home into a true reflection of their lifestyle," said Levitas.

Buyers can choose from two upscale townhome plans. One offers four bedrooms and 3½ baths with a first-floor master suite. The other is a three-bedroom, 2½-bath traditional layout. Features include separate living room with a Juliette balcony, two-story great room, spacious kitchen with granite counter-



Fully appointed kitchens have stainless steel appliances, 42-inch designer wood cabinets, granite countertops and Pella wood windows and wood floors.

tops and a center island, vaulted ceilings, outdoor deck, and basement with 9-foot ceiling.

In addition to the townhomes, buyers can opt for a charming three-story row-home design featuring two or three bedrooms and 2½ baths. Two plans showcase a family room that can be converted to a guest suite, an open kitchen with island, separate living room and dining room, master bedroom with private balcony, and another large balcony or terrace. Millbrook Pointe townhomes are built

to the highest construction standards and include specialized products such as Pella wood windows with double pane insulation, 3¼-inch base moldings and casings around the windows and doors, cathedral ceilings, solid core wood doors, and many more upgraded features.

Kitchens are fully appointed with stainless steel appliances and 42-inch designer cabinets adorned with granite countertops. Superior sound proofing and insulation help suppress noise be-

tween homes. Bringing an abundance of light into the basements are oversized windows, while landscaped yards add curb appeal and an irrigation system makes upkeep easy.

To visit Millbrook Pointe, from Interstate 294 North, exit Lake Cook Road, go west to Milwaukee Avenue, then south on Milwaukee to Wolf Road. Go right on Wolf for a quarter mile to the entrance on left. The sales office is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 847-347-2300 or visit millbrookpointe.com.

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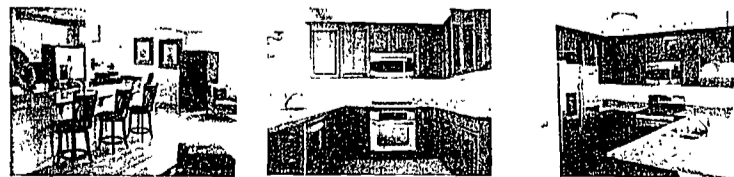
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Stop drafts in these four spots, and you'll cut down the chill

It's August, and time to start planning ahead for the change in seasons. When the deep winter chill hits, the last thing you want to do is shiver inside your own house. But that frequently happens when drafty attics, fireplaces, leaky windows and open vents allow cold air to enter your house and have you hiding under blankets and heavier clothing. And not only are you shivering, you're probably spending a lot of money attempting to keep the temperature at a comfortable level.

Drafts, such as those around doors, windows and pipes, are the largest source of heating and cooling loss in the home. Most homeowners tackle the easy leaks by caulking and weatherstripping to minimize energy loss and drafts.

But what can you do about drafts from the four largest "holes" in your home — the folding attic stair, the whole house fan, the fireplace and the clothes dryer? Here are some tips and techniques that can quickly, easily and inexpensively seal and insulate these holes.

Attic stairs
Installing attic stairs creates a large hole (approximately 10 square feet) in your ceiling. The ceiling and insulation that were there have to be removed, leaving only a thin, unsealed, sheet of plywood.

Often you can see a gap around the perimeter of the attic door. Check out your home's attic entrance. At night, turn on the attic light and shut the attic stairway door. Do you see any light coming through? If you do, heated and air-conditioned air is leaking out of these large gaps in your home 24 hours a day. This is like leaving a window or skylight open year-round.

An easy solution to this problem is to add an insulated attic stair cover. An attic stair cover seals the stairs to stop drafts and energy loss. Add the desired amount of insulation over

the cover to restore the insulation removed when the ceiling.

Whole house fans, air conditioning vents

Much like attic stairs above, installing a whole house fan creates a large hole (up to 16 square feet or larger) in your ceiling. The ceiling and insulation that were there have to be removed, leaving only the drafty ceiling shutter between you and the outdoors.

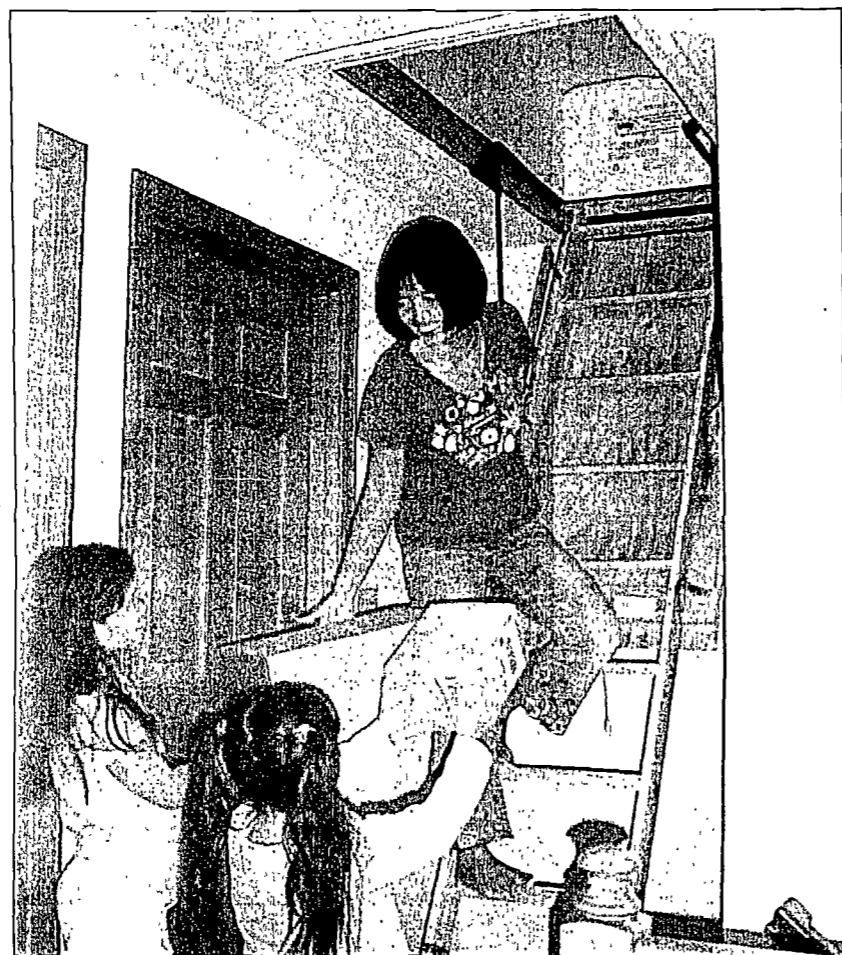
An easy, low-cost solution to this problem is to add a whole house fan shutter seal. Made from white textured flexible insulation, the shutter seal is installed over the ceiling shutter, secured with Velcro, and trimmed to fit. The shutter seal can also be used to seal and insulate air conditioning vents, and is easily removed when desired.

Fireplaces

Sixty-five percent, or more than 100 million homes in North America, are constructed with wood- or gas-burning fireplaces. When these appliances aren't properly closed, they can really change the temperature inside your home. One study has shown that an open damper on an unused fireplace in a well-insulated house can raise overall heating-energy consumption by 30 percent. Your heating bills may be more than \$500 higher per winter due to the drafts and wasted energy caused by fireplaces.

Even if the chimney damper is shut, it is not airtight. Glass doors don't stop the drafts either. The fireplace is like a giant straw sucking your expensive heated or air-conditioned air right out of your house.

An easy, cost-efficient solution to this problem is to add a "fireplace plug" to your fireplace. Available from Battic Door, a company known for their energy conservation products, the Fireplace Plug is an inflatable pillow that seals the fireplace damper, eliminating drafts, odors, and noise. The pillow is removed whenever the fireplace is used, then reinserted after.



An attic with pull-down stairs is a convenient storage space, but the door itself can be a source of leaking cold air, out from the air conditioning in the summer and in from the winter chill. ARA CONTENT PHOTO

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Clothes dryer exhaust ducts

In many homes, the room with the clothes dryer is the coldest room in the house. Your clothes dryer is connect-

ed to an exhaust duct that is open to the outdoors. In the winter, cold drafts come in through the duct, through your dryer and into your house.

An easy, low-cost solution to this problem is to add a dryer vent seal. This draft blocker will also keep out

pests, bees and rodents. The vent will remain closed unless the dryer is in use. When the dryer is in use, a floating shuttle rises to allow warm air, lint and moisture to escape.

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Moving forward, moving up into Glenview

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It was the fourth household to move that month into the neighborhood. Before that month would finish, two more would be moving into the development, and there were applications for three others submitted that would start the next round of home sales activity.

While some have entered into shaky land contracts or questionable "rent-to-own" arrangements they later regretted, here true in-house financing and incredible values have driven the most recent wave of move-ins who have moved up to gracious Glenview living at Sunset Village.

Mario Ryan and his family were one of the move-ins. Along with Ms. Jones, head of a middle-aged single-parent household, and the others who ranged from younger first-time buyers to those ready to retire, many of these households had a similar theme.

"We wanted to be in the upscale Glenview/Northshore area. I didn't really think we could find something we could afford, but we had some time and an online search turned up a customized home that sounded too good to be true. Naturally, we called for details and decided to check it out," Mario explained. "Since we have two school-age kids, being in the top-rated Glenview school district was a huge plus."

"We looked at a two-level home that had a lot of space and appeal. There was 2,400 square feet, and the plan had four bedrooms, three full baths, a living room, a great kitchen and a sitting area upstairs ideal for a family video room. The home was a new model that they had decided to sell after they used it as a show home for a couple of years. The price blew us away — \$179,900, complete, basically move-in ready!"

"It is a great home, but for the money, we decided to go the custom route," he said. "We decided on a model with this wonderful island kitchen that my wife Angie just went crazy over. It has three bedrooms, 2½ baths, a living room with fireplace, plus the 'man cave' — my media room — with built-in 'surround sound.' It was less than some of the fore-



Resident Mario Ryan shows off the island kitchen of his new Glenview home. Among other features in the customized three-bedroom, 2½-bath home are a living room with fireplace, computer center, and a "man cave" home theater center.

closures that were decades old nearby and this was a green design by an Energy Star-rated builder. A modest down payment, some paperwork and, in what seemed like no time, we were moving in. You can see how gorgeous this place is."

Ms. Jones told a similar tale. "When you are faced with starting over, during challenging economic times, you just hope for the best while you

prepare for the worst. I found a like-new three-bedroom, two-bath home just five years old that was selling for under 130k. I couldn't believe it. I checked around. The 45-year-old condos to the south had dropped in price from \$500,000 to around \$375,000. The association fees at the Capital First/Sunset office's property were higher, while their sites were modest in size, but (they) gave more ... the enhanced privacy of single-family

living over the shared-wall condos that were four decades older. When I factored in the huge tax savings, comparing prices, quality, features, energy efficiency and payments, it was an easy decision for me."

"I moved in here about four years ago," Mike Quam said. "This was a huge step up from the old family house I had in Morton Grove. I had my own business, but last year I shut it down to begin home

sales here at Sunset. I love showing our homes, and remembering every day my own sense of surprise and delight with what I found here. This really isn't selling, it is show and glow before people say 'let's see!' In my case, I got outside financing, but it was nice to know that Capital First would have made the loan easy for me too. Seeing is believing."

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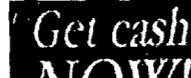
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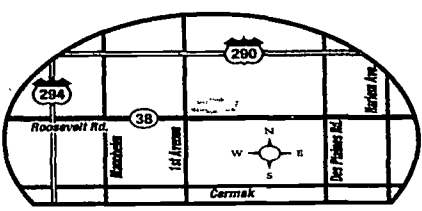
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Sharkey, Rita Andrea
 (nee MacMeekin) passed away peacefully on July 31, 2010 at Midwest Hospice & Palliative Care Center in Skokie from ovarian cancer. Rita was born on October 16, 1949, in Chicago, IL. She is the daughter of Andrew and Rita MacMeekin (nee Dohrmann) and the devoted mother of two daughters, Lara Brennan (nee Comstock) and Amy Scott (nee Comstock). She was married to her love and best friend, James Sharkey, on December 29, 1989 and resided in Park Ridge with him for the past 20 years. Early in her career, she worked as a typesetter and established two successful Graphic Arts businesses, RamPage Graphics and Phoenix Graphique, Ltd. She later returned to college and earned a degree in Nursing. She worked in that profession as an Oncology Nurse for 12 years. She was an avid reader and gardener, but her home was her true hobby, refurbishing her 90 year old house into a beautiful home for her family. Her home received the Park Ridge Beautification award in 2000 and was featured in the 2001 Christmas House Walk. She accomplished much in her life and was a strong and intelligent woman, but she would be proud that she will be remembered most as an extraordinary mother, wife and friend and for her great ability to share her love, wisdom and sensibility with those whom she loved. She is survived by her husband, daughters and her cherished grandchildren, William, Julia, Margaret, and Dylan. She is also survived by her mother, her two brothers, Colin MacMeekin and Andrew MacMeekin as well as nephews and many friends. A memorial service will be held at Cooney Funeral Home, 625 Busse Highway in Park Ridge, IL on Wednesday, August 4th from 3:00 to 9:00 pm, phone. 847-685-1002. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10122 or online at www.ocrf.org. "Unable are the loved to die. For love is immortality." - Emily Dickinson
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Treskon-Sanders, Donna Lynn
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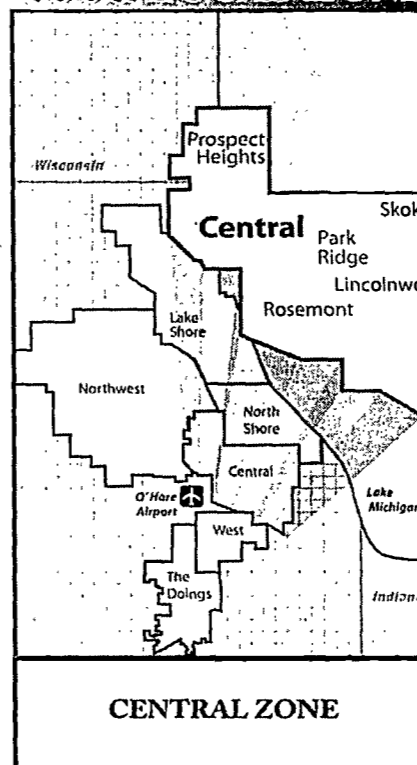
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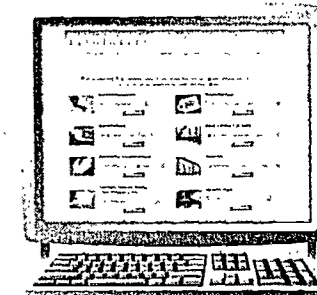
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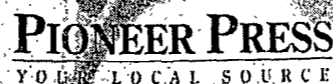
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Employment and Working Conditions
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Healthcare & Nursing Events Calendar
August 3 Delnor Hospital
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217) 422-1719. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606...

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Tues, Aug. 10, 3:00-11:00 PM 7232 N. Western Ave., Chgo. Collector's Estate, and other Estates & Consignments Includes: Many Ant. Corved Furniture Pcs.; 3 Lg. Ornate Iron Gates; Lg. Iron Bird Bath; Big Boy Advertisements; Vintage Cokk Windows; Stained Glass Windows; Religious Items; Over 40 Lador Figurines; Fine Oil Paintings; Collection of Carvings; 17th-19th Cent. Collection of Autographed Sports Memorabilia; Ivory Netsukes; Camera & Lens Collection; Silver Items; Art Deco; Glassware; Chino; Nippon; Old Clocks; Oriental Rugs; Furs; Ant. Lamps; Edison Cylinder Phonograph; Also Many Gold Rings w/Diamonds, Rubies, Sapphires, etc.; Gold Necklaces & Bracelets; Silver Jewelry; Costume Jewelry; Watches, Coins, Inc. Many Unc. Morgan & Peace Silver Dollars; Asst. U.S. Coins; Foreign Coins & More. Over 700 Lots, Most Sold with No Reserves! Preview: Mon., Aug. 9, 3:30-7:30 PM & Hour Before Sale. Full Listing & Photos at: www.directauction.com 774-653-3300

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906 W CRESCENT

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CHICAGO

2010 Block Sale! 7300 Block of N. Oak Ave. August 6-7, 9am-4pm.

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CONDUCTED HOUSE SALES

Morton Grove - 5736 Rebo Fr. & Sol, Aug 6-7, 10am-4pm. Home, 3 BR, 2.5 Bath, 2 Car Garage Sale! Lots of tools, antiques, kitchen items, clothes, generator & much more!

TREASURE HUNT

Fr. Aug 6th, Sat. Aug 7th 9:30-3:30. No refunds. 2145 Magnolia, Highland Park Fr. From Edens go to Clover & go W. to Oak Look, on Red Oak to Old Brldr, go R to corner house. House full of great furn, access, art, paintings, exercise bike, video, dulpicator, children's bike, set of custom R-Class Mercedes rims w/ new tires, etc.

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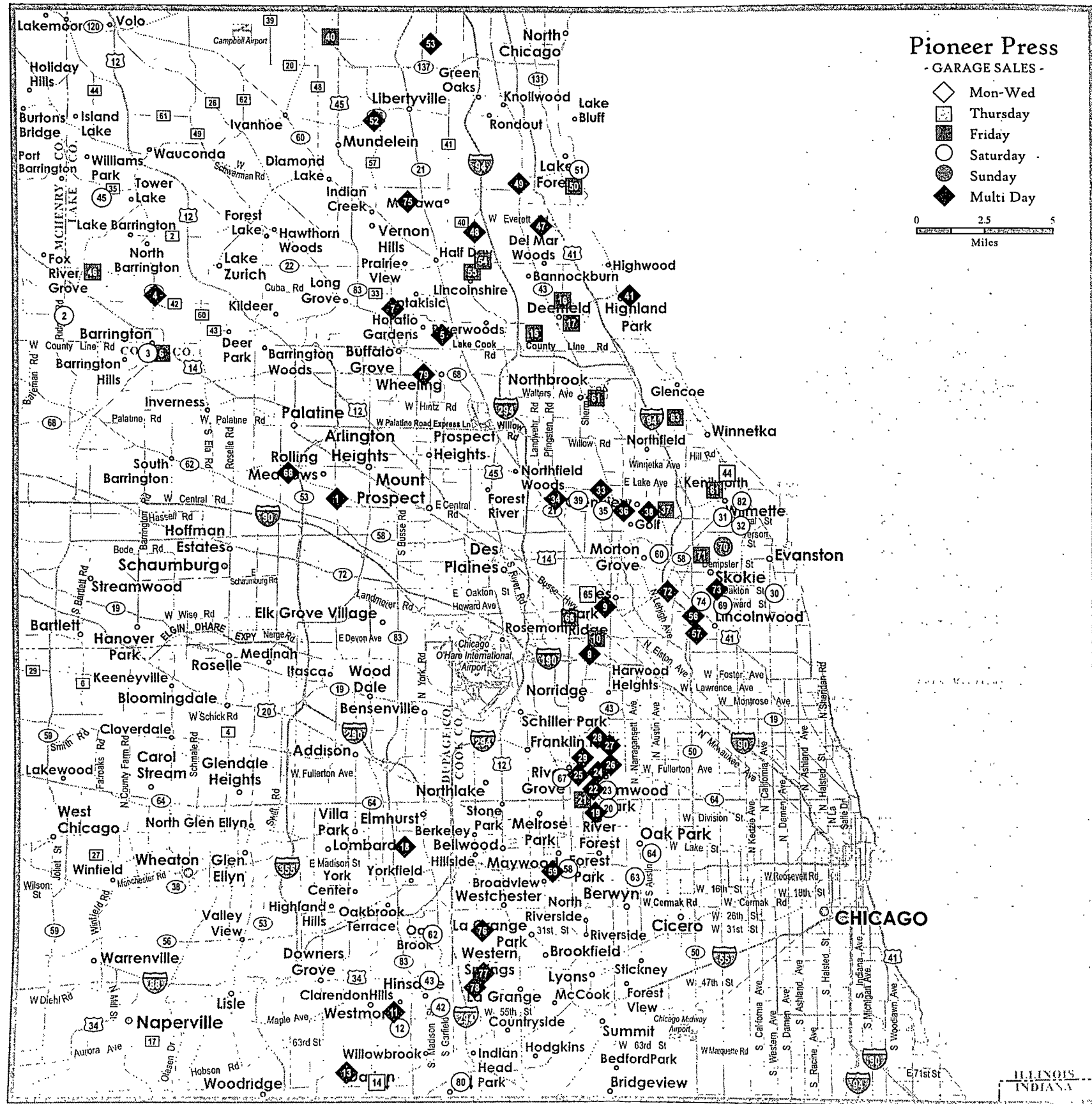
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1 1903 Cynidi Ct		8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	
BARRINGTON HILLS				
2 38 Ridge Rd			8am to 3pm	
BARRINGTON				
3 233 Monument Ave			9am to 4pm	
4 25633 W. Drake		9am to 5pm		
5 401 Martin Ct		8:30am to 4pm	8:30am to 4pm	
6 603 S. Cook Street		10am to 3pm	10am to 3pm	
BUFFALO GROVE				
7 1206 Westchester	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 12pm	
CHICAGO				
8 5929 N. Ozanam			9am to 4pm	9am to 3pm
9 7308 N Odell Ave		9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
10 7626 & 7630 W. Palatine (Edison Park)		9am to 1pm	9am to 1pm	
CLARENDON HILLS				
11 350 Harris Ave		9am to 2pm	9am to 2pm	
12 5731 Clarendon Hills Rd.			8am to 3pm	
DARIEN				
13 1917 Holly Ave	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
14 8546 Thistlewood Ct	12pm to 5pm	10am to 5pm	10am to 5pm	10am to 5pm
DEERFIELD				
15 1405 Central Ave.		9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
16 607 Woodvale Ave.		8am to 3pm	8am to 3pm	
17 825 Beverly Pl.		8am to 5pm	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm
ELMHURST				
18 604 S. Hawthorne	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	
ELMWOOD PARK				
19 1709 75th Ct		9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
20 1722 N. 74th Ave.		9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm	
21 1815 N 79th AVE		9am to 2pm	9am to 2pm	
22 1900 77th Ave		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
23 2020 N 76th Ave		9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	
24 2404 N. 75th Ct		9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
25 2424 N. 77th Ct		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
26 2445 N. 73rd Ct		9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	
27 2840 N 73rd Ct		9am to 2pm	8am to 6pm	8am to 6pm
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St. Paul Lutheran Church 5650 N. Canfield, 60631, (708)867-5044, www.stpaulcanfield.org Street Level, Air Conditioned Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45AM Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30AM Saturday Worship 6PM St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School, Pre K-Grade 8, SHARING GOD, TOUCHING LIVES EVERYWHERE	PARK RIDGE First Church of Christ, Scientist 330 Touhy Avenue (847) 823-3329 Every Sunday at 10:30 am Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm	Central United Methodist Church 8237 Kenton, Ave., Skokie (847) 673-1311 www.skokiecentralumc.org Worship: Sundays at 10:30 AM	St. Peter's United Church of Christ Oakton Street & Laramie Avenue 847-673-8166 www.stpeteruccskokie.org Sunday Worship 10AM Sunday School 9AM (Sept. thru May) Rev. Richard Lanford Childcare Provided Air Conditioned Sanctuary	WILMETTE Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emanuh 847-256-1213, www.bhcbe.org Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays 6:00 PM Shabbat Service - Saturdays 9:15 AM Jr. Congregation, Tot Shabbat, Torah Time 10:30 AM Daily Minyan AM and PM Rabbi Allan Kensky A multi-generational egalitarian Conservative congregation "A Place to Grow as a Jew"
All Saints Cathedral Parish National Catholic Church 9201 W. Higgins Road Chicago, IL 60631, 773-380-7131 Website: www.ascpncc.org Email: allsaintsbulletin@sbcglobal.net Sunday Masses 8:30AM & 11AM Sunday School (Sept-May) 9:45AM Summer Schedule (June thru Labor Day) Saturday 5PM & Sunday 9AM Bishop Anthony Kopka, Pastor	Park Ridge Presbyterian Church 1300 West Crescent Avenue 847-823-4135 www.parkridgepresby.org Sunday Service: 9:30 am	Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue 7800 Niles Ave., Skokie 847-674-9146 www.devaremet.org A community of Jews who believe and teach that Yeshua (Jesus) is the promised Jewish Messiah. Join us for Shabbat Services at 10am	Temple Beth Israel 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, IL 60076 847-675-0951, www.tbiskokie.org Fri., Aug. 13th, 6:30PM Shabbat at the Beach, Gillson Park, Wilmette. Fri., Aug. 20, 5:30 PM, New Member Kabbalat Shabbat: Likrat Shabbat - light nosh - followed by a music-filled short service 6:15 - 7:00 PM Sun. Aug. 29th, 2:00 - 4:00 PM Open House/Ice Cream Social. Hebrew School - Sunday & Wednesday Religious School - Sunday NATE Accreditation (National Association of Temple Educators) New Introductory Membership Rates	MORTON GROVE Morton Grove Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA) 8944 Austin (Lake & Austin) (847) 965-2982 www.mgcccpresbyterian.org Sunday Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Rev. Lolly Dominski, Pastor Handicapped Accessible ALL ARE WELCOME!
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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
Resident and nonresident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2010-11 is still being accepted. 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.

Niles Park District offers a "Learn to Swim" lesson program this summer designed for children of all levels and abilities, beginning at preschool age. Adult Lessons, Private Lessons, Parent & Tot Lessons, and Pre-School Swim are also available. Lessons are taught at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Call the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633.

Stay cool this summer at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Full season hours have begun: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

A wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth-grade kids are offered which include full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey, and ice

skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., to plan an exciting summer for a child. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts and crafts, sports, and more. Most camps are under way. 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.

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
Registrations being taken for: **Hot Shots Sports:** Hot Shots Sports and the Golf Maine Park District have joined together to bring various sports classes and clinics; offering baseball, basketball and soccer classes. Stop by the Feldman or Dee Park Recreation Centers for more information.

Preschool ... where learning is fun - Early registration is important to ensure space for the fall 2010 semester. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4-years-old by Sept. 1, 2010.

Adult & Youth Ballet: Classes available for all skill levels from novice to an experienced dancer. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Call (847) 297-3000, Ext. 34.

Cricket - Dee Park now has a cricket pitch that will be ready for use this spring; call the park district for rental fees or availability.

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 organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m.-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 Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-

3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com. 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.

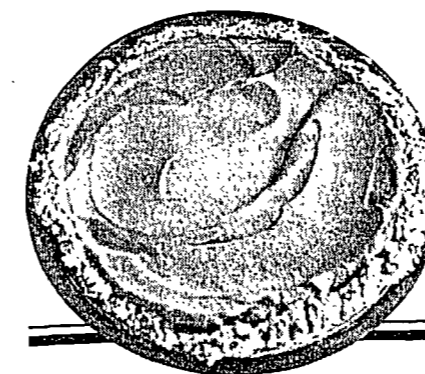
Religion

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles, will hold its closing Jubilee Year Mass, celebrated by Francis Cardinal George, at 5 p.m. Aug. 14. A reception in a tent on the parish grounds will follow Mass. All are welcome. Call the Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550.

Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian-education hour at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Child-care services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

St. John Brebeuf Adoration 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. Call (847) 966-8145.

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.ehnl.org.



Yummy raw food treat

Chocolate Mousse Pie with all raw ingredients is a favorite treat of Lena Meade, a certified raw food chef and nutrition educator.

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'Live' food Uncooked, plant-based diet worth the try

By TOM WITOM
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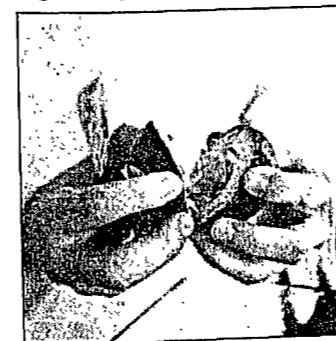
Take it from Lena Meade, "live" food makes a body feel alive.

A certified raw food chef and nutrition educator, Meade grew up in a family where they raised their own produce and baked their own bread. A former designer, Meade said she was plagued by uncomfortable "digestive issues" until she discovered what a life-changing difference a regimen of raw food could make.

Reinventing herself

"Two years ago I quit my job, went through the training at Living Light Culinary Arts Institute in California, and basically reinvented myself," said Meade.

Restored to health, she started learning to spread the word on the advantages of a diet rich in uncooked organic plant-based foods, from vegetables and fruits to nuts and seeds but one that eschews meat, dairy, refined sugar and preservatives.



Avocados are the main ingredient in Lena Meade's Chocolate Mousse Pie. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

Health benefits include not only improved digestion but loss of excess weight, better-looking skin and increased energy. A raw diet, adherents maintain, also can play a role in reducing the severity of many ailments such as diabetes, arthritis and heart disease.

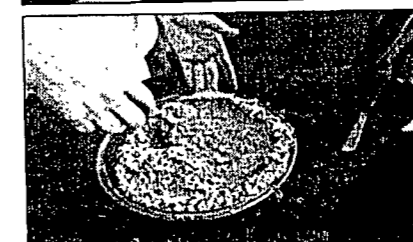
"Cooking above 118 degrees is known to diminish the nutritional value of food," Meade told an Introduction to Raw Foods class at the La Grange Park District. "The heat actually causes chemical changes in food, creating many of the carcinogens, mutagens, free radicals and other toxins. And when you eat cooked food, you're consuming toxins faster than your body can get rid of them."

Though Meade's diet is 100 percent raw food, she says one can still see positive results at the 30 or 60 percent raw food level.

Raw food

"Getting into a raw food diet is not hard," Meade said. "You just have to accustom yourself to the different procedures of food preparation. Once you get into the flow of things, it's actually simple."

Though most dishes come together quickly, menu planning can entail a few twists. With raw food, Meade said, clear time on Sunday for upcoming meals by setting aside some nuts to soak for a recipe or by putting together the fixings for bread in a dehydrator with the knowledge that the finished product won't be ready for consumption until a



Counterclockwise from top left: Raw food chef Lena Meade adds cacao powder to the blender while making her Chocolate Mousse Pie; the crust of raw Chocolate Mousse Pie consists of dates, almonds and cinnamon; chocolate mousse is added to the crust of a raw Chocolate Mousse Pie recipe; Chef Meade completes her Chocolate Mousse Pie in her home kitchen. (Photos by Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

day or two later.

Dr. Gordon K. Fimreite from La Grange-based Fimreite Chiropractic, who sponsored the class, said he sees himself as a wellness-minded doctor on a mission to redirect the prevailing mindset when it comes to eating toward healthy living.

"Nowadays everybody is looking for an outside-in approach to health, but health starts from the inside," he said.

When it comes to a healthy lifestyle, Fimreite said people ought to pay attention to their nervous system and focus on good nutrients, stress reduction, exercise and getting their body to be less reliant on medications.

Meade stressed that a raw diet does not mean bland, tasteless dining. She shared a favorite recipe for Chocolate Mousse Pie, an easy-to-make chocolate treat. Visit her Web site at LearningRAWfood.com.

Chocolate Mousse Pie

- For crust:
- 2 C dry almonds
- 1/2 C dates
- Dash of cinnamon
- For pie filling:
- 1/2 C medjool dates, soaked (for 2 hours)
- 1/2 C maple syrup or coconut nectar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract, or 1 vanilla bean
- 1 1/2 C mashed avocado (3 avocados)
- 3/4 C organic cacao or carob powder
- 1/2 C water

In a food processor, process the dry almonds, dates and cinnamon until crumbly (may need to add more dates to get the right consistency). Press down into a pie pan, and set aside. Next, combine all of the filling ingredients in a high speed blender and blend till smooth. Pour filling contents into the pie pan, and place in refrigerator until set. Serves 12.

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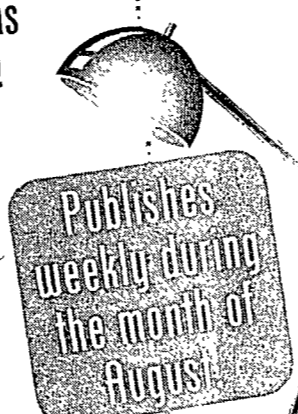
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370 S Western Ave. Apt 501, Stone Gate Of Des Plaines Llc to Anna Kirsten Lace Robert Whitmore Riddle, \$229,000, July 1
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825 Pearson St. Apt 2g, Colum Trust to Ashish R Wankhade, \$140,000, July 7
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871 S Wolf Road, Alpesh H Patel to Yaseen M Khan Farah S Khan, \$192,000, July 8
8831 Robin Drive, Bridgefield Mortgage Corp to Tomasz P Jalowicz Estera Wolak, \$125,000, July 7
8839 Robin Drive Apt A, Cheapest Llc 8839 Robin A Des to Iakshi Patel, \$105,000, July 7
8936 Robin Drive, Afzal Ansari to Marius T Balan Geta Balan, \$120,000, July 6
9386 Landings Lane Unit 203, Gerard J Pionke to Ireneusz Ziejewski Ewa Ziejewska, \$120,000,

July 8
9387 Bay Colony Drive Apt 3e, Michael J Augustynski to Iryna Oanykiv, \$87,000, July 7
9403 Brockton Lane, Ahmed Reza Khan to Lyudmila R Tavorzhanskaya, \$225,000, July 8
9430 Bay Colony Drive Apt 2n, Jadwiga Olszowa Przybylska to Anilkumar R Shah Sharmistha A Shah, \$80,000, July 12
9435 Bay Colony Drive Apt 3n, Maria Mildred V Castillo to Jeremiah Evoy, \$95,000, July 2
969 Jeannette St., James P Pufpaf to Julie Rowe, \$250,000, July 12

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3258 N Natoma Ave., Jozef Piszczek to Michael P Landini Monsorat O Cabrera Landini, \$293,000, July 1
3347 N Rutherford Ave., North Star Trust Co Trustee to Marquis T Simmons, \$238,000, July 2
3357 N Nagle Ave., Sophie Wasik Huffman to Celina Natal, \$195,000, July 9
3412 N Opal Ave., Jaroslaw Gerus Estate to Jamil Mouannes, \$190,000, July 12
3420 N Orange Ave., Jan Bearsky to Tomasz Kwatekiewicz Katarzyna Kwatekiewicz, \$249,000, July 12
3628 N Olcott Ave., Chicago Ti-

tle Land Trt Co Ttee to Sara C Ouenas, \$191,000, July 2
3738 N Nordica Ave., Valeriy Yatsenko to Mary Ellen Mcgoldrick, \$225,000, July 1
3857 N Neva Ave., Robert Oeuvreux to Thomas I Santella Sr Jaheen Santella, \$284,000, July 8
3900 N Nottingham Ave., Timothy J Oill to Jose Vergel Maria Vengel, \$225,000, July 8
6023 W Dakin St., Steven R Ziemba to Robert Blease Cynthia Blease, \$325,000, July 7
6114 W Cornelia Ave., Federal National Mortgage Assn to Mohammad Zidani Abdel O Hamad, \$240,500, July 6
6136 W Cornelia Ave., Geraldine J Stencel to Michael A Salbego, \$242,500, July 1
6555 W Addison St. E., Martino Trust to Matthew J Kant, \$175,000, July 8
6737 W Byron St., Michelle M Suriano to Andrew J Hoffman Tracie I Hoffman, \$325,000, July 7
7016 W Melrose St., Jagusch Trust to Joel Thachac, \$240,000, July 1
7417 W Irving Park Road, Fannie Mae to Mehmet S Okeu, \$70,000, July 6

EDISON PARK
6747 N Octavia Ave., West Trust to Radim Mandel Marianne Mandel, \$240,000, July 1
6751 N Odell Ave., Alexander Trust to Oaniel I Lynch Elizabeth J Lynch, \$200,000, July 9
6826 N Oleander Ave., Mark A Mroczkowski to Aidan Butler Melissa Kowalewski, \$520,000, July 2
6857 N Oriole Ave., Noel P Heneghan to Jonathan Zimmerman Sarah Zimmerman, \$453,500, July 9
7305 W Greenleaf Ave., Peter P Ruddy to Daniel McCabe Elizabeth Palmer, \$327,500, July 12
7531 N Oleander Ave., Thomas M Barda to Jose D Colon, \$247,500, July 1

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5527 Theobald Road, Oean E Hart to Kazim Syed Mohammed Anjum Kidiwala, \$406,000, July 6
5737 Lyons St., Lois Lehman to Oean E Hart Gale K Andersen, \$300,000, July 6
6313 Lincoln Ave., Erwin Shakin to Peggy Ann Borg, \$305,000, July 12
6622 Foster St., William S Schmidt to Jordi Kleiner Karen Kawashima, \$327,000, July 12
7022 Church St., Paul Daoud to William Pergakes, \$192,500, July 6
7330 Church St., Eric Lambrechts to Christine E Benesa Michael A Ross, \$272,000, July 2
8609 Waukegan Road Unit 3, Woojoo Kim to Rahim Merchant Malika Merchant, \$287,000, July 2
8650 Ferris Ave. Unit 202,

May I Stoesser to Vitali Polhovski Natallia Polhovski, \$130,000, July 8
8921 Meade Ave., Richard Borre to Donald Victorine, \$302,500, July 2
9001 Moody Ave., Leon Toia to Kristopher A Gray Colleen M Gray, \$335,000, July 7
9446 Ozanam Ave., Wells Fargo Bank to Regina Rose Velez, \$299,000, July 9

NILES

7011 W Touhy Ave. Apt 402 Unit A, Martin Trust to Mirnes Vrtagic, \$205,000, July 2
7071 W Touhy Ave. Apt 405, Robert T Kus to Samantha Acciari, \$170,000, July 1
7748 W Oakton St., Federal National Mortgage Assn to Ramesh Patel Manjula R Patel, \$201,000, July 6
8001 W Courte Drive Apt 209, Fefferman Trust to Marcin Ciechanowski, \$150,000, July 6
8238 N Olcott Ave., Mikhail Maltsev to Kathy Shoykhet, \$257,000, July 9
8313 N Shermer Road, Atg Trust Co Trustee to Govind K Shrestha Anita Shrestha, \$218,000, July 2
8621 N Harlem Ave., Phyllis Steinhandler to Alexander Abraham, \$210,000, July 9
8744 N Olcott Ave., Evimalk Gewargis to Carole Flocca, \$282,000, July 9
9074 W Terrace Drive Apt 1n, Hsbc Mortgage Corp (usa) to Randedil B Ruby, \$57,000, July 8
9118 W Elmwood Drive Apt 3n, Mariann Napolilli to Matthew Mirza, \$95,000, July 7
9500 N Washington St. Apt 504, Bennett Antin Estate to Anna Sisto, \$140,000, July 9
9731 N Fox Glen Drive Apt 4k, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Justin Kim Jung H Kim, \$98,000, July 6

NORWOOD PARK

5313 N Osceola Ave., Herbert S Bolton Estate to Caroline R Cygan, \$240,000, July 8
5621 N Courtland Ave., Stanislaw Bartnik to William D Whitlock Lisa B Whitlock, \$425,000, July 8
5922 N Newburg Ave., Linda M Ryza to Nicholas Linker Jennifer Linker, \$361,500, July 6
6027 N Newburg Ave., Fred G Heidemann to Peter G Jones Allison B Jones, \$379,000, July 7
6300 W Huntington St., Theodore J Eck to Brian Iglehart Selene Powell, \$325,000, July 8
6473 N Newland Ave., Stephen E Walsh to Gine Fiaschetti Gina Galassi, \$320,000, July 7
6833 W Highland Ave., Kim McDermott to Wesley H Covert Marissa E Covert, \$451,000, July 12
7100 W Farragut Ave., Marcinkowska Trust to Benjamin

Ortega, \$230,000, July 1
7132 W Farragut Ave., William D Whitlock to David Ming Laura Ming, \$215,000, July 12
7328 W Devon Ave., Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Allen C Wiecezorek Anita M Oietz, \$313,000, July 8
7705 W Balmoral Ave., Terence Forbes Jr to Emily Berveiler Casey Sager, \$350,000, July 1

PARK RIDGE

100 Imperial St., F Andrew Ouerkop to Jennifer Westergaard, \$432,500, July 1
101 E Summit Unit 215, Otoole Trust to Patricia Lorenz, \$201,000, July 7
1015 Saint James Place, Laura Kashul to Steve Oidomenco Aliza Steurer, \$398,000, July 2
1016 S Cumberland Ave., Kathleen Fonti to Dennis Legatos Kathy Legatos, \$235,000, July 2
117 East Ave., Janusz Wzorek to Eugeniusz Jastrzebski, \$155,000, July 6
120 N Northwest Highway Apt 208, Vincent Centineo to Matthew R Schoenstene Amy M Hefner, \$325,000, July 6
1308 Glenlake Ave., Paul L Schmelzer to Daniel P Foley Lauren M Foley, \$270,000, July 7
1345 S Knight Ave., Klancnik Trust to Ryan R Grob Renae R Wintersteen, \$451,000, July 6
1507 S Cumberland Ave., Pledged Property Ii Llc to Leonard Randazzo Emman Randazzo, \$162,000, July 1
1715 Pavilion Way Unit 403, James Trust to Sandra M Mulligan, \$217,000, July 1
1815 Glenview Ave., Nelson Trust to Stephen M Fitzgerald Sr, \$220,000, July 7
1839 Weeg Way, Jacek Rokita to Oiana S Tomaska Paul Ojnich, \$360,000, July 9
1918 Garden St., Kevin S Wiland to David Cartwright Oana Schneider, \$390,000, July 6
236 E Sibley St., Ruben Ybarra to Michael C Handlon Jr Taryn B Handlon, \$390,000, July 12
501 Engel Boulevard, Richard F Zelek to Olafur A Olafsson Pamela Olafsson, \$775,000, July 6
6 E Touhy Ave., Brian F Hefferman to Jakob Teply, \$475,000, July 6
606 Florence Drive, Blumenshine Trust to Eric Kallwitz Mimmie Kallwitz, \$550,000, July 7
632 N Broadway Ave., Parkway Bank & Trust Co Ttee to Corey J Crain Helen N Tselentis, \$305,000, July 6
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824 Marvin Parkway, Kathleen McGovern to Malcolm Alistair Hawkes, \$300,000, July 2



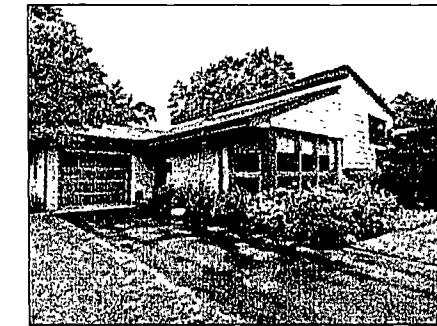
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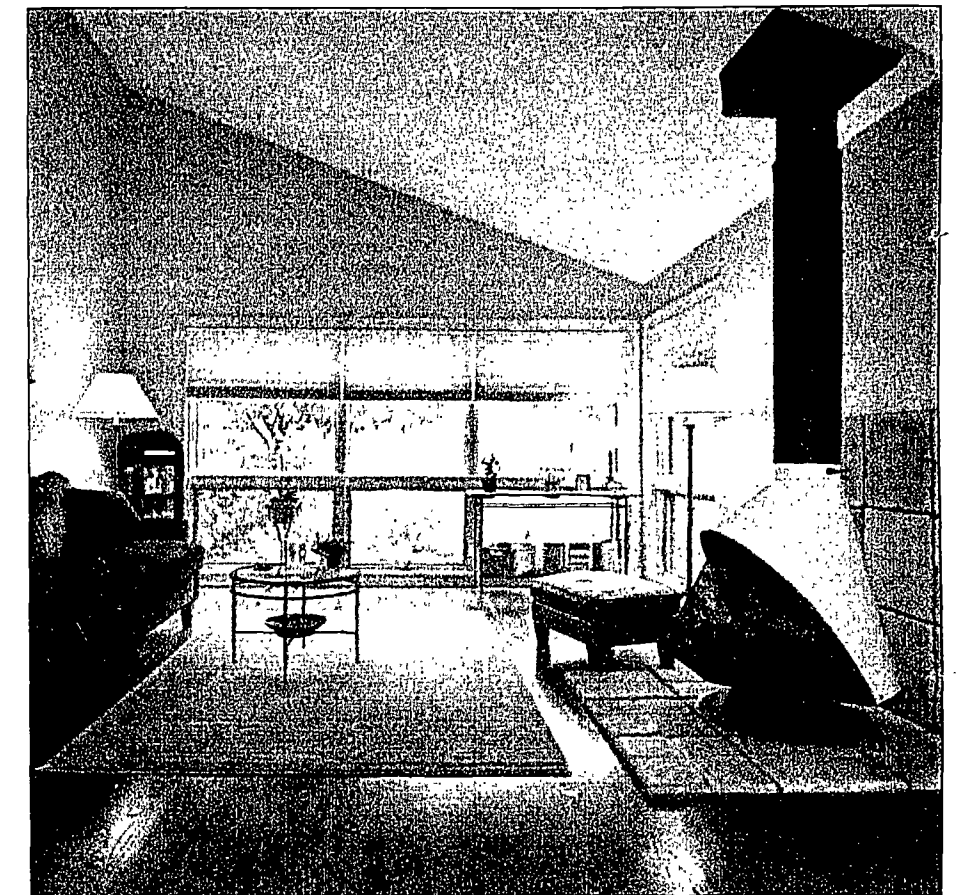
This home, though built in 1955, has new features such as Grohe faucets, Toto toilets and a Pearl whirlpool tub. The eat-in kitchen has new Corian countertops and stainless steel appliances. There's a gas log fireplace in the family room, and the combined living and dining rooms have hardwood flooring. The three bedrooms are carpeted and are on the second level. The lower level has a laundry room and an office, and both have wood laminate flooring. The fenced backyard has a deck and has been professionally landscaped. The property, which is about a mile from the Golf Metra station, also has an attached one-car garage.



This Morton Grove home's professionally landscaped backyard includes a deck.

Beds: 3
Baths: 2

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The home's combined living room-dining room has hardwood flooring.

DATA POINT

MORTON GROVE REAL ESTATE BY THE NUMBERS

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The number of home sales in Morton Grove in June. There were 13 sales there in June 2009 and 29 in June 2008.

Health care analyst buys in Niles

By Tim Horneman

A computer programmer has bought a home in central Niles. Kathy Shoykhet bought the four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 8238 N. Olcott Ave. for \$257,000 on July 9. Prior owner Mikhail Maltsev paid \$420,000 for the home in January 2006. The 1,242-square-foot home

in the Grennan Heights subdivision was built in 1939. Shoykhet has been a senior programmer analyst specialist for the NorthShore University HealthSystem. She also has worked for IDM Equipment as a support associate and for Motorola as a developer. She attended Northwestern University and the University of Illinois.

MARKET WATCH

AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Chicago: Edison Park	2.41%	\$271,000	8.03%	137	11
Chicago: Forest Glen	3.02%	\$320,000	15.38%	13	2
Chicago: Norwood Park	2.62%	\$275,000	10.13%	227	23
Des Plaines	3.79%	\$175,000	25.72%	941	242
Evanston	3.72%	\$280,000	12.93%	820	106
Glenview	3.53%	\$380,000	12.30%	634	78
Lincolnwood	3.59%	\$301,000	17.76%	152	27
Morton Grove	2.98%	\$249,000	17.92%	279	50
Niles	2.66%	\$222,000	21.13%	336	71
Park Ridge	3.00%	\$340,000	11.09%	460	51
Skokie	2.94%	\$248,000	24.21%	698	169
Wilmette	2.97%	\$600,500	4.67%	364	17

Source: Chicago.BlockShopper.com. Data tracks last 12 months of sales.

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LTC Robert J. Schmidt Retirement Ceremony; Hall of Heroes, Pentagon



Lieutenant Colonel Robert Schmidt, son of Larry and Diane Schmidt of Northbrook, served as the Soldier Team Chief, Dominant Maneuver Division in the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, Force Development Directorate. The Force Development Directorate works to ensure that Soldiers are equipped with the Nation's best and most modern equipment.

LTC Schmidt enlisted as an Infantryman in 1986. Upon completion of basic training was selected for Officer Candidate School. He was commissioned an Infantry Officer from the United States Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1987. Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer in the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana and in Republic of Panama. Following the Armor Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer, the Battalion Adjutant and commanded the Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Following company command, he served in reserve component support first as a battle staff trainer with 1st Brigade, 85th Division (Exercise) Fort Sheridan, Illinois and then as a unit trainer to the Florida Army National Guard supporting 3rd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment of the 53rd Enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade, Panama City, Florida. At which time he left active service in 1999.

In 2002 he entered reserve service with the 2125th Garrison Support Unit, Decatur, Georgia and was immediately mobilized and served as the S-3 for the Fort Bragg Mobilization Station. After completion of two years of mobilization at Fort Bragg

he remained on Active Duty and transferred to First Army G-3 Operations. Fort Gillem, Georgia serving as an Operations Officer and Watch Chief, and then joined the HQDA G-8 team as Soldier Team Branch Chief at the Pentagon.

Lieutenant Colonel Schmidt's military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Combined Arms Services Staff School (CAS3), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Fort Benning, Georgia, the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Fort Knox, Kentucky, the US. Army Airborne Course and Ranger School Fort Benning, Georgia. He holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Communications from the University of Iowa and a Masters of Science Degree in Management from Troy State University.

Lieutenant Colonel Schmidt's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal with V Device for Valor, (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Valorous Unit Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Humanitarian Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

He now resides in Florida with his wife and daughter.



VALLEAU-MARTIN Engagement

John and Cindy Valleau of Northbrook are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Marie, to Nathan Martin, son of David and Karen Martin of Decatur, Illinois.

Katie is a 2006 graduate of Glenbrook North High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in both Accountancy and Finance. This summer she began her career as a financial analyst with CareFusion Corporation.

Nathan is a 2009 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Marketing and minors in both Technology & Management and East Asian Language & Culture. He is a consultant with IBM Global Business Services in Chicago.

The wedding ceremony will be held August 28, 2010 at St. John's Catholic Chapel on the campus of the University of Illinois.



Deppisch - Bursch Wedding

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Deppisch (Deborah) of Lake Forest, IL, are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Lt. JG Robert S. Deppisch to Lara Elaine Bursch, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Bursch (Terri) and Ms. Claudia Bursch, of Alexandria, MN.

Robert is an Officer of the United States Navy. He attended the University of California, Berkeley, and received his B.S. in Political Science in 2003. In 2006, Robert was the Distinguished Naval Candidate of Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL.

Lara is currently the Manager of Media Development at Centro, in Chicago, IL. She attended Georgetown University where she received her B.S. in Marketing and Management. Lara graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2005.

The Wedding took place January 9th, 2010 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coronado, CA. Rev. Robert Ytsen (formally of Loyola Academy, Wilmette) officiated. The reception followed at 4:00pm in the Nautilus Ballroom in the Coronado Community Center, in Coronado, CA.

Maid of Honor was sister of the bride, Ms. Joanna Bursch, of London, England. Best Man was Mr. Michael Wallin of Chicago and Philadelphia, PA, who is a friend of the groom. Ringbearer was a nephew of the groom, Mr. Charles Hutchinson Weisberg, of Lake Forest, IL. Bridesmaids included Laura Hagstrom, a friend of the bride; Angelina Kostreba, friend of the bride; Carolyn Konz, sister of the groom; Nancy Rice, friend of the bride; and Kristen Weisberg, sister of the groom. Porter James Weisberg, nephew of the groom, and Richard L. Deppisch, brother of the groom, were Ushers. Groomsmen included Magnus Fleming, friend of the groom; Lt. JG Brian Harrington, USN, friend of the groom; Angelo Mitropoulos, friend of the groom; Jeffrey Konz, brother-in-law of the groom; and Darren Weisberg, brother-in-law of the groom. Niece of the groom, Miss Sloane Peasley Weisberg, was Flowergirl. Col. John Trux (USAF, Ret.) commanded the Military Honor Guard.

Robert and Lara honeymooned in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico. The couple currently resides in Washington and will settle in Virginia Beach in 2011.



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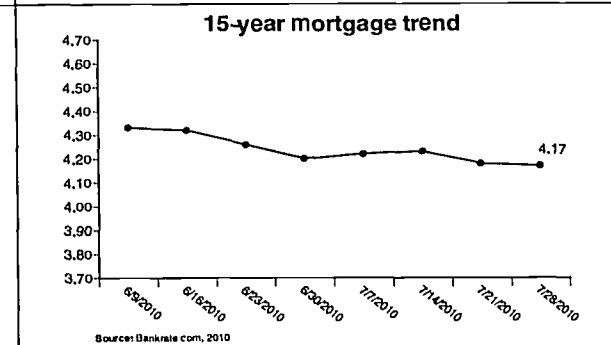
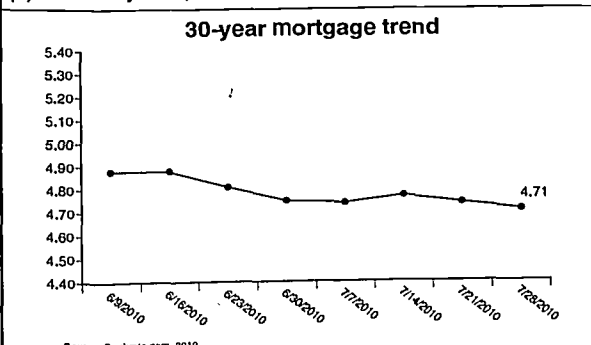
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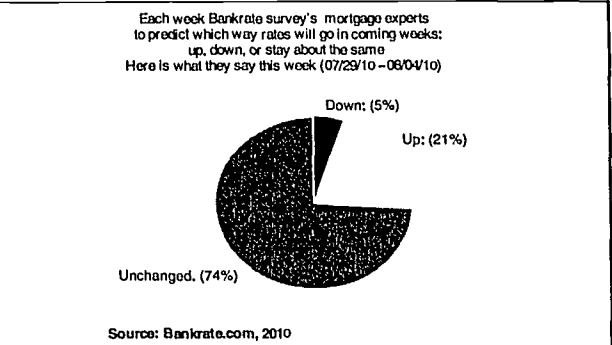
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Wolves hope construction is finished

Playoff team may be in place

By DAN SHALIN
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FOOTBALL - The construction and labor strike that delayed work on the Niles North football stadium earlier this summer seemed strangely appropriate.

After all, Vikings head coach Scott Smith has been steadily building his program in recent seasons, and last fall he felt the team was penciled in for its first playoff berth in two decades. Those postseason plans were put on hold when North finished 3-6.

Smith's 2010 squad, which conducted summer workouts four days a week during June and much of July, is short on numbers, but does feature some quality. The core of the team will be its senior class, which won the sophomore conference title two years ago.

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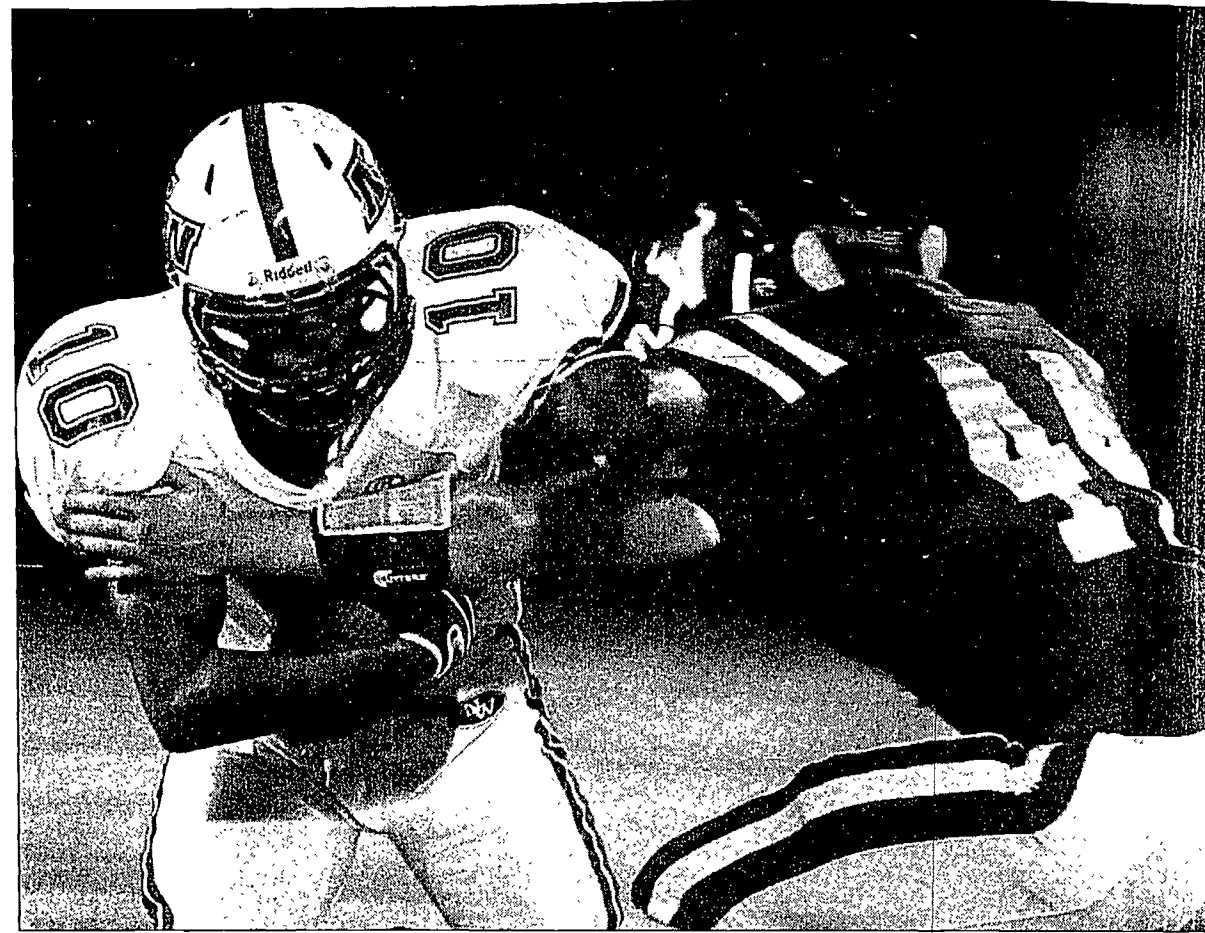
numbers-wise. But we have a very good group of 19 seniors," said Smith, entering his sixth season. "They are a very dedicated group and they know how to win. We have some talent and some really good players."

In some ways, the building delays helped the Vikings this summer. Workouts that had been scheduled to move to Niles West were able to remain at North after the school was no longer an active construction site.

While the strike has been settled and work resumed, it is likely the Vikings' original home opener will instead be played at Niles West. That's even with a quirky schedule that had the Vikings taking the home field for the first time in Week Four, against Glenbrook South.

The Vikings, who open up at Elk Grove on Aug. 27, are scheduled to play five of their first six games on the road before closing out the season with three home

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Niles North's George Neuhaus (right), wrapping up Niles West's Dwight Smith last season, is attracting interest from college recruiters. (Brian Valentin /Staff Photographer)

Vikes' maturity hits snag with Henley surgery

Three seniors lead the way

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL - After his team was plagued by injuries during the 2009-10 season, Niles North head coach Dan Paxson was just hoping the Vikings would remain healthy this summer.

North suffered one significant casualty: Leading scorer and rebounder Mariyah Henley was off the court all summer after undergoing shoulder surgery in the spring. The 5-foot-11 junior had the same shoulder operated on last summer, and it forced her to miss the first half of last season.

Paxson hopes to get Henley back on the court a little earlier this season, and said November was the initial projection for her return. Henley has spent the summer conditioning, building leg strength and shooting left-handed free throws.

Without her in the lineup, Paxson speculated the team went about .500 playing in a Niles West/Niles North night league, two tournaments at Maine West and shootouts at Northside Prep and Loyola University.

The Vikings return a number of regulars from last year's squad that went 8-22. The team was so young a year ago that even now the Vikings have only three seniors: returning starter Kaitlyn Schlauder, Kunbi Adeleso and Maria Acosta.

Paxson said he was particularly pleased with the leadership displayed by the trio over the summer.

"They could be the three hardest workers," the coach said. "I can't think of a better scenario than having your seniors who are your most consistent, hardest workers."

Paxson also has been impressed with the leadership and continued development of junior point guard Alissa Hirsh, who will be starting on the varsity for a third season. Hirsh spent the summer playing both high school and AAU ball.

"She played a ton this summer," the coach said. "You see her maturing physically and with that, playing a little more under control. She is seeing the floor well

and getting the ball up the floor quicker.

"She's a humble kid. As a freshman, she was kind of asking, 'What's my role? Should I be vocal?' Now she's a junior and we are encouraging her to be more vocal and not be afraid to speak up. We've kind of handed her the reins and said, 'This is your team, you're a third-year point guard, speak up and motivate.'"

North entered the summer looking for a replacement for Hirsh's graduated backcourt mate, Pearlane DeGuzman. Though just 5-2, DeGuzman was the team's top defender and often was responsible for guarding the opponent's best player. DeGuzman also was her backup point guard.

Paxson said that role may be shared by a few different girls, including junior Annemarie Reid, who has been working well at the backup point. Acosta and junior Lizzie Rivera bring DeGuzman-like defensive intensity. Acosta's solid footwork is testament to her years on the soccer field.

With Henley out this summer, North's other front-court players all had their chances to be the go-to player in the post. Paxson said junior Sorriyah Ranger, Adeleso and sophomore Shelley-Rae Moody all impressed.

The 6-2 Ranger, who is Henley's first cousin, continues to improve after battling shoulder problems of her own during her first varsity season last winter.

"Sorriyah is going to be a real good player," Paxson said. "We saw some real good things from her this summer. She was healthy and focused. She needs to get stronger. But I think that's going to happen. We expect a big year from her this year."

BASEBALL TRYOUTS: Niles North Jr. Vikings baseball tryouts will be 2-4 p.m. Aug. 14 and 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 15; and 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 at Central Park in Skokie. Bring protective gear, bat, glove, and water or drink. Tryout age groups are 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U. Contact Israel Sanchez, (847) 626-2443, or isrsan@d219.org.

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contests. The Oct. 8 game against Deerfield now looks like the first football game at the rebuilt stadium.

Senior George Neuhaus is the player with the highest profile on the 2010 Vikings squad. Already a two-year starter at linebacker, the 6-foot-1, 210-pounder is getting looks from Mid-American Conference schools, Division I FCS Eastern Illinois and Division II powerhouse Grand Valley State.

"Nobody has offered (a scholarship) yet, but people are calling me and they've seen him on tape. We'll see how the early part of the season goes and if something happens before the end of the season," Smith said.

"George's downfall right now is that Division I teams want a linebacker that is a 4.6 40 guy, and he's about a 4.8 or 4.9. But he's working on that. (Colleges) like what

they see, he's got good instincts, and is good going downhill. They question whether he can get sideline to sideline."

Neuhaus also is expected to play center this year. He and fellow linemen like senior Rej Hoxha, Dan Egan and Frank Warda performed admirably at the CSL Lineman Challenge earlier this summer. In fact, Niles North had its best finish at the competition, where linemen participate in several different activities testing their strength and ability to work together.

Behind the line, senior Bo Bradarich looks prepared to replace the graduated Mike Granato as the Vikings quarterback.

Last season, a lack of numbers prevented Niles North from fielding a sophomore team. Instead, the program's sophomores played JV ball.

Smith said the numbers are still low, but the Vikings will play a sophomore schedule this fall. He said the JV experience may have

helped some of the team's current juniors.

"On the JV level, they were sophomores playing against juniors and some seniors, and (JV) players at a school like Glenbrook South are good enough to play (varsity) for other schools," Smith said. "The (junior class) also got the experience of practicing with our varsity."

There are some changes to the Niles North coaching staff this season. Smith will take over offensive play-calling duties, Dominic Sabino is up from the freshman team to coordinate the passing game and Joe Galambos will coach special teams and running backs. Mark Egofske will be the line coach.

Rich Hurley takes over running the defense after coaching the offensive line last season. Ron Delisi and Gary Paustian are new to the defensive staff, leaving Brad Alper is the lone holdover on that side of the ball.

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Sean's best man was his brother, Brian Backs, of DeKalb, IL, and his groomsmen included Bill Brusenbach of Antioch, IL, friend of the groom, Bryan Mulder of Chicago, also a friend of the groom, and Nic de Armendi of Los Angeles, CA, brother of the bride. There were three separate readings during the ceremony performed by: Esperanza de Armendi of Miami, FL, Godmother of the bride, Kenn Allen of Washington D.C., Godfather of the groom, and Bella Shirin of Chicago, friend of the bride. A reception followed the ceremony at Germania Place in Chicago.

Both the bride and groom are alumni of Libertyville High School where they first met. Alexis is a 2006 graduate of the University of Southern California and a 2009 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. She is employed with Winston & Strawn, LLP, a Chicago-based law firm, as an associate in the Employee Benefits practice. Sean is a 2005 graduate of the University of Illinois and is employed with QuesTec Innovations, LLC in Evanston, IL as a materials engineer.

The happy couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and now call Chicago their home.

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Thomas and Alyssa Kupka, of Chicago, IL, celebrated the birth of their twins on June 25th, 2010.

Olivia Grace and Henry Thomas were the names chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kupka (Alyssa Maffia), for their twin newborns. Olivia and Henry were born at Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago, on June 25th, 2010. Olivia was born at 9:27am, weighing in at 5lbs and 17 inches in length. Henry was born at 9:30am, minutes after his twin sister. He weighed in at 5lbs 6oz, and was 18 inches in length.

The twins were welcomed home by their pets, Bob and Daisy, and their big sister, Abigail Rose. Grandparents of the newborns are Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Susan) Kupka of Streamwood, IL and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest (Pamela) McCulloh of Santa Rose, CA.



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O'Hagan moves to East

Former Warrior star replaces Kittrell

By MATT HARNESSE
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GIRLS SWIMMING - When former Maine East girls swimming coach Andrew Kittrell learned he was one of the teachers on a District 207 layoff list, he contacted Tim O'Hagan.

Kittrell explained his situation and encouraged O'Hagan to apply as Kittrell's replacement.

"He told me I would be a good fit," said O'Hagan, who served as a volunteer boys and girls swimming coach at Maine West last school year. "He's a really good guy, and I was sad to see him go. But here we are."

A 2004 Maine West grad-

uate, O'Hagan enters his first season as a head coach. In addition to assisting the swim teams at Maine West, he also was the girls water polo head coach this spring. He will continue to coach water polo at Maine West for its second season.

"I have a set of expectations, but I need to wait and see what my team is going to be like," said O'Hagan, who opens preseason practice Aug. 11. "We will set expectations that are suitable for the team. My biggest goal is to get everybody working hard and getting everybody to learn something."

O'Hagan was a standout swimmer with the Warriors. He qualified for the State Meet in the 100-yard butterfly during his senior season, then swam at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He continued to compete at Eastern Illinois, before graduating in 2008.

O'Hagan then took a job with a private firm to provide swimming training for future Navy SEALs. Following an introductory seminar at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, near San Diego, he was stationed at the Naval Station Great Lakes, in North Chicago.

"What a fantastic experience," he said of working with an elite military force.

But O'Hagan was eager to coach high school athletes, an ambition he first developed in college. He believes his youth is an asset.

"I've relied heavily on that in the past," said O'Hagan, who in 2008 was hired as an assistant football coach at Ridgewood. "I am able to relate to these athletes because I am not that far removed from that setting. I remember back to what it was like to be in that situation. My communication skill with high

school athletes is really developed. We always seem to be on the same page."

O'Hagan will have the benefit of being assisted by Maine East veteran coach Scott Guilfoil.

"Having him on my staff gives me a lot of credibility," O'Hagan said. "I will try to hold myself to his standards. I am really excited to work with him. I can learn so much because he has a wealth of knowledge."

While East has graduated superstar Natalia Bialecka, who qualified for two events at the State Meet last season, O'Hagan pointed to three swimmers he hopes he can count on this fall. Eliza Mazgik, Rachel Ptaszek and Christine Lamb all contributed on varsity a season ago.

"Because I helped out at Maine West last season, I already have met a lot of the girls at Maine East," O'Hagan said. "Then I saw them again during the water polo season. I will be a familiar face."

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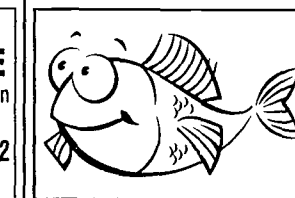
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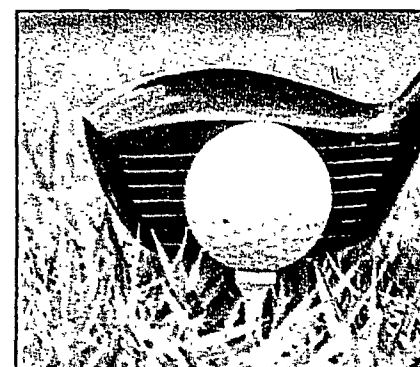
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their biggest victory was 62 points in a 133-71 crushing of Japan.

"I'm glad they called me back," said Loyd, a top-rated college prospect who led Niles West to the Elite 8 last winter. "It was great to meet a lot of new girls and new coaches. It was great being overseas and seeing different cultures. It was a great time."

Loyd was a key contributor for the team, coming off the bench and playing both guard positions. She averaged 16 minutes per game, was fifth on the team in scoring (8.6 points per game) and averaged four rebounds per contest. Loyd's best game might have been her 19-point performance in a 114-57 victory over Canada. She had six points in the title match.

"I knew my role off the bench," Loyd said. "In some games, I would go in at (point guard) when (Boling-

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Jewell Loyd

brook native) Ariel (Mas-sengale) came out. Or I would go in when they needed a key rebound or a box-out. I knew my role, and I went in there and did it, and was glad to. I didn't have to play 20 or 30 minutes. I got my points and had assists. But we were a true team and everyone contributed."

Before heading to France, the USA played an exhibition tournament in Alagon, Spain, where it finished 2-1 with a loss to Australia. Loyd said the event helped the team prepare for international competition, where they were unfamiliar with the referees and fans often rooted against the Red, White and Blue.

"We just came to play like we would come to play in

America," Loyd said about overcoming the officiating. "We were bigger than most teams and were more athletic, and we just played ball and did what we did, and we came home with the gold. (Coach Barbara) Nelson told us just to pretend the fans yelling and screaming and beating the drums and blowing the air horns were doing that for us. We used their energy to pump up our energy."

When the 10-day tournament came to an end, the Americans had gold medals around their necks and a trophy in hand as they stood for the national anthem.

"It was awesome," Loyd said. "None of us cried. We were just thinking, 'We're bringing home gold!'"

Busy summer has Harford ready to go

Senior OH plays nearly every day

By GEORGE M. WILCOX gwilcox@pioneerlocal.com

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - Megan Harford can't even begin to count the number of matches she's played this summer.

The Maine East senior outside hitter took the court nearly every day. If there was a volleyball to hit, Harford spiked it in preparation for Maine East's fall season. Preseason practice begins Wednesday. The 5-foot-9 senior outside hitter participated in Maine East team workouts in July and joined her Demons team-

mates in the weekly Niles North league. Harford, a Morton Grove resident, also traveled to Maine West for weekly pickup games and regularly played sand volleyball with friends at Fitch Park in Glenview, Oriole Park in Morton Grove, and even famed North Avenue Beach in Chicago.

Senior teammate Monique Tan and Maine East graduate Caitlyn Weldon usually partnered with Harford for sand matches.

Harford's club season with Niles-based Energy 18 Blue ended in June. One of Energy's final accomplishments in a major tournament was a 15th-place finish among 34 teams at the Kansas City Show Me Qualifier, held April 30 to May 2.

"I'm excited. The Niles

"I'm excited. The Niles North league was good. I had a good time there. I'm excited for the season. We all started weight training."

Megan Harford

North league was good. I had a good time there," Harford said. "I'm excited for the season. We all started weight training."

Harford played club ball at Sky High's Northfield venue last year, but when the Crystal Lake-based club left the area for Vernon Hills, Harford found a new home at Energy.

Maine East coach Christopher Broska returns four seniors, includ-

"I wanted to play libero (with 18 Blue) and see how far I can get (with) college interest," said Tan, who received a CSL North sports-manship award as a sophomore in 2008.

Tan will enter her second season this fall as Maine East's starting setter.

The 18 Blue squad featured four recent graduates and six seniors. The club team won four tournaments during the season, including two at Energy Northside, Circus and Asics/Mikasa.

The team's 2010 grads were Niles North's Angie Walinski, Niles West's Lauren LaGioia and New Trier's Kate Harney. Other area players included New Trier's Maddie Beyl and Niles West's Olga Kutkovska and Aundrea Martinez.

Much of the emphasis this summer was on developing timing and chemistry between Harford and Tan.

"The Niles North league helped a lot," Tan said. "(Harford) was one of our main outsides. A few (on) the team were really good. The Niles North league was competitive. It was a preview of what we could see (this fall season)."

Harford began playing sand volleyball after enrolling at Maine East, on the suggestion of some friends.

"It's a lot different (than indoors). There is not a flat surface," Harford said. "It's fun and it always keeps me in shape. It's one of my favorite things that you can do."

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Loyd helps USA strike gold in Spain

West star makes roster at last minute

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL - In June, Niles West's Jewell Loyd left Colorado Springs, Colo., assuming that much of her summer would be spent playing with the Midwest Elite AAU team.

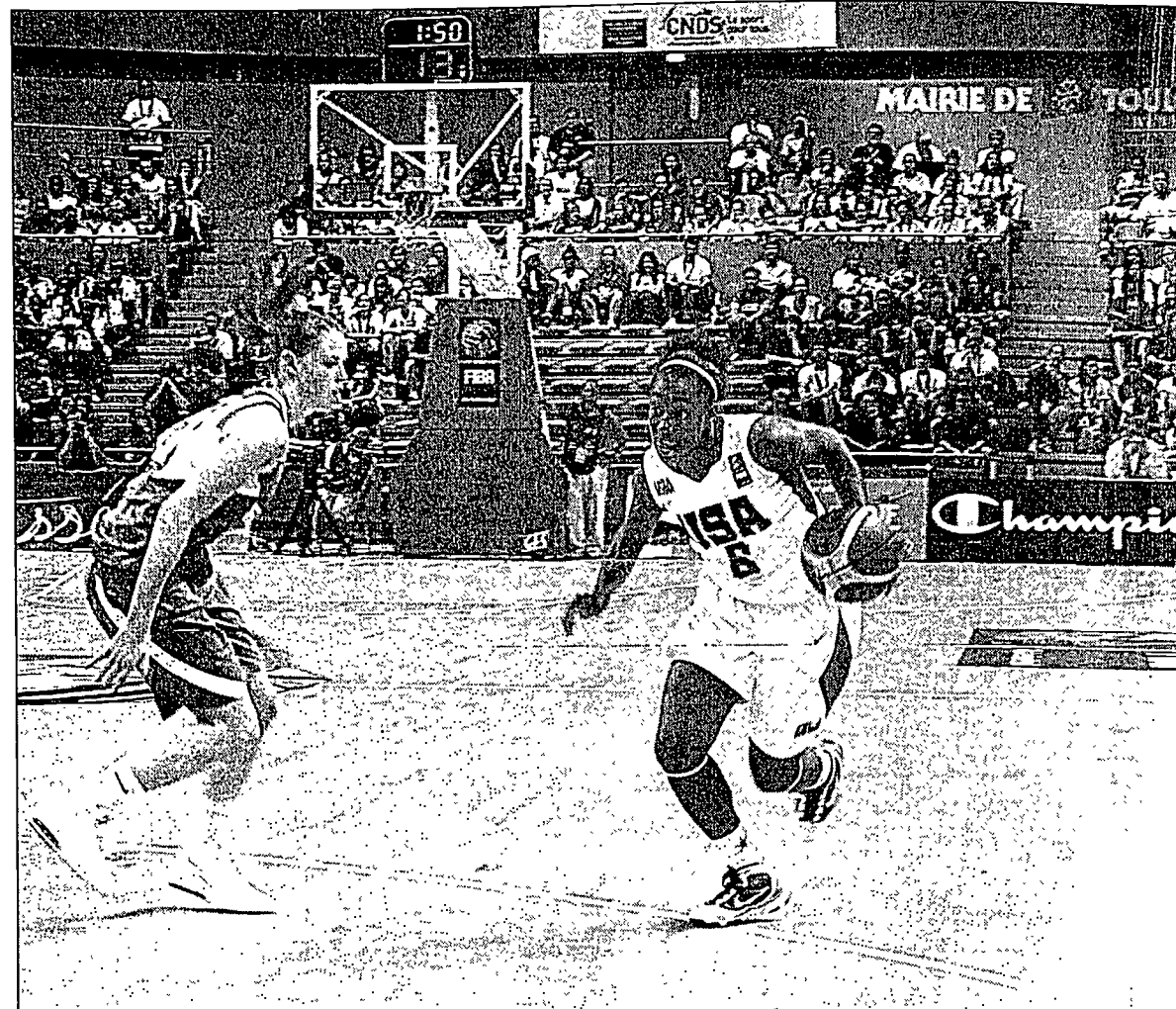
The incoming junior participated in tryouts for the U-17 National Team ahead of the inaugural 2010 FIBA U-17 World Championship in France. But for the second straight season, she left the U.S. Olympic Training Center without making a roster.

A week later, Loyd received a phone call, informing her that the USA team's Alexyz Vaioletama had suffered an injury and could not play. Loyd was picked as a replacement.

Loyd's magical summer reached its peak on July 25, when she and her USA teammates lifted the World Championship trophy after defeating the host French 92-62 in the title game, played in front of a raucous home crowd at the Palais des Sports, in Toulouse.

The Americans dominated in their run to the title, finishing 8-0 and winning by an average of 38 points per game. Their closest margin was a 97-74 win over China in the semifinal, while

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Jewell Loyd (right) brings the ball up against a French defender last month during the finals of the FIBA U-17 World Championship in Toulouse, France. (Courtesy of USA Basketball)

Sanetra rolls — and rocks — for Notre Dame

Dons' standout competes in Indy tourney

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS BOWLING - Imagine if Eric Clapton also mastered the 7-10 split. Or if Mick Jagger competed on the PBA tour.

Notre Dame High School's Justin Sanetra is both a

rockstar and a roller. As a junior last winter, the Park Ridge native finished third at the IHSA state tournament. He also plays guitar and sings lead for classic rock cover band Illusion, whose last gig was at the Park Ridge Bobbapalooza Festival, in May.

Sanetra also is a key performer for the ND baseball and golf teams. Dominic Catalano, ND's head bowling coach and a baseball assistant, said Sanetra has a bright future, whichever

path he decides to follow.

"I think he's going to have a tough choice, come college, if he wants to go play baseball or if he wants to go bowl," Catalano said. "I have no doubt he can do either one."

Earlier this summer, Sanetra competed in the prestigious USA Junior Gold Tournament, in Indianapolis, which brought together 982 of the nation's best male bowlers between the ages of 15 and 21. Sanetra ended up tying for 338th,

with an 18-game pin total of 3,324 (184.67 average) and a high game of 247.

"It was a great experience. It was different competing against the nation's top bowlers instead of just the best in the state," said Sanetra, who qualified for the event during a spring tournament in Merrillville, Ind. It marked Sanetra's first time entering a national competition, but he said his bowling ambitions changed after his performance at State last season.

Sanetra said older bowlers at Mount Prospect's Brunswick Zone, where he's a regular, encouraged him to compete in Indianapolis after he had secured a berth for the Junior Gold Tourna-

ment. College scouts were visible in the crowd and Sanetra, who has not been in touch with any college programs, admitted he's contemplating competing at the next level.

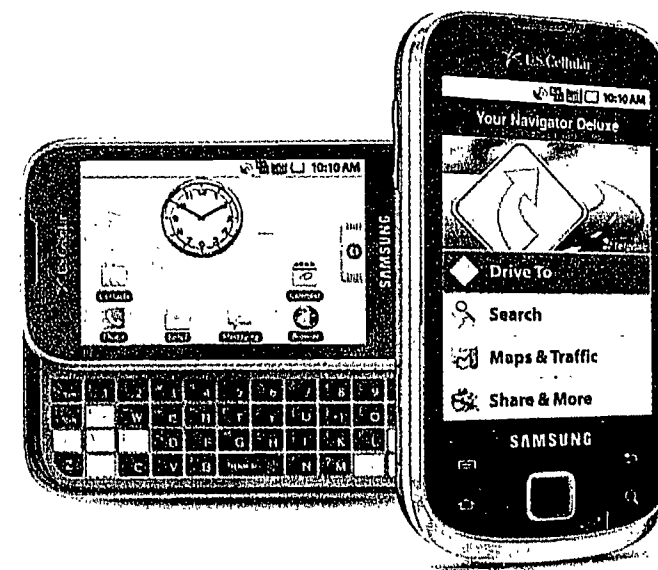
Former high school bowling and baseball teammate Billy Kerber is attending St. Ambrose on a bowling scholarship. Sanetra said he has talked to Kerber about bowling collegiately, but admitted he was still in the early stages of his search.

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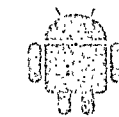
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